Remembering Sam and Karen

Department of Education ties for first in state

Jayni Juedes
Guest Writer

Hope College’s Department of Education tied for first place in the state of Michigan along with Oakland University. The ranking is done by the Michigan Department of Education and is heavily based on the percentage of students that pass the teacher certification test.

Hope received 68 out of a possible 70 points, earning full marks for students passing the test. The two points lost were for diversity, an area that Hope is always trying to improve. However, improvement is not easy.

“The entire state is competing for those students and faculty to meet diversity requirements,” said Education Department Chairman Richard Mezeske.

While the Education Department’s goal was to meet the satisfactory state requirements, they are committed to continually improving the education program at Hope College.

“We’re delighted with the results, they are absolutely terrific,” said Mezeske. “But we have no intention of resting on our accomplishment. Instead, we will continue to improve.”

In addition to 12 full-time faculty members and their support staff, the department also includes 400-500 students per semester, with 150-170 taking the teacher certification test each year. These students play an active part in the ranking results.

While the percentage of students who earn their certification factors in, so does their opinion. The state surveys student teachers about the program they underwent, and after being sent to the state, responses are returned to Hope College. The department then makes changes based on those responses.

“We take the state and federal certification requirements very seriously, working with a long-term focus to ensure that we meet them,” said Mezeske.

One of the measures taken to help ensure the success of graduating education students is the implementation of field placements with each education class taken. This means that students get classroom experience before their senior year student teaching.

The Education Department also integrates instructional technology and computers in the classrooms. This program is constantly evolving as each incoming class has more technological knowledge than the last.

“We are very pleased to be on top in the ranking and on a campus that is so supportive,” said Mezeske. “And we plan to retain that high ranking.”

Hope changes Orientation for freshmen

Kevin Souby
Guest Writer

This year’s freshmen class was the first to experience what may become the new form of Hope College Orientation, which implements a greater emphasis on the academic components of college life.

Over the summer, all incoming freshmen students were required to read “Stealing Buddha’s Dinner,” a personal memoir of a Vietnamese immigrant. The author, Bich Minh Nguyen, concluded Orientation and the discussions of her book by speaking at Dimnent Chapel, where she read excerpts from the book, answered questions, and talked about her experiences.

The purpose of the move by Hope to incorporate a book into Orientation 2007 was to try and improve the academic side of Orientation and the campus itself.

The National Survey of Student Engagement, recently conducted on campus, found that the level of intellectual engagement, particularly outside the classroom, was lacking.

The changes to Orientation were part of a large, nationwide campaign at liberal arts institutions of higher learning.

The program was spurred by a grant from the Teagle Foundation to Phi Beta Kappa, who in turn allocated the money to liberal arts programs at only 11 institutions in the United States. Here at Hope, the goals of the program were to “promote conversation and deliberation about some of the big issues facing our time, and we thought that this book would raise issues like immigration and cultural and religious differences” said Jack Mulder, Hope College Assistant Director of Student Engagement.

“Remembering — On Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m., several students and faculty congregated on the stage of Dimnent Chapel to share stories and remember the lives of Karen Linder (’10) and Sam Meengs (’10), who passed away in August. The Anchor has published contributed stories in honor of Sam and Karen. See page 2 for a memorial.”

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Remembering Sam and Karen

Karen Linder and Sam Meens can only be described as a truly kindest, gentlest and just all around cutest couple. Put these two amazing people in the same room and you were ask- ing for some hilarious stories. One of the sto- ries that especially comes to mind happened when Karen, Jeannie Oxendine (’10), and I were roommates living in Dykstra.

A few months into Sam and Karen’s grow- ing relationship, Sam came over to watch a movie with all of us in our dorm room. When the movie was over, neither Karen nor Sam came out of the room for the night to end. Karen, with what she thought to be a stroke of roman- tic genius, asked Sam to dance with her. I pret- ty much melted at the extreme cuteness of the moment, but didn’t help but feel this burst of spontaneity could get awkward real fast if the two continued to dance in silence. So, be- ing the romantic I am, I quickly put together a slow dance playlist on my iTunes for the two to listen to. After a few songs, almost all of which Karen knew the words to, there came on a classic Backstreet Boys ballad. To our surprise, Sam began to sing the words, pretty passionately, to Karen. If you knew Sam at all, or had heard his singing, you will know that his talents did not lie in the realm of singing. But it didn’t matter to either one of them. Kar- en just looked up in Sam’s eyes and you could almost see her heart melting. They danced like that for almost two hours, with Karen and Sam turning taking singing the songs they knew and humming to the ones they didn’t. I saved that playback of that moment always knew where to find it on my computer.

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Laura Strzitke, Guest Writer

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Sam and I were the only two divers for Hope’s swimming and diving team. Sam was the special kind of person that was friendly to ev- eryone that he met. I remember when I was a bad day or if something was bothering me, he would always make me feel better. If I was struggling through a dive he would wa- it until his partner ended to watch me. He would encourage me to keep going at that specific dive. Sam and I had a contest every meet to see who could beat one another. It really made compet- ing fun because we got so into it.

When I would tell Sam that he would always tell me that he would get me next time. Sam was also known for smacking the water a lot when trying new dives. He was such a brave person and I always looked forward to go- ing to practice to see the next crazy thing he would do.

Being the only two divers, Sam and I grew very close during the season. It was almost like he was the brother that I never had. When I found out the news the morning after the ac- cident, I was devastated. I did not know what to do, think, or do. I was completely numb. All I could think about was “why them?”

Karen and Sam were two of the nicest people that I have ever known. I still have not overcome the shock and it is constantly on my mind. I just expect to wake up from this tragic dream.

The first time I stepped onto the diving board this year it really hit me: Things are not going to be like they were last year. I am going to miss Sam not only for his sincerity, but also for his big sense of humor. He could brighten up anyone’s day. There will always be an empty spot in the diving well for him, and there will always be a spot in my heart for him.

This year I am the only diver at Hope, but I am not going to be diving for only myself; I am going to be diving for Sam as well.

Heather Urrling (’09)

Karen Linder

I lived next door to Karen all of freshman year. Not only did we hang out every day and every night, but we also were in dance classes and dance pieces together. Needless to say, we spent most of our time together. Naturally all of this closeness brought on arguments, and we had our fair share of arguments. Howev- er, we were extremely close. I wouldn’t even consider speaking to anyone as much as I would con- sider her a sister.

One of my favorite stories about Karen is the night she decided to go from blonde to brunette. Karen had been contemplating this change for a while, but when the time came for her to actually follow through, she wanted to back out. Being the caring and supportive friends we were, we told her that she had committed, so she had to do it. We bought dye and got her back to our bathroom in Dykstra where we presently wrapped a towel around her shoulders and got to work.

“You guys know what you’re doing, right?” she shrieked at one point. “Oh yeah! I’ve done this so many times,” Andrea replied. Of course the second Karen put her head back down Andrea shook her head no and moaned “I have no idea what I am doing!”

Overall, it was a successful night. Although at one point we had her convinced that her hair was purple (and I have never heard that much screaming out of a girl who was just dying her hair), it turned out a gorgeous Auburn shade that we all were quite jealous of.

This story is just one of many about Karen. She was an amazing girl and not a day goes by that I don’t think about her. I miss her face, her smile, and her laugh. I would give any- thing to have her back, even if just to yell at her to stop being such a hypochondriac. My only solace is that she is in heaven now danc- ing among the stars. I know that she is look- ing down at me and although I have lost one of my best friends, I have gained a guardian angel. I miss you Karen.

Jennifer Kolba (’10)

In Brief

OTIS NAMED DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ED
Amy Otis of the Hope College staff has been promoted to director of international education at the college.

Otis has been a member of the international education staff at Hope since 1996, serving most recently as associate director.

Otis joined the staff shortly after graduating from college with a German major, serving initially as office manager and coordinator of the language programs. She was promoted to assistant director in 2002 and associate director in 2006.

International education has been a component of a Hope education since shortly after the college’s founding in 1866. The office of international education was formally established in April 1965.

MORTAR BOARD EARNS MULTIPLE HONORS
The Alcor chapter of Mortar Board at Hope College received multiple honors during the national organization’s annual conference in Ohio this summer.

Dr. Diane Portelle of the Hope English faculty, who is one of the chapter’s two advisors, received one of three “Excellence in Advising” awards presented nationwide. For the second consecutive year, the chapter received both the “Golden Torch Award” and the “Project Excellence Award.”

Hope’s chapter was one of 27 recipients of the “Golden Torch Award,” which honors chapters that have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership and service.

In addition, Hope’s chapter was one of the top five “Golden Torch Award” recipients, and was one of the five finalists for the national “Ruth Weimer Junior Chapter Excellence Award.”

STUDENTS GIVEN MIP’S
On Saturday, Sept. 8, several dozen Hope College students were involved in an off-campus alcohol bust. All reported by the Holland Police Department responding to a noise violation, the bust resulted in multiple Minor In Possession charges. According to Campus Safety, 24 students were issued MIPs by HPD.

Also on Saturday, 11 students were issued MIPs in various on- campus incidents.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican support for the Iraq war remained on shaky ground in Congress but wasn’t lost after a four-star general recommended keeping some 130,000 U.S. troops in the country through next summer.

With Gen. David Petraeus scheduled to testify Tuesday before Senate committees heavy with 2008 presidential candidates, many rank-and-file Republicans said they still were uneasy about the lack of political progress in Iraq. They also remained reluctant to embrace legislation ordering troops home by next spring, increasing the likelihood that Democrats will have to soften their approach if they want to pass an anti-war proposal.

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If a number of Democratic presidential candidates keep their promises, Michiganders could be seeing much less of them in the coming months. Presidential hopefuls Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Barack Obama and Bill Richardson have signed the “Four State Pledge,” vowing not to campaign in states that schedule their primaries or caucuses before Feb. 5, 2008 — Michigan being one — with the exception of the four traditional first states of Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

On Aug. 31, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation that scheduled a joint, state primary for Jan. 15, 2008. That would place the Michigan primary a week earlier than the New Hampshire primary and just one day after the Iowa caucus.

Immediately after Granholm signed the law into effect, Michi- gan Democratic Party officials issued a statement announcing their intention to comply with the Jan. 15 date. Florida, which scheduled its primary for Jan. 29, is facing sanctions by the Democratic National Committee that would strip the state of its delegates to the national convention.

If state officials do not change the date, Michigan voters could see a similar fate. The pledges of many of the candidates not to campaign in the two states could give Michigan and Florida an even less significant role in the Democratic presidential nomination process.

Kevin Soubly
guest writer

This past week Iran’s Presi- dent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that his country had reached 3000 nuclear centrifuges, a key goal in their nuclear advancement program. Despite his claims, The International Atomic Energy Agency says the number is closer to 2000.

This May, Iran announced it has recently announced they have over 54,000 centrifuges, and the IAEA had estimated that only 950,000 tons to completely and irreversibly dismantle its entire nuclear program. After the international meeting, both sides seemed to agree that a compromise had been reached but the United States ambassador emphasized the timeline which they had agreed, where- as the North Korean envoy mentioned no dates.

In return for the dismantling of their nuclear program, North Korea has received 50,000 tons of heavy fuel from Seoul and will receive the equivalent to another 950,000 tons to completely and irreversibly dismantle its entire nuclear program.

George Khoury (‘08) and Andrew Khoury (‘08), international stu- dents and citizens of Palestine and South Korea, respectively, were interviewed for their opinion of the recent circumstances. Khoury, although aware of Ah- madinejad’s wish to “wipe Israel off the map,” sees no threat from Iran towards the Middle East or even the Western World. In his opinion, despite what- ever Iran’s President might out- wardly boast, Ahmadinejad’s personal beliefs and wishes would not be capable of suf- ficiently influencing the Iranian state to the point that any un- provoked nuclear military ac- tion would be taken. Further, he sees Iran as struggling to regain their identity and firm structure, which has been ques- tionable since their revolution in 1979.

“Perhaps Iran is seeking to re- gain some of their national pride through developing nuclear ca- pacity” said Khoury. Similarly, Lee saw North Ko- rea as conducting similar actions in search for a remedy to their current horrible economic posi- tion. Although he is relieved that his northern neighbor has agreed to dismantle their program, he confirmed that he and other South Koreans are still tense.

“Every year, there’s some- thing new,” Lee said.
Koresh Dance Company

Kara Sheter Guest Writer

Holland’s Herrick Public Library will host a duet concert on Sunday, Sept. 30 featuring Hope faculty member Dr. Andrew Le on the piano and former Hope faculty member Dr. Jennifer Walvoord on the violin. Le is a professor of piano in the Music department at Hope. The time of the concert was unavailable as of press time. The two will perform Beethoven’s Last Sonata for Violin and Piano in G major, Op. 96 as well as Poulenc’s Sonata for Violin and Piano and the Heifetz transcription of the Gershwin Preludes. The Poulenc piece is “an energetic, viscerally exciting work that, inexplicably, not many musicians know,” Le said. “The slow middle movement of this Sonata has got to be some of the most gorgeous music ever penned. It never fails to please.” Le is confident that the performance will appeal to those without a background in music. “The Beethoven is a supreme example of the composer’s lyrical abilities,” he said. “The Poulenc is not too long in duration but has a great balance of sublime poetry and rollicking fun. The Gershwin just grooves!”

This concert has special significance for another non-musical reason: the performers are newly engaged to be married. “We’ve recently started rehearsing, but have admittedly been a bit distracted by discussing plans for our wedding next summer” Le said. Le and Walvoord both recently finished their musical doctorates. Says Le., “It is quite a load off our shoulders...although, it does feel strange to not be in school for the first time in twenty-some years.”

The concert is one of a series hosted by the library throughout the year. The performances occur on Sundays and are free to the public.

**Koresh Dance Company**

Eric Fornter Guest Writer

Hope College will commence the Great Performance Series for fall 2007 with the internationally acclaimed Koresh Dance Company.

The Philadelphia-based troupe will perform “Looking Back: The Music of the 40s and 50s” and “Hidden Drives” Sept. 14-15 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Theatre. Romen Koresh, Israeli-born founder of Koresh Dance Company, is a distinguished choreographer and artistic director. Since 1991, Koresh Dance Company has given innovative and riveting contemporary performances combining jazz, modern dance, and ballet.

For tickets, contact the DeVos Ticket Office at tickets@hope.edu or by phone at 395-7890. For more information, visit koreshdance.org.

**POISE — Philadelphia’s Koresh Dance Company has been hailed as an extraordinary and vital force in the dance world. Founded in 1991 by Israeli-born choreographer and artistic director Romen Koresh, this troupe presents its audiences with an exciting and emotional blend of ballet, modern and jazz, molded into a style of choreography that is both eloquent and explosive.**

**Nykerc Hall welcomes two new faces**

Eric Fornter Guest Writer

This year Hope College welcomes both Professor Robert Southard and his wife, Sarah, to the Music Department. Southard, a professional flutist, is the Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Bands and leads the instrumental section of the Music Education program. In the past, he performed with the Madison Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin and was a semi-finalist in the Artist’s Competition for the National Flute Association. Southard received his bachelor’s of music in flute performance from Ithaca College. Before coming to Hope, Southard taught at the University of Michigan in Flint and then went on to finish his doctorate at Michigan State.

When asked what drew him to Hope Southard said, “The music department at Hope has a very good reputation and being able to interact with students in a personal atmosphere is the most uplifting aspect of teaching and performing.” Additionally, he, “found the historic Christian mission of the college appealing.”

One of Southard’s goals for the upcoming semester includes expanding the band’s repertoire. Southard will incorporate 20th-century pieces from various international composers to enhance the Music of the 40s and 50s performed Sept. 14-15 at the DeVitt Theatre.

**This Week in Art**

**Wednesday**

Ballet Club 8-10 p.m. at the Dew Cool Beans Coffeehouse Entertainment 7:30 p.m. at the Kletz, sponsored by SAC

**Friday**

Campus Movie 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight in VanderWeert 102; sponsored by SAC

**Coresh Dance Company**

Koresh Dance Company 7:30 p.m. in Dewitt Theater; part of the Great Performance Series

**Comedian Lynn Trefzger**

9:30 p.m. in the Kletz

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**Monday**

Cornelius Eady 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater; part of the Jack Red Visiting Writers Series; the Hope College Jazz Ensemble opens at 6:30 p.m. Free to the public.

**Gospel Choir**

7 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel

**Tuesday**

**Visiting Artist: Ballet Folklorico “Quetzalli”**

7:30 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater. Tickets: $14 Adults, $10 Senior Citizens, $6 Children

**Ongoing Events**

“Artist/Designer” Exhibition. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays in De Pree Art Gallery

**In Brief**

VWS: Cornelius Eady

Eady will read in the Knickerbocker Theater on Monday Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. He is a playwright and the author of six books of poetry, and his work also appears in many journals, magazines, and anthologies. Novelist Bebe Moore Campbell has noted that “Eady fuses headlines and history with language that is a field holder, a blues shout, a hip hop rap that combusts inside the soul and keeps on burning.” Admission is free.

**MEXICAN BALLET COMPANY FOLKLORICO TO PERFORM**

The internationally renowned Mexican dance group Ballet Folklorico “Quetzalli” de Veracruz will perform on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knick. The group’s visual festa of culture and folklore features many regional dances of old Mexico. The music, performed live on authentic stringed instruments, punctuates the meticulous movement, colorful clothing and perfect pulse established by the dancers. Tickets are $14 for adults, $10 for seniors and $6 for children.
Have you Heard?

Julie Kocsis reviews Rilo Kiley's Under the Blacklight

“I thought it was a mistake. I thought they would take it back. And then I wondered who was the first band that they actually wanted to be on the cover of Spin Magazine and why it didn’t work out. Did they die unexpectedly?” said Rilo Kiley front-woman Jenny Lewis during a recent photo shoot for Spin Magazine. Released Aug. 20 was Rilo Kiley’s album, “Under the Blacklight.” This CD, the Los Angeles-based band’s fourth studio album, is their first on a major record label. Thematicallly, this album does an excellent job of describing suburban L.A.

“I think if I grew up in Flint, Michigan, I might be writing about the auto industry,” said Lewis. “It so happens I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles. So I write about the things that I observe around me.”

Although this album didn’t make the greatest first impression, after a few listens it certainly grew on me. The first track on the album, “Silver Lining,” makes a solid introduction to the album, showing a bit of what’s to come: strong drum beats, Lewis’ sweet, clear voice and some great lyrics. “Breakin Up,” one of the strongest songs on the album, has a kind of 70s throw-back feel to it. With prominent bass playing, this track sounds a bit like a Fleetwood Mac song set to a club beat. Another track, “Smoke Detector,” is also a bit of an old-school song with fun, early-Beatles guitar and some 60s go-go dancer clapping.

Although this album features many fun pop songs, it can be viewed a bit differently in terms of lyrical content. A few of the songs are not quite so G-rated and have more mature themes like the adult film industry and underage sex.

All in all, this is an excellent album which I highly recommend buying. Reviews published here are reflections of the opinions of the individual writers and not necessarily of the Anchor staff as a whole.

Theater open season with ‘Nina Variations’ Oct. 5-6

Michelle Read

Guest Writer

Hope Theatre is all set for another year. Auditions are already over for both fall performances; the actors and crew are just getting started.

This fall their efforts will go toward two dramatic comedies: “The Nina Variations,” a modern interpretation of Chekhov’s “The Seagull,” and “By the Bog of Cats,” the creation of contemporary Irish playwright Marina Carr.

Theatregoers can look forward to Pulitzer Prize-winning “Crimes of the Heart” and the very funny “Much Ado About Nothing” in the spring. Apart from these main shows, the department has many events planned including student-directed scenes, guest productions and field trips. The Hope theatre programs continue to grow every year. The department, which started as a subset of the English department, gained its autonomy in 1968 and has provided continuous quality artistry and social broadening for Hope students.

Theatre department strongly encourages student attendance. Anyone wishing to stay up-to-date with theater events can sign up for the electronic newsletter, or check posters and bulletin boards. Anyone is also welcome to the department meetings and student forums.

“By the Bog of Cats” will show Nov. 16-17 and 28-30. “The Nina Variations” will be playing Oct. 5-6 and 10-13 at 8 p.m. Student and senior tickets are $4, faculty $5, and adults $7. “By the Bog of Cats” will show Nov. 16-17 and 28-30.

Nykerk Hall welcomes two new faces: Gabe and Sarah Southard join music staff

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Students’ awareness of musical diversity and “expand the audiences’ ears” through a variety of programs. When asked to describe his art using one word, Southard said, “inspiring.” His aim to help students establish and achieve new goals, such as having the band compete in region-
al and national conferences and performing in different locales, is not surprising.

In addition to conducting, Southard is an avid performer and will give a solo recital in the spring, including a duet with his wife.

Sarah Southard has joined the Hope Music Department as part-time faculty member. This semester, she will teach oboe students and Music Appreciation 101. In addition to her involvement at Hope, Southard actively performs in Michigan with groups like the Midland, Sager, Lansing and Jackson Symphony orchestras.

In October, Southard will also perform with the Holland Symphony Orchestra.

Her impressive background includes performing with groups such as: the New World Symphony Orchestra in Miami, Fla.; the Cincinnati Opera Orchestra in Cincinnati, Ohio; and the Madison Symphony and Chamber Orchestras in Madison, Wis.

As a soloist, Southard has performed with orchestras in England, Italy and Scotland. She received her master’s degree in music from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory. Currently, she is working on her dissertation and will graduate in the spring.

“Everyone has been very helpful and welcoming, and we especially like how music and the arts are incorporated at the college,” Southard said. “Music has always been an integral part of our lives, and we are thrilled to be sharing our gifts with others at Hope College!”

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HOW SAFE ARE YOU?:

Ashley DeVoecht  ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

“Earlier today, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University community suffered the loss of several of their own. We join the Virginia Tech community in grieving the senseless act and extend our prayers that God hold the family, friends and loved ones of the victims in the palm of His hand.”

On Monday, April 16, John Johnow’s words of sympathy scattered across campus as students, left in shock, imagined themselves in the shoes of those at Virginia Tech.

Now, more months later, students wonder what Hope College is doing to protect students from the same type of attack.

No one is certain what caused the attacks at Virginia Tech. Some people blame teachers and students for not doing more about Seung Hui Cho’s strange behavior and violent writings in class.

Not so, says English Department Chair David Klooster.

“The English faculty at Virginia Tech had done the right things — identified the problem and removed the student from classes, alerted authorities, campus safety. They had done what we felt a faculty member could do,” Klooster said.

Others say that the school had no real plan of action in case this type of tragedy occurred and wasn’t completely secure.

“The school could have protected better. I mean, that kid got into the dorm — something needed to be done,” Melissa Dollislager (’08) said.

Still, others are convinced that Cho was mentally ill and that the shootings would have gone on regardless.

“Virginia Tech was a case of a mentally ill student who just lost it,” Erika English (’09) said.

“It had nothing to do with the school, administration or the student body. It all had to do with one student and his problem.”

Hope’s Plan

So what does this mean for Hope? How can we learn from Virginia Tech to prevent an attack on Hope’s campus?

Richard Frost, dean of students, has been tackling these questions since the shooting last April.

“(The shootings) reinforced our need to be vigilant collectively in terms of the different offices that work with students to monitor behavior and to identify students who may be having difficulties,” Frost said.

The English Department has held several meetings dealing specifically with violent writings within English classes. One meeting occurred well before the Virginia Tech shootings, and one directly following.

“It hit close to home for us in the English department. It was so painful to know that the shooter was an English major,” Klooster said.

Klooster said that the English Department at Hope strives to respect students’ right to freedom of speech in creative writing classes, yet has a responsibility to protect campus.

“We don’t want to censor students,” he said. “The creative process must be open and free. Art must deal with troublesome topics. We have not instated new policies as a result of the Virginia Tech shootings, but we did clarify the responsibilities of professors to intervene early at the first sign of trouble.”

Frost has also been evaluating various technological warning systems to decide which would best fit Hope’s campus. Text messaging warning systems, classroom monitors and numerous security systems have all been considered. For now, Frost has decided on the quickest and most effective way to convey important security announcements to students.

“One of the things we’re looking at is what kind of technology would be the best kind of assistance. We feel — from looking at the numbers in terms of student hits — that by using KnowHope and putting information on there quickly and effectively, students know about things fairly quickly,” Frost said.

Of course the administration can’t plan for everything.

“For us it’s a matter of each situation is going to be responded to differently. What we’ve tried to do is anticipate different kinds of threats. Each situation has different scenarios,” Frost said.

Students’ View

Many students aren’t certain KnowHope is the best notification system.

“I go days without checking KnowHope. I check my e-mail before I check KnowHope. They have fire and tornado sirens — why can’t they have some sort of emergency alert system?” English said.

In other aspects of campus security, students are confident they’re safe.

“I do feel safe, considering Holland is the fourth safest city in the nation. I don’t worry too much,” English said. This information was reported in an e-mail from the administration sent to students April 25.

Dollislager, now in her third year working as RA, sees a significant change in campus safety compared to previous years.

“I’m in somewhat of a leadership position, and I know they’ve made huge leaps and bounds to try to protect students. I think it’s really difficult to be prepared for everything,” Dollislager said.

Whose Job?

“You can’t just rely on Campus Safety to keep you safe,” English said. “It starts with the student body to make smart decisions — looking out for the community and our campus. It’s the faculty’s job to look out for students — that’s part of why they’re here. It’s the administration’s job to look out for the well-being of the campus. It’s Campus Safety’s job to maintain the difference.”

So how can students play their part in keeping campus safe?

“All buildings are locked intentionally, so don’t prop doors, don’t let people in who don’t have ID’s and don’t let people in who shouldn’t be there,” Frost said.

When you’re out and about and you see something suspicious, please share that with Campus Safety so that they know that they need to come and investigate or they need to follow up on it. Don’t assume someone else is going to do it.”

A new year at Virginia Tech

Samuel Baker  STAFF WRITER

So the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, colleges across the country have been working to improve security.

Virginia Tech commissioned an in-depth study of its security in hopes of preventing any sort of similar event. Campus officials are still in the process of implementing security, as the study results were not released until August 22.

An August 27 article published by the Virginia Tech student web news cites a number of new security measures including classroom doors being locked during class time, increased usage of the ID access system campus-wide and an alert system that allows students to be directly notified of campus announcements by e-mail, text messaging, AIM or phone.

A summary of the security report published by USA Today on Aug. 23 recommended more ways to increase campus security including constructing a building to combine the campus police and rescue squad, message boards in classrooms and other high-traffic areas, video surveillance and increasing the number of emergency drills.

Universities across the country, including Virginia Tech, are looking to prevent future tragedies by improving their counseling services. Newsweek recently reported that the University of Virginia now has more than three times as many counseling appointments as in 2001.

Many times, as in the Virginia Tech tragedy, faculty and administration know part of an individual’s problems, but no one understands the whole picture. Newsweek stated that many schools are working on increasing interdepartmental communica-

With classes back in session, Hope makes efforts to protect students
CIS should schedule around night classes

To the Editor:

The Hope College Critical Issues Symposium prides itself on being an integral part of the college’s academic landscape. According to the Critical Issues Symposium website, “Hope College takes this academic endeavor seriously enough to cancel classes for one day each fall in order to allow the campus community to fully participate in examining the topic at hand.”

Why then is the most widely attended CIS event, the keynote speaker, scheduled to take place in the Chapel on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. while night classes are happening throughout campus? I understand that most night classes only meet once a week, so missing or canceling one class is equivalent to missing multiple classes, but why not schedule the keynote address to be held on Oct. 5, the day all classes have not been canceled? Yes, I know that the schedule for Oct. 3 is full of other speakers and events, but moving the nation in a transcript of the first keynote address will allow us to hear different views on religion and democracy by the grace of Allah, the able — by the grace of Allah, the Muslims fighting in a war or in involved in any other struggle. Counterterror and intelligence officials confirmed it was bin Laden on the tape, which they said appears to have been recently made. Bin Laden mentions the Aug. 6, 2001, attack of the World War II bombing of Hiroshima, and includes British Prime Minister Gordon Brown among leaders of the West with a “Fahrenheit disregard for the intellectuals of human beings.” Brown became prime minister in 1997.

Several current and former government officials said bin Laden’s speech may have been at least partially written by 28-year-old Adam Gadahn, an American charged with treason and supporting terrorism for serving as an al-Qaida propagandist. Authorities believe Gadahn tries to recruit support through videos and messages posted on the Internet. Bin Laden mocks the democracy of government in the United States, calling the nation “unjust,” the transcript shows. At one point, he jeers President Bush’s alliance with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki; at another he singles out Vice President Dick Cheney for former Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and former Pentagon adviser Richard Perle as neoconservatives.

In the speech, bin Laden references the attacks on New York and Washington several times, gloating about policy changes by the U.S. government in response. “Nineteen young men were able — by the grace of Allah, the Most High — to change the direction of its compass,” bin Laden says of the nation in a transcript of the video obtained by The Associated Press.

“Since the 11th, many of America’s cities have undergone the influence of the Mujahedeen,” bin Laden says. “And as a result, the people discovered the truth about it; its reputation worsened, its prestige was broken globally and it was blud dead economically.”

In pursuing knowledge

Emily Papple

A big lesson from my little sister

How often in the past two-and-a-half weeks have you honestly thought: “I really don’t want to study, do my homework, read that textbook, I just don’t want to write that paper right now.” How many times have you checked your course syllabus’s attendance requirements to see if it would be okay for you to take an “excused” absence and stay up a bit later and sleep through that first morning class?

I will admit, since classes started I have noticed my thoughts have been drifting out the library doors, away from my literature readings, down the sidewalk and to the ice-cream shop all too frequently.

However, somewhere between that last vanilla milkshake and my literature reading, I realized I can’t have a phone conversation with my little sister.

She had just returned home from her first day of high school and she was more than eager to share ALL of the details with me. While she made sure to tell me about the cute boy in her English class and french fries at lunch, she also told me about the new Spanish book she had to read for the afternoon, her visit to the school’s library and her crazy geography teacher.

I will admit, in her voice it made it clear that she was excited to go to school the next day. She was not only excited to see that cute boy in her English class, but she was also excited to tell me about the new Spanish book she had to read for the afternoon, her visit to the school’s library and her crazy geography teacher.

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any coded messages, department spokesman Russ Knocke said. But the department has found no credible information of an imminent threat to the homeland.

The nation’s threat level remains the same — elevated for the nation and high for the aviation sector.

“Our strategic threat assessment is that we are in a period of increased risk,” Knocke said. “We continue to call for heightened vigilance by authorities at all levels, as well as by the American public, and we remind everyone that if they see something, please say something.”

China exchange program broadens philosophy department

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Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

Respect refuse: Recycle! and coming to terms with PRS

They destroyed my elementary school last week.

So far, every school I have ever attended has been closed or demolished: Dondero High, Keller Middle, and now Whittier Elementary. Even Sonshine Preschool has closed its doors. (Dang: the future isn’t looking good for Hope.)

It’s okay; they’re only buildings and playgrounds — just like how it’s fine to discard an old Bible because it’s only some ink-splattered pages glued together. I still have memories: the burn of that old jungle-gym on sunny afternoons, getting kicked out of Ms. McKeown’s class for talking, the smell of the band room. I’m a little sad, because a part of me always wanted to someday show my kids where I went to school — to point at the shadow of that old oak: “That’s where Jason Stortz beat me up because Dan Mahrle spit in his hat.” “Course, they took out that tree years ago, but you get the idea.

To me, the real tragedy of Whittier’s destruction is not sentimental — it’s the loss of possibilities of what to do with that old building! I always dreamed of converting it into a house or a palace for the Hapsburgs. And the pictures of the demolition show these gigantic I-beams that could be turned into wrought iron gates or a hundred anvils, at least. I saw all that wasted material and a part of my heart fell away.

You see, I suffer from PRS: Pack-Rat Syndrome. Symptoms include, but are not limited to: owning shoeboxes full of metal scraps and Scabbable tiles, dumpster diving for scrap (a daily occurrence), cannibalizing parts from broken belts, watch bands, and pairs of pants.

The causes of PRS are many. First, genetics. Grandpa Lowe is infamous for his junk room and lifting grandchildren into dumpsters to gather garbage, and Grandpa Benson’s hands created: he built rocking horses and clocks.

A dangerous mix.

The other cause is training. In kindergarten we had a shelf of trash that could be made into anything, like airplanes and athen I’ve made three pairs of shoes from cardboard, four khaki-pant bracelets; a clock from a dining-room chair; and more. (You wouldn’t believe how many girls have swooned after unwrapping a gift constructed from some twine, two pop cans and a little bit of hot glue!)

Simply put: you see junk, while I see what it could become. I want to save everything, because everything has an afterlife.

If I was a studio art major, my concentration would be recycling.

I fight the disease — each time I visit home I throw away another pile. Keeping all that crap is not practical and it takes up valuable space.

I always keep some rubbish, of course; like the back of a desk chair (taken from Dondero; it could make a great stool some day). Because I can’t just stop. That would be like Ms. Sable the lunch lady telling Eric Bachus and me, “No pretending!” as we fought with light sabers during recess in fourth grade — ridiculous. PRS is a part of my identity. It’s what I do. And tough cookies, it’s going to stay that way.

Dedicated to my sister, who begs me to toss everything, and my dad, who’d say this would make a great sermon illustration about grace. To join the PRS support group, write to jeremy.benson@hope.edu or anchor@hope.edu.

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DANDAVATI NAMED HEAD OF WOMEN’S STUDIES

Lyn Vanderson
Guest Writer

In August 2007, Hope College named Professor Annie Dandavati the new director of women’s studies. Dandavati began teaching at Hope in 1992 as an assistant professor and became a full professor in 2005. She has done an immense amount of research on the economic development and democratization of women. Dandavati has taught classes in political science and studied global feminisms such as women’s work, the impact of globalization on women and women’s rights in different countries.

Growing up in India, Dandavati has always had an interest in women’s studies. Her main areas of interests include the intersection of gender and government in Latin America, India, and Africa.

“The program has been in very good hands for the past years and about a year ago we were approved to offer a major in women’s studies,” Dandavati said. “I hope to mainstream the program...I don’t want it to stand to the side or as an appendage.”

About 52 percent of people in the world are women. “It is not as though only women need to know about women’s studies, everyone needs to know about it,” Dandavati said. “I would encourage students to take a class where they might sharpen their thinking and critical skills.”

Dandavati said, “It is important for students to open their eyes.” Dandavati’s classes build intercultural competency, and she plans to move women’s studies into the next level, offering even more opportunities such as programming for students who are interested in joining the Peace Corps or doing international work.

On Sept. 17th, Dandavati will be showing a new DVD titled “Running in High Heels” which focuses on women running for election. Following the movie, Dandavati will be leading a discussion. She will also be having a focus session for women’s studies at the Critical Issues Symposium, looking at the issue of immigration and how it impacts women.

Dandavati encourages students to take a look at the women’s studies program and to open to speaking with interested students. She also encourages students to look at the women’s studies webpage for links to student led organizations and more information. Her office is located in Lubbers 203.

“I think that (the questions the women’s studies major raises) ask students to de-center and look at things from another person’s point of view. They often challenge the status quo and the hierarchies of power. They ask, how does gender affect our lives and how did it get to be that way?” said Jane Dickie, the previous women’s studies director, in an interview with the Anchor last year.

NEW LEADERSHIP— Annie Dandavati discusses her hopes and dreams for the Women’s Studies program, following her appointment as the director of the program.

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Orientation promotes dialogue

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Professor of Philosophy.

So why choose “Stealing Buddha’s Dinner” or even a book at all?

“In part, every campus has the issues of there being so much activity that it’s hard to get people to come to lectures. So we tried to have something that would have significant student involvement,” said Kristen Johnson, Hope College associate director of The CrossRoads Project. “We want the Hope community to be a welcoming place where we do take the time to hear each others’ stories,” she added.

There are already obvious signs of the program’s success—during the summer, not only did most of the freshmen read the book, but also some of the staff, faculty, and even upper-classmen took the time to experience Nguyen’s memoir.

Some have even posted “Stealing Buddha’s Dinner” on Facebook as one of their favorite books.

When asked about next year’s Orientation and whether a similar program would be implemented for the class of 2012, Johnson hinted that “conversations are happening.”

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FOOTBALL LOOKING FOR COMEBACK

Gordie Fall

Coming into this season, the Hope College football team had high expectations. Similar to last year, Hope has begun its season with a losing record, despite the preseason conference polls. Street and Smith’s, a distinguished national sports print magazine, ranked Hope 19th among all Division III teams. Hope was also picked unanimously to win the conference in the 12 of 13 votes at the conference’s Media Day earlier this summer.

However, this season is taking shape just like last season at this time. Last year, despite winning the conference, Hope was 0-3 in non-conference play. Through two non-conference games, Hope is 0-2. First, Hope lost to UW-River Falls, by a score of 24-52. The game was largely decided in the first half, with Hope down 3-33.

On Sept. 8, Community Day, Hope lost to Central Iowa, 17-36. Before the third largest crowd in the history of Holland Municipal Stadium, Hope took a 17-14 lead into halftime. In the second half, Hope quarterback Jake Manning (’09) went down with a separated ankle and missed the third quarter. From that point, the game started to get away from Hope, as Central Iowa put up 22 straight points to win 36-17.

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Despite two losses, team members are not down on themselves.

“We are definitely not dejected by any means,” Manning said. “We have been here before, and like any good team, we need to learn how to pull ourselves out of a hole.”

Last year’s poor start combined with lots returning players should help the team prepare for another successful MIAA season. We have a lot of veterans and maturity on our team and know how to battle back and keep our composure and perspective on things,” Manning said.

On the topic of the ball rankings, Manning explained the team has never based a season on pre-season rankings.

“We never put much emphasis on the pre-season polls,” Manning said. “They haven’t been accurate for the MIAA projections since I’ve been here. Hopefully they are right this year, though.”

This coming weekend, the Flying Dutchmen have a bye, before playing Wheaton College on Sept. 22 at Wheaton. The team opens its conference schedule at Albion College on Sept. 29.

CUTTING THROUGH CENTRAL— Hope College running back Brent Jones (’10) runs through Central Iowa’s defense in Saturday’s game. Hope lost 27-36 to fall to 0-2 on the season.

Alcohol and athletes:

What all Hope College athletes should know

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Hope’s policy changed for the 2007-2008 season. Last year, athletes, who were minors, caught drinking out of season faced a mandatory suspension. With the change, minors caught drinking out of season no longer face a mandatory punishment as dictated by the former policy. Instead, the severity of punishment (if any is administered) is totally determined by the coach.

“I think it softens our policy a little bit,” Smith said. “But we trust this policy has enough teeth in it to discourage our students from drinking.”

Even with this change, athletes should realize if they are caught with drugs or alcohol in season they will face a mandatory punishment as stated in Hope’s policy.

In Smith’s experience, most of the individuals caught are not incorrigible students; rather, they are often influenced by the upperclassmen or leaders of their team.

“If freshmen and sophomores see the leaders of the team drinking they are a lot more likely to take part,” Smith said. “We would like a perfect record, but we know we have a party culture out there.”

However, transfers and freshmen should not be totally new to a drug and alcohol policy. High schools and other colleges also enforce similar policies.

“Interestingly enough, a lot of students say their high school policy was a lot tougher than this one,” Smith said.

Over the years, Smith has witnessed the progression from the policy’s beginning until now.

“At one time we didn’t even have a policy,” Smith said. “Each coach created a policy for his/her sport. After much discussion we felt we needed an umbrella for all of Hope’s student athletes.”

That umbrella led to the creation of Hope’s drug and alcohol policy. The policy is still reviewed annually by coaches and students and this year’s change will be evaluated in April.

“This policy is not cast in concrete,” Smith said. “We will try it for a year. It’s telling student athletes we listen to them.”

Despite this year’s change in policy, Hope athletes should consider the how they may affect their peers, bodies and team if they decide to drink.

“It’s not a student’s right to play but a privilege,” Smith said. “We believe sport adds so much more to the student athletes’ experience.”

Cutting through Central—Hope College running back Brent Jones (’10) runs through Central Iowa’s defense in Saturday’s game. Hope lost 27-36 to fall to 0-2 on the season.

Men’s Golf

The Hope College men’s golf team played in its second MIAA tournament yesterday. The Dutch were out of two strokes behind first-round leader Olivet College. Olivet extended its lead to 10 strokes by posting a team total of 295, while Hope shot 303.

Brock Gleedall of Olivet had a bye, before playing Wheaton College on Sept. 22 at Wheaton. The team opens its conference schedule at Albion College on Sept. 29.

Women’s Golf

The Hope College women’s golf team remained in fourth place after its second round of conference play. The Flying Dutch claimed their first MIAA title.

On Tuesday, Hope shot a team total of 349, which included Julie Hoogerhyde’s (’08) runner-up finish with 81 strokes. Other notable Hope scores included Katie Blodgett 88 (’11), Cassie Sneller 89 (’10), Clare Hubbard 91 (’11) and Cassie Hildebrandt 93 (’08).

After the team’s second MIAA tournament, Olivet has extended its lead on the Dutch to 13 shots. Hope will play in the Kalamazoo Invitational on Sept. 17 at Eastern Hills Golf Club.

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Football: Drew Wegelson Senior linebacker

Men’s Soccer: Michael Amerman Senior goalkeeper

Volleyball: Nora Slenk Junior outside hitter
Baseball, softball teams to sport new stadiums

Amanda Gerentz
Guest Writer

"We are all filled with tremendous excitement" said Karla Wolters when she spoke of the new softball field renovations.

For the 2008 season both the baseball team and the softball team will be playing in their very own stadiums. Renovations include adding permanent seating for fans, a new press box, and new dugouts. For the softball team, it also means a permanent home run fence. Both stadiums are going to remain at their present locations, though the softball stadium is going to be moved out away from the trees.

Renovations are scheduled to be completed in mid-November. The new baseball stadium, which is being named Boeve Baseball Stadium, will seat 300 and Wolters Softball Stadium will seat 250. The stadiums are going to have a huge impact on the teams and the fans. "It’s special to play in a stadium," Wolters said. Fans will have the luxury of permanent seating in both stadiums, adding to the excited atmosphere that comes with playing in a stadium.

"I was blown away. It’s humbling, overwhelming, and very exciting," said Wolters when asked how it felt to have a stadium named after her and her husband. This spring will be Wolters’ 21st year as the Flying Dutch head softball coach. The new baseball stadium will be named after Ronald and Sunny Boeve.

Ron has been an assistant coach for the Flying Dutchmen baseball team for over 25 years. He has served under three different head coaches, including current head coach Stu Fritz.

Athlete profile: Jackie Ellis (’10), cross country

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It is one race into the season, and Hope College’s women’s cross country team already has an individual champion for the year.

Sophomore Jackie Ellis won the Vanderbilt Invitational’s women’s 3K race with a time of 19:37, her first career race victory and her own personal record. The team finished second overall.

For Ellis, the victory was a major milestone for her running career, having never before won a race outright. Participating in cross country since the 8th grade, Ellis has been running for years and was born into a running family. Ellis started running because both of her parents were collegiate runners. Despite having a familial legacy in the sport of cross country, there was no pressure on Ellis to run. Ellis made the decision to run of her own accord. She ran in high school and is now in her second season as part of Hope’s cross country team.

"I don’t expect to be the #1 runner all year," Ellis said. She also says she “has lots of great teammates” and that the victory “builds a lot of confidence” for the rest of the season.

Ellis is a business and exercise science major, with a minor in communication. When not running, she stays connected to her teammates with the team Bible study, which she plans on leading this year.

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