LIBERAL ARTS STUDY TAPS HOPE

Sarah Wightman  Swier Wrenn

In the coming weeks, 300 freshmen at Hope will be participating in The Wabash National Study of the Liberal Arts. This study is designed to look at the effects a liberal arts education has on individual students and at how a college can provide the best education possible. A follow-up survey will also be administered during the current participants' senior year. The study involves a two-hour survey designed to collect information about students’ experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Questions will ask students to consider moral reasoning, intercultural effectiveness, leadership and other factors.

All freshmen at Hope were invited to take part in the Wabash study. Participants were selected from the group who registered. Contributing students will receive compensation for their time in the study.

The study is being conducted by the Center for Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College, ACT, Inc. and researchers from various universities. The 18 colleges and universities participating in the study are varied. They include liberal arts, private, public, religiously affiliated, and single-sex schools. Overall, the survey will be administered to approximately 5,500 students.

Carol Simon, professor of philosophy and director of General Education, is coordinating the study at Hope.

"Participating in this study will allow us to compare the effectiveness of our education policies and programs with those at other institutions. That will allow us to learn from others and have others learn from what we are doing," Simon said.

The goal of the study is to learn what makes a difference in how and what students learn while attending college. Hope, in particular, wishes to examine its own student body, and see what challenges students as a group are facing. This will help Hope to tailor programs more effectively.

ENCUENTROS

Holland plays host to LAUP leadership conference

Larissa Moriano  Swier Wrenn

Latin Americans United for Progress is holding its fifth-annual Hispanic Leadership Conference at West Ottawa High School on Saturday, Sept. 23. LAUP is a non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for the acceptance of the Latino community through culture awareness and education of tomorrow's leaders (and) to open doors of opportunity through the acceptance of differences.

In past years, Hope College has sponsored the conference. This fall, students have been involved in the planning and will be attending the conference.

"We really want to engage and encourage dialogue in the community and find ways to bring the various communities together in Holland. We don't want to see separation," said Timo Reyes, the executive director of LAUP.

The conference will last from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. To contact LAUP about the conference, call 616-392-5038 or visit www.laup.org.

ABSENTEE REGISTRATION IS THURSDAY

Shannon Craig  Investment Writers

Hope Democrats and Hope Republicans are sponsoring a Voter Registration and Information Fair in Maas Auditorium this week. Representatives from both clubs will be available to help students register to vote as well as apply for an absentee ballot. There will also be booths that will have information on different issues and candidates. The fair begins Wednesday, Sept. 20 during lunch hours, and will be continued on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"The national study will also seek to identify what sorts of practices and programs increase students' intellectual and moral growth."

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STUDENT GROUPS TAKE ACTION

Emily Pappel
Admissions Representative

Hope College is home to an array of student groups, including a growing number whose attention stretches beyond the "Hope bubble." These activist groups have shared concerns for world issues. Their members aspire to make a change in the world, and act upon their aspirations.

"No one can live on this earth without an impact on it. Thus, we should act to impact the earth responsibly," said Meredith Prairisma ('08), co-president of the Environmental Issues Group. Many of these activist groups are motivated by a belief in the Christian obligation to activism. Will Netleton ('07), creator and leader of Acting on AIDS, said, "We will not only be judged by future generations on how we confronted HIV/AIDS, but by God." There are many Hope activist groups looking for members and many more issues which could inspire the formation of a new group. Some of these are officially funded, while others such as the Justice League, Acting on AIDS and the Sexuality Roundtable are independent.

Their message, however, is common: if you see something in your world that needs change, take action today.

Danielle Revers and Emily Hunt contributed to this article.

Want to get involved?

Environmental Issues Group
Mission: To promote environmentally friendly policies on campus, to volunteer in the community, and to educate Hope and the Holland area about proper care for the environment.
Upcoming Events: Invasive-species pulling at Zeeland High School on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
Contact: cny_issues@hope.edu

The Justice League
Mission: To explore "justice" in political, social, economic and theological terms through education and discussion; to better understand how Christians should act socially.
Upcoming Events: Weekly meetings through Oct. 2 to focus on four main topics, the first of which will be "What does God say about justice?"
Next meeting: Monday, Sept. 25 at 8:00 p.m., location TBA.
Contact: Lauren.berka@hope.edu or ruth.arezola@hope.edu

Women’s Issues Organization
Mission: To enhance campus awareness and education about women's issues and to question possible social, political and economic barriers that inhibit the self-actualization of women.
Upcoming Events: Take Back the Night, a night of education and remembrance about sexual violence against women, on Tuesday, Oct. 3.
Next meeting: Monday, Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. in Timmer Cottage.
Contact: wio@hope.edu

Acting On Aids
Mission: To learn, discern and then act on confronting HIV/AIDS.
Upcoming Events: Planning and pushing for a Critical Issues Symposium about the HIV/AIDS pandemic, documentary screenings and informative discussions.
Next meeting: Tonight at 7:15 p.m. in Science Center 1000.
Contact: william.netleton@hope.edu

Amnesty International
Mission: To be a grassroots organization which responds to human rights abuses through letter writing and education.
Upcoming Events: Screening of the movie "Lord of War" in Winants Auditorium, 8 p.m. on Sept. 21 and Sept. 25.
Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. in Martha Miller Center 159.
Contact: amnesty@hope.edu

Sexuality Roundtable: A Forum for Gay and Straight Students
Mission: To provide a safe and healthy environment to promote change, dialogue, equality and inclusion for the Hope community and to provide educational programs to inform students, faculty and staff on LBGT issues.
Upcoming Events: Events to celebrate National Coming Out Month in October.
Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 21 at 335 Lincoln Ave. (corner of 4th Street and Lincoln).
Contact: hope.college.GSF@gmail.com

E. COLI OUTBREAK AFFECTS HOPE

Case count: 109;
Age range: 6 months to 87 years old;
Number of deaths: 1.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair stated on Sept. 7 that he would resign from office within a year, though he would not set an exact date for his departure. This announcement follows protests and resignations of eight junior cabinet members.

"It is with the greatest sadness that I have to say that I no longer believe that your remaining in office is in the interest of either the party or the country," wrote Tom Watson, one of the cabinet members to resign, in a letter to Blair.

Blair’s popularity has severely dropped in recent years, mostly due to his support of President Bush and the war in Iraq, neither of which are popular with the British public. This loss of popularity is the likely cause of Blair’s Labour Party’s loss of 47 parliamentary seats in 2005. Because of this loss, members of the Labour Party have called for a leadership change at the top.

Blair’s resignation announcement was made in the attempt to heal the rifts that were formed within the party. However, arguments have erupted over the capability of Blair’s expected successor to follow the FDA’s warning to ban all spinach. This ban will remain in effect until the FDA judges that bagged spinach is safe for consumption.

"Last week when the story broke about an outbreak of E. coli bacteria related to bagged spinach, we obviously began looking for more information regarding what was going on, because the health and safety of the Hope College community is of highest concern," VanHeukelom said.

"The Department of Agriculture is not sure where the problem is originating from. Until we are sure this is safe food, we will not purchase any."

To ensure the Hope College community remains safe from E. coli, Bob VanHeukelom, director of dining services, has decided to follow the FDA’s warning to ban all spinach. This ban will remain in effect until the FDA judges that bagged spinach is safe for consumption.

Upcoming shows at lemonjello’s
- The Rising Tide • you and me in the area swimming in circles, sept. 22, 8:30 p.m. sz.
- Ashley Allen • Josh Schicker, sept. 22, 8:30 p.m. sz.
- Daa Vaillantcout • Ciel de, sept. 29, 9 pm. sz.

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DePree exhibits work by selected alumni

THOUGHTFUL ART— Interesting pieces in various mediums fill DePree Art Gallery. Students and faculty are invited to explore.

Arla Elami Staff Writer

Artwork by 25 Hope College alumni is currently featured in the DePree Art Center Gallery. The exhibition opened Sept. 7 and is open to the public.

Bill Mayer, a professor of art at Hope College, initiated the exhibit. "Alumni shows in the past involved a juror coming in and selecting submissions for the show," Mayer said. "However, in the case of this one, the pieces were selected by (the art department)"

The requirements for submission were an advanced degree (MFA or equivalent) or being professionally active in the field. Participants graduated anywhere from less than five years to more than three decades ago.

The subjects are presented in various types of media, reflecting the creative works of the artists.

Elena Van Gerven’s “Wat Mio” is a rapid prototype sculpture, conceptualized on a computer and then realized with polycarbonate.

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Distinguished musicians to display talent in concert

Chair Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, the recital is a tradition for the students receiving this award and is held every year to feature the freshest students.

I think it’s always kind of fun to enjoy the fresh talent coming into the department," Kennedy-Dygas said. "These are students who are going to be music majors or minors who were deeply involved in making music as high school students.

One such student is Chelsea Otten (10). Otten has played piano for 12 years and flute for seven. She was involved in a variety of musical activities at her high school, including orchestras, choir and a wind quartet. Otten also competed in the National Federation of Music Club Foundation for 10 years.

“I really liked the wind quartet because we did to direct ourselves, as opposed to having a conductor, and this proved to be a fun challenge,” Otten said.

Since age 3, Otten remembers talking "honstop about playing the flute," and her passion was rewarded with her DAA scholarship.

"Kennedy-Dygas said, most students who receive these scholarships are planning on involving music in their careers, and many not an exception.

"I plan on majoring in flute performance so I can teach students once I graduate," Otten said.

For the concert, Otten will be playing "Symphonic Variations" by Debussy, which is a solo piece for piano with an orchestra.

"I am excited to share my talent with the audience," Otten said.

Sally Vanderploeg (10) also received a DAA in music for piano. Vanderploeg has played the piano since age five.

"I just really liked to plunk around by ear on the piano," Vanderploeg said, “and my parents got me into lessons.”

In 13 years, she has played in a variety of settings but says “making music with others is her favorite.”

“Having people sing along is the most fun, just because it brings a bunch of people together,” Vanderploeg said.

Unlike Otten, Vanderploeg is planning on minoring in music.

“Just don’t want to give it up yet, and I know I can become a better musician through music lessons here,” Vanderploeg said.

I’m actually planning on being a nursing major, and since music is always going to be such a huge part of my life, I might as well become a better musician while I have the chance.

Vanderploeg will be playing one of her favorites, “Four Pastures Blues” by Aaron Copland.

The concert is set for Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. Admission is free. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
COMMUNITY DAY: PULL, PICNICS AND GAMES

Emily Westrate

Holland residents and Hope College faculty, staff and students are able to enjoy the long-standing tradition of Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 23. In its 41st year, this annual event includes a picnic on Hope’s campus, a visit to Windmill Island and a home football game. The Pull is also being incorporated into the schedule this year.

The picnic will be held in the Pine Grove, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of foods will be provided, including vegetarian options. The Holland American Legion Band will perform throughout the picnic. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in Phelps Dining Hall.

Free food will be provided as well as live DJ and dancing. The De Pree Art Center is displaying works from alumni of the art department. It will be open for viewing on Community Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

PICK YOUR PICNIC — Checkered table cloths will be blossoming from locations throughout the community this Saturday. Public and campus events will occur at places that range from the Black River and Windmill Island to the Holland Municipal Stadium.

Internships

While interning, it may be true that the best internship experiences can be had outside of West Michigan, opportunities here are available and relevant. According to Bill Mayer, an art department professor, students from his department have worked in Muskegon. Maxine DeBruyn said that many area high schools contact the dance department for students to teach for periods of four to eight weeks. Students interested in Sacred Dance can work in area churches developing dance ministries.

In addition, students can incorporate various majors and interests by doing internships in arts administration, finance and public relations. Dance and psychology double majors can work with the psychology department in mental health internships, and students interested in the technical side of the performing arts can work with Erik Alberg and Perry Lanese as a part of the performing arts technical staff here Hope.

So when should students plan to do an internship? “Freshmen can do internships,” DeVries said, “but the most quality experience can be had in the junior or senior year (and) some programs have credit and course requirements.”

What if a student reaches senior year and failed to plan for an internship? It is not too late. According to DeVries, there are opportunities for summer internships after graduation as well as fellowship and scholarship programs.

Interested students should contact the Office of Career Services, located in the Anderson- Werkman Financial Center on Eighth Street.

Art

Alternatively, Steven J. Haulenhreek’s “Picnic Table” is a personally made structure, featuring a glass surface that encourages viewers to write on it with provided material. Other artworks in the exhibition include a still-life displayed on a DVD video with atmospheric effects and a video focusing on jobs artists have which give them financial support.

Other artists in the exhibit include Tom De Pree, Todd Erikson, Mark Holstines, Chadwick Johnson, James W. Lee Francis III, Karen A. Mahaffy and Jennifer A. Nehoff.

The De Pree Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The building is located on Columbia Avenue at 12th Street. The exhibition will run until Oct. 15.

Congressional corner

Anne Schmidt

President James Bultman joined Student Congress for its first meeting of the year Tuesday night.

“Nowhere in the whole world will you get the quality of education that you will get at Hope,” said Bultman in his address. Agenda items included

Meijer runs, a popular and free service that has been offered by Student Congress for the past two years. Students will still be able to catch the shuttle from the DeWitt Flagpole every Thursday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Following the meeting, members were split up into smaller groups to be “equipped.” New members were taught some of the mechanics of how Student Congress runs and how to be an effective representative.

“We want to empower you to-night,” Vice President Katie Bak er said in her opening remarks.

Student Congress meetings are open to the public and are held every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. in the Herrick room which is located on the second floor of the DeWitt Center.
Tyson Warner
Star Writer

Twenty-six years ago, Tom Hoover and Terrie Ellenberger were working at Laughner’s Caféteria in Kokomo, Ind. Hoover started off working in the kitchen with Ellenberger. At the time, he never thought much about it—Ellenberger was just another cook, and for Hoover, this was just another job, but it was also the beginning. Hoover and Ellenberger would work together for the next 30 years.

Kokomo is a town that isn’t well known for its wide variety of cuisine. It’s probably best known for being that long stretch of strip malls and stoplights one has to pass through to get to Indianapolis.

Hoover got into the restaurant business the same way most people do: he needed a summer job. He was 15, and he was swimming at the community pool almost every day to get ready for swim season. On the way to the pool he had to pass a frozen custard stand. One day Hoover stopped in. The employee gave him a job serving custard and dogs to the people who stopped in on their way home from the pool. Like many first jobs, it didn’t last long.

“I got out of that job pretty fast and started life guarding down the road at the pool, which was better, but pretty soon that job went away too,” Hoover said.

So Hoover went back into the food service. Eventually, after working at a couple of restaurants, including Laughner’s Caféteria, he got a job at a Chinese restaurant.

“My first jobs, it didn’t last long. But when Hoover said, “it was all over,” he likely meant it was the beginning of something else. “I had some friends who moved to Holland from the east side of the state. They needed a roommate. I had $60 left and that was that,” Hoover said. “I moved up. It was Memorial Day of ‘77.”

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Worse things than dying

Mackenzie Smith

In this column, I come to you out of context. Many of you don’t know me, and can’t know about the experiences and lessons that have led me to these thoughts. My words are in danger of being mistaken, but you chose to ignore it.

We don’t want to notice that I was not included in the list of countries enrolled in the_anchor. In the latest edition of The Anchor, I have been quoted and mentioned as a Palestinian student only! I am an Israeli and a Palestinian. You wrongly list me. I am a Palestinian living in Israel. The latter case applies to me; I am a Palestinian living in Israel. The former case applies to you, wrongly. But in reality I am a Palestinian! Lastly, I would like to point out to the paradox found in the latest edition. I have been quoted and mentioned as a Palestinian in an article, yet you wrongly list me. I am quite appalled by the way The Anchor works in listing nationalities.

To the Editor:

My name is George-Philip Khoury, a Palestinian student from Palestine. Yesterday, I read the latest edition of The Anchor. I was kind of deceived to notice that I was not included in the list of countries enrolled at Hope College.

I know that you listed me according to the legal papers I am carrying, but I am still amazed at the way you consider nationality depending on the legal papers a person carries. In this way I am also an Israeli, besides being a Haitian and a Palestinian.

I am aware that one of your staff members told you about the subject of my nationality, but you chose to ignore it. Preferably to work according to the legal papers provided, instead of authentic nationalities.

Palestinians, due to a constant occupation of Israel supported by the U.S. and United Kingdom, have been denied from a Palestinian passport until 1993; many have two to three passports in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Others who live in Jerusalem do not carry Palestinian passports because it is forbidden by the state of Israel. The latter case applies to me; I am a Palestinian living in Jerusalem carrying a Haitian and Jordanian passports, in addition to having an Israeli ID. But in reality I am a Palestinian! Further, I would like to point out to the paradox found in your latest edition. I have been quoted and mentioned as a Palestinian in an article, yet you wrongly list me. I am quite appalled by the way The Anchor works in listing nationalities.

Yours truly,

George-Philip Khoury (’99)

Editor’s note: Thank you for raising these issues—they serve as a needed reminder of how our actions at home connect to the larger world and issues of injustice.

“Atti” was printed in the brief on page one according to official information from the Sept 12 Hope press release, which listed international students according to their legal documentation, rather than their nationalities. The information in the story on the Middle East on page two came from a personal interview.

In the future, attention will be paid to consistent and correct biographical information.
Eating Well

Blending bliss: Smoothies, spritzers and caffeinated concoctions

Thea Neal

Hands-down, one of the best things that I brought to college as a freshman was a blender—second only to my coffee pot.

Heading off to class, I routinely whip up smoothies before heading off to class. They are a great way to cool off and start my day. And every block or so I grab a container of smoothies and share them with my housemates and friends.

For those of us without meal plans, a smoothie and salad provide a quick, cold lunch idea.

**Basic Smoothie Building Blocks**

- ½ banana
- 2/3 cup orange juice
- 2/3 cup soy milk (or cow milk)
- ½ cup yogurt (flavored or plain) or sorbet
- 5-6 ice cubes
- A tiny splash of vanilla extract (optional)
- A dash of nutmeg (optional)

**Directions**

Assemble all the ingredients in the blender, cover and process on the highest setting until the ice is blended (at least 20 seconds) and no chunks remain. Pour into two glasses or a to-go cup.

An easy way to clean the blender is to fill the blender pitcher halfway with warm, soapy water, place back on base (with lid on, of course!) and whirl a bit before rinsing. A more thorough cleaning job can be done when you have time to take apart the pieces and clean.

No fruit on hand? Just make a refreshing spritzer by mixing equal amounts of mineral water and pomegranate juice (or flavor of your hand) and add a couple of ice cubes. Stir with a straw and sip away.

When caffeinated energy is needed to hit the books without suffering heat stroke, iced Mocha Frappucinos can be made easily. Starbucks need not hold the monopoly on cold caffeinated concoctions. I’ll show you how to make your own creations.

The secret is to cool the coffee before blending and use generous scoops of your favorite ice cream.

**Some personal favorite combinations**

- 5-6 ice cubes
- Sampilkan blueberries, raspberries, peaches and nectarines still available at the Farmer’s Market (located in the Civic Center parking lot, Wednesdays and Saturdays; the freshest produce can be found before noon).

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Team Captain Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 21

Martha Miller 238

9:00 p.m.

If you can't make it, you can still sign up at www.acsociety.org/relay/mi/hope

or email relay@hope.edu
COMMUNITY DAY: ATHLETICS ABOUND

Saturday, Sept. 23: A Hope sports fan’s dream

The MIAA men’s cross country Jamboree will be held at Hope’s home course, Ridge Point Church. The Dutchmen will enter the meet with high expectations following a second place finish in 2005 and improvements at the Sept. 16 Calvin Invite. The top finishers for Hope at Calvin were Robert Bailey (’08), 23 (26:18) and Seth Wenes (’09), 25 (26:21). Ridge Point Church is located at 340 140th Ave.

The Dutch finished second in the 2005 MIAA Jamboree and are looking to improve upon that performance Saturday. They finished eighth overall at the Calvin Invite Sept. 16, led by performances from Leslie Tableman (’07), 19 (19:24), Kate Freshour (’09), 25 (19:43) and Alison Meurer (’07), 44 (20:35). The meet will be held at Ridge Point Church, located at 340 140th Ave.

The home opener for the Hope football team will feature the Dutchmen against Wheaton. The Dutchmen enter the game following their Sept. 16 game against DePauw which resulted in a 14-23 defeat. Defensive end Matt Rugenstein was named all MIAA player of the week following his performance against DePauw. This week’s game will be played at Holland Municipal Stadium, located on 16th and Fairbanks.

DIII FINAL FOUR COMING TO HOPE

Jenny Cencer

The eyes of sports fans nationwide will be drawn to Hope when the women’s NCAA basketball championships come to campus. Hope will have the honor of hosting the Division III final four tournaments in March of 2008 and 2009.

“Hope College is delighted to be given the privilege of hosting an event of this caliber for the NCAA,” said Eva Dean Folkert, director of women’s athletics.

Holland residents and business owners are also thrilled with the opportunity. "They have entrusted a major championship to our care, and we are confident that with the outstanding quality of our new DeVos Fieldhouse, the commitment of Hope College personnel and the support of the Holland community, we can deliver an unforgettable experience for those student-athletes who earn the right to come here to play for a national title,” Folkert said.

“Hope and Holland basketball fans are undoubtedly the best in the country, and we know they will embrace this event because these are young women playing college basketball at a high level,” Folkert said. “We just have to look to last season’s success of our own Hope women’s team to prove that. It is exciting to know that now that kind of talent will be coming to Hope and Holland.”

Last spring, the Flying Dutch (33-1) were 14-0 at DeVos. Hope averaged more than 1,300 fans per home game. Official Division III attendance figures for 2005-06 have not been announced by the NCAA, but Hope’s average is greater than that of any Division III team since data was first gathered in the 1980s.

The last time the Flying Dutch hosted the championships, they played at the Holland Civic Center, where they won the 1999 national trophy.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Women’s Soccer vs. North Central Sept. 27, 4:30 p.m. - DeVos Athletic Field.

WOMEN’S GOLF

The women’s golf season has been on hold due to a rain-out of the Sept. 13 MIAA Jamboree.

VOLLEYBALL

The Flying Dutch traveled to Ohio Sept. 15 and 16 to compete in the Border Battle tournament. They came out of the weekend with victories over Denison and nationally ranked Ohio Northern, but lost to Capitol and Wittenberg. The tournament brought the teams overall record to 6-4.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team recorded their first win of the year on Sept. 13, defeating Aquinas 3-2. They were defeated twice over the weekend against Wooster and Kenyon. The Lady Dutch hold a 1-4-1 record.

MEN’S GOLF

The men’s golf team continued their strong season with a dominant first place on Sept. 12, followed by a strong second on Sept. 16 in MIAA action. Thanks to those performances, the Dutchmen currently hold a 18 stroke lead in the MIAA.