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Class of ’08 settles in

Mackenzie Smith
Gwen Beer Evers

At one time or another, everyone has gone through the orientation process. Described variously as fun, scary, busy, and amazing, each person leaves the weekend with a variety of new memories and experiences to carry into their college career.

This year’s orientation weekend, themed “Oh The Places You’ll Go!,” was no different. Freshmen moved into the dorms Friday morning with the help of the orientation assistants (OAs), and the adventure continued from there.

The weekend kicked off with the Dance Extravaganza on Friday night and concluded with Groovin’ in the Grove, with the chapel band, on Monday evening.

The time was packed with events for parents, siblings and, of course, all of the 785 freshmen and 41 transfer students.

Karen Schuen (’05) and Andrew Meyers (’05) headed the staff of more than 600 who worked to make orientation a success. This staff included 20 assistant directors (ADs), each of whom helped with the training of the 203 orientation assistants (OAs).

“(Katie and Andrew) are just fantastic. They worked so hard, since February of this past year. They hired and trained the whole staff, they planned every detail,” said Diana Breclaw, assistant dean of students, about the overall orientation on 2.

Mentalist Chris Carter kicks off SAC events

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“He is a Hope College beginning-of-the-year tradition,” said Sara Burns (’05), Business Director of the Social Activities Committee (SAC). “We had students last year come back who had already graduated because he’s just so amazing.”

Who is this sensation? His name is Chris Carter; he calls himself a “mentalist,” and he will be making his sixth trip to Hope this year when audience members were asked to bring an object on stage for Carter to guess what it was. The catch? He was completely blindfolded.

“Somebody brought a crate with a hamster in it, and he guessed it!” Burns said.

Carter also enjoys getting to know his audience. This usually leads to him spending time in Phelps Dining Hall prior to his performance.

“He likes to go around before he acts and (do) teasers like bending spoons,” Burns said.

The audience is an important part of Carter’s shows in other ways as well, volunteering to come on stage and contribute to his mind-reading stunts.

“In a very real sense, I’m not the star of the show—it’s the volunteers themselves who become the scene stealers, bringing the audience members to uncontrollable laughter,” said Carter.

Some may find Carter’s mentalism abilities difficult to believe; he points them in the direction of modern science.

“We know now that we communicate with more than just our standard five senses,” Carter said.

“We also communicate via pheromones, scents or odors which are given off by others.”

People may not be consciously aware of perceiving these signals, but studies have shown that they can affect emotional and biological states.

Carter will be the first performer SAC brings to campus, but he is far from the last.

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Pre-register to vote absentee

Your vote matters—make sure it will count! In order to vote absentee in the upcoming presidential election, students must first be registered.

In most states, registration must be completed in person in order to use an absentee ballot. The first election participated in. Registration must be completed at least 20 days prior to the November 2 election for Michigan citizens. Students from Illinois must register 27 days before the election.

More information can be found on the Secretary of State webpages for students’ individual states.

Hope students ready to serve

This Saturday, almost 500 Hope students, many of them freshmen, will participate in one of the final orientation events, “Time to Serve.” The event is a college tradition, begun in 2000. The program’s goals include introducing new students to service and to the Holland community, along with helping them to build relationships with their peers.

Students signed up for the program during orientation weekend should meet in Phelps Hall on Saturday morning. For more information, or to sign up, contact Diana Breclaw, Assistant Dean of Students.

more ORIENTATION on 2
Construction continues on large campus projects

The Martha Miller Center for Global Communications and the DeVos Fieldhouse began to take shape over the summer. The final steel beam was placed on the Martha Miller Center Monday as an event that first-year students and their families could attend.

From the front, the Martha Miller center faces Lincoln St. and will be an impressive addition to Hope's campus. It is expected to house the communications department, WTHS, The Anchor, and many more organizations and classrooms.

An aerial view of the Martha Miller Center shows the expansive scope of the building project, which the college will one day enjoy.

Early work on the $22 million Fieldhouse moved along quickly in anticipation of the eagerly awaited new sports facility. The fieldhouse is expected to be completed during the 05-'06 school year.

Last spring the community showed its support for Hope's building projects at the groundbreaking for the DeVos Fieldhouse. The well-attended event, held during Spring Fling, featured Hope's own Wind Symphony.

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orientation directors.

"For undergraduate students to be able to plan all of this is just amazing, and they did a fantastic job. They showed enthusiasm and joy and commitment and a tirelessness," Breclaw added.

This year's group of OAs was the largest ever. They arrived on campus on Tuesday for several days of training, which included fun social activities to help them get to know each other.

"We showed a drive-in movie during our training out in the Pine Grove for the OAs, trying to show them how much we appreciate all the work they do," Breclaw said.

All of the orientation staff worked hard during the past week. Many members ran on little sleep; one Assistant Director commented that they had been spending 14 or more hours per day on the job all week.

That time was spent facilitating the hundreds of events that occurred during the weekend. Several of these events were new to orientation weekend.

"We...tried to have some more activities for parents and for siblings," Breclaw said.

These included a "Dive-in" movie in DeVos Fieldhouse also attended three small-group meetings. These meetings included ice-breaker activities, discussions of important information and time for questions.

The small groups also went on campus tours and encouraged students to create goals for their four years at Hope.

Orientation weekend may be over, but more activities are planned throughout the week to welcome new and returning students.

These include a showing of the movie "Saved!" a look at life in a Christian high school that brings up a number of important issues.

The movie will be shown at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Thursday night and will be followed by a panel discussion. Also on Thursday night, a bonfire will be held at Holland Municipal Stadium.

On Friday, Ginny Owens will kick off the Christian Music Series in Dimnent Chapel at 9:30 p.m.

The school kickoff week will conclude on Saturday with the annual volunteer program "A Time to Serve," a party in downtown Holland and an evening performance by mentalist Chris Carter.

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"People joke because every year I say, 'We're going to have the best year ever!'" Burns, who is in her fourth year working for SAC, said. "But this year is by far the best! We have some amazing talent coming in."

The next talent Hope will see is Ari Hest, a singer-songwriter who recently signed with Columbia records, and who Burns compared to John Mayer.

She added that he would be performing at the Knickerbocker Theatre, along with a full band and opening acts. Hest will be the first in the "Up and Coming Artist" series SAC is trying to start.

"We're actually looking for singer-songwriters students have heard of, and if they have any good suggestions we're very open to it," Burns said.

Carter and Hest will be followed by many more events and performers.

See SAC's website (http://www.hope.edu/stu dent/organizations/activities/sac/) for details.

SAC Movies return!

Showing this weekend in Graves Hall: Troy

Only $2!
New 8th Street Businesses satisfy Holland’s appetite

New stores make their downtown debut

Jenny Cancor
SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

"Thanks for the tip!" Energetic employees can now be heard in a downtown Holland shop singing ditties and performing cheers for more pennies. Located on West 8th Street, Cold Stone Creamery prides itself on unique ice cream creations coupled with enthusiastic service. As the “fastest growing super premium ice cream concept in the country,” they believe that original products and in-store experience accounts for their success.

The renowned franchise began in Tempe, Arizona with the first Coldstone Creamery, founded in 1988, by Donald and Susan Sutherland. Their unique ice cream creations became instantly popular, leading to immense success and further stores making their mark all around the world. Cold Stone Creameries currently exist in all 50 states, as well as the Caribbean and Guam. Utilizing the highest quality ice cream, made fresh in every store, employees blend mix-ins on a frozen granite stone and serve their one-of-a-kind creations in a fresh baked waffle cone.

Original recipes include Birthday Cake Remix, which contains cake batter ice cream, rainbow sprinkles, brownie and fudge; Strawberry Banana Rendezvous with strawberry ice cream, graham cracker pie crust, white chocolate chips, strawberries, and bananas; and Apple Pie A La Cold Stone, including sweet cream ice cream, cinnamon, graham cracker pie crust, apple pie filling, and caramel. Imaginative customers can also concoct their own creations from a wide array of ice cream flavors and mix-in ingredients.

Cold Stone ice cream orders are sold in three sizes, "like it," approximately 6 ounces (scoop the size of a tennis ball); “love it,” approximately 10 ounces (scoop the size of a baseball); and “gotta have it,” approximately 14 ounces (scoop the size of a softball).

Specially ice cream cakes can also be made to order and several other desserts are available at each store. The Cold Stone Mission Statement to “make people happy by selling the world’s highest quality, most creative ice cream experience to the American consumer around the world” is an ambitious goal that is getting accomplished, one cone at a time.

Patrons of the recently opened Curragh may expect to see a pint-toting leprechaun leap out of the wooden paneling of this traditional Irish pub and restaurant. The Curragh was designed to resemble a tavern with wood floors, antique brewery advertisements, shamrocks painted on the walls and miscellaneous objects reflecting early Irish history, such as carved walking sticks, crockery and farming equipment. Staff proudly display a celtic design on their uniform front as well as the word "Fleadh," translated as “festival,” across the back.

As a popular evening restaurant, the nightlife atmosphere certainly reflects that of a festival, with traditional Irish music playing in the background, such as melodies from the famed Lord of the Dance, bagpipe pieces, folk songs and Irish drinking tunes. Whether it’s St. Paddy’s day or one of the other 364 days of the year, the Curragh will definitely provide a bit o’ the Irish.

The Anchor wants you!

Paid positions still available!!

Come to our meeting tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Anchor Office, behind the SUD in Dewitt!
"I'm looking forward to meeting new people. I'm going to focus on school and get a job, and I might do intramural soccer."
—Andrea Dahm ('08)

"I'm looking forward to getting a girl to remember my name and to all the sporting events. Go Hope!"
—Eric Adams ('08)

"I'm looking forward to worship and chapel because it'll be different than home, and I'm excited about that."
—George Klupchak ('08)

"I'm looking forward to basketball. Orientation was fun and I'm just looking forward to getting to know people and hanging out."
—Jedda Bripf ('08)
Clockwise, from left-bottom: Megan Kleinheksel ('08) moved things in a very quick manner; Dave Nyitray ('08) put his handprint on the Orientation banner; the OAs kept coming back for more; this student lost all her money at the bookstore; among the Orientation groups many games were played; some OAs wore as many as one lampshade, while others carried things to where each student's bed is made. Center: Eric DeBoer ('05) and Kyle Stob ('06) welcome the incoming mob. Background: As the class of '08 gathers below, we can't help but think, "Oh the places they'll go!"

Heard
I to most at Hope this year?

"I'm looking forward to doing Silent Praise. I've been doing it on my own and I'm looking forward to the group." —Lindsey Yale ('08)

"I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of people and playing soccer and having fun!" —Lindsey Yale ('08)

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and starting basketball season, and starting on a whole new path of life." —Kate VandeGach ('08)

"I'm looking forward to softball. We start fall ball practices next Friday, and I can't wait!" —Becca Baker ('08)

"I'm looking forward to starting basketball season." —Abby Goltz ('08)

"I'm excited about possibly being in the gospel choir and about being independent." —Abby Goltz ('08)
Expect the unexpected and it just might come your way

We can’t always predict what is going to happen and things have a tendency to not go as planned. But it is often these unexpected surprises that can have the most impact on our lives; in the way we perceive both ourselves and our surroundings.

Over the summer, I visited famous English cathedrals, experienced the sacred Anglican ritual of Evensong, explored unexpected surprises that can have the most impact on our lives; these experiences as to what I should write for my first ever editorial in editor-in-chief.

I must admit I’ve never been a huge fan of expressing myself, especially for a potential audience of over 3000 students. I have had all these amazing experiences and still can’t seem to fully explain everything I learned and felt along the way, but I’m going to try.

The best place to start is the beginning. So here goes. Every orientation weekend reminds me of my own first weekend here at Hope. I, like most new students, had never been away from home for a long period of time before and didn’t know anyone. I felt so overwhelmed with trying to meet new people, figuring out my class schedule and memorizing the combination to my dorm room couldn’t even really think straight. In fact, my first night on campus, I accidentally gave myself an electric shock with a loose plug.

Since then, not much has changed, except my experiences, my friends, my major, my plans for the future, and the small fact that I am now editor of the student newspaper. My freshman year, I never would have even imagined traveling to a foreign country or planning on studying geology in grad school.

I guess what I’m trying to say is, freshmen, and everyone else for that matter, just go out and try something. Study abroad, try out for a play, join a club or intramural team, take a class you normally wouldn’t take. And don’t go into this whole college thing, or even this year, with preconceived notions of what you think it’s supposed to be like. It will probably be a lot harder, a lot weirder and maybe even a lot better.

Have an opinion? Want to see your name in the paper? Send letters to the editor to anchor@hope.edu
Poet Philips opens Visiting Writers Series

VWS begins with Philips, continues with other famous authors

Jordan Wolfson  Arts Editor

This year, Hope College has arranged for another selection of writers to visit campus and share their talents with the community. The Visiting Writers Series was founded in 1982 by Professor Jack Ridl of the English Department. Since its birth, the series has received wide support from the college and the community. The series has hosted some of the most exciting writers working today, and it has developed a very strong reputation in the community.

This year, the series hosts nine writers, with three appearing in the fall season and six in the spring.

The month of September will feature Carl Philips, poet and essayist, while in October, Honoree Fanonne Jeffers, poet, and Patricia Sarafian Ward, novelist and the winner of the GLCA New Writer Award, will share some of their writings with the college.

November brings in Bob Tate, a Memoirist, and then the program skips to February, before the break, followed by Mark Jarman. March will feature two different sets of writers: the first set being Mary Piper, a psychologist and writer, and the second set being Carlos Fier, a scholar and memoirist along with Vyvyan Loh, novelist, dancer, and physician.

Carl Philips, the first VWS reader, will speak on September 8. He is considered one of the most accomplished poets practicing his craft today. He has published several award-winning books of poetry and is the author of “Coin of the Realm” a book that discusses the Psalms of the Bible, race and ethics.

Mr. Philips writes with an almost whispered elegance as he reveals and declares some of the innermost truths of the human heart.—Judges’ Citation

Philips also has translated the Sophoclean tragedy “Philoctetes,” which takes place near the climax of the Trojan War. Philips’ poems address the most powerful of the genre, such as passion, art, history, and nature. His works have been called “magistic,” “casual” and “utterly transcendent.”

“He writes with an almost whispered...elegance, as he reveals and declares some of the innermost truths of the human heart,” said the Judges’ Citation, National Book Awards, for Philips’ “Coin of the Realm.”

Philips is a professor of English and Afro-American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. All Visiting Writers events are free and open to the public. Readings are held at the Knickerbocker Theatre on East Eighth Street in downtown Holland.

Knickerbocker Theatre Ends 2004 Summer Film Series

Fast food documentary wraps up annual summer showings of independent movies

Jordan Wolfson  Arts Editor

Every year the Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland offers quality performances and movies for the students of Hope College and for the community at large. It is set in the country of Bangladesh in the 1960s, the film “The Clay Bird,” which was shown in August, follows the story of a child named Anu, who is sent off to a strict religious school by his father, an Islamic zealot. As the boy struggles to find his own truth in life, he must also portray the struggle of Bangladesh against Pakistan. The film explores the themes of cultural diversity through interesting characters and touching scenes.

Based on the best-selling book by Tracy Chevalier, the film “Girl with a Pearl Earring,” focused around the painting of the same name created by Jan Vermeer in 1665. Shown at the Knickerbocker in early August, the film focuses on Griet, a young woman who works in Vermeer’s household as a maid to support herself. When Vermeer’s patron, Van Ruyven, notices her, he commissions a portrait of her, which creates tension in the Vermeer household. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards.

Shown in late July, the film “Bon Voyage” was featured in French with English subtitles. The film, a lavish comedy, is set in France around the 1940s just before it falls to the Germans. As the government is about to transfer its power to Bordeaux, the tongue-in-cheek story unfolds with comedy and touching scenes.

The film also pays great attention to the details and style of the day in which it is set. The Knickerbocker is now preparing itself for the Fall Film Series.

Ginny Owens sings at Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Jordan Wolfson  Arts Editor

Ginny Owens, winner of the Dove Award for the 2000 Artist of the Year, is coming on Friday at 9:30 p.m. to regale Hope’s campus with song at the Dimnent Memorial Chapel. While here on Friday, Owens will also host a chapel service at 10:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. She will also be working with Hope College students on the morning of Saturday as a part of the Holland area community service day. A Time to Serve.

Although Ginny Owens is mainly a Christian music singer, her pop-themed vocals have helped her popularity expand beyond just Christian music listeners. She was featured on the Lilith Fair tour in 1999, featured at the Sundance Film Festival, interviewed on such programs as “Live with Regis and Kathie Lee,” “CNN’s” “Worldbeat,” and the even had a special on National Public Radio’s “Weekend Edition Sunday.”

Her musical career began even before she was in school. At the age of 2, Owens started to play the piano, but at the same time she lost her sight to a congenital eye disease, but that didn’t slow her down one bit. Writing songs became a means of expression for Owens, and she planned to pursue a career teaching music after graduating from Belmont University. Her lack of eyegtest made it hard for her to find a suitable teaching job, as most schools focused on her disability rather than her skills.

This turn of events would prove favorable to Owens, as she turned her sight once again to singing and songwriting. A friend of hers took interest in her songwriting, and Rocketown, an independent label, soon signed her. Her first single, which was called “Without Condition,” contained all the songs that she had written in the last five years. Her second album entitled “Something More” was experimental for Owens, but she found the new style of exciting and an accomplishment. She has just released her third album, “Beautiful.”

“Owens unravels an imaginative, delicately tuneful set that stands apart from other recordings,” Said CCM Magazine.com about “Beautiful.”

Tickets to the concert on Friday evening are $10 for general admission and $5 for Hope College students. They will also be on sale at the DeWitt Center Box Office on Friday thru Saturday, August 27 to 28, and Monday thru Friday August 30 to September 3. The DeWitt Box office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. The DeWitt Center is located on Columbia Avenue at 12th Street. Dimnent Memorial Chapel is located on College Avenue at 12th Street.

Ginny Owens, acclaimed singer/songwriter
Hope football expecting big start to 2004 season

Jenny Cencer
Sports Editor

The Hope College football team will be opening its season with the “Meet the Dutchmen” scrimmage on Saturday, September 4.

This customary scrimmage will be held at 10 a.m. on Edlul J. Buyse athletic fields located north of Holland Municipal Stadium. Admission is free.

The 2003 MIAA football champions Flying Dutchmen have been preparing to defend their title for the upcoming season. For the 2003 season, Coach Dean Kreps’ Dutchmen achieved a 7-4 record, earning their third conference championship in five years and advancing to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs. Hope now boasts a 27-13 record in the past four seasons with four MIAA titles since 1997.

Coincidentally, a pre-season poll of MIAA coaches and the media has declared the Hope Flying Dutchmen as the team to beat.

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Seven starters on defense will also return, including all conference players, linebacker Paul Hoekema (05) and defensive back Andy Snyder (05), who is co-captain with linebacker Jason Misner (05). Defensive back Joe Dickerson (06) returns to protect the backfield where he intercepted a school-record of three passes in one game against Albion College.

The Flying Dutchmen punter, Seth Kovarik (06), was chosen for the All-MIAA second team last fall, averaged 34.2 yards, and recorded zero blocked punts.

Women’s soccer looks to repeat successes

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Managing Editor

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IMs look for participants

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The sports being offered for the first intramural season of the school year are Coed Softball, Women’s 3-Player Volleyball, Women’s Frisbee Golf, Men’s soccer, Men’s Frisbee Golf and Coed Flag Football.

Sign ups for the first season will begin on Monday, September 6. There will be several 15-minute meetings for participants to get important sign up and rules information. All necessary forms will also be filled out at this time. More information about these meetings will be posted throughout campus.

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IM Sign-up schedule

This is our IM philosophy: Be fair. Play nice. Have fun.

And after all those years, being fair, playing nice, and having fun are still basic life-affirming credos to live by — even when you’re not on an IM field or court.

So make your Hope IM experience fair, nice, and fun when you get in to the games!

Sign ups for the first round of play will begin on Monday in Dow 202-203 for the following sports:

Coed Softball 7:00 pm
W’s 3-P Volleyball 7:15 pm
W’s Frisbee Golf 7:30 pm
M’s Soccer 7:45 pm
M’s Frisbee Golf 8:00 pm
Coed Flag Football 8:15 pm

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