Remembering Sam and Karen

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Sam Meenks

Sam and I were the only two divers for Hope’s swimming and diving team. Sam was a special kind of person that was friendly to everyone that he met. I remember when I was having 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 wait after his practice ended to watch me. He would encourage me to keep trying that specific dive. Sam and I had a constant every meet to see who could beat one another. It really made competing fun because we got so into it. When I had a bad meet 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 going 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 accident, I was devastated. I did not know what to 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 want 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. Be not going to be diving for only myself; I am going to be diving for Sam as well.

Heather Urling (’09)

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. However, we were extremely close. I wouldn’t even consider not knowing as much as I would consider 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.

“Yeah 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 moathed “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 anything 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 dancing among the stars. I know that she is looking 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)

Karen Linder

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I loved Sam and Karen very much. I don’t go a day, and most days not a minute, without missing them. It’s good to know that many have loved and known Sam and Karen, and that we will never be alone in our mourning. God’s love is sufficient. He will be there and grant us his grace everywhere in increments that are just enough to keep us faithful, yet still allowing us to grow stronger and continue to move on. What happened cannot be justified or even seem fair, but talking about memories like these help everyone understand that wonderful people will never go unremembered. God Bless.

Andrea Schmidt (’10)

Laura Stritske

GUEST WRITER

Sam and Karen Meenks can only be described as the cutest, geese and just all around cutest couple. Put these two amazing people in the same room and you were asking for some hilarious stories. One of the stories that specifically comes to mind happened when Karen, Jeanne Oxendine (’10), and I were roommates living in Dykstra.

A few months into Sam and Karen’s growing 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 had thought for the night to end. Karen, in her typical way, had with what she thought to be a stroke of romantic genius, asked Sam to dance with her. I pretty much melted at the extreme cuteness of the whole scene, but didn’t help but feel this burst of spontaneity could get awkward fast if the two continued to dance in silence. So, being 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, Karen 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. Karen 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 taking turns singing the songs they knew and humming to the ones they didn’t. I saved that playlist on my iPhone and I now know where to find it on my computer.

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CRAIG TO RESIGN AMID SCANDAL CHARGE

Brian McLellan
Senior Staff Writer

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, announced Tuesday his intent to resign on Sept. 30, following his Aug. 8 guilty plea to misde-meanor disorderly conduct. In exchange for his guilty plea, prosecutors dropped a gross mis-deemeanor charge of interference with police officers.

"Senator Craig made the right decision for himself, his family, his constituents and the U.S. Senate," said House spokesman Scott Stanzel.

Craig has since filed to withdraw his guilty plea, claiming he was in a state of panic at the time. His case will be heard on Sept. 26.

The Associated Press reports that Craig's spokesman stated the senator is unlikely to finish his third term unless the court moves quickly to overturn Craig's conviction. It is unclear how the hearing date will affect Craig's plans.

According to CNN, Craig told police officers, "I am not gay. I don't do these kinds of things."

In the police report Karsnia filed, for about two minutes Craig allegedly looked at his own hands, "fidget with his fingers" and look into Karsnia's stall. Craig then entered the stall next to Karsnia and placed his bag at the front of his stall, obscuring the view into the stall.

"My experience has shown that individuals engaging in lewd conduct use their bags to block the view from the front of their stall," Karsnia stated in his report. "From my seated position, I person by person wishing to engage in lewd conduct. Craig tapped his feet several times and moved his hands behind his bag during the hours. Craig tapped his right foot. I recognized this as a signal used to kick the habit even harder."

AP Photo/Elise Burschen, Joe Jaszewski

IDENTIFICATION OF THE VIDEO

"I'M NOT GAY." — Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, left, speaks to reporters, with his wife Suzanne Aug. 8, in Boise, Idaho.

(BIN LADEN RELEASES TWO TAPES)

(AP) — A new Osama bin Laden videotape released Tuesday on the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks shows one of the suicide hijackers speaking his last will and testament into the camera as his image is superimposed upon an image of a burning World Trade Center.

The videotape had not yet been posted on extremist web sites. That is because the monitoring group in suburban Washington, said it had obtained the videotape privately and provided it to Associated Press Television News.

The video began with a still photo of bin Laden in front of a large crowd of people, and a voiceover, is heard saying: "This talk of mine consists of some reflections on the will of a young man who personally perpetrated the most extreme degrees of danger and is a rarity among men: one of the 19 champions (mujahideen) who have mercy on them all."

Then, the videotape appears of Sept. 11 hijacker Walid al-Shehri, who was aboard American Airlines Flight 11 that hit the World Trade Center.

"You come at you from your front and back, your right and left," al-Shehri said in the tape, asserting that America would suffer the same fate as the Soviet Union.

Bush responds to bin Laden's first video

President Bush said Osama bin Laden's mention of the Iraq war in his video message is a reminder of al-Qaida's long-term objectives in Iraq and of the "dangerous world in which we live."

Iraq is part of this war against extremists," Bush said in a rare response to a message from the terrorist leader. "He orders his followers to commit acts of terrorism. He threatens violence against the American people and the United States government in the United States.

Bush attended a summit of Pacific Rim leaders in Sydney, Australia, said: "The tape is a reminder about the dangerous world in which we live, and it's a reminder that we must work together to protect our people against these extremists who murder the innocent in order to achieve their political objectives."

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BIN LADEN'S VIDEO TAPES

Bin Laden's video, part of which was broadcast by Al Jazeera television, emerged just days before the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In a 30-minute speech addressed to Americans, bin Laden mocks the democratic system of government in the United States and lambastes the Bush administration for initiating the war in Iraq.

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Minister Shinzo Abe.

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In BRIEF

 Blessed be the Anchor

REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR IRAQ WAR ON SHAKY GROUND

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.

SMOKING MAY CAUSE DEPRESSION

(AP) — More than one in 10 pregnant women smoke, and new research suggests many of them also may suffer from depression, making kicking the habit even harder.

The emerging science suggests that decades-old “quit for your baby” messages are too simplistic — an approach for many women — and that perhaps prenatal checkups should include screening pregnant smokers for mental health disorders that themselves require care.

In BRIEF

ENROLLMENT REMEMBER 9/11 —

I visited ground zero six months after the attacks and saw the horrible destruction of it. That’s when it really hit me. I think it’s important that we always do something to remember Sept. 11, 2001.

-Meghan Fore (’10)

Even though I am not American, Sept. 11 felt real because my mom was in the U.S. at that time. While she wasn’t necessarily close to the exact location, I was a little nervous knowing that mom was surrounded by chaos and possibly danger.

-Beaul Pandian (’08)

It was a tough subject and a terrifying time that I hope never happens again. I remember some kids not coming to school because they had relatives from the area and even who worked in the towers, which was very sad.

-Matt Anderson (’09)

I remember sitting in the cafeteria with my entire middle school and hearing some of the teachers sobbing. I think I was too much in a state of shock to be emotional, but I remember thinking constantly afterwards: “What kind of people could take the lives of so many they don’t even know?” Looking back, I had no idea of the magnitude of the attacks — the events that would follow. Then again, who did?

-Kevin Raley (’10)

I remember feeling like it was just an average day — nothing out of the ordinary happened to me, but I watched horrible things happen to others. I didn’t know how to feel, or what to do. It was a very sad day — because I felt helpless, like I couldn’t do anything.

-Christina Tassoni (’10)
IRAN, NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN FLUX

Kevin Soobly

This past week Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that his country had reached 3000 nuclear centrifuges, a key goal in their nuclear advancement towards the capability to produce nuclear weapons. Ahmadinejad’s statements come after North Korea began dismantling its nuclear program. However, the world is skeptical about the timeline and the sincerity of North Korea’s intentions.

Ahmadinejad’s statement is likely aimed at increasing tensions with the West, specifically the United States and Israel. The international community has imposed sanctions on Iran to prevent them from developing nuclear weapons. The United Nations Security Council has passed resolutions calling for Iran to halt its nuclear program.

North Korea, on the other hand, is currently negotiating with the United States and South Korea to dismantle its nuclear facilities. The goal is to achieve complete denuclearization and ensure peace and stability on the Korean peninsula. The negotiations have been ongoing since 2002, with several rounds of talks and agreements signed. However, progress has been slow, and the nuclear situation remains volatile.

The United Nations and the United States are closely monitoring developments on the Korean peninsula. They hope for a peaceful solution that respects the rights of all parties involved. The international community is working together to ensure that the Korean peninsula is not only non-nuclear but also free of nuclear weapon-related activities.

Both Iran and North Korea are members of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. However, their nuclear programs raise concerns about their intentions and compliance with international laws and agreements.
**Koresh Dance Company**

**Erie Fortner**  
**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. Ronen 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.

### This Week in Art

**Wednesday**

- **Ballet Club**  
  8:10 p.m. at the Dew

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

- **Campus Movie**  
  3 p.m. in VanderWerf 102; sponsored by SAC

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

- **Gospel Choir**  
  7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel

**Saturday**

- **Themes and Variations**
  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 hold, 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 Nick. The group’s visual fiesta 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.

**Prof couple to perform duets**

Kara Sheltor  
**Guest Writer**

Holland’s Herrick Public Library will host a duet concert on Sunday, Sept. 30 featuring Hope faculty member Dr. Andrew Southard 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.

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This year Hope College welcomed two new faces: 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 Piccolo at 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 performance.
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.

Thematically, 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 Linings,” 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.


### HOW SAFE ARE YOU?

**Ashley DeVocht**

**ASSISTANT 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 Johnoson’s words of sympathy scattered across campus as students, left in shock, imagined themselves in the shoes of those at Virginia Tech.

Now, five 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 Hi 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 seemed 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 sure of itself.

“The school could have protected students 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 do clarify the responsibilities of professors to intervene early at the first sign of trouble.”

Frost has also been evaluating various technological warning systems, classroom monitors and numerous security systems have all been considered. For now KnowHope was decided on as 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 being different,” Frost said.

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 IDs 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.”

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*Updated for the October 2007 issue*
In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Pappel

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 to stay up a bit later and sleep through that first morning class? I will tell you, certainly 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 should have stopped. I should have 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 visit to the school’s library and her geography teacher.

But the tone in her voice 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 go to school the next day.

This made me think about my own studies. It made me wonder why recently I haven’t been interested in all of the thoughts that are art and set on a thin extrados to the coffee shop. I thought of Karen and Sam who no longer get to write thirty-page-long term papers.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not saying that fun is not important, but that could spend the rest of your semester in the library with your nose in a dusty book. All I am suggesting is that next week think about being eager to go to your 8 a.m. class or think about being excited to finish your homework.

Consider this quote by John Lennon: “Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans...” Don’t let your curiosity and enthusiasm just happen; make something of this time. Emily was amazed to learn this week that giant spider crabs, the report states, the world that

China exchange program broadens philosophy department

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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, awareness by the American public, and remind everyone that if they see something, please say something.”

In the speech, bin Laden references the attacks on New York and Washington several times, alternating between policy changes by the U.S. government and 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 speech obtained by The Associated Press.

“Since the 11th, many of Amer- ica’s allies have had to come under the influence of the Mujaheddin,” 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 blidly economically
canceled.” Yes, I know that the schedule for Oct. 3 is full of other speakers and events, but moving my math class only once class on Oct. 1, will not be enough.

The first keynote speaker of the CIS usually sets the tone of the sym- posium, exciting students to attend later sessions. However, those students who have not class that they have a night class on Oct. 2nd will be missing out on the memorable learning experience offered by the CIS.

As a student who will be sitting in class on Oct. 2, I believe that the keynote speaker will be at least par- tially written by 28-year-old Adam Gadahn, an American charged with treason and supporting ter- rorist for serving as an al-Qaida propagandist. Authorities believe Gadahn tries to recruit support- ers through videos and messages posted on the Internet.

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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: Dondoro High, Keller Middle, and now Whittier Elementary. Even Sonshine Preschool has closed its doors. (Dang: the future isn’t Elementary. Even Sonshine Preschool has been closed or demolished: Dondero last week.

It’s okay; they’re only buildings and playgrounds — just like how it’s fine to looking good for Hope.)

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 Scrabble 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 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.

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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.

“Women’s studies has always been located in the Office of Multicultural Affairs,” 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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Gordie Fall
Guest Writer

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 preview magazine, ranked Hope 19th among all Division III teams. Hope was also picked unanimously to win the conference polls. The conference received 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 shoulder in 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.

Despite two losses, team members are not down on themselves. “We are definitely not depressed by any means,” Manning said. “We have been here before, and unlike 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 poll 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.

### Alcohol and athletes:

**Nick Hinke
Sports Editor**

Most Hope College athletes face troubles with injuries, stress or time management. However, nothing can ruin a season like drug and alcohol use. Why is this a problem, and how is it administered by coaches? Men’s athletic director Ray Smith spoke at the meeting to inform Hope’s student athletes.

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“While this is a problem, and what we hope that athletes need to know about the administration of drug and alcohol policy is dictated by the former policy. Instead, the severity of punishment (if any is administered) is totally determined by the coach. “In a way 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.

“Interestingly, the NCAA asked every school to have a drug and alcohol policy for all its student athletes.”

Interestingly, each MIAA school crafts its own policy.”

### What all Hope College athletes should know:

**Hope College drug & alcohol policy changes**

Last spring Hope College administration and student athletes made a change to Hope’s drug and alcohol policy. The policy’s change is explained below and outlined in more detail in this year’s student handbook.

**New Policy**

The new policy states student athletes less than 21 years old caught drinking alcohol out of season do not face a mandatory suspension outlined by the policy.

*This policy change will be reviewed in April 2008*
Baseball, softball teams to sport new stadiums

Amanda Gerenz
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

Gordie Fall
Guest Writer

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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