9/11: Commercialized?

Students voice feelings one year later

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Last September 11th, Serge Badiane ('04) started what he thought would be a normal day. "I was walking out of my room to go to lunch, and I saw people gathered in the lounge of Cook Hall. I thought, 'there are some communications people watching some special effects thing.' [Then] I get to the Kletz, and I see everybody watching this, and somebody tells me that the twin towers have been bombed. It was like a movie when I saw it on TV," said Badiane.

Like Badiane, other students thought that the attacks were something straight out of Hollywood. "It was something that was unbelievable because nothing like that had ever happened in the mainland United States. It was just such a shocking thing to feel how open we are to such an attack," said Walter Nelson ('05).

Now that a year has passed since the attacks, student opinions about 9/11 have been colored by everything from the war on terrorism to the media coverage of the event. Matt Boes ('03) feels that the attacks should not be used as an excuse for harming others. "Using 9/11 as an excuse to harm others is ethically and morally reprehensible," said Boes.

Other students see 9/11 from an international perspective. Badiane, a native of Senegal, sees the significance of the terrorist attacks in where they occurred. "From a person living outside, it's only another manifestation of terrorism. The only thing is that they attacked America where more 9/11 on 2

Chavez address to open Hispanic Heritage Month

Garcia, Michigan senator, to deliver annual address

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the projected Hispanic population will have surpassed the projected African American population before the year 2015. By the year 2020, the national population is estimated to reach around 325,000, with the Hispanic population making up one of the greatest racial segments, second only to Caucasians.

The number of Hispanics in the United States is growing, and paired with numerical growth comes the growth of Hispanic heritage awareness. To celebrate that history, Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th has been designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hope College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a diversity of events, including an address by Michigan Senator Hilda Solis.

Dow renovation complete

Jamie Pierce
Campus Beat Editor

The hard work and sweat that was poured into the Dow Center renovation this summer is now being replaced by a new kind of hard work and sweat—that of students and faculty working out in the just-finished weight and aerobic rooms.

A variety of new aerobic and weight lifting equipment is now available for use in the air-conditioned rooms, which were built where three racquetball courts used to be. "The talk was that racquetball is not as big a draw as it was when the Dow was built," said Jerry Rademaker, Physical Plant Director. "That's when the thought process came about that if we were to take three racquetball courts and enclose them, we could make two floors out of it and get a new weight room and a new aerobic room out of that same real estate, which would allow us to make another more DOW on 2
Preparations for this year's Pull have begun. Here, even year pullers, morators and coaches practice. The 106th Pull is scheduled for September 28.

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[Americans] never expected they would be hurt. Terrorist attacks have occurred in other countries. If you think of Israel and Palestine, they have bombings every other day. People are getting used to it. It's just that America, New York City, and the twin towers [made it] pretty symbolic," Badasse said.

Others feel that the 9/11 terror attacks have been exploited for commercial ends.

"I think I've had it up to here with the commercialism and people trying to make a story and get their Pulitzer out of it," Boes said.

Boes also feels that the emotional impact of the terrorist attacks has been overly nationalized.

"Most of us don't know anyone from New York who was hurt in any way. It really irritates me when people act like a piece of them was taken away when that's just discounting all the people who died and all their families. The only thing we can do is offer to give of ourselves to these people who are hurting," Boes said.

Several events are scheduled in remembrance of the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The Hope College Chapel and Pillar Church will hold services of remembrance at 12:15 and 10:30 a.m., respectively. At 7 p.m., the city of Holland will hold a celebration of America's freedoms in Centennial Park, and the Student Activities Committee will show a documentary about the September 11th attacks, at 9 p.m. in the Kletz.

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"I think that this new group would bring in a new feeling," Garrison said. "They will be bringing these people from the Hispanic community who hadn't been a part of it before, so I think that's a positive thing. I think at first it does look very scary, and it does look very intimidating, but then you get used to it. If they were more people, more people would increase."

In order to gain the right to bring Phi Sigma Kappa to campus, Viel will have to be approved by both the Extracurricular Activities Committee and the Campus Life Board. A Phi Sigma Kappa "colony" would then be created here, which could eventually become an official chapter of the fraternity. According to Terpstra, Hope's IFC would have to decide whether Phi Sigma Kappa could participate in the IFC.

"It's not something I'm looking forward to," Terpstra said. "But then again, it's kind of hard to stop if (the administration) really wants to do it. We have all the same things that (national fraternities) offer, but we can't compete with millions of dollars globally, in that context."

Last spring, a group of women worked to bring a national sorority to campus. (See The Anchor, March 13, 2002.) Delta Sigma Theta is geared toward minority women. It was determined that Hope's minority representation was not sufficient to sustain a sorority chapter, and now an effort is being made to create a Grand Rapids chapter in conjunction with Aquinas, Davenport, Calvin and Hope.

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dance facility and accommodate both of these functions.

According to Colleen Evans ('03), Student Congress president, "This is something that a lot of the student body will benefit from. The college converted three under-utilized ballcourt courts into this new two-story facility. Both are equipped with state-of-the-art in equipment. In addition, the dance program has benefited from this project with the addition of two studios.

Evans cited the efforts of Student Congress as one motivator for the DOW renovation. Student Congress formed a DOW Center task force last fall to address students' needs, but Evans credits Jim Bultman, Hope College president, and other faculty members for helping to project the progress to happen.

According to Rademaker, the decision-making process for renovation was a long one. Many issues had to be addressed, including the location of the Dance Center and how they would be affected by future construction of the DeVos Fieldhouse and Martha Miller Center.

Creation of a new athletic facility would allow certain things to move out of the Dow, such as offices for coaches and the Kinesiology department.

By so doing," Rademaker said, "the Dow would be converted back into what it was intended for originally, which was physical education activities and student activities and uses. It would also allow us to make some changes in Dow that would allow dance to stay there. We needed more dance space, and part of the reason was to make the weight room bigger. The old weight room, which was in pretty rough shape, got a face lift.

Another issue to be tackled was the aerobic equipment scattered throughout the Dow.

The aerobic equipment has been scattered for years," Rademaker said. "We had stair steppers sitting around the track, along the windows by the pool, just kind of sprawled around. We never had very much equipment or a good location for it, so temporarily, we turned room 201 in Dow into an aerobic room as a stop-gap measure. That was never intended to be permanent, and they really need that for a classroom anyway."

According to Rademaker, the Dow renovations turned out according to plan. A few short issues came up during the process, but he is happy with the end result.

Evans herself has taken advantage of the new cardio and weight rooms, and said that other students have had positive things to say about the new facilities as well.
RA's at Hope: Taking on more responsibility

Exploring the policies and expectations of Residential Life staff at Hope College

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The scenario wasn’t that uncommon: sneaking upstairs, trying to get in unnoticed. The clock was far beyond the 2 a.m. parietal cutoff, but freedom was only a few steps away. Clamoring up the stairwell, sprinting into the room and shutting the door behind them, they had found safety. They were now free to do as they pleased. The music hummed and the conversation was uninterrupted, but this wasn’t to last. A few moments later, knocks sounded upon the door. Upon its opening, they were faced with a stern look, a clipboard, and a Resident Assistant looking for an explanation.

Although not all have experienced this exact scenario, chances are that most of the student population here at Hope has had some form of interaction with the Residential Life staff. Regardless of the nature of these encounters, a first-time meeting with an RA can sometimes carry sentiments of intimidation and tension.

“They’re like any other figure of authority, only their your age,” said Phil Lepper, (’06). “When they first come around outside of a meeting you automatically quiet down. You may not be doing anything wrong, but it’s just a natural reaction.”

A certain tinge of infallibility sometimes appears to hover over persons in these positions. However, RAs follow (and enforce) the rules by which the rest of campus must live, as well as deal with another set of rules imposed upon them by the administration. They must abide according to these regulations or they jeopardize their paid positions as Resident Assistants.

“We’re expected to set an example for other students by following the rules of the student handbook,” said Lisa Bauer, (’05), Resident Assistant. “If we’re caught violating these standards the penalties are going to be more severe. We’re going to be punished the same as any other student, as well as jeopardize our job.”

The expectations of an RA are far reaching: stressing many important characteristics that define the position. “We try and beclear about this before they begin their training in the fall,” said Kelly Burris Wesener, Assistant Dean of Residential Life. “One of their biggest jobs is setting an example, teaching them how that happens.”

“Breaking city mandates, violating state or federal law, misusing official hall keys, or acting irresponsibly with alcohol can result in the loss of an RA’s position and open them up to the possibility of a new housing assignment or a termination of their housing privileges on campus. The multifaceted job description of an RA demands that you keep a keen eye on yourself as well as the campus community around them. The policies regulating the Residential Life staff must be followed, and RAs may appear to be a little overbearing, but they serve a purpose.

The school takes a firm stance behind their policies concerning RAs and their consequences for breaking them. The “bottom line” according to the Resident Assistant Expectations is that “you are hired for your residents. You are here to build community and be intentional about how that happens.”

One of the goals of the Residential Life staff is to have students be comfortable with their position of authority. “If you philosophically don’t agree with a policy, we don’t want you to be in a position where you feel like you can’t support what we do,” said Wesener.

Policies may not always be accepted wholeheartedly. RAs tend to look at the big picture. “We can’t particularly go around and tell people we disagree with the policies or decisions of other Residential Life administrators,” said Pete Kachur, (’05), Resident Assistant. “You have to try and stay neutral. We’re getting paid to do a job, and we have to treat it that way.”

This concept, however, is not unique to Hope College, or the Residential Life staff. “It’s part of the job description to speak highly of this institution and to not make your feelings public in a way that’s inappropriate,” said Wesener. “That’s just part of the working world as a whole, and the RA position is part of that world.”

If certain policies are recognized as having been overlooked, a Resident Life hierarchy takes control of the situation and addresses the problem with the RA in question. “As with any job, you have someone to report to,” said Wesener. “As RA that is not fulfilling their duties would report to their Residence Hall Director; just as I have to report to my superiors, or the person behind the counter at the 7-11 would have to report to their manager. We deal with it as a personnel issue.”

Along with student policy accountability, there are a number of other expectations the staff must follow. From their time of hiring, they must have a G.P.A. of at least 2.3, and maintain it for the duration of their employment. Attendance is mandatory at weekly meetings and any scheduled training sessions that arise throughout the year. Outside employment and other extra curricular activities must be cleared with their particular supervisor, and RAs can be asked to cut down on outside commitments if they begin to interfere with their duties.

“It definitely makes for a more hectic schedule,” said Kachur. “It’s a lot harder to get involved around campus.”

Violating any number of regulations can result in the termination of one’s position. Breaking city mandates, violating state or federal law, misusing official hall keys, or acting irresponsibly with alcohol can result in the loss of an RA’s position and open them up to the possibility of a new housing assignment or a termination of their housing privileges on campus. The multifaceted job description of an RA demands that you keep a keen eye on yourself as well as the campus community around them. The policies regulating the Residential Life staff must be followed, and RAs may appear to be a little overbearing, but they serve a purpose.

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Opinion

One of my favorite cartoons is Thundercats. For those of you who have never seen the show, the main character is a group of feline warriors that battle evil on another world. The leader of the group, Lion-O, has a special sword that he uses to control the others when he is in danger. He simply holds it high, and yells, "Thundercats Ho!" and his friends come running to his aid with only one goal in mind, to kick some evil butt.

For America, September 11 was like this. After the terrible events of this day, the nation has had the exact same sentiment as the Thundercats: evil must be defeated. This attitude has led to a new wave of blind patriotism that borders on nationalism. Most of the country wants Osama bin Laden dead. America has shown its hate for everything that happened and anyone that may have been involved. The country has called our bloodshed.

Our government and military have answered this outcry. Almost immediately, the bombings in Afghanistan began. These bombings, even though they were all supposedly aimed at military targets, have claimed the lives of too many civilians. Some of these civilians can be explained by sheer location of the area bombed, but others missed their mark. For example, on October 16th, we accidentally hit warehouses being used by the International Committee of the Red Cross. On October 13th, a smart bomb inadvertently hit a civilian center a mile away from Kabul, causing at least twelve casualties. Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Defense Secretary, has gone on the record saying that civilian casualties were "inexact." Back on the home front, President Bush has been busy politicking while his constituents have their minds elsewhere. While we have been killing civilians in Afghanistan, Bush and John Ashcroft, Secretary of State have been restricting or taking away our civil liberties. In the past year, laws were pushed through congress to allow for secret deportation hearings, the designation of terrorists by an individual's affiliation, and a lowered suspicion needed to use surveillance on U.S. citizens. As if all this wasn't enough, we are on the verge of going to war with Iraq.

This possible war with Iraq comes at a very opportune time. Just about now, America's "mini-series" mentality has lost interest in Afghanistan, and the still continuing bombings are no longer reported in the news. So, with the American public just starting to pay attention once more, Bush has started to pick a fight with Iraq again diverting attention from the legislative adventures of his administration. The best thing to do right now is to stay informed. For more information, visit www.amnesty.org or www.trufout.org.

Anchor Staff

To the editor,

Ah, the new cardio room. It's a sight to see, don't you think? Scads of new equipment, freshly painted walls, air conditioning. Yes, it's a sight to see, but don't plan on using it.

Because if you are not enrolled in Health Dynamics for the fall semester at 8:30, 9:30, 11, or 2pm class, then you won't have access to the equipment during those times. This means no morning workouts for students, faculty, and paying community members. Oh, and thinking of using the showering on an 8:25, right before the class gets there? Think again. You'll be asked to move.

Unfortunately, there seems to be no compromise. Personally, I believe it would make sense to set aside several machines for all hours of the day (perhaps 8, 2 each) for students and alumni and discouraging future contributions to the already hardened Armstrong. All students and faculty for making the issue of homo- sexuality much bigger than it needed to be, wasting resources in a pointless and unneeded task force, insulting the students and faculty school on Knowledge, not taking the morally and pragmatically sound act of stepping up to the Board of Trustees to get CFS recognized, and, Of course, making Hope College look absolutely foolish in the eyes of the nation. So he should seriously consider stepping down in favor of a president that will lead. In the mean time, Hope College task forces should leave virtues to William Bennett and forward the latest product of Mr. Bennett: I'm sure it would be appreciated over there.

James Plamscan ('03)

A criticism of cafeteria behavior

To the editor:

A phenomenon that I have seen repeatedly in Phelps cafeteria is something mostly the first year students do. Maybe they do it knowingly, or maybe they do it because it seems fun and entertaining, which is worse.

That phenomenon is throwing food at other people and just playing with it in the tray by placing a dirty napkin, for instance, in a cup then pouring another cup of food into that cup, finally mixing a piece of food into it, with the end result being something disgusting to eat, smell, or even see.

College life can be demanding and requires some relaxation and laughter from time to time, but not that type of laughter. It's the activities that involve food mutilation and just a sight the people who clean our dishes and steins are reimbursed. If we're in college, we are adults, so, let's act like ones.

I spent a good deal of time this summer in Jordan that is in the Middle East where food and "fun" are not a luxury. We have been seeing and hearing about on the television lately in Palestine (a.k.a. Israel) in the form of bombings, poverty, unemployment, and exploitation, should really have an effect, especially in regards to being usurped of our right to play and eat. People much younger than us in those territories do not have anything to eat, are severely malnourished, suffer horrible diseases and almost incurable conditions. Some of them die outright.

Adhering to table manners is a good idea.

Just what is interesting about playing and throwing food? And I'm sorry. I'm very grateful that food, drink, and everything else are readily available here. So, please—where does it play? Playful behavior appeared in a time of global political tension where many people do not even have access to the essentials of life.

Hassam Kanaan ('03)

Your voice

Student comments on new exercise room

To the editor,

"Virtues of Public Discourse" are embarrassing, says senior

To the editor:

I just finished reading the "Virtues of Public Discourse" on Knowledge and it made me want to throw up. Never have I seen Hope College insinuate the intelligence and maturity of its faculty and students. For the first time, the time students enter Hope College, they should be able to take part in an open discussion without a set of written directions. If not, then they should never have been admitted.

The efforts of the task force that created the guidelines are better directed at seventh graders. My contact with faculty and fellow students leads me to believe that the only people needing direction are the ones who are unable to take part in public debate in the administration. In the last few years the Board of Trustees, President Balman and the rest of the administration have succeed in turning Hope College into the laughing stock of the GLCA by needlessly creating such a big issue out of homosexuality. If they had just allowed Prof. Dickey to run her film series last fall and recognized the Gay/Straight Forum like a normal liberal arts school would, the whole thing would have never been an issue and the rest of the country would not look at Hope College as having the same mindset as it did a hundred years ago.

The type of debate that the administration did not let happen should have taken place in 1975 with the rest of the country. It is time that Hope College join contemporary thought. Let Hope College look intensely proud of it. This is why I am enraged when this institution embraces it and hurts in long-term interests. Instead of letting debate proceed in a reasonable manner, they wasted valuable time and resources in a task force that ended up instructing people how to speak with each other. Consequently, the College has succeeded in alienating many students and alumni and discouraging future contributions to the already hardening Armstrong. Everyone is aware of the rights of Vietnam. The opinion expressed in the editorial are solely those of the editor-in-chief. The opinions expressed in the rest of the article are not necessarily the views of the Public Relations Office. One-year subscriptions to the Anchor are available for $30. We reserve the right to reject any advertising.

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VWS season soon to be under way

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With writers including two Pulitzer Prize winners, a Broadway playwright, a member of Oprah's book club, and much more, this year's Visiting Writer's Series has it all.

"This year's series is an all-star cast of diverse authors," said Phil Walske ('04), student leader of the VWS season.

This year's Visiting Writer's Series has gone through a lot of changes within the English department during the past few years due to professional and personal challenges. This year, English Professor Carla Vissers was asked to take over and she gladly accepted.

"I was really happy for the opportunity because I think it's good for Hope," said Vissers. "The Visiting Writers Series is becoming more and more nationally well known. Popular writers want to come to Hope because we show them a good time."

Some of the well-known writers coming to Hope to take part in this season's series include novelists Richard Russo and Elizabeth Berg. Russo's book "Empire Falls," which Waalkes describes as "a breathtakingly human and complex novel," won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize. Berg has had at least one of her books chosen to be on Oprah's book club.

A second Pulitzer Prize winner, Robert Olen Butler, a novelist and a writer of short stories, has also written several screenplays for popular film companies such as Warner Brothers, Paramount, and Universal Pictures.

Elizabeth Redmond, who has been a poet for the stage, is taking her work to Broadway. She has also written novels. Elizabeth Rosner, influenced by the lives of her Holocaust survivor parents, explores the past through her novels. Currently, she is working on her first book of poetry. Since his first story was published in "The Best American Short Stories Collection," Peter Ho Davies has completed two books of short stories, entitled "The Ugliest House in the World" and "Equal Love."

Four poets bring their words of wisdom to the Knickerbocker this season.

Mark Doty, an accomplished poet, has written five books of poetry, which have won numerous awards such as the T.S. Eliot Prize. Gwladys Redmond not only reads her poems, she acts them out.

"Gwladys Redmond is a performer, taking poetry back to its roots by putting life into her words with full body motion," said Waalkes.

At the age of five, Mong-Lan immigrated to America. Now she has a 2000 Juniper Prize under her belt, due to her first poetry book, "Song of the Cicadas." The book was also a finalist for the Poetry Society of America's Norma Farber First Book Award.

One of the personal favorite poets is not one of the most well-known writers, Lucy Grealy. Vissers explained that Grealy had cancer as a young girl, which disfigured her jaw. In her memoir, "Autobiography of a Face," she wrote about how she learned to deal with that change in her life.

Vissers is pleased to have so many accomplished writers take part in the series this season and encourages students to take advantage of this, not only this year, but throughout their college careers.

"It's an opportunity that lots of students don't realize because it's 'over there on 8th Street' and they miss what's right under their nose," said Vissers. "It really represents a diversity of voices not only in different writing styles but in ethnicity and thought. It's people and ideas coming to our backyard rather than us having to go to them."

All readings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre, starting off with a performance by the Hope College Jazz Ensemble beginning at 6:30 p.m. and a book signing directly following each of the readings. Admission is free and open to the public.

What's Hangin'?

Bivoouac
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With September 29
Free admission

Bread and Tulips
September 6-13
Showings at 7 and 9 p.m.
Knickerbocker Theatre
$4 Admission at the door

Square Dance
DePree Parking Lot
Fri., Sept. 13
8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by SAC

Cool Beans Coffeehouse
Weeknights 9-11 p.m.
Tonight: In Memoriam
The Kletz

Symphonic Fantastique
Special Event Season Opener
DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids
Sept. 13-14, 8 p.m.
Tickets now available

Portraits from the Prairie
Works by George Olson
and
Figuratively Speaking
Annual Juried Art Show
Sept. 13-Nov. 15
Both openings Fri., Sept. 13
6-8 p.m. with live music, and
demonstrations
Holland Area Arts Council

Professional Styling Salon

Men's haircut: $12 (includes shampoo)
Women's haircut: $12 (includes shampoo, with blow dry: $22)
Prices good only for Hope students with coupon
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Spotlight

The Anchor

September 11, 2001

Nicole Lantz, Student Editor

Many Hope students were on their way to class or just waking up on this day last year when the World Trade Center was being attacked. Around 65 of Hope's students, however, were spread out around the world. For those students, the situation was far different. Jennifer Bodine ('03), a student studying abroad in Krasnodar, Russia, was watching Russian soap operas with her host family at the time.

"All of a sudden [the soap opera] was interrupted by live announcements... At first I thought it was a movie. We were getting British CNN but it was all dubbed over in Russian," said Bodine. "They were speaking really fast so I couldn't understand anything that was going on." She had been in Russia shortly over a week. Later that night, she was able to talk to her academic director, who was also in Russia, and he was able to translate some of what had happened. She wanted to call her family immediately, but she had no way of calling home so she saw if they were safe or to find out exactly what really had happened.

"I got an e-mail from my mom the next day saying that everything was fine, but I didn't get to talk to her for a couple of days," Bodine added. Rebecca Rasdall ('03) had already been in Berlin, Germany, for three weeks when Sept. 11 arrived. "I was shocked... "I didn't want people to know that I was an American," Rasdall echoed. "At the time, I just wanted to go home, wanted to be with my family... but looking back, my experience was richer because of it," Bodine said. Rasdall felt that, had she known she might have postponed, but she ended up glad that she had been in Germany.

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"We had no students who were there who came back... every student who was supposed to go, went. That's not true of all schools."

-Neal Sobania, director of international education

"I could see things more clearly from an outside perspective... American media is very powerful, and emotions get whipped into a frenzy."

-Brandon Guernsey ('03)

"In the marketplace when they'd see me," she continued, "a random vendor would ask if I was from America, and he would say, 'Oh, we are brothers, Russia and America...'

She felt that Sept. 11 actually helped improve relations between Russia and America. When asked if the students would still have gone knowing what would happen that day, all of them decided that they were glad they went.

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I knew I was definitely not going that day.

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Do you ever look around and say, "Why aren't there more yard sales around???" They are great for decorating your room or just finding that one thing that you can't buy in stores any more. Well your problems are solved, the Alpha Gamma Phi's are having a yard sale on September 21 from 10 to 5. It will be held at 50 E 15th st. Come and check it out you may just find that thing you never knew you needed. See you there.

Floors are Red, Violins are Blue, Kappa Alpha, We Love You! Thanks for your help on Friday...-Tal

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Can I be your Michigan boyfriend?

Anchors Emo joke of the week: Who is the Vice-President of Emo? Dick Cheney-mo

JAP- Happy 24th -JFP

BZZZZZZZZ. ... STING -The Bees

Matt-Happy 23rd -The 5 hole

Kurt- Getting your crutch on -Ank Staff

I'may on the Imjay- We'll miss you, thanks for stickin' with it. -Ank staff

Stacy-You sounded cute on the phone. Are you really from Dysktra?-Kyle

Plato-Thank you for caring so late in the night...I hate you-N

Lytle will return... with the rock

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Dr. Notley is professor of Biblical Studies at Nyack College in New York City

"Whose Sin Caused the Tower to Collapse? Reflections on 9/11"

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2:00 pm, Dimnent Chapel

Hope College Campus, 227 College Avenue, Holland

On the morning of 9/11 last year, Dr. Notley was going to work in downtown Manhattan. He will share his theological perspective on the events of that day.

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9/11 shed so many tears

Hollywood movies have fantasized chaotic situations, taking place in the "power cities" such as New York and Washington, D.C. The makers of "Independence Day" and "The Siege" showed us a preview of what we would later call September 11th.

No, that sunny and gorgeous Tuesday morning wasn't a movie, although people would love it to be one. Reality proved that an attack on freedom and peace was possible. It showed us images of real people running for their lives, weeping for their loved ones and struggling to save others. 9/11 became a day that changed the world.

It seemed as though there was no tomorrow as people glued themselves to their television sets and watched the unbelievable happenings in front of their eyes. Nobody seemed to notice the answer that was on everyone's mind. "How could this be possible?" Only silence spoke back.

From emotions America turned to resolutions. A turbulent year has past and there were accomplishments, no doubt about it. However, Afghanistan, Georgia and Philippines have become battlefields in the war on terror, where terrorist organizations such as Al-Qaeda based their camps. Osama bin Laden became a prime suspect in the attacks and now is believed to be alive and hiding somewhere on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. But what is most important is that the fact the U.S. is being tested on all fronts: abroad and at home.

Most of the world powers united its forces and resources, and now stand beside America to fight a global threat. The US is viewed as a leader and it certainly stood up to its expectations. But at home, there seems to be a problem. It feels as though 9/11 happened such a long time ago that people have already forgotten about it. Students aren't interested in current events and news channels are barely viewed. A great example comes from one of this paper's issues where students could not tell what Al-Qaeda was, when its name is mentioned hundreds of times a day in the media.

It is great when people move on with their lives quickly and try to forget the dark sides of life, but the war on terrorism is not over. It has only begun. The terrorist networks are still at large and it is important not to forget about it. This is a generation that will take the torch in fighting this plague and it is crucial for us to be informed on this issue. Americans wonder why did this happen? The only way to find out is to study the reasons that were behind that hate towards the U.S. The sources are there for anybody who is willing. But is there a will to find sources? One thing we know for sure, 9/11 will always be the darkest day in history of the 21st century, so let's not let another day join September 11th.

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In 2001, Student Congress used $500 of the student activity fee to buy this scrolling marquee sign in the lobby of the DeVos Center. Although active in 2001, the sign has yet to display anything since. As a service to you, The Anchor will keep track of how many weeks it has been blank since installed.

Today's Count: 50

WTHS T-shirt contest

You could win $50 and get a free copy of the T-shirt you designed! Submit a 81/2"-11" design for a pocket logo and back design to the WTHS office by Friday, September 13. All designs should include "89.9 WTHS, Hope College." Winners will be chosen by the WTHS executive committee.

Questions? Call Meredith, x:7878.
Flying Dutch fall to Alma in four sets

John Rodstrom
Sports Editor

The Hope College women's volleyball team fell yesterday in a close match to Alma College 30-25, 27-30, 34-32, and 30-16. The Scots (7-4, 2-0 MIAA) were the first real challenge that the Dutch (3-4, 1-1 MIAA) had faced in the MIAA this year.

"They were a good team. Last year we finished tied with Alma for the regular season conference title," said head coach Maureen Dunn.

Hope was led by Martha Launders ('03) with 16 kills, Lauren Halshofd ('03) added 14 kills, Kara VanAssen ('03) had 7 kills and 3 aces, and McKenna Troyan ('04) chipped in 47 assists.

Both teams fought hard from the beginning of the match, splitting the first two games. Alma took control of the match by winning an extremely close third game. The Dutch rallied from a deficit late in the game to first tie the score, and then put themselves in a position to win, but the Scots regained their composure and took the game.

"The third game could have gone either way. I was disappointed that we didn't win, but I wasn't disappointed with the way we played," Dunn said.

The Dutch lacked intensity for the rest of the match, scrambling to regain their mental focus. Coach Dunn tried to rejuvenate the team by substituting in several freshmen for pep talks.

"I wanted to get some more mental toughness in there. I wanted to see some better volleyball," Dunn added.

The Dutch will travel to Adrian College tomorrow and Depauw, Ind. Saturday. Their next home match will be next Wednesday at the Dow, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"The league is getting better and better each year, and that's a good thing," Dunn said. "We need to get tougher mentally or we won't win."

Hope Soccer teams host tough tournament

Dutchmen conquer a nationally ranked team, while Dutch lose two close games

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

The Hope soccer teams were in action at home last weekend, producing mixed results. With both teams competing against top-notch competition, the men's team looked to improve their national ranking, while the women's looked to pick up their first win of the season.

On Friday, the women's team began action, taking on Grove City (Pa.) College. The Dutch were able to answer Grove City's two first-half goals with scoring from Danielle Nave ('04) and Lauren Steiper ('06). Down 2-2 with ten minutes left in the game, Steiper scored again to force overtime. The game came within a minute of being a tie before Grove City scored one last time to hand the Dutch a tough loss.

The men's team took the field hosting Concordia. The Dutchmen never appeared to be in trouble, scoring early and eventually winning 7-2.

Dan Olson ('05) scored twice for Hope, while Bryant Lepper ('03), Ed Huehner ('04), Tyler Basler ('05), Kyle Niven ('04), and Geoff Meyer ('00) each added one. The Flying Dutch returned to the field Saturday, hoping to answer the loss with a victory against Aquinas. However, the Aquinas goalkeeper would not allow any Hope goals, and the Dutch were outmatched 1-0. The loss dropped the Dutch to 3-3.

Hope forward Steve Lepper ('04), right, dodges a tackle. The men were now ready for their big challenge against Oshkosh (Wis.), the eighth ranked team in the nation. Hope nearly drew first blood in the opening minute, but Basler's shot knocked off the crossbar.

Oshkosh would take advantage and pick up the first goal in the 16th minute. Hope would respond shortly after, though, as Huehner fired in a shot to the gamet. Only six minutes later, Basler received another chance at scoring and fulfilled it, putting Hope up 2-1. Hope would keep Oshkosh scoreless in the second half, sealing an incredible upset.

The Dutchmen will be challenged again at the Ohio Northern tournament this weekend. The women will look for their first win, as they travel to Ohio to take on Capital (Ohio) and Oneonta (Ohio).

Golf teams finish well in weekend tournaments

Jared Gall
Sports Editor

With both teams on the road this weekend, the Hope College golf teams were driven on getting their seasons off to a good start. And as luck would have it, they did just that.

Both teams were able to accomplish honorable feats. The women's team tied for second place out of eight teams in the first MIAA tournament. Albion won the tournament with 330 strokes, while Hope and Saint Mary's tied for runner-up with 346 strokes.

Emily Colenbrander ('03) was Hope's top golfer, finishing in fifth place, while Sarah Scholten ('04) followed closely, tying for sixth place.

The men's team competed in their first tournament of the year at Otterbein. After graduating Eric Wahlsted ('02), last year's MIAA MVP, Hope has been looking for a new face on the leader board. And after one tournament, they may have found him.

Hope's Ryan Shields ('05) outplayed the other 75 golfers in the tournament, claiming first place and helping Hope end in fifth place out of eighteen teams.

The men will travel to Indiana compete in the Tri-State Invitational this Saturday, while the women will be in action on Friday at the Knox (III.) Invitational, and on Saturday at the Monmouth (III.) Invitational.