Hope swaps shuttle vans for bus

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A diesel engine grinds its way down the asphalt, block after block. At each posted sign, brakes screech and squeal to a halt. A new vehicle has taken the Hope College campus by storm. It is the shuttle bus, rolling into town to replace the fleet of smaller shuttle vans that have previously carted Hope students and faculty from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Proudly striped with the college’s signature orange and blue, it can be seen (and heard) seven days a week tracing a carefully predetermined route around the main campus landmarks.

“The idea for a shuttle bus first came up in a discussion between the college’s transportation supervisor, Bill Marcus, and me about vehicle needs on campus,” Maybury said. “The new system will be a hassle by comparison. Rather than being driven immediately from point A to point B, passengers must bide time in their seats while the bus follows the prescribed path. For example, a trip from the Knickerbocker Theatre on 8th Street to a cottage on 14th Street would take perhaps 10 minutes by foot. The same bus ride, however, takes about 40 minutes, looping first up to the apartments on 16th Street and then down Fairbanks Avenue to stop at the DeVos Fieldhouse. “Some of the stops were at very, very random places,” Megan Pitzer (‘09) said. After waiting half an hour one evening at the marked stop, Pitzer experienced the circuitous route described above.

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This is the new system provides a regular schedule for students to use when planning trips across campus,” Maybury said. The new bus has four video cameras providing more security for student riders and has radio communication with Campus Safety as it makes its scheduled rounds.

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While you were out: Campus renovations

Emily West
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Spring semester, Hope College students received an email that addressed the cost of tuition for the upcoming academic year. The numbers brought the total tuition cost to $32,570. Room and board alone totaled $7,650. With full enrollment, over 3,000 students, some might wonder just how and where that money is spent.

Every year Hope budgets approximately $2.5 million for roofing, painting, furniture, equipment, plumbing, electrical, and safety issues, stated the Summer 2008 Presidential Update. A majority of these costly projects go largely unnoticed.

One project that the administration was most excited about was the renovation of Kollen Hall. Director of Operations Greg Maybury put the cost of the Kollen project at $900,000.

Jim Brown of the Physical Plant said that the hall received many refurbished items along with all new carpeting, ceramic tiling, vinyl flooring, bed frames, chairs, mattresses, lounge furniture, paint, windows near interior and exterior doors. Brown also noted a new electric fireplace.

“We want (Hope) to be a pleasant, exciting and vibrant place to live.” — Jim Brown

Several study areas in Kollen were enhanced, including an addition of white marker boards to the new study places in the basement and a more comfortable arrangement in the library, according to Jobson.

“Maybury said that major building projects are part of a strategic plan, a plan made by the Board of Directors as they look forward to the next 10-20 years.”

“Last year brought in 9.5 million in requests and we were able to fund about $2.8 million,” he said. According to Maybury, there are times when a donor comes forward with a particular interest; such was the case with the $5.7 million Graves Hall Restoration project, according to a Hope press release. Therefore, the restoration of Hope’s third oldest building does not take away from the budgeted capital.

With students continuing to bring refrigerators, computers, televisions and multiple other electricity-required devices, Scott, Wyckoff and Lichly residence halls received major electrical service to meeting the growing demands, Brown said.

Also, a federal mandate for the new T8 florescent lighting required Hope to remove the old fixtures and replace them with the new, more energy efficient lights in multiple residence halls, academic buildings and offices according to Brown.

“(Students pay a lot of money to go here) and we want to be good stewards with that money,” Brown said.
Hope student works as page at Republican National Convention

Sam Ogles
National News Assistant Editor

The Anchor’s Taylor Hughes is currently attending the Republican National Convention and was interviewed about her experience by Sam Ogles.

Q: What is the purpose of the convention?
A: It used to be that the convention actually decided the presidential nominee. But today, mostly it is about getting together as Republicans, deciding what the party stands for, and getting excited about the general election, ceremoniously confirming the presumptive Republican nominee – John McCain. It’s a lot of tradition, but also a lot of practical tasks for keeping the party on track and for preparing for the general election.

Q: Who attends the convention?
A: Delegates and their families. A lot of people can attend, but you can’t be on the floor unless you’re a delegate, staff, or press. The delegates are comprised of elected officials, party officials, and important figures for the party.

Q: What are you doing at the convention?
A: I’m working as a page. We do a lot of meet and greet with important figures, charity work such as dedicating a home to a veteran who served in Iraq (Homes for Our Troops), and we do a lot of material distribution to the delegates before and during the convention. Two of us are chosen from each state, and I was lucky enough to be one of them. We listen to a lot of speakers on issues ranging from the future of politics to young voters. We also volunteer with the ONE Campaign and for global poverty. A perk is that we also get to meet a few celebrities such as Jon Voight.

Q: Are most people (at the convention) excited about the upcoming presidential vote?
A: I know a lot of people are excited about her. She brings something new to the table and complements McCain really well in a lot of ways. But there is also some hesitation because she isn’t well known and has a lot of areas open for attack by critics. In the end though, I think that the RNC, page 4

Conflict in Georgia brings presidential claims

Amanda Gernert
National News Assistant Editor

It has been common knowledge to everyone since the start of the Olympic Games in Beijing that Russia invaded the Republic of Georgia on the day of the Opening Ceremonies. But, is that really what happened? It seemed like that conflict came out of the nowhere, but that is not the case. There are many issues involved that can’t be answered right away, and they shed new light on the Russia/Georgia conflict.

On Friday, Aug. 8, news broke that Russia had invaded, and there was deadly clashing of the two countries’ forces. Russia was blamed for starting the conflict, but what the general public does not realize is that Georgia attacked Russian separatists in the region of South Ossetia, which is technically within the borders of Georgia. After Georgia attacked on Aug. 7, Russia proceeded to invade the country.

The regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia both declared themselves independent in the 1990’s, right around the time of the fall of the Soviet Union. Since then, both regions have been dependent on Russian aid, and both use the Russian ruble as their currency. The people that live there are able to vote in Russian elections and are considered citizens of Russia (Russian authorities). Georgia, though, has not yet allowed the two regions to break free from its borders, refusing independence.

In an attempt to end the fighting and “save human lives,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced on Aug. 26 that he recognized South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent. That move further escalated the rising tension between Russia and other Western countries, including the United States.

On top of that, on Aug. 28 Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin accused the United States of orchestrating the conflict, in effect to benefit a presidential candidate. However, after being pressed about that comment, Putin could not reveal any evidence to back up his claim, nor which candidate it was meant to benefit.

Georgia, which has been seeking to become a member of both the European Union and NATO, has further denied the independence of its two rebel regions. In recent days, NATO has formed the NATO-Georgia Commission, where they hope to aid Georgia’s acceptance into NATO.

The United States, among other countries, has rejected Russia’s assertion of independence as well, stating that Medvedev’s declaration was in direct violation of the cease-fire between Russia and Georgia.

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Vice presidential selections Biden and Palin add new dynamic to campaigns

Hope student experiences Republican National Convention

Georgian conflict complicated by contradictory claims
Taylor 2 kicks off Great Performance Series

Bria Berger
Assistant Arts Editor

The Great Performance Series kicks off its six-event schedule on Sept. 4 and 5 at the Knickerbocker Theatre with a two-day production from Taylor 2 Dance. Taylor 2 Dance is a six-person dance company that has toured the United States, created a strong fan base in New York, and went on a government-sponsored tour of six African countries. Explosive, dynamic and artistic, Taylor 2 Dance promises an exciting first performance for this spectacular series. The Great Performance Series has been bringing an eclectic mix of dance, musical, and theatrical groups to the Hope community for over 30 years and has an impressive lineup scheduled for the 2008-2009 season. From dance companies to string quartets to Shakespeare comedy productions, the Great Performance Series is the one-stop shop for creative and artistic performances.

On Oct. 17 at Dimnent Chapel, Hope hosts the quirky Synnergy Brass Quintet, a young group known for their wild antics - shooting fireworks out of their instruments, setting off fog machines during their performances are some of their better known shenanigans - and classical style. Featuring solid brass, and explosives, the Synergy Brass Quintet brings an exciting collaborative partnership for the Holland Community. CityMusic Cleveland continues the tradition of innovative groups in the Great Performance Series. A young traveling chamber orchestra from Ohio, the talented musicians are ambitiously extending their musical prowess outside of Cleveland for their first tour throughout the Midwest and will be stopping by Hope on Nov. 6.

Taking a southern spin, the Chucho Valdes Trio is heating up January with spicy Cuban soul. Infusing Afro Cuban music and jazz into classical composition, the trio brings a fun, yet creative blend of music to the Holland community. The Chucho Valdes Trio is slated to play on Jan. 16.

The first theatrical production of the 2008-2009 Great Performance Series, the Aquila Theatre is presenting two different and time-honored productions on Feb. 13-14. First up is "The Bridge" the classic tale of Achilles and the Trojan War. Watch as the Greeks attempt to conquer Troy and as Achilles tries to conquer his handsome. The following night, the Aquila Theatre will showcase the Aquila Theatre and Side with Shake-speare’s "The Comedy of Errors," a farcical play riddled with slapstick humor, puns, and mistaken identities.

Quartet San Francisco wraps up the successful series on March 31. A Grammy-nominated group for best classical crossover recording in 2006 and 2007, Quartet San Francisco brings musical diversity to the 2008-2009 season of GPS. Experienced in everything from jazz to blues to big band and bluegrass, Quartet San Francisco is one group you can’t afford to miss.

Series tickets and individual tickets for the Great Performance Series are now available by calling (616) 395-7890 or stopping by the ticket office in the DeVos Field house between 10am to 5pm. For more information about the GPS performers, please visit www.hope.edu/gps.

This Week in Art

Thursday September 4
Taylor 2 Dance Company
First performance of Great Performance Series, 7:30 p.m. at Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 admission for students.

Friday September 5
Shell Games: The Work of Ken Little
Exhibit featured in DeVos Art Center
Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Taylor 2 Dance Company
7:30 p.m. at Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 admission for students

Saturday September 6
"Birdland"
Featuring watercolors and prints by Charmaine Kaptur
South Haven Center for the Arts

Sunday September 7
The Paintings of William Hubliak
Focusing on tribal scenes and portraits from Michigan Indians Museum hours: Mon, Wed-Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5, closed Tues.
84 admission for students

Holland Museums

In Brief

Jack Rdl Visiting Writers Series Announces Season

A diverse and decorated lineup of writers has been announced as guests for the 2008-2009 season of the Jack Rdl Visiting Writers Series. The Visiting Writers Series has brought exceptionally talented writers to speak before Hope College since 1982. Joyce Carol Oates, William Stafford and Billy Collins are just a few of the talented writers who have visited Hope in past years. In addition to bringing Hope students with a chance to hear authors give readings of their work, admission is always free and the readings are open to the public at the Knickerbocker Theatre. Many writers are also available for question-and-answer sessions before their readings.

This fall, visiting writers include Anthony Doerr on Sept. 25, Ander Monson and Andy Motz on Oct. 27, and Toni Blackman on Nov. 18.

The Visiting Writers Series is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Life, the English Department, the Cultural Affairs Committee, the Women's Issues Organization and many other Hope College organizations.

All readings begin at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre and are introduced by the Hope College Jazz Ensemble at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.hope.edu/vws.

My Dance: Dance Revolution

Bria Berger
Assistant Arts Editor

The first day of classes, I woke up anxious and jittery. As I was packing my big red bag with textbooks, pencils and notebooks, I also tossed in a brand new pair of ballet shoes and an old pair of tights. This semester I decided to take Jazz I and Modern I in addition to my academic classes to challenge my academic class and expand my limited horizons. Hope College has a leg up on many other liberal arts colleges in the Midwest by being fully accredited by the National Association of Schools in Dance, an impressive task for a small school that is also exceptionally strong in academic courses.

But what exactly was I getting myself into, being a klutz non-dancer? My Jazz I professor, Amanda Smith-Heynen, said most non-dance majors take dance after seeing a performance that sparks an interest or to fulfill a general education requirement. She also said she actually prefers teaching beginning dancers.

"I think beginning dance is easier to teach because there’s a blank slate. There’s not as much old material to get in the way or muscle memory to fight."

My first day in dance was a blur of bevels, dress requirements and floor-to-ceiling mirrors. The students in my first class included former gymnasts, musical theater majors and many students who were stepping into a dance studio for the very first time. Gathered in half-hearted circles, we talked more than we moved, which Smith-Heynen says is common.

"For experienced dancers, not having every minute of the class can be strange: Upper-level classes don’t always like to stop and break things down. You have to get into a place where you’re not afraid to refine and actually become aware of yourself."

For students looking to take a dance class for the first time, it’s recommended that you take a class at an appropriate level for your ability and also plan on working hard, though Smith-Heynen says the work will be vastly different than normal academic classes.

"There’s so much work for a beginning one-credit class. You’re working two or three days a week and you really put yourself out there, physically learning all this new stuff, mentally and emotionally making changes, just not physical take-home assignments. You have to try to process that information in different ways then you’re used to.

So do I have a chance of becoming the next winner of “So You Think You Can Dance,” or at least a backup dancer in a music video? Smith-Heynen says she’s seen dozens of beginning dancers become enthralled in half dance and pursue it as a major or minor, becoming successful dancers and choreographers afterwards.

"There are a lot of students that come here with not that much background and succeed. Enthusiasm, coordination and ability can beat technical ability. If you have that passion and drive, you can accomplish anything."
Spilling the truth about oil:

Brittany Adams & Maggie Almdale

Feature Editor

Oil: A Condensed History

Oil is formed by aquatic plants and animals getting trapped under massive amounts of clay. As these substances decompose, they gather together into mud, and pressure and heat eventually cause the mud to change into oil. Dr. Graham Peaslee of Hope’s chemistry department said that oil we use now is actually formed millions of years ago.

While oil has been used for ages in various ways, it didn’t become the dominating industry that it presently is until 1859, when E.I. Drake of Pennsylvania found a way to drill for oil. For a while, it was mainly used to light lamps, but the invention of the gasoline engine sparked the transportation industry and oil has been addictive ever since.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller entered the scene with his infamous Standard Oil Company of Ohio and ended up establishing a monopoly of the industry. The company shattered into many of today’s popular oil companies in 1911. His ways of conducting business led to the passing of many laws to reform the industry.

Then, in 1950, the oil industry changed again, as OPEC was created. It was meant to benefit the oil-producing nations, and as a result, prices rose—especially during a third important oil event, the oil embargo of 1973. Oil was first drilled for by 1973 and the end of the oil supply. Therefore, we don’t have how much oil in left in these major reserves.

The Department of the Petroleum Exporting Countries claims that at least half of the oil reserves are in the Middle East. However, consumption is also very high, since transportation costs are very high. The book “Energy and Power” predicts that oil could be completely gone by 2025. Therefore, oil could be gone sooner than we thought.

“We’re not talking about your grandchildren, we’re talking about you!” Peaslee said. See www.hubbervil,

the good, the bad and the greasy

Obama and McCain on Oil and Energy

Obama’s Stance:

• In the span of 10 years, will put the US on track for not needing oil from both the Middle East and Venezuela
• By 2013, I have 1 million plug-in cars on roads
• Push for domestic production of oil and natural gas
• Push construction of the Alaskan Natural Gas pipeline
• Will make 10% of our electricity come from renewable sources by 2012, 25% by 2025

McCain’s Stance:

• Wants to reduce the US dependency on foreign oil and investigate our own oil reserves
• Supports drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf (77 trillion cubic feet of natural gas)
• Wants to further investigate alcohol-based fuels such as ethanol and in reducing our need of gasoline
• Will utilize CAFE standards: the mileage-per-gallon requirements that many auto-producers ignore
• Will make 10% of our electricity come from renewable sources by 2012, 25% by 2025

According to Dr. Steven Bonna-Prediger, head of Hope’s religion department, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the biggest controversy surrounding oil in the U.S. Those in favor of drilling in the refuge say that the nation has vast amounts of oil and natural gas, and production is up and the resources are plentiful. However, consumption as of 2007, according to the Energy Information Agency, is already up by 22.8 percent of our energy consumption. Bonna-Prediger pointed out that while oil is more abundant than coal and is leading toward the environment, it is still the most renewable source of energy.

“Wind and solar have everything the others don’t: abundance, safety and environmental friendliness. For these reasons, Bonna-Prediger sees them as the future of energy. However, as Peaslee said, there is yet to be a way for them to meet our consumption levels.”

“Anything we’re doing now is sticking our head in the sand and the rest of the world is laughing at us.”

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—Dr. Graham Peaslee on the urgency for a new energy source

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Change for tradition’s sake

Ashley DeVecht

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

I think Hope students have forgotten how the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution reads. Or maybe we’ve just forgotten the true importance of these words; many shed blood so that we could live in a truly free society.

And not only have we forgotten, we’ve taken this all for granted. Do you realize there are countries where speaking out against the authority is punishable by death? And do you know that there are governments that refuse to allow people to gather together as one voice?

I’ve been listening this last week to the grumbling that has gone on about the new form of transportation on campus. Students complain amongst themselves. They watch in disgust as the shuttle bus drives by empty. Students create Facebook groups like “Hope College is Encouraging Students to Get Raped,” suggesting that we boycott. I doubt boycotting will do anything more than encourage the administration to get rid of a transportation system all together.

It’s pathetic. What good is grumbling going to do? No one of authority is going to see your sad attempt at protest on Facebook. Nothing is going to change because no one is taking a stand. No one has said, “This isn’t right.”

So I will. The shuttle bus is not working. Take a look, it’s almost always empty. Students aren’t riding it. Why? Because it’s not safe to wait at an unlit bus stop at 1 a.m. Because the bus stops only twice an hour. Because in the time it takes to walk to the bus stop, you might as well have walked home.

What does this mean? It means students are walking everywhere on campus alone. It means those who have been drinking are driving drunk and in effect endangering everyone else. It means students who do wait for the bus are easy targets for rape (after all, the schedule would be easy for a predator to observe and predict).

But one voice speaking out isn’t enough. My mom always said, “If you’re not a part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.” She comes from an era of rioters and bra burners — a decade in which freedom of speech had reached its peak, a time when the people took freedom, liberty, and change into their own hands. The devil’s greatest victory will come when people’s perception of Jesus is so skewed and far from the truth that we would rather be accepted by others than seek to love Him better. He is not dead! Nor should the hearts of His followers be, either.

So let us start the year with life in mind, keeping with the gift of Jesus Christ, who said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” We have been shown incomparable kindness, so why not pass it on? We have been forgiven, so let us love greatly.

Bryant is a complete Narnia nerd. Shoot him an email if you’re interested in joining the Narnia book club that meets on Monday nights.

Prune juice and diplomas

RJ Casey

Gotta Stay Positive

When I was a young child a place called Leaps and Bounds was my mecca. Looking back on it now, it could have probably been considered a poor man’s Discovery Zone or, at worst, a sweat-soaked collection of plastic nooks and crannies indefinitely growing bacteria that was spread by the knee areas of my Oshkosh jeans. But all rationale beside, these were our fifty tubes. They were home to birthday parties, duct taped water beds, static electricity, and even more birthday parties. I even found a chicken strip at the bottom of the ball pit one time!

So you can only imagine the bewilderment I felt after a poorly managed girl behind the shoe check-counter viciously eyed me up and down and very simply asked, “Aren’t you a little old for this?”

As I enter my senior year here at Hope, that same sentiment seems to have arisen once again. I’m all grown up and almost about to become a “real” person and most of the time feel, well, pretty lost. This is when orientation, an event blatantly wasted on all the newbies, could be most useful.

The games would have to be slightly altered (say “Big Mortgage” instead of “Big Boot”), and change a few letters in Playfair and you have the fantastic affair entitled StockShare), yet it would be great that’s acceptable. By college standards I could qualify for an AARP card, but that is just the way it goes. Hope employs many hard-working individuals to keep this process cyclical. In with the new and out with the old. I guess it is my personal decision this year if I want to feel like yesterday’s garbage, left in a heap on the Bultman’s curb or make the most of my senior (citizen?) year and go out on top like someone along the lines of Brett Favre. Oh wait... RJ would like to comment on the superb photographs taken for the pages of the Anchor. The photo editor must be some kind of artistic visionary. Probably extremely attractive as well.

The devil’s greatest victory will come when people’s perception of Jesus is so skewed and far from the truth that we would rather be accepted by others than seek to love Him better. He is not dead! Nor should the hearts of His followers be, either.

So let us start the year with life in mind, keeping with the gift of Jesus Christ, who said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” We have been shown incomparable kindness, so why not pass it on? We have been forgiven, so let us love greatly.

Bryant is a complete Narnia nerd. Shoot him an email if you’re interested in joining the Narnia book club that meets on Monday nights.
Myths, tricks and train wrecks

Erika English

Baggage claim

Suppose the world is one big airport. Everyone is coming and going, but not as passengers, we are the baggage. All at once we not only have purpose, but destination, as well as a specific path to follow. You check in, get weighed and measured, and told if you are overweight or too oddly shaped to be packed away with the other luggage. Isn’t it funny how that moment seems so much like high school?

Then you’re tagged with a sticker and a diploma, and shaved off on one of the many ramps and conveyor belts bringing you to your destination—whether it’s Miami, Colorado Springs, or Nantucket. College or the first years in the work force perhaps? Then everything goes black. The luggage is flying over the Atlantic or Midwest, if it’s lucky enough to get on the right path to its destination the first time.

Soon enough, dawn breaks and you’re on a luggage cart ready to be presented to the world as so-and-so’s, a small collection of travel-easy by being packaged in a nice convenient bag, preferably with a handle. The passengers who ignored you once are now even eager to see whose you are, and what you have been doing for the past odd hours. New scratches? Wear and tear? All contents still there? It’s a mad rush to be paired off. Sadly, a few are always left behind. There are no-shows from passenger 1 who didn’t hear the baggage claim number because her toddler was screaming just that loud, or from tired passenger 2 who has been traveling all day and just wants to get to his hotel.

What if all we are luggage to someone? People always speak about the things they carry with them in life, those heavy moments and life-changing people and places that made them who they are. They call it baggage. Have you ever stopped to realize who gave you your baggage? And an even more thought-provoking question, whose baggage are you?

Men and women often like to type themselves with their baggage. It sounds like a good idea at the time. A matching set of Louis Vuitton, or stackable Travel-smarts in all navy blue. It makes identifying luggage easier. Others like to adorn their totes with the stickers and marks of where they have been, making it painstakingly obvious to observers that they are either a world traveler, aspire to be, or are just that proud of where they have been. What marks of identification do we carry, and does it even matter if we’re not found?

But then again, since someone sent you out with purpose, isn’t it only meant to be that someone would find you later on in the journey?

You see, in the airport, the only thing that matters is this—not that your baggage looks good or is the right type, but that you have it all. It’s not even about finding baggage that goes with your own, but rather taking stock of the relationships and people that guided you along the way. Your checks and claims along the way. When the day is done, everyone is carrying around something or someone that has been bumped around a lot on the harrowing journey from check in to the claim conveyor belt. You may not always get the destination right, or get out without a few squeaky wheels, but you can be sure that when dawn breaks and the conveyor belt starts spinning, you’ll end up somewhere with somebody, eventually.

Erika English is enjoying late summer in Southeastern Michigan by frequenting the beach. She is traveling around in case you’re wondering, her luggage is pink.
**Football**

Sept. 6 - Illinois Wesleyan at Hope, 1:30 p.m. ET
Sept. 13 - Hope at Carthage, Wisc., 1 p.m. CT
Sept. 20 - Hope at UW-Eau Claire, 11 a.m. CT
Sept. 27 - Wheaton at Hope, 7 p.m. ET
Oct. 4 - Trine at Hope, 2 p.m. ET
Oct. 11 - Hope at Albion, 1 p.m. ET
Oct. 25 - Hope at Adrian, 1 p.m. ET
Nov. 1 - Olivet at Hope, 1 p.m. ET
Nov. 8 - Alma at Hope, 1 p.m. ET
Nov. 15 - Hope at Kalamazoo, 1 p.m. ET

**Men’s Soccer**

Sept. 5, at Trinity, Ill., 4 p.m.
Sept. 6, at Wheaton, Ill., 7 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 12-13, at Wilmington, Ohio Tournament (Friday – Hope vs. Kenyon, Ohio, 5 p.m. / Saturday – Hope vs. Wilmington, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.)
Sept. 20, at Kalamazoo, noon
Sept. 27, at Olivet, 2 p.m.
Sept. 30, TRINE, 4 p.m.
Oct. 4, ADRIAN, 2 p.m.
Oct. 8, at Calvin, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11, at Albion, 2 p.m.
Oct. 14, ALMA, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18, KALAMAZOO, 2 p.m.
Oct. 22, OLIVET, 4 p.m.
Oct. 25, at Trine, 2 p.m.
Oct. 28 at Adrian, 6 p.m.
Nov. 1, CALVIN, 2 p.m.
Nov. 5, ALBION, 3 p.m.
Nov. 8, at Alma, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12-29, NCAA Championships

**Cross Country**

Sept. 13, GLCA at Oberlin, Ohio, 11 a.m.
Sept. 26, MIAA Jamboree at Saint Mary’s, 5 p.m.
Oct. 4, at Hanover, Ind. Pre-National Invitational, 11 a.m.
Oct. 18, at UW Oshkosh Invitational, 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 18, at Manchester, Ind. Invitational, 11 a.m.
Nov. 1, MIAA Championships at Kalamazoo, 11 a.m.
Nov. 15, NCAA Great Lakes Regionals at Otterbein, Ohio, 11 a.m.
Nov. 22, NCAA Championships at Hanover, Ind., 11 a.m.

**Men’s Golf**

Sept. 6, at Alma (Pine River CC)
Sept. 10, at Olivet (Bedford Valley CC)
Sept. 16, at Albion (The Medalist GC)
Sept. 27, at Trine (Zollner GC)
Sept. 29, HOPE (Wuskowhan Players Club)
Oct. 6, at Calvin (Watermark GC), 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 7, at Red Poling Classic (TPC of Michigan), 9 a.m.
Oct. 9, at Kalamazoo (Milham GC)
All games begin at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Women’s Soccer**

Sept. 3, CORNERSTONE, 4 p.m.
Sept. 6, at Sienna Heights, 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 12, OHIO NORTHERN, 4 p.m.
Sept. 13, FARMINGDALE, N.Y., noon
Sept. 17, at Saint Mary’s, 4 p.m.
Sept. 20, ROCHESTER, noon
Sept. 24, AQUINAS, 4 p.m.
Sept. 27, CALVIN, noon
Oct. 1, TRINE, 4 p.m.
Oct. 4, SAINT MARY’S, noon
Oct. 7, OLIVET, 4 p.m.
Oct. 11, at Kalamazoo, noon
Oct. 15, at Albion, 4 p.m.
October 18, at Adrian, noon
Oct. 29, at Alma, 4 p.m.
Nov. 1-8, MIAA Tournament
Nov. 12-29, NCAA Championships

**Volleyball**

Sept. 6, Albion at Olivet, noon
Sept. 6, at Olivet, 2 p.m.
Sept. 9, SAINT MARY’S, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12-13, at Wittenberg, Ohio Border Battle
Sept. 16, at Kalamazoo, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19, at Calvin, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20, ADRIAN, 2 p.m.
Sept. 23, TRINE, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 26-27, at Central, Iowa Invitational
Oct. 1, at Alma, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 3, OLIVET, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7, at Saint Mary’s, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 10, ALBION, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15, at Kalamazoo, 7 p.m.
Oct. 17, CALVIN, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 24, at Trine, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25, at Adrian, 11 a.m.
Oct. 31, ALMA, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 31, HEIDELBERG, OHIO, 7 p.m.
Nov. 1, KALAMAZOO, 11 a.m.
Nov. 1, BALDWIN-WALLACE, OHIO, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 4-8, MIAA Tournament
Nov. 13-22, NCAA Championships

**Women’s Golf**

Sept. 4, MIAA Jamboree at Olivet, 1 p.m.
Sept. 12-13, at Olivet Invitational, 1 p.m./9 a.m.
Sept. 20, MIAA Jamboree at Trine, 1 p.m.
Sept. 24, MIAA Jamboree at Calvin, 1 p.m.
Sept. 26, at Muskingum, Ohio Invitational (River Greens GC), noon
Sept. 27, at Capital Inv. (Westchester GC), Canal Winchester, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 30, MIAA Jamboree at Adrian, 1 p.m.
Oct. 4, at Manchester Invitational (Honeywell CC), Wabash, Ind., 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 7 Host Hope Invitational, 1 p.m.
Oct. 10-11, MIAA Championships, 1 p.m./9 a.m.
**SPOUTS**

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**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

**Wednesday**

Sept. 3

Women’s Soccer

vs. Cornerstone at 4 p.m.

**Saturday**

Sept. 6

Football

vs. Illinois Wesleyan at 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Sept. 9

Volleyball

vs. Saint Mary’s at 6:30 p.m.

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**IN BRIEF**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

The Hope College women’s soccer team kicked off their season last weekend at the Washington University Invitational in St. Louis. On Friday, Aug. 29, the Flying Dutch squared off against Transylvania, Ky. At half time, the Flying Dutch trailed 1-0. Senior Suzi Knowles scored halfway through the second half to tie things up. However, Transylvania scored in the last three minutes of the game, handing the Flying Dutch their first loss.

On Saturday, Aug. 30, the Flying Dutch took on the Invitational Hosts, Washington University. The Flying Dutch kept it close in the first half, trailing 1-0 at halftime. The two scored a goal in the second half and Washington University went on to win the game with a final score of 4-0.

**MEN’S SOCCER**

The Hope College men’s soccer team defeated Aquinas 5-2 on Aug. 29, and continued with a winning streak in the Bergsma Memorial Tournament. Aug. 30 defeating Goshen, Ind. 6-0.

Against Aquinas Hope held a 3-1 lead during halftime, and ended the game with a 5-1 lead in shots on goal. Scoring goals against Aquinas were John Turner (10), Nicco Lamb (12), Drew Nichols (11), Austin Schmidt (10), and Jeff Stutts (11).

Scoring against Goshen were Turner, Lamb, Schweibert, Sam Joyce (12), and Mitch Kinner (12).

Currently the team is off to their best season’s opening since 2002.

**WOMEN’S GOLF**

Women’s golf opened their season this weekend at Holland Macatawa Legends golf course taking top honors against Cornerstone University and Calvin College. The match was highlighted by a hole-in-one by Caitlin McDougall (12). Hope players also contributing to a winning score were Megan Scholten (12), Cassie Sneller (10), Sasha Burau (12), Lindsey Springstroh (12), and Andrea McCarty (12).

EYES ON THE BALL— (From left) Cassidy Bulthuis (’11), Kara VandeGuchte (’11), Sara DeWeerdt (’11) step up for defense during practice last week.

Karen Patterson

Guest Writer

The Hope College women’s volleyball team has started the 2008 season strong. The Flying Dutch were ranked 23rd in the national preseason coaches poll and opened their season with a 3-1 record at the Elmhurst Invitational.

Led by Captains Nora Slenk (’09) and Andrea Helminiak (’10), the team fields two seniors, three juniors and five sophomores. Of the ten, eight were members of last year’s team that finished second in the MIAA to rival Calvin. Despite a smaller squad, the outlook for the season is bright; Slenk was voted to the 2007 MIAA First Team and Helminiak to the Second Team. Also returning after a stand-out freshmen season is sophomore Kara VandeGuchte (’11).

VandeGuchte led the MIAA in hitting percentage, was voted as the MIAA’s Freshmen Player of the Year and was also named to the Second Team.

When asked what will be critical to team success this season, many of the players pointed to trust.

“We have a lot of trust in each other,” Outside hitter Sara DeWeerdt (’11) said. “We have been working really hard since pre-season and have been together a lot. Since we’re such a close knit team, I think that this will be an advantage on the court.”

It would appear that the team has laid a strong foundation of trust, showing a solid beginning over the weekend in their season opening tournament.

On Friday the Flying Dutch split their matches, losing in a battle of nationally ranked teams to Carthage 3-1, but came right back to defeat Transylvania in three straight games.

Saturday afternoon the Flying Dutch continued to dominate, defeating host Elmhurst 3-1 and College 3-0.

The Flying Dutch have begun what looks to be another successful season under Head Coach Becky Schmidt. The team has their home opener in the DeVos Fieldhouse against fellow MIAA team St. Mary’s on Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Their next big match after that will be against conference rival Calvin, at Calvin on Sept. 19. A month later on Oct. 17, the team will take on Calvin at DeVos.

While Calvin has won the MIAA Conference Titles two years in a row, the Flying Dutch are confident that they have what it takes to regain the title.

“The success of our team is going to depend on how we treat one another as individuals and teammates,” defensive specialist Kristen Johnson (’10) said. “Talent is necessary, but how we channel that talent through respect and trust will be a crucial factor in how we perform.”

If their opening weekend is any indication, this team is already doing a great job of trusting each other and using that to help win matches.

Though it is still early, this looks to be a highly successful season for the Hope Volleyball team and one that will be exciting for all of their fans.

Karen Patterson

Guest Writer

The Hope College men’s golf team is still in good hands with their coach, Bob Ebels, who has been with Hope for 17 consecutive seasons. “Coach Ebels is good for the golf team because he knows what it takes to win a championship, the competition it takes to make a team.”

He keeps those resources available for us so we can continue to be a strong team,” Scholten said.

Losing team members to last year’s graduating class makes for the team’s biggest challenge this year.

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“I think the biggest challenge will be filling the void left by the seniors last year” Scholten said.

“This is my last season, and I’m excited about the position I’ve been given as co-captain, and excited to see how this year unfolds. We’ve got some great guys and I think our team is in some great hands. I’m excited to see how far our team can take this.”

Karen Patterson

Guest Writer

Men’s golf plans to build on past years’ success

Meghan Wilson

Guest Writer

Hope College men’s golf season is quickly approaching, hopefully just as promising as previous years. Last year, the golf team made their third consecutive trip to nationals, and placed 18th for the second year in a row. They are also coming off of their fifth consecutive first place finish in the MIAA.

This year’s roster, however, is without four important team assets due to last year’s graduating class. Tommy Yamaoka, MIAA medalist, MVP in 2004 and 2007; Matt Lapham, All MIAA; Ryan Sheets, All MIAA; and Steven Marsinale, averaging nearly a scratch golf season, had their final and exceptional season in 2007.

However, the prospects for yet another outstanding season are still good. Co-captains Donald Kring (’09) and D.J. Scholten (’09) have a positive stance on this upcoming season. Scholten, a medalist in the Red Poling Classic this past year averaging a 75-stroke game just barely over par, anxiously anticipates his last year on the court.

"Just like every season, we as a team expect to be competitive in the MIAA and strive for a championship season," Scholten said.

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Sports

Runners push to strong start

Lindsey Wolf
Great Weekend

The men’s and women’s cross country teams are off to a great start this season as both teams captured a first place finish at the Vanderbilt Invitational to prove it.

The men raced first at Ridge Point Church on Saturday morning. Without a cloud in the sky and the sweltering sun beating down on the course, the Hope team ran a great race finishing ahead of Cornerstone, Albion, and Concordia University with a team score of 24.

Matt Wiersum (’10) finished first with a time of 26:27. Right behind him in second was co-captain Rob Bailey (’09) with a time of 26:38. Rounding out the top five Hope runners were Seth Weener (’08) finishing fifth, co-captain Paul VanderVelde (’09) with sixth, and Zachary King (’09) in 10th.

When asked about their team’s performance at the season opener, co-captains Bailey and VanderVelde had nothing but optimistic enthusiasm.

“This year’s team is the best we’ve had in a while. It’s the first time since my freshman year that we’ve won this invitational,” VanderVelde said.

“We ran really well together today,” Bailey said. “The team didn’t break up during the course.”

The co-captains, pleased with their team’s early success, agreed on the fact that their team is well-rounded.

“This is one of our stronger years,” Bailey said. “The team is solid, we don’t have just one top runner. Coming into a race, the top spot is always up in the air and the top 10 guys will switch up.”

Even though the team put up great times at the home opener, the co-captains know there is room for improvement.

“Over the summer we do “We spanked everyone.” – Sarah Multer (’09), co-captain

Moving ahead— (From left) Paul VanderVelde (’09), Matt Wiersum (’10) and Seth Weener (’08) lead the pack at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

a lot of distance work,” Bailey said. “Since the season has started, we’re doing a lot of speed work.”

“Times should drop considerably once the season gets going,” VanderVelde said.

After the men’s team captured first place, it was the women’s turn to do the same. The Hope women ran an impressive race, landing in the second through sixth spots.

The fastest Hope runner was Emily Fischer (’11), who captured second place with a time of 19:39. Following close behind were teammates Karl Sikma, Joanne Gabl, Kate Nelson, and Kelly Luftkin.

As a result of the women’s outstanding efforts, Hope took first place with a team score of 20, defeating Cornerstone and Albion.

Co-captains, Rebekah Woods (’09) and Sarah Multer (’09) were extremely pleased with their team’s performance.

“The first race is always tough, but we ran an amazing race,” Woods said.

“Coach Northhuis was really happy with how we raced. We spanked everyone,” Multer said.

When asked about the upcoming season, both co-captains were excited about the team’s promising future.

“We have some awesome freshmen and everyone wants to work hard,” Woods said. It looks like all of the pre-season conditioning and beginning weeks of practice really paid off for both the men’s and women’s Hope teams.

The next meet will take place on September 13 in Oberlin, Ohio.

Hope alumni approach top tier of umpiring

Chris Lewis
Boo Wiesman

Ever since their days at Hope College, D.J. Reyburn (’99) and Dave Uyl (’99) have each had one goal on their minds: to one day be an umpire for Major League Baseball.

“I worked at little league games while I was in high school. As soon as I started, it just clicked with me that this was what I wanted to do with my life. It felt like a calling,” Reyburn said.

“I began umpiring in the summers while I was at Hope. I really enjoyed the games I worked at and I decided it would be my career someday,” Uyl said.

Since graduating from Hope in December of 1999 and attending the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpires in Kissimmee, Florida, Reyburn and Uyl have worked as professional baseball umpires in the AA league for two years and in the AAA league for three years.

Both have now reached the point in their careers in which they can truly pursue their dreams of umpiring in the Major Leagues. This year Reyburn was called in to umpire at six MLB games, three when the New York Yankees were at Oakland, and three when the Washington Nationals were at Seattle. Both are hoping to work at as many MLB games as possible, hopefully starting next season.

While at Hope, Reyburn and Uyl were good friends and even were roommates at the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpires. Both men also had ties with Hope baseball head coach and assistant football coach Stuart Fritz as they played football and baseball at Hope.

“Coach Fritz recruited me. He was always supportive of me and my dreams of becoming an umpire,” Reyburn said.

“I could tell early on that they were both going to be good at umpiring,” Fritz said. “They each have a good knowledge of the game and are very patient individuals.”

“DJ and I both had outstanding kids with very good family support. I’m sure that they miss home and being with their families though,” Fritz said.

While working as a professional baseball umpire certainly has its positives, both men are married now with family responsibilities.

“It is so hard to not be with your family on holidays when you have to work at games. You need to be a different kind of person to travel all around the country too,” Reyburn said. “I am certainly ready to go home and sleep in my own bed!”

“I have been married now for a couple of years and I hate being away from my family all the time. But that is part of the job,” Uyl said.

Reyburn and Uyl feel that the positives of their job certainly outweigh the negatives.

“Traveling is the best part of umpiring. I’ve been all around the country now. Moving all the time is fresh and exciting,” Reyburn said.

“It is such a great job to have. Able to go to the ballpark every day instead of having a nine to five office job,” Uyl said. “Plus I have seen so much of the country and I have made a lot of great friendships.”

With almost a decade of umpiring experience, Reyburn and Uyl have words of advice for all people who are pursuing a dream, whether it is in officiating or not.

“Nothing is worth anything if you are not willing to sacrifice for it,” Reyburn said. “I’ve missed friends’ weddings, yearly camping trips and so much more because I have had to work at games. I think it has been worth it though.”

“If you want to do something bad enough and have passion for it, go for it. Do it while you are young,” Uyl said.

“It’s been a long haul. So many people told me I couldn’t do it. They said I was too small, but I kept going,” Reyburn said. “Now I have reached my dream.”