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"Courage, wisdom and grace": Hope College remembers English Professor David Klooster

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Campus News Co-Editor

The world contains many brilliant scholars, leaders, and tireless advocates for justice, but it takes an extraordinary individual to leave a legacy that embodies all three.

According to the testimonies of many Hope College students and faculty, English Professor David Klooster did just that.

After 14 months spent battling brain cancer, Klooster died June 2.

The Hope community is still reeling from the loss of a man whose passionate care for cultivating relationships with students and colleagues, studying and appreciating American literature, practicing and examining the Christian faith, and promoting global education in literacy led him to action.

During his 12 years at Hope, Klooster advised and mentored students in his role as English Department chairman.

Klooster's "encouragement" and faith in her, she says, hugely influenced her decision to pursue an English major. One of Klooster's major contributions to Hope was his involvement as director of the "Writing Corner" in Van Wyck.

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Establishing good neighbor relations

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As Hope College upperclassmen settle into on-campus cottages or assume off-campus leases in the Holland community this month, many are discovering their next-door neighbors are not Hope students.

Some student have been proactive about establishing good neighbor relations for the school year.

Shelley Smallbone ('13) brought cookies and a card containing her housemates' names and phone numbers when she met the neighbors, a blind woman, her husband and their watchdog Franklin, early in the summer. Smallbone and her housemates live on College Avenue between East 14th and 15th Streets.

The gesture has paid off, as the girl's relationship with their neighbors is great, she said.

A few times, the couple has knocked on the girl's door after a noisy night to request that the music be kept down.

Smallbone said she and her housemates understand adding that she realizes the couple is "an actual family living here."

On the other side of Smallbone's neighbors live the men of Omicron Kappa Epsilon, the Fraternal Society.

Her next-door neighbors are "not a fan of them, I guess," because of all the noise, said Smallbone.

Juanita Gomez has lived kitty-corner from Smallbone and the Fraternal house for about 15 years, on and off. No Hope students have ever introduced themselves to her.

The first week of school she said it was noisy at night with students around and about, likely because her house is close to the liquor store on 15th Street.

Gomez said she has called the police a few times when parties have gotten out of hand in the neighborhood.

A neighbor waiting for the bus on the sidewalk in front of her house on 15th Street moved to Holland in 1986 and has watched many Hope students come and go in her neighborhood.

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Labor Day classes: here to stay

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Guest News Co-Editor

When some large universities offer a three-day weekend early on in the school year or do not begin classes at all until after the first weekend of September, students at Hope College may wonder why they have to attend classes on Labor Day.

"A lot of people who arrive at Hope probably scratch their heads a bit," Provost Richard Ray admitted in regards to such classes. Although Hope students are not the only ones attending class on Labor Day, "we're actually not that unusual among better liberal arts colleges."

Hope's holding classes on Labor Day is not a recently established policy. "This is a practice that dates back to 1973," said Ray. "That was about the time when Hope changed its academic calendar." Ray explained that prior to 1973, Hope's school year was structured on the calendar adopted by many public schools; beginning classes the first week of September and finishing the year in early to mid-June.

In 1973 the academic calendar was modified. It was decided that school would begin around August 25 and finish the first week or so of May. These changes were implemented in order to allow more time for summer classes. It was because of this change that Hope was able to offer May, June, and July terms, something that many Hope students either have or will, at some point, take advantage of.

"We could start class after Labor Day, but we would have some difficult decisions to make if we did that," said Ray. "We would have to either extend the fall semester into Christmas vacation or we would have to push the whole school year back a week or 10 days which would cut into our ability to offer May, June, and July terms."

Although this answers the question of why classes begin in late August rather than early September, the question of why we have class on Labor Day itself still remains. This question Ray answers in two parts. "We've just gotten our students here; we've just taken them through the first phases of a very big transition in their lives. There is a hesitancy to interrupt the progress that is made through that transition by sending people away for a long weekend!"

Especially for freshmen, Ray explains, a long weekend so early in the year would interrupt their adjustment to Hope and to college life, especially given that "when we have a long weekend, students are occasionally tempted to extend it."

The second reason is that each semester, Hope makes sure to allow for 70 class days, "to look forward to attending class on a holiday. "We like the academic calendar we have and the opportunities it affords students," said Ray.

More students than ever before are living within the Holland community

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said, "but I didn't know it until the next morning, when I'd see the signs of it...a cap or something, and they'd clean it up."

She also said Hope students rarely introduce themselves. Chad Wolters, director of Campus Safety, believes that meeting non-college-student neighbors promotes understanding and gives the neighbors the impression that students care about them and the neighborhood they are inhabiting.

That way, said Wolters, should any issues come up related to noise, trash or parking issues, the neighbors are much more likely to call the student rather than the police.

Sgt. Lisa Buncy of the Holland Police Department works closely with Campus Safety and supervisors of offices working in the community. She said students will not know what bothers neighbors if they don't establish open communication, because students often expect their neighbors to understand their college habits.

"Little things go a long way," she said.

"Know where each other's coming from," added Wolters. "If [students] know they're having a number of people over, let the neighbors know."

Wolters also commented that having a relationship with your neighbors improves their potential to look out for you and report any suspicious activities in the neighborhood. Considering that there have been more larcenies from vehicles and bikes stolen this year than usual, it helps to have an ally next-door.

For students who approach their neighbors and engage them in conversation, Wolters said it works "so well."

Julie Bedicka ('14) and Mary Kida ('14) live in Beck Cottage near Columbus Avenue and 15th Street, next door to an elderly single woman. They have not introduced themselves yet.

"I definitely want to meet them," said Bedicka of her neighbors. But she added that continuing neighbor relations "would depend on the neighbor, after you meet them."
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Convention came to a close on BUSINESS MANAGER Michael Kroneman his place in the Oval Office. continue his success and earn spot on the Republican ticket, acceptance comes four years presidential nomination. The Mitt Romney accepted the GOP applause convention feeling ^ delighted public education system, spoke disappointment in the K-12 address topics such as her State Condoleeza Rice, who that does not mean that the controversy emerged regarding Israel threatened as Iran crosses the “red line” ceased worrying about it. The American military will back Israel in any situation. Romney impressed his peers, however, when he successfully stripped himself of the image of the cold, unsympathetic businessman and portrayed himself as a gentle family man, his acceptance speech, charismatically acceptable, and personal testimony from his wife, Ann Romney, and other foreign policy when handling foreign matters. Romney impressed his peers, positive light, as they feared undecided voters would not be able to relate to a multi-millionaire businessman. One delegate from San Diego stated that he was sure Romney would see a spike in his approval ratings in Southern California, after his well-received showing at convention. The convention was not without its shortcomings, however. Actor Clint Eastwood caused quite a stir when he spoke to an empty chair, pretending that Obama was seated in it. While many audience members were confused by Eastwood’s appearance and message, news organizations have criticized the film star for his off-color speech. The Romney camp has also distanced themselves from the actor’s remarks with Ann Romney simply labeling both Eastwood and the event as “unique,” according to The Christian Science Monitor. Despite the Eastwood incident, most Republicans have high hopes for November. The Convention proved that Romney and the Grand Old Party have a large amount of momentum going into the election, and the race for the Presidency is any man’s game. At the Democratic Party meets this week in Charlotte, North Carolina for their respective national convention. Barack Obama and other prominent supporters will attempt to gain their share of positive public opinion.
Neil Armstrong, American hero, dead at 82

A pioneer of spaceflight, Armstrong’s humble and graceful legacy continues to live on

Wesley Riehl
Winston News Co-Ellen

Neil Armstrong, a pioneer and hero of the American space program, died Saturday, Aug. 25 from heart surgery complications. Known as the first man to walk on the moon, Armstrong humbly quoted that his actions were “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” He was 82.

Spurred by the space race between Soviet Russia and the United States during the 1960s, President John F. Kennedy called on the American people to place a man on the moon before the decade was out. The Apollo space program, led by engineers and astronauts, including accepting Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and others, culminated on July 20, 1969. The Apollo 11 mission successfully placed their lunar landing spacecraft, nicknamed Eagle, onto a section of the moon referred to as the “Sea of Tranquility.” The mission was completed a mere five months before the deadline set by JFK.

After landing, both Armstrong and his co-pilot, Aldrin, donned their iconic white space suits and proceeded to explore the surface of the moon for the very first time, experiencing a lunar gravity that is one-sixth the strength of Earth’s. Their moonwalk lasted over two hours, which offered plenty of time to take scientific measurements and capture samples of the fine and powdery surface they had invaded. In all, 12 American astronauts walked on the moon between then and the Apollo 17 mission in 1972.

Neil was also noted to be a man that carried himself in an exemplary fashion, humbly accepting his role as an iconic astronaut. Never one to seek fame or excessive attention, he would often gracefully admit that he was just “doing his job.” President Obama echoed these sentiments in a statement released from the White House earlier this week, stating “Thank you, Neil, for showing us the power of one small step.”

Following the success and public affection after the completion of the Apollo 11 mission, Armstrong gradually withdrew from the public eye. Although he spent several years as both an assistant administrator to the space program as well as a university professor, he eventually moved to a rural area outside Lebanon, Ohio, and purchased a farm.

“Mitt Romney has this faith in America, and foreign policy under a Republican administration would ensure that America can remain the best hope for mankind.”

—JOHN MCCAIN

“With you, we can win North Carolina again!”
Vice President Joe Biden, speaking at a campaign rally in Virginia

“It’s gonna get more negative, it’s gonna get vicious,” it’s gonna get nastier.”
—Haley Barbour on President Barack Obama’s efforts to make Mitt Romney an unacceptable alternative

“A hurricane is scheduled to hit Tampa during the Republican Convention. These winds are so strong they could actually blow some of Mitt Romney’s money back in the United States.”
—Jay Lenio

“This Thursday night, I will offer you what I believe is a better path forward - a path that grows this economy, creates more good jobs, strengthens the middle class.”
—President Barack Obama, previewing his Democratic National Convention acceptance speech for Thursday

Global military spending: a waste?

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World News Co-Ellen

All of us have had a time when we have gained that sudden realization of going “Wow! That is a lot of money.” For some of us the blank can be filled by “money, for some cars,” and for others (namely, the guys on-campus), the blank might be filled by the number of girls at Hope College. About 5-10 minutes ago that blank was filled with “money” for me.

I knew how much the nations around the world spent on their military but it is always astonishing to recall it again. Right now, the total military expenditure stands at over $1.7 trillion. The global economic situation has of late made nations rethink on spending on military and other related fields, but so far we have not been successful in cutting back on all sorts of spending, yet military spending seems to be increasing year-by-year. Are the governments all over the world so threatened that they are willing to make themselves safe, all the while jeopardizing the wellness of their people? The answer should certainly be yes if the pattern of expenditure has not at all changed.

I am definitely not saying that there should not be international security; our history has made us fully aware that people will constantly try to harm one another. However, just forget about all the international threats and dangers for half a second and think about the rest of the money. Just half of the money the world is spending on the military could benefit people so much more in other ways. There is no doubt that the international community would be able to eradicate poverty and hunger. Moreover the world could try to promote environmental sustainability - we would be so much ahead in making sure that the Millennium Development Goals would be achieved. We all know that the goals are supposed to be achieved by 2015, but there is certainly no harm in making the world a better place 3 years earlier.

From the $1.7 trillion that the world governments spend on their military expenditure, the United States comprises 41 percent of it while other countries like China and Russia have 8.2 percent and 8.1 percent respectively. I have never been really good at Mathematics but if you are and you are reading this right now, you know that 41% or even 81% percent of the total is a lot of money. Regardless of what the future brings, military expenditure will “proceed in debt and taxes and no nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.” I may not be a genius but I am confident that James Madison was correct in having such an opinion about warfare in 1795; he surely knew what he was talking about. Don’t get me wrong—I am in no way trying to criticize any of your foreign policies and I am definitely not a brilliant economist or politician. Maybe the officials who came up with the policies have always known that it will be a happy ending, but that would mean that Madison was wrong. I would rather believe what Madison said, considering that things have turned out exactly as he predicted, and the future doesn’t seem to be getting any better.
Fall TV: What you should watch on the tube

Elena Rivera
Deputy Editor

Television this season is all about comedy. Typically, cheaper to produce than dramas, networks are filling their schedules with comedies they hope can replicate the fast-paced hit of "30 Rock" and the longevity of "The Office." With so many comedies on their last season or unlikely to be renewed, the fall 2012-2013 season will be the season that defines the next couple of years of comedy and television as a whole. Although, comedy is everywhere (NBC alone is introducing 10 new comedies this season), the network drama is also still in the mix, with CBS, ABC and even NBC investing in high-concept dramas that push the limits of procedural to tell innovative stories. Here are some of the new shows to look out for in the coming season.

"The Mindy Project" (FOX, Sept. 25, 9:30 p.m.)
FOX has created a 2-hour comedy block on Tuesdays, beginning with "New Girl," and ending with "The Mindy Project." "Mindy Project" stars Mindy Kaling (from "Office") as an ER/GYN trying to live out her rom-com dreams in the real world. Kaling is the creator, star, executive producer and writer of her new single-cam sitcom, and her humor and voice are needed in a TV landscape filled and dominated by men. It is also important to note that this is one of the few shows on television today whose lead is a person of color ("Scandal," created by Shonda Rhimes, on ABC is another). Kaling has cemented her status as a talented writer with her book "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)" and her episodes of "The Office" like "The Dundies" and "The Injury." "The Mindy Project" will be a uniquely funny spin on relationships, and an opportunity for Kaling to showcase not only her writing skills, but her comedic talents as well.

Kaling's singular voice in "The Mindy Project," like Louis CK on "Louie" and Lena Dunham on "Girls," is a reminder that networks that create shows and networks that are interested in creative development are the future of television, and not cheap ratings ploys. With so many comedies on their last season or unlikely to be renewed, the fall 2012-2013 season will be the season that defines the next couple of years of comedy and television as a whole.

"Revolution" (NBC, Sept. 17, 10 p.m.), "Nashville" (ABC, Oct. 10, 10 p.m.) and "Elementary" (CBS, Sept. 25, 10 p.m.)
While dramas on cable television are on the rise, even with more people tuning into USA, AMC and premium cable channels like HBO and Showtime, the network drama seems to be a thing of the past. Hoping to change those views, NBC and ABC are both introducing shows that break from the procedurals-in-a-different-city format.

"Revolution" centers around a catastrophic event that disabled all of the world's technology for good. Fifteen years after this event, Charlie Matheson (played by Tracy Spiridakos) goes on a quest to find her family and discover the secrets behind the blackout. She treks through abandoned cities, avoiding the militia and warlords that now rule the countryside like Captain Tom Neville (played by Giancarlo Esposito) going by the title "Breaking Bad" fame, and sword-fighting anyone who gets in her way (apparently, in which post-apocalyptic future, swords are the weapons of choice). "Revolution" has incredible television pedigree, produced by J.J. Abrams ("Alias," "Fringe," "Lost"), written by Eric Kripke ("Supernatural") and directed by Jon Faveau ("Iron Man"). The pilot has been one of the most interesting new shows since its extended preview during the Superbowl in February. Hopefully "Revolution" will become the heir apparent to "Fringe" and "Lost," and not a sad mid-season experiment like "Alcatraz." Two other new dramas premiering this fall season are "Nashville" and "Elementary." "Nashville," starring Mrs. Coach herself, Connie Britton, plays an aging country star named Rayna threatened by a younger teenage starlet played by Hayden Panettiere. While southern dramas are all the rage thanks to the popularity of the rebooted "Dallas," "Nashville" has a tough road ahead of it to make sure it maintains the top spot on the show...
Seniors provide insight for freshmen who seek to live well at Hope College

Whether you’re an introvert or an extrovert, you need to find a social group. This is one of the biggest factors that will determine what your college experience is like. There’s no “right” way to go about doing this, and you don’t need to be going to parties every weekend to develop social ties. It could be a few people, or a dozen, but really work to find a place where you feel safe and accepted.

The first few months of college are a great period of change. During that time, you’ll meet hundreds of people, but not all of them will give you what you need socially. You may, like I did, make several friends with people who live in your hall, or are your roommate’s friends, but they don’t quite click with you. This is okay, and you should feel no guilt in seeking friendships that feel right.

Whatever your views on religion are, seek to develop them. If you are religious, look for ways to deepen your faith. This is something I wish I had spent more time on as a freshman. If you’re Christian, go church shopping. Don’t feel obligated to stay in a particular church if you feel uncomfortable. Seek out Bible studies. My spiritual development has been the most important thing about my college experience, and has really helped to shape who I am as a senior, preparing to graduate.

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Keep your room clean! You only have a limited amount of personal space in college, and to keep yourself in the most positive state possible, take a little time to really make it your own. To get the most out of every minute of your college experience, you want to reside in a positive place, physically and mentally, so that you can have the courage to challenge yourself, and the sense to try new things without judgment. I’m not your mother, but trust me. Clean your room.

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Finally study, but don’t stress too much. No matter if you do the assignment 2 weeks in advance or 2 hours in advance, it will get done. Find a good balance between studying and being with others, either extreme can be detrimental.

Study abroad for a semester! You will not only understand yourself more, but you will understand more about the world outside the United States.

Go to the lake. Ask questions, ask for help, ask for clarification; if you’re bad at those things, your college years are the ultimate time to become better at them. Don’t worry until you have to. Live in community well; pray for your community, break bread with one another, learn names and greet one another by them.
My advice to freshmen is to get to know the people in your classes, especially if it's a class for your major. These will be the people you'll be brothers in arms with for the next four years so make friends and study buddies! There are lots of great resources for academic help at Hope College, but only a friend will answer your phone call at 2 a.m. the night before an assignment is due!

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I would say embrace the awkwardness. You are going to be uncomfortable often and things will not go right all the time, but that is what's so great about freshman year. You will learn so much from all your mistakes, mishaps, inconveniences, confusions and frustrations—so just take them as they come—welcome them even.

Remember too, every other freshman feels as lost and confused as you do at times and every upperclassmen was once in your shoes. Use that knowledge as a resource and talk to people when you need it. It is always okay to ask for help.

If I had the opportunity to sit down and have a conversation with every freshman on campus, I would tell them NOT TO WORRY and DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY. I know, it sounds overly redundant and simplistic. But honestly, that is my best advice.

People walk onto a college campus with their heads held high and personal standards even higher (which is good). They recognize that there is responsibility and the rest of their lives at hand and every move matter (which is also true). But the thing is, these are also some of the best years of your life. It breaks my heart to see my peers stress and burn out over now what seems to be the most seemingly innocuous things.

Tests, quizzes, reputation... sure that matters. But that does NOT define you. When you are an elderly wise ol' man/woman someday, you will NOT think back to your glory days and think, "wow, that A- on my English paper sure took me on a life-changing adventure that helped me identify what my passions are?" No. It's the conversations, the relationships, the moments in between... The things that are only given the chance to blossom and happen if and when you don't take yourself too seriously and recognize that there is more to college than "growing up" and becoming boring.

My personal goal in life is to never lose touch with my inner child. There are enough grown ups around. We need more 'life' in this life we live. And honestly, we are not promised tomorrow. So choose JOY in your day!
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My race with Superman

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I have a new motto in life. Considering the facts that a) it’s September, b) there are five syllables in my backpack and c) the Olympics have ended, so I can’t live vicariously through Gabby Douglas anymore, it’s pertinent now for me.

It’s fall semester 2012 and it’s time to earn our own medals. Because I know I need motivation, and maybe you do too. I’ll share my motto.

Do things that make you proud with people who make you proud. No copyright on that bad boy.

Now for a story to explain the inspiration behind my motto.

This past spring, my dad, who is a good, good man, asked if I would run a race with him when I got home from Hope. He told me that this would, in fact, fulfill an aspiration on his bucket list, to run a race with one of his daughters. Of course, I was touched that running with a daughter made the bucket list. So I said yes. Little did I know what was ahead.

First of all, we signed up for a 10k. This, my non-runnerly self, said it and I feared. I am like an elephant while running; in addition to being slow and cumbersome, both my parents say I run funny.

I ventured was about to contradict my first college authority figure. Maybe my friend was wrong. Maybe I should just let it go. I closed my eyes, imagined myself curling in a dusty corner clutching my ears and weeping lonely tears, as even the West Coast birds turned their backs on my grim, cramped form.

Actually, it’s pronounced, “Ore-ginT.”

That’s right, folks. I did it. The weight of the world was lifted off my shoulders, and instead I proudly wore the invisible badge of Official Pacific Northwest Ambassador. I gleefully trained my roommates until they sounded like perfect little Portis. I even tried to convince my dad to send power drinks for us to drink fifteen minutes before the race.

Anyhow before it, I knew we were off. It was a clear blue skies kind of day, and the route took us alongside one of Manistee’s 6,000 lakes. We were strong for the first few miles. It was actually pretty fun. Then around mile four my legs startedaching.

Out of his short pocket, Dad pulled out two little squeeze packets and held them out. “Energy goo,” he explained. “Chocolate or orange?”

Leave it to Dad. The chocolate goo must’ve made a difference, because by the end of the race I was booking it, determined to beat our goal of sixty minutes. Dad, who had watched every minute of our training runs, was breathing hard. I could see the finish line, and I said, “Dad, we can do this!”

Dad was sweating like a teenager.

We finished just barely under sixty minutes.

I hit me that I’d successfully finished my first 10k with my dad by my side, and I was proud.

College gives us prime opportunities to be proud of ourselves. Notice I am not advocating an egotistical attitude with your pride being solely directed toward yourself, but rather, living a life out of which joy and purpose can radiate alongside others in an organic product. I’m advocating a life that is an intentional, day-by-day existence formed by carefully chosen activities that are worth doing, with people who mean to us.

In other words, my motto is all about dreaming big dreams and then acting — living your dreams alongside people who make you proud.

For all his quirks, my dad really does make me a better person. And I’m so proud to have conquered the challenge of a 10k with him.

Heck — maybe we’ll run another next semester.

“Ore-gone!”

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Global getdown
Daniel Owens
Columnist

What's your name again?

For me, remembering a person's name after meeting them once is as likely as the sun creeping out from the clouds on February day in Holland: a rare occurrence. With the start of a new school year, hundreds of new students, faculty, and staff have arrived on campus. It should come as no surprise that this influx of new faces is a source of considerable angst for those of us who struggle with names.

I thought about Shelly and I kept asking people to remind me of her name. It is better just to avoid names all together? What if it's a future social media platform? What if I want to friend someone her on Twitter? (Self-plug: @Global getdown) What if someone donations? What if someone (what's rush?), and who knew Good Time equated donuts? With my cousin's interest, I felt determined to prepare her further, to ensure that she could truly grasp the essence of Hope, the good, the bad, and the Dutch.

So there I sat. If you don't create at least one lasting relationship with a professor, then you have truly missed something of the Hope College education. Anyone can stumble into Round Robin to discover large groups of singing girls and be introduced to the sororities of Hope. But this little thing, "one lasting relationship with a professor," this seemed important. I found myself sitting at a close cousin and the rep, nodding enthusiastically, hoping we would move on so I wouldn't be distracted. We didn't have "one lasting relationship?"

We left the office, we toured the leafy sidewalks and academic buildings, and we ate a lunch in the Kletz. Stuffed with information, my cousin went home to start filling out her Common Application for Hope College. Andrew crawled by, and that August, markers, and creeping Moodle to figure out the endless possibilities of education. Anyone can stumble with promises for a coffee date. If I had to pick the most important way of shutting off in the U.S. today, it'd be television.

Since it made its debut in American living rooms in the 1950s, television has changed the way we were entertained ourselves, the way we shut ourselves away from the rest of the world. After a long, tiring day of thanking at work or school, many of us plop ourselves down on the couch and turn on that screen in our living room. We can watch virtually anything, idly escaping to the realities of the characters before us.

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The Anchor Columnist

Let's exchange Christmas cards

If you don't create at least one lasting relationship with a professor then you have truly missed something of the Hope College education. Anyone can stumble into Round Robin to discover large groups of singing girls and be introduced to the sororities of Hope. But this little thing, "one lasting relationship with a professor," this seemed important. I found myself sitting at a close cousin and the rep, nodding enthusiastically, hoping we would move on so I wouldn't be distracted. We didn't have "one lasting relationship?"

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Wylen library (the program later became the “Center for Writing and Research” in 2011). Krueger worked there under Klooster’s leadership, as did Melody Hughes (’13) who says she knows he would be proud of its success.

“Klooster’s investment in Hope students and dedication to education is inspiring. I’m proud to have known him,” said Hughes.

Klooster’s academic interests included 18th Century American literature, composition, pedagogy, literature of the American Civil War, American conversion and travel narratives, Hartsehorne and Melville.

“David Klooster loved American literature, particularly the works of Herman Melville, but more than that, he loved teaching students,” said William Pannapacker of the English department, cultivating their skills as writers while contemplating the deep complexities and deeper unity of our purpose.

English Professor Curtis Gruender called Klooster a friend and “enjoyed the sense of shared delight in contemplating and doing what both we loved.”

“Teaching was, I think, part of friendship for him and involved, through love of books and words, imparting to students an expansive, generous vision of a flourishing life well-lived,” said Gruender.

Faculty members noted how Klooster was incredibly generous with his time, prioritizing important conversations and always contributing wise insights.

“He was an amazing listener,” said Michelle Bonne, director and professor in Hope’s theatre department. She said many came to Klooster seeking knowledge or guidance, and “his wisdom rubbed off on you like gold dust.”

Biologist Professor Christopher Barney said Klooster especially enjoyed listening to “Christians who had different insights into our shared faith,” as he valued the ecumenical nature of Hope’s Christian commitment.

One of Klooster’s especially important characteristics, to many faculty members and students, was his courage to pursue justice both locally and globally.

“He was invariably gracious and even-tempered, but he was not soft. He cared deeply about justice,” says English Professor John Cox.

Klooster’s care for justice took him to Africa and Eastern Europe, where he participated in the Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking Project (RWCT), which focuses on developing informed democratic citizens in countries like Liberia, Sierra Leone and the Czech Republic. His wife, Dr. Patricia Bloom, and he volunteered for the project together.

“David believed that helping people to construct narratives in the reliving and retelling of experience was a way to make sense of loss or trauma and to transform lives,” said Communication Professor Deirdre Johnston.

David Myers, Professor of Psychology, began exchanging abundant correspondence with Klooster and others in 2009, over a “shared desire that Hope College be a welcoming place to all, regardless of sexual orientation.”

Myers said Klooster’s “faith-inspired courage, wisdom, and grace” as well as his pursuit of justice was evident in his admonition to the campus community: “Hope College is too good not to be better.”

“He was a man of integrity,” remembered Peter Schakel of the English department, who has stepped up to take Klooster’s place as English department chair. “That is why he was so widely respected by so many people, those who did not agree with his ideas and positions as well as those who did.

“I miss him because I relied on him,” recalled Cox, “and because I was deeply fond of him.”

New shows premiere

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balance between the soap and the sincere. But the premise of another show full of music and song that isn’t “Glee” or “Smash” is quite interesting about “Nashville. ” Elementary, CBS attempt to introduce Sherlock Holmes to a television audience, is passable, as Johnny Lee Miller. We’ll brainstorm story ideas for the upcoming issue, and students are always welcome to join! Come check out the opportunities to get your name in print as a writer.

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**Fall sport teams launch 2012 campaigns**

**James Rogers**

**Volleyball**

Fall sports have returned and student athletes are back in the grind of balancing busy sport schedules with academic workloads.

Excitement is in the air as expectations are high and Hope is ready to produce yet another sensational season of athletic achievement.

**Football** — The Dutchmen squad is coming off a 7-3 season in 2011 and looks promising again. Picked to finish fourth in the MIAA, Hope is seeking to improve their finish in the MIAA after ending up second in the conference a year ago.

The returning All-MIAA selections from last season include linebacker Tim Klaus (14) and running back Shawn Jackson (14). Quarterback Michael Atwell (14) started every game last season and is expected to play that part again this time around.

Mark Karun (13), Brain Lynn (13) and Ben VanAusdall (13) will captain the charge. With 33 years of 20 wins or more experience, they are ready to defeat North Park 42-24.

**Men’s Cross Country** — The Dutchmen runners are building off a second-place finish in the MIAA and a sixth-place finish in the Great Lakes Region a year ago. Mark Northuis returns for his 4th year as head coach.

Bobbie Ott (13) and Ben Zink (13) were All-MIAA second teamers in 2011. Rottschaefer (13) and Chris Ryan (13) are set to captain the runners for the 2012 journey.

**Women’s Cross Country** — First-place finish at the conference opening Bill Vanderbilt Invitational on Saturday was a solid showing by the Dutchwomen. Becky Schmidt is entering her fifth consecutive year. Hope was ranked eighth in the pre-season poll together as family,” Hewitt said. "From team camaraderie and chemistry - those make up a good team. If you want to go deep into a tournament, you need to build off the stability of these characteristics.”

**Men’s Soccer** — The Dutchmen have high expectations after coming off a 17-3 season and advancement to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Division III tournament. Head coach Steve Smith is back for his 23rd season leading the successful Hope program.

**Volleyball** — The Flying Dutch made it seven straight years of 20 wins or more with a 25-7 record in 2011. Becky Schmidt is entering her ninth year as head coach and is seeking a post-season tournament appearance for the fifth consecutive year. Hope was ranked eighth in the pre-season Division III national poll.

Greer Bratsch (’13) and Jenna Graemeyer (’15) are returning All-MIAA first teamers and Jessica Mast (’13) was a second team selection. Bratsch, Courtney Earles (’13) and Mari Schoonmaker (’13) are captains for the Dutch this year.

The NCAA Division III volleyball championships will be hosted by Hope at DeVos Fieldhouse on Nov. 15-17. Watching the Flying Dutch in the NCAA event for a championship on the home court would be something you would not want to miss.

**Women’s Soccer** — The Flying Dutch are seeking to improve on a 12-8 season from a year ago with a team that includes the 2011 team MVP Megan Altieri (13) as goalie.

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**Women’s Golf** — The Flying Dutch are aiming for more improvements from 2011 after finishing second in the NCAA Division III championships last spring.

The 2012 unit will be captained by John Cannon (’13). Five of the 10 team members, including Collin Beri (15), who posted the top individual score for the Dutchmen at national last season, Cannon and Evan Telerver (’15) also competed at nationals.

On Saturday the men opened the season by finishing seventh in a 15-team field at Olivet’s Collins Memorial Tournament. Miami (Ohio) and Otterbein (Ohio) were seventh and eighth in the tournament with a win over Capital.

The Flying Dutch will begin their season at Kalamazoo on Sept. 8.

**In Brief**

**Volleyball** Jenna Graemeyer (’15) Outside Hitter

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Football opens season with 42-24 win over North Park

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The football team launched the 2012 season on Saturday's Community Day at home with a 42-24 victory over North Park University.

This year, 4,250 spectators watched the first regular-season victory played on the brand new Holland Municipal Stadium turf. The game was a part of the Hope-Holland Community Day event schedule.

"With this win it feels great to give back to the people who helped make this turf," Flauray Jackson ('13) said. "We also represented for the Hope community today.

Hope got things rolling early with a six-yard touchdown rush by in Shawn Jackson ('14) at the 1:26 mark in the first quarter. Evan Finch ('14) added the extra point to give the Dutchmen a 7-0 lead.

Finch went 6-6 on point-after attempts for the game after running off a solid year of kicking last season.

After North Park knotted the game at 7-7 with 2:57 remaining in the first quarter, Shawn Jackson burst through again with a big 45-yard run, leaving 2:06 on the clock to put the Dutchmen ahead.

The Vikings knocked in a field goal early in the second quarter to cut the lead down to 14-10, but Flauray Jackson displayed some more running game force with a nine-yard score to increase Hope's lead to 21-10 with 9:40 to play in the first half.

North Park answered with a touchdown midway through the second quarter, narrowing the lead to four again.

Michael Atwell ('14) threw his first passing touchdown of the season to Christian Subben ('14) with 3:13 to go in the first half. Hope led 28-17 at halftime.

The third quarter saw just one score by the Vikings on a passing touchdown to make it 28-24 going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was all Hope's as the Dutchmen poured in two unanswered touchdowns to cap off a 42-24 victory.

Brian Lynn ('13) ran in a two-yard touchdown at the 1:22 mark and Atwell added a rushing touchdown to his stat line with a one-yard sneak in with 4:50 remaining in the game.

"We've been coming out and working hard and this was an all-around good effort," Flauray Jackson said.

Although the Vikings outushed the Dutchmen 261 yards to 230, Hope showed its strong running game with three separate running backs producing solid yardage on the day.

Shawn Jackson led the way with 15 rushes for 115 yards and Flauray Jackson carried 12 for 79 yards. Reggige Duncan ('14) had seven rushes for 38 yards.

"It's like a three-headed monster," Flauray Jackson said. "It's going to be a big year. We have something special with the running game."

Atwell had a nice showing going 19-30 for 176 yards with one passing and one rushing touchdown.

Hope's defense held North Park to just one touchdown in the second half. Tim Klaus ('14) led the charge as he recorded 10 tackles. Cory Lindemulder ('15) tallied nine tackles.

Gregory Bird ('14) crushed out two sacks and Mark Karam ('13), JT VanLaan ('13) and Santino DiCesare ('14) each added six tackles to the defensive mix.

"We wanted to keep the momentum rolling into the second half," Karam said. "A great defense is a great offense. The offense helped us out a lot today."

Hope racked up 410 yards of total offense and went two of three on key fourth-down conversions. The victory for the Dutchmen was the first season-opening win since 2004 when they defeated John Carroll 21-20 on opening day.

"We had big expectations coming off last season's 7-3 record," Karam said, "and this is a great way to get things started."

This new turf that was installed over the summer did not disappoint the fans or the players on the field. Players noticed the different while on the field.

"I felt faster and stronger and it gives us another reason to play," Flauray Jackson said.

Karam enjoyed the defensive side of things on the new turf as well.

"It's a great feeling and we're blessed to have it," Karam said. "It's good to get a win on the turf for the season opener."

"Thanks go to President Bultman for getting it [stadium improvements] done in a year. This is a big win for him and for us."

The Dutchmen will ride this momentum into Millikin, Ill. on Saturday as they take on the Big Blue at 1 p.m. CST.

Men's and women's cross country teams sweep top seven spots in 5K race

Calliin Rivera
Assistant Sports Editor

Hope's cross country teams started their season off on Saturday by hosting the Vanderbilt Invitational. Both the men's and women's teams placed first out of four teams.

Hope's men's team scored 39 points, defeating Albion College, Cornerstone University, and Muskegon Community College in the 8K race.

The team was led by Blake Rottschäfer ('14), who crossed the line in 26:26. Sam Pederson ('16), Kyle Gibson ('13), Will Housitt ('13) and James Rogers ('14) rounded out the top five to score points for the victorious Dutchmen, Bellon Cook ('14), and Zach Zandbergen ('15) placed sixth and seventh on the team, respectively.

Rottschäfer, who finished fifth overall, commented on his team's outstanding performance on Saturday.

"Key factors that I feel went into today's solid performance were consistent training, enthusiasm, camaraderie, coming out of camp and the drive to beat Albion," Rottschäfer said. Albion was their top contender, winning the invitational the past two years.

With Hope winning by only a few points, every step mattered, especially in pre-season.

"It really was the consistent training throughout the summer," Rottschäfer said. "Everyone out there put in the work this summer to make a time cut, and now they are just proving even more so that they are ready to bring our team to the next level and hopefully that level is qualifying for nationals at the regional meet.

As Hope takes big strides throughout the season, the regional meet and national meets are major focuses.

"We run for each other and we run for the team and school that we represent," Rottschäfer said. "That should be enough motivation to bring us on through to Terra Haute [the site of nationals]."

The men will head to Calvin for the Calvin Invitational on Saturday at 10:45 a.m.

The Hope women's cross country team tied an outstanding job on Saturday, scoring just 18 points, and almost perfectly sweeping the top seven spots in the 5K race.

Sheri McCormack ('14) finished first overall for the Flying Dutch in a course-record time of 18:17.

"The first meet exceeded my expectations," McCormack said. "I didn't expect to win without having to race someone over the last 800 meters and I didn't expect to finish within five seconds of my PR [personal record]."

As McCormack's season continues, she advances toward greater achievements.

"I wrote down my goals at the end of the summer, and they said '6k under 21:30 and 5k under 18.' Being All-American is a great way to get things started."

Others scoring points for Hope included Sharon Hecker ('13), Julia Stock ('16) and Camille Borst ('14). Morgan McCardel ('13), and Katie Carlson ('14) took sixth and seventh on the team, respectively.

On Friday the women's cross country team will race at the Western Michigan University Invitational. Less than a month away is the MIAA Preview hosted by Saint Mary’s.

The gun will go off on Friday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. for the men.

"As a team, there would be nothing better than winning conference and qualifying for nationals," McCormack said about the season and the team.

"One trait I love about our team is that we get excited when we win, but we are able to stay humble."