Hope welcomes global students

Gretchen Baldwin
Stan West

The last weekend in August marked the entrance of around 750 first-year students into Hope College. Twenty of these new arrivals were international students—four-year, full-time students from across the globe who have chosen to spend their college years in Holland. Their homes range from Canada to China to Brazil.

Some, like Carmina O’Sullivan-Scimemi (’14) from Poland, are American citizens who live abroad with their families. Others, like David Mwee (’14) of Kenya, are setting foot on United States soil for the first time in coming to Hope.

Since these international students enter with different levels of experience with American culture, Hope puts on an orientation tailored to the specific needs of students coming in from overseas.

Beginning six days before the last weekend in August, new arrivals were international students meeting new people and, according to Yoonsun Ro (’14) of South Korea, the “welcoming atmosphere of the students.”

As a primarily American student body, we can continue this welcoming atmosphere by getting involved in the International Relations Club, attending some of Hope’s many multi-cultural events or attending Hope College Global Coffee Hour on Sept. 9. The IRC will be hosting the event at 11 a.m. Thursday in the first floor rotunda of the Martha Miller Center.

FLYING HIGH—Flags outside the Martha Miller Center represent the countries of Hope’s new international students.

Richard Ray named provost

Chris Russ
Assistant Sports Editor

Following the retirement of Provost Dr. James Boelkins at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, a position he had held since 2002, Hope College embarked on a nationwide search to find his replacement. However, it turns out the college didn’t need to search very far for the new appointee. In May the College announced that the office had been filled by a man who has been a part of the Hope community for almost three decades, Dr. R. Richard Ray Jr.

Ray came to Hope in 1982 as a professor of kinesiology. In 2003 he was appointed chair of the department of kinesiology and five years later he became the dean of social sciences. As a kinesiologist, he won a number of awards and honors. Most prominently, in June 2006 he was elected to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame.

“Improvising the overall quality of the academic program was the first goal he laid out. This first point included three sub-points, the first of which was to improve the writing skills of the student body. The second sub-point as stated by the provost was ‘improving our students’ cultural competence.’

“Now that we have an increasing number of student and faculty of color, we have an even greater responsibility to make sure we’re reaching our goals in this part of the curriculum and we’re not right now.”

Working toward the strengths of each individual program was the third sub-point he described.

What did you do this summer?

“I killed 10 dwarves and two dragons while guarding maidens as a lifeguard, but also, I had an internship doing graphic design.”

-Christoff Visscher ’12

“I explored downtown Chicago with friends and had my first experience working at a fast-food restaurant.”

-Katie Holmwood ’14

“I danced with middle-schoolers on many occasions while chanting non-obscene words...as a youth intern.”

-Garrett Stier ’12

“I worked at a corn detasseling company driving tractors.”

-Zada Harris ’14

What did you do this summer?

“I got a story idea! Let us know at anchor@hope.edu, or call us at 395-7877.”

Get Involved! Learn about Hope’s many extracurricular activities.

Jazzy Japan—Hope’s Jazz Ensemble returns from a summer in Japan.

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New Writing Corner available

Administration and faculty take steps to improve students’ writing skills

Madalyn Muncy
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

It is that time of year: the syllabi have been distributed and the papers are looming. College students of every major are required to write, and becoming a better writer takes a lot of practice.

All students can let out a sigh of relief: the Hope College Writing Corner is open for business!

Located in Van Wylen Library on the main floor near the reference desk, the Writing Corner provides peer tutors of a variety of majors who will guide the writing process in a side-by-side manner. The corner will also sponsor workshops for students every month on specific writing topics.

The Writing Corner replaces the writing tutoring services of the Academic Support Center and is currently directed by the English department. As a result, the tutoring services have been expanded.

Writing improvement has been a recent point of discussion among faculty. Their Pre-College Conference was entitled “Writing at Every Level: From First-Year Composition to Writing in the Majors.” Hope College faculty members are dedicated to better serving students when it comes to writing.

The need for a better writing curriculum strategy comes from five recent studies ranging in length from standardized tests, such as the Collegiate Learning Assessment, to taking writing samples from students to report on their writing habits. From there, results were compared to other colleges. Hope students seem to write fewer papers, prepare fewer drafts and thus advance less in their writing ability.

Klooster explained that all of these variables together “paint(ed) a picture that we could do a better job at helping students become better writers. We need higher standards in order to get students to write more drafts and longer papers.”

Ray steps into role as provost

• Provost, from page 1

Ray then explained his second major goal for the college. “While we’re simultaneously trying to boost quality, we’re also trying to reduce the cost of delivery of the academic program, so that the dollars that our students pay to go here go as far as possible.”

The third goal laid out by Ray will be to encourage an atmosphere of togetherness on the campus.

When asked if he had any thoughts or advice for the students of Hope College, Ray said, “I hope that every student makes an appointment or to drop in. Ray will be to encourage an atmosphere of togetherness on the campus.”

The college is a 40 hour per week plus overtime job and that hard work not only pays off, but it also provides great joy. I hope students take that message to heart.”

In Brief

HOPE SENIOR LEADS MACKINAC BRIDGE RUN

Laura Hunnell (’11) was one of 12 fitness ambassadors chosen by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to lead the 53rd annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Run. Fitness ambassadors were chosen for their unique and inspiring stories. Hunnell led 400 runners across the five-mile bridge. She began running with her father and was a member of her high school track team. In May, she and her father completed a marathon in Traverse City. Mackinac Bridge Labor Day runners are randomly selected from an online registration process.

GRAD PRaises RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hope graduate Shirley Bradley (’10) published an article entitled “My Passion for Research” in the September 2010 edition of “Enzymatic,” the newsletter of the Undergraduate Affiliate Network of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The article reflects on her four years working with Dr. Maria Burmaworska-Hledin, professor of biology and chemistry at Hope. She discusses the academic advancement that research at Hope College provided her and her reasoning to give back by sharing her experiences with others through scientific demonstrations for younger students. Bradley majored in biology and chemistry with minors in political science and mathematics and is now pursuing a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology at the Mayo Clinic.

Ray steps into role as provost
Obama: ‘Cautiously hopeful, but hopeful’

The Obama administration struggles to remain optimistic about the forthcoming Middle East peace talks.

Matthew Lee
Co-National Editor

For the first time since December 2008, Israel and Palestine are resuming peace talks, which have started much the same as past efforts, the Obama administration and others involved are hoping for a different outcome.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is set to sit down with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday.

President Barack Obama held a working dinner with Abbas, Netanyahu, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah II of Jordan Sept. 1.

“I am hopeful—cautiously hopeful, but hopeful—that we can achieve the goal that all four of these leaders articulated,” Obama said before the dinner.

The cautious attitude of the Obama administration stems from the fact that these two countries have done this before. In December 2008 the peace talks between Israel and Palestine ended shortly before Israel attacked Hamas in Gaza. Israel claims that the attacks were in response to the shelling from Hamas militants in Gaza.

Though the two countries have been here before, the rumor of peace talks is a glimmer of hope rarely seen between the two countries. Obama campaigned on this issue, saying from day one of his presidency he would work to bring peace to the region. He told CNN, “A moment in time within which there remains the possibility of achieving the two-state solution, which is so essential to comprehensive peace in the region, that difficult problems in the future.”

Though there is hope, top officials close to the negotiations remain cautious and claim it is hard to remain optimistic about a peace deal at the moment. They downplayed the recent news by saying that no one expects to reach an agreement in the next week. Just the fact that meetings are planned is hope in itself and the Obama administration has vowed to do anything it can. A comprehensive Middle East peace deal has been one of Obama’s top foreign policy goals.

“President Abbas, you are my partner in peace. And it is up to us, with the help of our friends, to conclude the agonizing conflict between our peoples and to afford them a new beginning,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the Sept. 1 dinner.

Abbas said it was time to end the bloodshed.

“We want peace between the two countries. Let us sign a formal agreement for peace and put an end to this long period of suffering forever,” he said.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have agreed to meet again on Sept. 14 and 15, and roughly every two weeks thereafter, Mitchell said.

The leaders have said that for negotiations to succeed, they “must be kept private” and “treated with the utmost sensitivity,” Mitchell added.

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Progress, challenges noted on Katrina’s fifth anniversary

Lacie Rawlings
Guizy Worsin

Five years after the vicious Hurricane Katrina pummelled the Gulf Coast, President Barack Obama traveled to Xavier University in New Orleans to share updates on the aftermath as well as his usual enthusiasm for hope. In a speech on Aug. 29, Obama encouraged people affected by the hurricane not to dwell on the experiences of the past but to instead look at New Orleans as a “symbol of resilience and community.”

“New Orleans could have remained a symbol of destruction and decay...But it’s a symbol of resilience, of community, of the fundamental responsibility we have for one another,” Obama said.

Obama’s speech also gave particular attention to reconstruction of the defaced Louisiana and the plague of unemployment, which has reached 15 percent in some areas of Louisiana. He also assured the citizens of Gulf states that his administration will insure that those displaced by the storm will once again find the opportunity to reside in their hometowns.

Adding further to his priorities, the president expressed that the construction of hospitals, libraries, roads and schools, which have been allotted $1.8 billion, will be the focus of continuing efforts in the once-flooded city of New Orleans.

“Probably one of the most significant long-lasting effects of Hurricane Katrina (and also Rita and Wilma) is to teach emergency response programs to work more efficiently and to increase preparations in the event of a major disaster.”

The Red Cross has expanded its capacity by adding enough supplies in warehouses across the nation for a disaster twice the size of Katrina. It has also improved organizational methods involved in large disaster relief.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which underwent much public scrutiny after its failures in dealing with the destruction in the summer of 2005, has admittedly tried to learn from its mistakes.

The administrator of FEMA, Craig Fugate, said “this anniversary serves as a reminder that we must always be preparing for the next disaster,” according to a public statement by FEMA on Aug. 29.

As this year’s tropical storm seasonx fuels up, the nation is thankful that the most recent hurricane, Earl, mostly blew itself out.

Hurricane Earl, a category 4 storm at its peak, weakened to category 2 as it blew north along the east coast, spitting 20-foot waves and heavy winds. Moderate flooding and power outages affected thousands of residents. Fortunately, no loss of life was reported.

BP seeks permanent fix for Gulf Coast oil leak

Mikella Bryant
Guizy Worsin

The record Gulf Coast oil spill that has had many Americans angry at the giant oil company BP is almost over. But the effects have been enormous. Total job losses equal nearly 100,000. The tourism industry estimates a loss of 3.3 billion. Marine life such as mammals, birds and fish struggle as they fight for their lives.

One of the hardest hit industries is fishing and tourism. With fishermen out of jobs, BP has hired many of them to work cleaning up the spill.

One woman observed the impact on a local fisherman: “I was with a next door neighbor, and he’s a 42 year old fisherman, and he just broke down crying,” she said. “It was a shock to see him so upset. He’s afraid we’re not going to have anything left. We all care.”

To date more than $8 billion has been spent to clean up this disaster. Various efforts include using skimmer boats to locate and clean up the 206 million gallons of oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico. With all these statistics, everyone is holding their breath as the final steps to plug that leak begin.

On July 15 a cap was placed over the well to temporarily stop the oil from spilling into the gulf. Now, BP is currently carrying out its new plan to make the sealant and eliminate any new leaks. “It will virtually assure us that there’s no chance of oil leaking into the environment,” retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen told reporters.

This procedure, which was scheduled to occur immediately, was delayed due to Hurricane Earl. Strong currents in the area also sabotaged efforts. In spite of Hurricane Earl, BP estimates the relief drilling will be finished by mid-September if weather permits.

In addition to permanently plugging the oil leak, BP is attempting to reduce the leak’s damage through the creation of an escrow account that will pay money to those who suffered damage, loss of income and livelihood or who have other outstanding financial claims against BP.

The first deposit into this account, an amount of about $3 billion, was made earlier in August—ahead of schedule, according to a press release.

“BP has decided to make this deposit early to demonstrate its commitment to meet its pledge to restore both the livelihoods of those affected by the oil spill and the environment,” the statement said.

The next deposit is scheduled for the end of this year and should total near $2 billion. BP also plans to continue deposits of $1.25 billion for each subsequent quarter. Under that timeline, full financial reparations won’t be made until the end of 2013.
Jazz ensemble performs in Japan—Larry Figueroa, piano; Zach Pedigo, bass; Nate Roberts, guitar; and David Webster, drums toured Japan together this summer.

Jazz ensemble takes 20-day tour of Japan over summer

Katie Schewe
Arts Co-Editor

In July, the Hope Jazz Chamber Ensemble was given the experience of a lifetime to tour the culturally rich country of Japan. This was the first time the ensemble had been given the opportunity to go abroad. Over the course of the trip, the students embraced the jazz music and culture of Japan.

The students who went on the 20-day trip included Larry Figueroa ('11), piano; Zach Pedigo ('12), bass; Nate Roberts ('12), guitar; and David Webster ('13), drums. The students attended 20 shows during their stay and also performed as a group on four occasions.

This allowed the students to not only experience jazz in a completely new setting, but to share their talents and passion as well. “The entire point of this trip was not to have some exciting adventure, but to learn and to share our love of music with men and women of a very different culture,” Webster said.

The students got to experience many different areas of Japanese jazz, but they also embraced other aspects of the culture as well. The students got to travel the area, enabling them to experience the unique and rich culture that Japan has to offer.

Roberts wrote two songs during their stay in Japan. At the group’s final show, they performed these songs. This allowed the students to showcase the work that had been inspired by their experiences on the tour.

Reflecting on his trip Webster said, “Truly, this trip will be one that I remember for the rest of my life. I was able to explore one of mankind’s greatest cities, but more importantly, I learned a little something of what made that city tick, and that was the true importance of this journey”.

Tulip Time wants your artwork

Caitlin Klasik
Arts Co-Editor

It’s not Tulip Time quite yet, but the Holland Area Arts Council wants West Michigan artists to start thinking about the Dutch flowers.

The Art in Bloom poster competition for Tulip Time 2011 begins again this year. The Arts Council selects a poster design from a local artist and puts it to use as the advertisement for Tulip Time.

An entry fee of $25 is required, which allows up to two submissions of artwork. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 31.

Besides the obvious perks — like the winning poster design being displayed at the third largest Tulip festival in America and advertised to over a million visitors — cash prizes will be given for first, second and third place winners.

The jurors this year are ready for anything Scott Lafontaine of LaFontsee Galleries in Grand Rapids has served on the Grand Rapids Art Association for years. Thia Grigub, an award-winning painter from Holland, is the executive director of the Holland Historical Trust. And lastly, Daniel Borcher, a professional framer and Central Michigan University alumni, owns Picture Perfect in Holland.

If you’re still blasé about the competition, Webster says, “you might see yourself in Holland, Grand Haven and Rockford.

If you’re still blasé about entering, consider this: a new twist on the competition has gone into effect this year. In a style similar to reality shows like American Idol, jurors will only choose the top 20 posters.

The standings from there are up to the people. All 20 works will go on display throughout Tulip Time 2011 while visitors and locals judge and deliberate.

After the voting, victory will be given to one poster designer.

Now that you’re interested, here are a few details you may need to know:

-All entries must be submitted in digital form to the Holland Arts Council website. (www.hollandarts.org)
-Don’t worry about adding the Tulip Time logo or information; that can all be added later.
-Don’t worry about making a poster 25 x 37. The posters will just keep standard poster dimensions in mind so that no drastic changes need to be made.

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Critic’s Corner: Arcade Fire goes back to ‘The Suburbs’

Joel Hofman
Guest Writer

Coming off of two incredibly successful albums in both the critical and popular realms, Arcade Fire was left with a large task in continuing to evolve both musically and lyrically.

While 2004’s “Funeral” talked about death and renewal, and 2006’s “Neon Bible” dealt with political and religious issues, “The Suburbs” shows the band’s maturity with less pretentious, but more mature lyrical content dealing with the inability of being able to come home. As we grow older, home will never be the same, no matter how much we want to romanticize it. Arcade Fire captures this sentiment in varied ways on their third LP. Though the title “The Suburbs” may resemble a red flag to some listeners due to the often played out nature of artists reminiscing about a mundane suburban life, Arcade Fire takes their third major release to a level that is nothing short of epic. Songs float on a cloud of lazy guitar and lavish string arrangements, yet the lyrics that give the relatable lyrics an atmosphere of emotional intensity. The album starts with the catchy title track, (and first single) that includes a rhythmic piano at its foundation, while reverber-drenched guitars add a dreamy landscape to the core of the sound.

From the opening chorus, the listener is introduced to the thoughtful insights of lead singer Win Butler: “And I tell myself that, ‘Sometimes I can’t believe it, I’m moving past the feeling’.”

Through lines like this, it becomes apparent that Butler and the gang want to tell the listener how hard it is to return to a place you once called home.

The main theme of the album references the reality of growing up and leaving home, but the band takes some space to even make a few jokes about their past in songs like “Rococo.”

The song is representative of a chamber pop number that builds in intensity until a symphony of strings and harmonies collide in the final chorus, creating a sweeping sound that washes the listener away despite the somewhat comical word play.

In a similar vein to Vampire Weekend’s “Oxford Comma,” the song essentially makes fun of know-it-all suburban kids who use words they can’t understand, hence the title “Rococo” (an elaborate baroque style of decoration).

As the album closes, the listener gets a break from the guitar-heavy sound with the likely second single “The Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains).” Instead of guitar, layers of synthesizers move to the forefront of the mix while the female voice of Regine Chassagne (wife of Win Butler) takes the lead singing duties.

The most striking line comes in the chorus of this slow burning yet climactic song when Chassagne sings: “They heard me singing and they told me to stop, quit these pretentious things and just punch the clock.”

With this line, Arcade Fire truly captures the essence of suburban life being threatened by the seemingly practical lifestyle of blue-collar industry.

Throughout the album, Arcade Fire covers a lot of ground by including a sprawling collection ofhusbands and wives, a guy who sees the sky as the limit and a flowing stream that shows the band has a knack for putting together a cohesive album in an age where iTunes singles are the dominant form of musical purchases.

The Nicholas Loren vocal competition will be held on Sept. 25 in West Ottawa at the Performing Arts Center of Harbor Lights school. The application deadline is Sept. 18. E-mail your application to julia@hollandchorale.org. You must be 16 or older to apply.

If you apply, you will be notified by Sept. 20 about specific dates and times for the competition. There is a cash prize of $1,000 for the winner, who will perform with the rest of the finalists at the Holland Area Arts Council on Nov. 7.

FARMERS MARKET FEATURING CHIEFS

The Holland Farmers market welcomes the chefs of Detroit’s Corktown for a cooking demonstration. The duo will demonstrate how to cook egg dishes such as omelets, eggs benedict, eggs, vegetable and cheese, which come straight from the market.

The demonstration will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The chef series will continue every Saturday with a new featured chef(s) each week.

IN BRIEF

COMEDY GROUP SECOND CITY RETURNS SEPT. 17

Comedy group “Second City” returns to Hope College on Friday, Sept. 17. They will perform at the Knickerbocker at 7:30 p.m.

The group will perform skits from their program “Fair & Unbalanced.” Some notable alumni of “Second City” include Tina Fey, Bonnie Hunt, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Ryan Stiles, Martin Short, Mike Myers, Chris Farley and more.

Their past performances in Holland have been widely popular, so prospective attendees are encouraged to buy tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets are $18 for general admission and $13 for seniors, available at the ticket office located in DeVos Fieldhouse.

VOCAL COMPETITION ON SEPT. 25

The Anchor
You're back on campus...now what?

It is a new school year – classes are in session, professors are handing out homework, schedules are getting busier... So now what? To keep from getting too stressed out, check out these awesome activities both on- and off-campus!

Support Hope’s sports teams
Who would not want to watch some good ‘ol competition and support the Dutch and Dutchmen? This fall, you have the opportunity to watch our teams in action.

Spend quality time with friends
While everyone may have homework, spending quality time with your friends should be a priority. Take some time out for yourself and out of your busy schedule to build those relationships again. Just don’t spend all of your time putting off your homework because classes and homework should be priorities, too.

Play an intramural sport
Why not relieve your stress by kicking a ball around or throwing a football? For the first part of the semester, four different intramural sports are offered: men’s soccer, men’s flag football, coed flag football and women’s volleyball.
Sign-ups and more information are online at KnowHope. Time to grab some friends and lead your team to victory!

Have a date with the Pine Grove
This is one of those cheap dates – you know, the one where you do not need to spend extra money buying nice clothes and trying to impress your date. The Pine Grove likes you just the way you are. Soak up the sun, play some Frisbee golf, throw a football around or hang out with friends. What’s more beautiful than the sunlight streaming through those giant pine trees? Do not worry; the Pine Grove will not be upset if you are late.

Go for a run
Who does not like an invigorating run? Grab your iPod and make sure to blast your most embarrassing songs because no one will ever know you love to run to Lady GaGa or the Backstreet Boys. If you are by yourself, you could even sing out loud, because singing next to a running buddy might be a little weird. How far you run is also up to you. 2k? 5k? Around the world? Down the block and back? It is totally up to you.

Go to the beach
Michigan has the largest number of lakes out of any other state, so this is an easy one to fulfill. The Holland State Park is a bike ride away, but if you are with a large group of people, it is even simpler to carpool over. You can get your fill of sand, swimming, beach volleyball and possibly even a boat ride. Do not take too many pictures next to Big Red, though, lest you look like a tourist.

Visit Grand Rapids
There are some pretty cool cities near Holland, such as Grand Haven and Muskegon. One of the most popular would definitely be Grand Rapids. It is the home of the Griffins hockey team—some of the players even play up for the Detroit Red Wings when injuries occur.
It is also home to many fantastic music venues so you can see your favorite band perform. Often you will hear of a movie being shot downtown, so why not grab a friend and head over to see if you can sneak a peek of someone famous or even be in the background of a shot?
Remember, freshmen: the October Rule is still in effect, so do not even think of taking any of these ideas and using them for a date!
Dryer sheets

The phrase “hit the ground running” has taken on a new meaning for me this first week of classes. In my previous semesters at Hope, the process has been a gentle easing into the pool of busy in which we seem to reside. On the first day of class, it’s dipping a toe in, then sitting with my legs dangling in, before sliding down all the way by the second week of class. Not so this year. I didn’t just jump off the high diving board for a cannonball; I took a running start first. I will admit though, that I love being busy—it’s the environment in which I do the best. However, this year the madness of my schedule is tinted by a long shadow cast by a large clock: one that counts down my time at Hope College as a student.

In high school being a senior was the equivalent of being invincible. Four years ago the class of 2007 ruled with an iron fist. Well, maybe that’s a gross exaggeration, but it certainly was a good feeling. We’d worked hard for 12 years to be on top and we were going to stay there. Being a senior meant getting to spray paint obstacle courses on the football field, saran wrap freshmen to poles and get away with it. Being a senior meant getting to spray paint obstacle courses on the football field, saran wrap freshmen to poles and go on week-long trips that served no academic purpose. We also had the anticipation of college—moving on to something bigger and better—looming on the horizon.

In some ways I miss being a high school senior: Because now people have started asking, “What are your plans post-grad?” and other such questions. Of course we all know exactly where we’ll be and what we’ll be doing, but I guess that most seniors are in a place similar to my own. I know what I want to do and know where I’d like to go, but I’m not necessarily sure how to get there. Being in the oldest class on campus is a strange feeling. This whole week I kept walking around waiting to run into friends from the classes of 2009 and 2010. To suddenly see more people that I don’t recognize than people I do is a hit disconcerting. Nonetheless, it’s an exciting time and I do have to admit that as nervous as I am to leave the comfort of being a student, I have fun thinking about what comes next.

The class of 2011 has had a crazy ride—we survived a norovirus plague that saw the entire campus shut down; we were prompted to confront and discuss big issues of equality, homosexuality and religion as Hope is Ready been; and we rallied together and held one another up through the loss of two friends and classmates. We’ve seen some of the most successful sports seasons the school has ever had. Our class has seen a Hope theater production get invited to perform in Washington D.C. and helped further the development of an already outstanding performing arts program.

And we still have eight months to go. Freshmen year our orientation theme was “Let the Journey Begin;” and while moving on from a good thing can be difficult, I’m excited for this final journey at Hope. We’re walking into a world with a lot of variables up in the air; but we’re not the first to go through this experience and we won’t be the last. For now, that is enough for me. Worrying about “the real world” can wait until after Hope. Who wants to join me?!
From the inside out
I dream of Genie Jordan

I dreamt about Jordan last night (the country, not a person). Actually, the place in my dreams was a strange mixture of Jordan and Scotland. Two places I’ve lived in that could not be more different. I was hiking through Petra and came to the end of a path, leading through a crevasse between two high walls of red stone. Beyond the crevasse the path opened up and spread into a large fertile plain. Its vegetation generally mimicked that of the Middle East—a soft green yet faded slightly, as if it had been left in the sun too long or as if I was viewing it through shimmering heat that distorted the colors. Other places though looked distinctly Scottish—that full, unrestrained green that only comes through exposure to damp mists. There was even a small building completely covered in vines. I remember gesturing to a companion, “Look, look! There is Scotland!”

I still struggle with trying to reconcile my abroad experiences. I struggle even more when I try to verbalize them in a short period of time. Usually the conversation goes something like: “Aftan, good to see you again!” “Yeah, it’s been a long time!” “It is?” “My year was...good. Life-changing.”

But how that I summarize my year abroad. Anyone who has studied off Hope’s campus can relate—how in the blazes are we to pack an entire experience and its memories into one short, acceptable sentence? Well, we can’t. So we somehow sum it up, neither is a 500-word column in the student newspaper. I want to be real, to truly share my experience. So if you want to hear it, let’s go into detail. I’ll be happy for the coffee. And things around us have changed too, and sometimes we don’t know whether for better or for worse.

This is my first year on staff for The Anchor, so I had to return to Hope a week earlier than usual. I appreciated the rather empty campus—it gave me the chance to review the details that faded in the hot sands of Jordan and misty green of Scotland. The necessity of my student ID (and its pass-code), looking for my books, packing my things, depositing my lunch tray in the Kletz—these things came back in colorful bursts of realization and a certain amount of embarrassment (especially as I circled aimlessly in the Kletz before the timely rescue of a friend’s pity). In many ways I felt like a freshman.

Ahem, I’m a senior. At the end of this year I face graduation and the job field. I don’t yet have a “plan,” but I’m not concerned. I remember being a freshman and not knowing what to do with this next step of life. I looked with all its possible majors, all its organizations and clubs, all its opportunities. Now I’m in the same position again, but after my time abroad I think I have a good handle on the whole— I don’t have plans but I’ll enjoy-life anyway mentally. What’s more, I now have the ability to create new plans and flex when those change.

This column did not turn out like I planned. I originally wanted to share specifics about my year abroad, about Scotland and Jordan but mostly Jordan. But I’ve discovered that while a quick sentence given en route to Chapel is not enough to sum it up, neither is a 500-word column in the student newspaper. I want to be real, to truly share my experience. So if you want to hear it, let’s go into detail. I’ll be happy for the coffee. And things around us have changed too, and sometimes we don’t know whether for better or for worse.

With that, I must bring the conversation to close. However, I do most certainly encourage all of my students to keep learning and trying new things. Life is too short to not at least try to enjoy its vast range of rich offerings. Perhaps one day, I will enroll in a third class at Hope, and maybe even pass it this time. After all, they say that the third time’s a charm.

So how about those new sandwiches they have in the student cafeteria? See? It’s easy, and now you have something to talk about exciting new things in the present? Be natural. Ask about someone’s summer: “Your summer was good? Cool. So was mine.” If it’s been a long time, “Yeah, it’s been a long time!” “It is?” “My year was...good. Life-changing.”

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Aftan enjoys seeing her Hope family again and playing Frisbee in the Pine Grove. And dark chocolate. She likes dark chocolate.

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The focus is no longer simply on teaching students to write a cookie-cutter essay, but rather on departments helping their students learn to write well within their respective majors. “We have a responsibility, especially to our juniors and seniors, to prepare them for graduate school or careers so they are confident in their post-college years,” Klooster said.

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Convocation speaker: Make the most of college years

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With the members of the incoming Class of 2014 at Hope College at the beginning of their college experience, speaker Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown suggested ways to make the most of the learning opportunities ahead. Trent-Brown, an assistant professor of psychology, presented the address “A Multi-‘tude of Opportunity” during the college’s Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 29, in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse.

Approximately 2,000, primarily new students and their families, attended the event, which marked the formal beginning of the college’s 149th academic year. The new students moved in on Aug. 27 and returning students moved in Aug. 29. Fall semester classes started on Aug. 31.

Trent-Brown included the colloquial short form of the word “attitude” in the title of her address to emphasize that how the students approach their education will play a key role in what they gain from it. She suggested that they adopt a multitude of “‘tudes” in pursuing the multiple lessons that their years at Hope will offer.

First, she encouraged the students to embrace the way that the college’s “multi-disciplinary” liberal arts education can give them additional perspectives with which to understand the world and make a difference in it.

“As we better comprehend the world in which we live—its intricacies, nuances and subtleties—we are better prepared to meet its needs, to battle its ills, and to uplift its joys; making informed contributions and providing effective service,” she said.

Next, Trent-Brown said that they should also take full advantage of Hope’s “multicontextual focus,” or emphasis on educating the whole person.

“At Hope we identify three primary contexts within which we want students to grow—the academic, the co-curricular and the spiritual,” she said. “Hope strives to be a place where the integration across these multiple contexts forges interconnections that produce more substantial learning outcomes for students than could any of the single contexts alone.”

Third, she noted that the students should be open to the different styles of learning, or “multidirectional pedagogy,” that they would encounter, from traditional classroom teaching, to hands-on laboratory sessions, to field placements, service-learning projects and more.

“First, it encourages us to be open to learning in ways that may be very different from what we have been accustomed to, because, you know, it may turn out that it works for you,” she said. “Second, our ‘multi-‘tude’ encourages us to jump right in with full willingness to participate. If we only give something a weak, half-attempt, we’re already putting ourselves at a disadvantage for reaping maximum benefit from the experience.”

Fourth, she encouraged them to be open to the many prospects that the college will offer for “multicultural encounter,” from on-campus coursework to domestic or overseas off-campus study to learning from others at Hope who are from different races and traditions.

“We’ve heard about the necessities of globalization and being able to participate effectively in the changing world, in effect, becoming adept world citizens. So, yes, this will be important for your careers, but more importantly, for your lives,” she said. “Our ‘multi-‘tude here encourages openness, hospitality, patience, honesty, humility and compassion. It also undergirds courage—it can be scary moving outside your comfort zone, making first contact, not knowing what you might find and how it might change your life… change you.”

Trent-Brown also asked the students to pursue the multiple attitudes in a unified way, “thoughtful, intentional and prayerful in discerning amongst the choices.”

She reflected on the way that the Christian faith informs learning at Hope and cited Philippians 2:1-11, in which Paul calls for his readers to follow Christ’s example and act in faith and humility, and with regard for others.

“It has been said that ‘it is your attitude… that determines your altitude,’ meaning that you can achieve new heights in your life if you are intentional about your attitude,” she said. “Class of 2014, there is no limit to the heights you might achieve sharing the attitude of Christ, and a ‘multi-‘tude approach to your education, you just have to rise to the occasion.’

Looking back on the fun times of Orientation 2010

Photos by Holly Enneking and Karen Patterson

ORIENTATION 2010—The class of 2014 (center) is now settled in thanks to hundreds of orientation assistants who helped them move in (center right) and provided entertainment (top and bottom right). The Play Fair (top and bottom left) was also a great way for freshmen to meet new people.
**Men’s soccer**

Having enough returning players isn’t something the men’s soccer team has to worry about this year. With 18 returning letter-winners, the Flying Dutchmen are poised to impress again this season. If not for a 1-0 loss to Calvin in the final game of last season, the Dutchmen would have been crowned MIAA champions for the fifth time in nine years. Assistant coaches Logan Bajema (’12) and John Turner (’11) lead this year’s squad during their first full season in the newly built Van Andel Stadium.

“We have great leadership from many players including captains this year,” head coach Steve Smith said. “Many of the juniors will also impact the team in total play including Shaun Groetsema (’12),”

As has been the story for the past 20 years, the Flying Dutchmen will be guided by Smith. With a .765 career win percentage, Smith knows what it takes to form a winning team and what to expect out of his team each season. “I am expecting a great season in regards to both success on the fields and relationships within the team,” Smith said. “I expect players to contribute this year.”

**Women’s cross country**

The women’s cross country team enters the season with high expectations. The Flying Dutch was ranked second in the Great Lakes Region among other NCAA Division III women’s cross-country teams in a pre-season poll, four places higher than it finished last year.

The team has several key runners returning this season, including multiple former All-MIAA athletes. “The women’s cross country team returns their top 10 runners from last year’s team and have added many new solid freshman and transfer runners,” coach Mark Northuis said. “Seven of the returning runners have been all-MIAA in the past, and the top 12 runners should challenge all-MIAA honors this season.”

**Men’s golf**

The men’s golf team is coming off one of its best seasons ever, winning the MIAA for the sixth time in seven years and placing ninth in the NCAA Division III championship, the best a Hope men’s golf team has ever done. Having lost only one golfer to graduation, the team will return many of the best a Hope men’s golf team has ever done. Having lost only one golfer to graduation, the team will return many players including captains this year.

Once again the Flying Dutchmen have just one senior on the team, captain Chris Ansel (’11). Nicholas Campbell (’12), John Cannon (’13), Aasen Farah (’13), Adam Phippin (’13), and Andy Thomson (’12) also return from last year’s squad. Sean La Douse (’13), Matthew Noordhoff (’13), and Jason Vander Klok (’14) round out the roster.

Hope, like all other MIAA teams, will host one conference tournament this season. Hope’s turn will come on Monday, Sept. 17, when the MIAA teams will gather at Wiskovahad Players Club for the sixth jamboree of the season.

On Saturday, the men’s golf team traveled to Battle Creek to compete in the Lou Collins Invitational hosted by Olivet College. They placed sixth out of 15 teams, one stroke behind rival Calvin College. Campbell was next for the Dutchmen as part of a three-way tie for 14th place.

**Women’s golf**

Last year, the women’s golf team finished third in the MIAA and was ranked 10th in the nation in the Golf World/NCGA Division III poll, which was conducted by the National Golf Coaches Association and Golf World Magazine.

The Flying Dutch will look to improve upon last year’s success. “Our team has some new solid freshman and transfer runners,” coach Mark Northuis said. “Seven of the returning runners have been all-MIAA in the past, and the top 12 runners should challenge all-MIAA honors this season.”

This year, the Flying Dutch want to win, plain and simple. After a disappointing 8-9-1 campaign last year, coach Leigh Sears’ team is setting the bar high. “Experience should not be a problem as the team has 20 returning letter-winners.” Kelsey Bos (’11), Kara Marsman (’11) and Kristen Schwenk (’11) are only three.

With three years of experience each, leadership is definitely something they are capable of. Last season’s leading goal scorer, Tricia Bajema (’13) will be back for her second year, along with a slew of other stand-out sophomores.

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The Flying Dutch placed first, led by Emily Fischer (’12) who also finished first overall. Cornerstone and Albion finished second and third respectively. The Hope men have won seven of the past ten Vanderbilt invitational.

The Flying Dutchmen placed second out of five teams at the invitational. MIAA opponent Albion placed first. They were led by Nathan Love (’12) who finished in second, 20 seconds behind Cornerstone runner Alex Green. The Hope men last won the invitational in 2008.

**MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

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Football team drops season opener to Illinois Wesleyan

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Hope College’s football squad ended its season last year with a 3-7 overall record, causing the program to experience back-to-back losing seasons for the third time in the past 40 years. But taking a closer look at the season puts it in a slightly different light.

Of the team’s seven losses, six of them were lost by seven or fewer points, including a one-point, a two-point, and two three-point losses. Another game, against the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, was a seven-point loss that was decided in double-overtime.

This pattern of close calls was continued in this season’s Sept. 4 season-opener against Illinois Wesleyan, a contest that was lost 20-16.

The game started well for the Dutchmen, who held a 10-0 lead at halftime. Hope stayed in the lead through most of the game, until a six-play drive at the end of the fourth quarter by the Titans that resulted in a touchdown and put them on top, 20-16.

As a result of this 3-3 conference record in the 2009 season, a record which resulted in a fourth place Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association finish, the Flying Dutchman were ranked fourth in the MIAA pre-season poll.

Team captain Josh Droppers ’11 explained his thoughts on the rankings.

“I am not surprised by our rankings after a year when we finished 3-3 in the league,” Droppers said. “We deserve to be ranked that low. We did however, lose a lot of those games by a small margin and we know that looking at this year. We understand that every play counts and that it is up to us to be better on every snap, because every snap counts in a football game.”

With a number of starters and key players returning, the team is looking optimistically to the rest of the season. The Dutchmen have five players coming back to the University from last year’s team, the team knows what it takes to be successful.

“Our goal this year is to win,” Droppers said. “With winning, everything else falls into place.”

Despite all of the optimism, the team does need to address some consistent weaknesses in order to succeed. Their season-opening loss marks their 20th or fewer points, including a seven-point loss that was decided in double-overtime.

This early season weakness was seen last year as the team did not earn its first win until the fifth game of the year, against Olivet College. In the 5-3 Tigers victory, the team has also not won a season opener since their 2004 campaign.

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Despite this, Droppers believes that this year’s team can overcome past weaknesses and grow throughout the year.

“We know that we have the opportunity to be an outstanding football team,” he said.