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Hope College
Hope welcomes huge freshmen class

As Hope College’s 150th academic year kicks off, the college welcomes its biggest freshmen class in history. This year’s class consists of a record-breaking 868 students, a considerable increase from the previous record of 819 set in 2007.

However, the significant size of the class brought about some complications for Hope Residential Life and Housing. "Our housing is extremely full," says Director of Residential Life John Jobson. "This summer was like a giant puzzle in terms of who to house where.

To solve the housing dilemmas, certain changes were made. According to Jobson, Fairbanks Townhouses, Apartments and several cottages near DeVos Fieldhouse that were not originally intended to be used this year were needed.

Campus gets taste of new dining options

With a record sized incoming class of freshmen and in the midst of an economy that has yet to fully rebound, Hope College continues to adapt and expand to meet the needs of its students. The Dining Services branch of the college is no exception.

The 2011-12 academic year will see two major changes in the way Hope students pay for food. A "+" plan is now being provided for students who commute, live off campus, or live in cottages. For students who visit Phelps Dining Hall on campus, a whole series of organizational changes were made over the summer in an attempt to improve efficiency and functionality.

"Students have been asking for a smaller meal plan for a while, especially students living off campus and in cottages. I think the motivation for that has been intensified by the economy," Director of Dining Services Bob Van Heukelom said.

The new + Plan is restricted to students living in a cottage, in an apartment or off-campus housing including commuters and provides seven meals per week. Those meals can be eaten at Phelps Dining Hall, Cook Dining Hall, or at The Kletz. The "plus" part of the plan includes a long list of services provided by the college — its total value is estimated by Dining Services to be approximately $500.

Some elements of the package include one free snack and one beverage per day, four guest meal passes at Phelps or Cook Dining Halls, three pizzas from the Kletz and $20 in gift certificates to the campus book store.

This summer saw the passing of two well-loved members of the Hope College and Holland community. Hope mathematics professor Mary DeYoung died on July 25 at the age of 58 after battling cancer. Less than two weeks later, on Aug. 7, Claudia Hayes-Hagar of the art department died at 59 following a three-year battle with cancer.

DeYoung was an associate professor of mathematics and had been a member of the Hope faculty since 1982. She was also a Hope graduate and was a member of the class of 1975. She met her husband Steve, who survives her, when they were both students at Hope.

Hope’s Provost Richard Ray expressed his admiration for her style of teaching.

"Even when she was taking a hard line with a student for under-performance, she would do it with a smile. Professor DeYoung was a very demanding teacher and those kids learned a lot and worked hard for their learning," Ray said.

"She would do whatever she thought she needed to do to make things better and I really loved her for that," he said.

This is to house the growing student body. Collaboration with a local property management company was also necessary. Despite these solutions, there will be little flexibility in regard to room changes during the upcoming year.

Besides the incoming class, there are several new additions to Hope’s campus this year. Fire sprinkling systems were installed in both Voorhees and Van Vleck dorms and new laboratories were also developed in VanderWerf and Van Zoeren. The Physical Plant made improvements on several cottages throughout campus as well.

Of all the projects completed over the summer, Physical Plant Director Greg Maybury says renovations done in Lichty Hall will be the most beneficial.

"The Lichty Hall Project will have the most dramatic

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**This Week at Hope**

**Wednesday**  
Aug. 31  
SAC Coffeehouse  
9 p.m.-11 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Sept. 1  
Usher In!  
Musical Departmental Convocation  
Wickers Auditorium @ 11 a.m.

**Friday**  
Sept. 2  
SAC Drive-In Movie  
Pine Grove @ 9 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Sept. 3  
Time to Serve  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Sept. 6  
Fulbright Information Session  
Van Wylen Library  
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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**Nursing Grabs Boast Perfect Pass Rates**

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Renovations, orientation staff welcome students to campus

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  - effect for the students living there due to the improvements in comfort...and cosmetics.
  - With the housing improvements and renovations made, the campus prepared for the new students’ arrival. The first weekend spent at Hope is a vital part of every freshmen’s college experience and the orientation staff worked overtime to welcome the new students.
  - “We’ve been working all summer to organize events, get new students in OA groups and keep in touch with orientation staff,” said Carly Henkel ’12.

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Obama makes second visit to a Holland battery plant

The president had previously visited LG Chem/Compact Pow- er plant, another local battery facility, in July 2010. LG Chem owns the Holland facility, which houses the ninth plant to be built in recent years. Last year, Obama toured the site to highlight the role of battery technology in the U.S. economy and Western Michigan’s prominence in the industry, which is part of the larger alternative energy industry. LG Chem and Johnson Controls are ultimately expected to generate 300 and 500 jobs respectively.

This time around, the president began his speech by contrasting the con-tinued strength of the U.S. economy in the face of a possible second recession. He also deplored the reference to as “the worst kind of partisanship” in Wash-)

Mathematics, social networking and the Arab Spring

Annette Goetz
World Co-Editor

Hope College Professor Tim Pennings noticed a pattern in the Arab Spring. The recent up-risings in North Africa and the Middle East, commonly referred to as the “Arab Spring,” consist-ently displayed certain levels of specific variables, such as author-thoritarian response to unrest, unemployment, level of corrup-tion and military response.

Pennings, working with a fac-ulty-student research team, cre-ated an equation to analyze the variables of specific variables (for instance, lesser access to social networking as compared to greater access).

Stability. Pennings notes, is difficult to maintain when power is located in one person’s hands instead of resting with a large body of people. Shifting power in the long run than those in power are limited in scope. He says, “the most complicated the ob-ject, the more difficult to model accurately.” Human beings and human decisions, especially on a mass scale, are perhaps the most complicated objects to be mod-eled, hence the limitations of any mathematical model, even one that consciously takes into ac-count a wide range of variables.

Sometimes things are so com-plicated, it is hard to have any real sense of what they mean. Imagine that someone tells you the average number of stars in a galaxy is between 100 billion and 1 trillion. You are probably thinking that it is a lot of stars, you would be right, but it is difficult to picture. Now picture Leo Tolstoy’s “War and Peace.” The average unabridged version runs at 1,500 pages. Now pic-ture another. Now another. Keep going until you have filled your mental room with “War and Peace.” Eventually, if you are counting every individual page in every book, you will get a sense of what 1 trillion means. Even with the limitations, modeling complex situations is helpful to us since it gives us a means of grasping some of the complexity.

What is exciting for stu-dents in this kind of research is that it demonstrates how the cross-curriculum education available at Hope can help make sense out of global issues. “Our GEMS courses and Cultural Heritage courses are designed to integrate the disciplines,” Pennings says.

It is through this cross-dis-ciplinary approach, in this case combining political science and mathematics, that we are able to get a better picture of the world. So the next time you bemoan your GEMS course or cultural heritage requirements, consider how you could apply them in unexpected contexts.

East Coast earthquake rattles Washington, D.C.

Anomalously weakly was suddenly interrupt-ed on the East Coast of the U.S. on August 23, when a magnitude-5.8 earthquake struck for about 30 seconds at 1:51 p.m. Three aftershocks ranging from magnitude-2.2 to 4.8 were measured later the same day.

Some briefly mistook it for a terrorist attack, the quake was not responsible for any serious inju ries or deaths. Large earthquakes are rare on the East Coast; the most recent comparable one was in 1886.

According to the United States Geologi-cal Survey, the epicenter was a fault line near Mineral, Va., a town located 84 miles southwest of Washington.

However, people experienced tremors as far away as Georgia, southern Canada, and even western Michigan.

USGS Director Marcia McNutt ex-plained, “In terms of energy release, [it was] a fairly run-of-the-mill earth-quake, but the rocks in the area were quantified, the tremor was widely felt.”

Calvin College Geology Professor Gerry Van Kooten told Grand Rapids news channel WZZM13 that the loca-tion of the epicenter was also a factor. “The epicenter was 3.5 miles from the surface. That’s relatively shallow and probably one of the reasons why so many people felt it,” said Van Kooten.

While evacuations took place up and down the East Coast, including such prominent structures as the Pentagon, White House, Smithsonian, Capitol, and Empire State Buildings, Washington, D.C. appears to have been the hardest hit. Over 100 school buildings were closed on Wednesday along with a number of federal buildings attached to the departments of Homeland Se-curity, Agriculture, and Transportation.

Damage to the Washington Monument includes cracks on the top and fallen pieces of mortar in the observation area. The National Cathedral suffered sever-al cracked flying buttresses and three out of its four spires lost their capstones. Engi-neers are already assessing the damage and determining how repairs will go forward.
Escape to Caribbean’s hidden artistic treasure in DePree

Lindsey Wolf
Arts Co-Editor

Curacao, a small island off the coast of Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, is the focus of DePree’s current exhibit. The Caribbean exhibit runs through Oct. 1. The opening reception is Sept. 9 beginning with an artist talk at 4 p.m.

The artists and the island itself fascinate Susan Wilczak, guest curator and adjunct art history lecturer at Hope. Wilczak describes the island as “one who is associated with the island, either by place of birth or by establishing an artistic life and reputation on the island.”

In her curator’s statement, Wilczak explains that the exhibit should be viewed while keeping in mind “the diversity of the island’s history; Dutch influences, multi-cultural influences, slavery, politics, religion, trade, industry, natural environment and island life itself.”

Even though Dutch is the island’s official language, English, Spanish and Papiamentu, a Creole language, are widely spoken. Just as the people speak a variety of colorful languages, the DePree exhibit displays the work of 10 artists who use a variety of media including oil on canvas, wood and iron sculptures and digital prints.

Because of its tropical beaches and numerous diving locations, the island is a popular vacation destination for those looking to relax as well as for those looking for outdoor adventure. The beauty of the island is captured in the rich blues and greens of Ria Houwen’s oil paintings. She describes the encounter between land and sea in her artist statement:

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HSRT finishes successful season

Annelise Belmonte
Arts Co-Editor

Hope’s Summer Repertory Theatre offers a wide variety of entertainment for the summer months. The DeWitt and Knickerbocker theatres drew crowds by hosting shows such as “Children of Eden,” a musical loosely based on the Book of Genesis, and “Taking Steps,” a comedic mystery.

Hope students, alumni and faculty participated in the productions, and this summer they also helped put on shows for the Holland community.

In addition, HSRT produced “I Remember Mama,” a touching play about a Norwegian immigrant family adjusting to American life around the 1920s; “Guys on Ice,” a comedic tribute to the lifestyles of ice fishermen in upper Michigan/Wisconsin; and “Return to the Forbidden Planet,” a futuristic musical adaptation of Shakespeare’s “The Tempest.”

The children’s shows were “How I Became a Pirate” and “The Borrowers.”

Recent graduates Benjamin Hertel ('11), Jackie Richards ('11), and Jenny Tremblay ('11) worked in areas that ranged from publicity to house management. This summer HSRT welcomed graduate Christine Wor- den as a member of the acting company.

The acting intern for this season were Skye Edwards ('13), John Teller ('12), and Kara Williams ('12).

Hope’s Director of Theatre Michelle Bombe was cast as her real-life husband’s companion for “I Remember Mama.”

A handful of current students also worked behind the scenes on productions, including Mackenzie Anderson ('13) on props, Madison Tustin ('12) as a house manager and Elizabeth Dwyer ('12) as a stage manager and assistant stage manager.

With classes starting, the HSRT program is over, but Hope’s Theatre is just beginning. Auditions are Thursday and Friday in DeWitt Theatre.
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Apathy is a dangerous disease

Caitlin Klask & Chris Russ
Editors-in-Chief

Almost every day, someone talks about the impending death of print journalism. In the age of Twitter and Facebook and blogging and instant information, a news source that gives information on events that happened the previous night already seems archaic. But we, as student journalists, still believe in the newspaper as a powerful means of exposing corruption in our society.

This summer the sports world blew up when the news came out that Ohio State's football program was bursting at the seams with corruption and NCAA violations. Stories detailing how players received free cars and exchanged memorabilia for tattoos, drugs and money dominated sports headlines all summer. ESPN the Magazine did a cover story on the scandal and Sports Illustrated commissioned a high-profile sports writer to investigate and write an essay.

But one of the most significant reports to expose the football program was one that appeared in The Lantern. Unlike ESPN and Sport Illustrated, The Lantern isn't an international news conglomerate. It's Ohio State's student-run school paper. The writers of this story received a number of threats from Ohio State fans, but they also appeared on national television where they were congratulated for their investigative reporting.

Over the past few years, there have been a lot of angry statuses on Facebook that are filled with complaints about Hope College — the administration, teachers, facilities or other Hope students. A quick scan of Facebook on an average day would lead you to believe that a lot of people are unhappy with the way a lot of things are going on this campus.

However, it's rare that those complaints accomplish anything. Maybe a few people will "like" a student's outraged remark, but nothing that caused the rage in the first place has ever changed as a result. Members of Hope's administration probably say that print media is dead, print media dies a little more.

So next time something about Hope makes you angry, write us a letter and we will print it. If a system is broken or if something is unjust, it's not wrong to react negatively to that. But it is your responsibility to do something positive with that frustration. The Anchor should serve as a platform for Hope students to express their opinion, but you need to send us your opinions for that to happen.

We’ll leave you with a few album recommendations (because we love music and we hope you do too):

Chris’ Recommendations:
- Belle and Sebastian – "Dear Catastrophe Waitress"
- Bon Iver – "Bon Iver"
- James Blake – "James Blake"
- Jay-Z and Kanye West – "Watch the Throne"
- Stalley – "Lincoln Way Nights (Intelligent Trunk Music)"

Caitlin’s Recommendations:
- Medicine – "Shut Forth Self Living"
- Mogwai – "Mr. Beast"
- Hum – "You’d Prefer an Astronaut"
- Cranes – "Loved"
- Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet – "Savvy Show Stoppers"

Want to get your name in print?

Naturally, The Anchor is always looking for print-savvy students to jump on board the staff.

But you can gain some of the same fame that the weekly staff has, just by writing a letter to the editor, without worrying about cramming yet another extra-curricular into your crazy-hectic schedule. Or, if you’re interested in writing a story, come to our weekly meetings, Sundays at 6 p.m. We’ll brainstorm story ideas for the upcoming issue, and writers are always welcome to join in, every time!

Come check out the opportunities to get your name in print as a story writer. Either way, SPEAK UP! We want to hear your voice!

You’ve got an opinion, so write us. If it’s a letter, we’ll need your name, your graduating year, and a letter of no more than 500 words: short, painless, and to the point. Shoot it to our inbox (anchor@hope.edu) no later than 6 p.m. the Monday before our Wednesday issue. The student body is waiting to hear from you.

Interested in photography?
The Anchor is looking to fill our Photo Editor position for the 2011-12 year. This position includes managing photographers, photographing events, and being a part of a great Anchor staff!

Send inquiries to anchor@hope.edu
Drawing conclusions

Leaky eyeballs

There's definitely something scary about starting over, isn't there?

It's like the feeling you get when you walk into a crowded room and everyone stops talking and stares at you. It's like the shudder that grips you when you look down from a very, very high place, and the concept of falling from there flashes across your mind. It's like the sound of a door sliding heavily shut, the finality of it echoing in your ears.

It sets your heart racing, and, if you're like me, it makes your eyeballs leak... which is just a tough-guy way of saying I'm not very good at holding back the floodgates, and something that upsets me will most likely elicit some tears.

This year has got me on the edge (not of glory, Lady GaGa) but of tears. People are adaptable, so while I'm not always thrilled with new things, I can stay positive about them, since they turn out beautifully in the end.

But like I said, this year is going to get to me, because like a fourth of you, I'm a senior.

I'm terrified. And while I'm also pretty excited for the next chapter of my life, it's still a year away, so it's pretty blurry yet. And because of that, the excitement sometimes loses its grip on my imagination and lets the panic about my unknown future take hold, which results in leaky eyeballs.

After one such shower, two friends of mine noticed the telltale tracks on my cheeks and kindly asked what was wrong, which caused my recently-stopped deluge to begin again. After doing what good friends do and hugging me till the tears stopped, one of them patted me on the shoulder and said these few words to me. Just a few words, and borrowed ones at that... but they strode across my thoughts like Jesus on the water, and calmed them just as He calmed the storm.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Then my wise friend smiled at me. "It's really true," she said. "He DID give you Hope. And now he's going to give you a future, too!"

I can't begin to tell you how much peace those words gave me. Now, you might be laughing at them and saying that it was a cheesy play on our dear institution's name, but I beg to differ. I prefer to think of it as one of those times God hits you over the head with it because you're too dense to get it otherwise. I don't have to worry about my future, because God's got that covered, just like He's guided my past.

If you're a freshman, just moved here and trying to make a place, relax. There's hope. You WILL find a place here. If you're a sophomore, live it up! You've got three years ahead of you, and the pressures of life after college are still only distant threats on the horizon. Enjoy Hope. If you're a junior, dig in your heels. Relish every moment. Be Hope, and more importantly, BE hope. And if you're a senior, like me, remember to breathe.

The future starts now. And our loving God is planning it.

Kate is super duper happy to be back here for one more year, and she would like to apologize for playing around with "hope" so much. But it really is a beautiful thing... just like all of you gracious people. See you around.

Kate Schrampler
Columnist

Home

“I want to get everything just right, because I know I won’t move it for the rest of the year,” I begrudgingly added to the conversation of stressful housemates trying to organize and decorate. Isn’t it funny how we spend the entire first week back at school arranging and rearranging, but then don’t question it for the rest of the year? It’s all about making a home, whether out of a dorm room, apartment or cottage. In fact, college in its entirety is about making a home.

We find home in friends, extracurriculars, and organizations. For freshmen it’s just beginning with orientation and the activities fair — a life full of naps in the Pine Grove and late night doughnut runs. For upperclassmen the process is continuing by buckling down in our majors, and finding our piece of the Hope College pie. I think our goal in college is to make a home, not a home away from home. After winter break freshman year I told my new college friends, “I’m coming home!” in less than a year, Hope was no longer temporary. And as this new year approaches I am so glad to be home, whether in my cottage or with my friends or in my extracurriculars. Perhaps your still looking, trying to find your piece of Hope to call home. Now for my shameless plug: if you’re a writer, we welcome you to share your home with us. Tell us about your Hope experience, or any experience you’ve had. But regardless of your involvement with us, Hope students new and old, welcome home.
Summer vacation has concluded and Hope athletes are gearing up for the beginning of the fall season. Eight different teams across five different sports are eager to commence their competitive seasons.

**Men’s Soccer**

A streak of late-season wins and a conference co-championship earned the men’s soccer team first place in the MIAA preseason coaches’ poll. After going undefeated in the second half of MIAA play last season, the Dutchmen fell to North Park in the first round of the NCAA tournament and finished the season with a 13-6-2 record. With 18 returning letterwinners, the team hopes to continue its success into the coming season.

“Our team is working toward winning the MIAA Conference as well as the tournament at the end of the regular season. This has been seen in the first week. There is a camaraderie and determination that I have not seen in my four years of playing at Hope. ” Shaun Groetsema (’12), another captain this year, said. “This has been seen in the national tournament, “ coach Greg Stafford said. “This year, the team adds six freshmen to its ranks this year in addition to seven returning golfers, including captains Megan Scholten (’12) and Emily Atma (’12). Scholten has been recognized by the MIAA every season of her collegiate career, receiving a first team placement as a freshman and second team honors her sophomore and junior years. Atma, Park, Scholten and Zandstra also were named as 2010-11 All-American Scholars by the National Golf Coaches Association.

The men’s cross country team started its fall season on Sept. 2 at Trine and will host the MIAA jamboree on Sept. 21.

**Women’s Cross Country**

After qualifying for the national meet last year, the team hopes to make it to nationals again this year. As a team, we hope to be the top team in our conference and win the tournament to go to the NCAA playoffs,” co-captain Sara Lang (’13) said. “We plan on being very successful this year.”

Shaun Groetsema (’12), another captain for the 2011 season, said the team’s dynamic could make a difference this year.

“The leadership among the team lies not only in the seniors and captains but in the juniors and sophomores as well,” Groetsema said. “This has been seen in the past.”

The women’s cross country team shared the conference title with Calvin, who made the all-MIAA second team in 2009. The runners are eager to commence their competitive season on Friday at Denison in Ohio.

**Women’s Soccer**

After finishing seventh in the MIAA last year, the women’s soccer team will look to record its first winning season since 2008. Though picked to finish fifth in the conference in the MIAA preseason coaches’ poll, co-captain Danielle Petzak (’12) said the team’s experience will help them out this fall.

“Last season was a learning experience for us, and now we’re ready to take it to another level,” Petzak said. “We’re also trying out a new formation which everyone is really excited about; it should allow us to be more offensive than in the past.”

The team has high goals for the season.

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The team returns 17 letterwinners, including Lindsay Jipping (’13), who received second team all-MIAA honors last year and Tricia Bajema (’13), who made the all-MIAA second team in 2009. Lana Gentry (’12) and Bethann Hamer (’12) will lead the team as captains along with Petzak and Lang.

Women’s soccer opens its season on the road against North Central, Ill. on Sept. 2.

**Men’s Golf**

After finishing seventh in the MIAA in average assists per set in the MIAA in average assists per set in the MIAA, the men’s golf team hopes to pick up where they left off last season and advance further into this year’s NCAA tournament.

“Last year we were about 20 points out of making it to nationals and this year we return all but one of our main contributors so we should be a much stronger and more experienced group,” co-captain Andrew McKeachie (’12) said. "Calvin and Albion will be tough opponents within the MIAA, and they both got the best of us at the MIAA Championship meet and the regional last year. But we match up pretty well with them and if things go right for us on the right day, we can run with anyone."

Nate Love (’12) also returns as a captain. Love was the only member of the men’s cross country team to individually qualify for nationals last year after he finished eighth out of 240 runners at the Great Lakes regional meet.

The cross country teams will host their first meet of the season on Sept. 3.

**Football**

Heading into its 102nd season, the football team will look to shake its three-year streak of 3-7 seasons. Though the schedule is identical to last year’s, co-captain Josh Droppers (’12) believes this season will be different.

“It is no secret that we have had a few bad years,” Droppers said. “We know that there has been an attitude of change in this program.”

The team returns several starting defensive players from a team that only allowed nine rushing touchdowns in 10 games last year. In addition to Droppers and Brian Lynn (’13), Ben Van Ausdall (’12) and Kyle Warren (’12) will lead the Dutchmen as captains this season.

Though the经验丰富的 players will once again help guide the team, Warren said this year will also be good for newer members of the team.

“Last year was a learning year for freshmen to come in and help contribute to our team as a whole and other returners that got a taste of varsity and six where there are available spots,” Warren said.

The football team will kick off the season at Illinois Wesleyan on Sept. 3 and will start the home season against Wisconsin Lutheran on Sept. 10.

**Women’s Cross Country**

After qualifying for the national meet last year, the women’s cross country team will look to build on its successful season in 2011. After finishing second in the Great Lakes Regional, the team headed to nationals for the Flying Dutch and finished the MIAA, and they both got the best of us at the MIAA Championship meet and the regional last year. But we match up pretty well with them and if things go right for us on the right day, we can run with anyone."

Nearly all of the runners who competed at nationals for the Flying Dutch will be back on the team this year, including captains Kelly Lutfkin (’12) and Karly Sikma (’12). Sikma was recognized as an All-MIAA runner last year.

The women’s cross country team will also compete at the Vanderbilt Invitational, hosted by Hope on Sept. 3.