Welcome Back!

With over 600 new freshmen, Hope is more hectic than ever. However, the year is off to a good start.
Playfair Highlight of Freshman Orientation

by Eric Shotwell
anchor Editor

Once again, Playfair brings to Hope College its unique method of breaking the ice for freshman students.

Playfair, which replaced the "freshman dance" four years ago, features different activities designed to force new students, in a friendly manner, to meet each other and have some fun.

As Student Congress President Tom Kyros stated in the "student-to-student" question and answer forum that preceded Playfair, "It's really a lot of fun, and I'm the closest friends with some of the people I met there."

The event was held once again in Dow Center at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, and despite the many apprehensions of those going in, the faces of the students afterwards proved that Playfair was, once again, a success.

Other highlights of the Orientation weekend included a communion service for new students on Sunday, followed by D.R.I.N.K. - "Drinking Responsibly Is Not Coincidental" - a group activity designed to approach the subject of alcohol use and abuse.

Also scattered throughout the weekend were many seminars and group sessions designed to indoctrinate new Hope students, including tours of the Van Wylen library, a look at the Hope College VAX computer system, and other issues of interest to Hope students.

Monday evening, new students had a chance to meet many of the leaders of Hope College student organizations, including WHUS, Student Congress, Opus, Inklings, SAC, the anchor, and other groups. Turnout by the new students was nothing short of incredible.

Afterwards, the band Innovation played in the Pine Grove, for an all-campus dance sponsored by SAC. In the past, there was debate from year to year as to whether or not an outside dance was a good idea. Several times, local residents as far as two and three blocks from the campus complained about the noise levels. This year, though, speakers were once again directed at the President's house, to keep the number of complaints down, it appears.

After all, if President Jacobson can put up with it...

Although technically the convocation and ice cream social on Tuesday night ended the Orientation weekend, it is obvious that it is just the beginning of over 650 students' college careers, and the beginning of yet another year at Hope for the rest of the campus.
EDITORIAL

Orientation keeps getting better

It may not be too obvious to most upperclassmen, or professors, or even many administrators, but it should be mentioned somewhere that New Student Orientation is getting better with age.

Some of us, seniors, juniors, and sophomores, will remember our own Orientation weekends with a few fond memories of friends we met and kept, and that is something the new students here at Hope have to look forward to as well. But an important point to note is that the people who helped put this past weekend together should be thanked for making the transition to Hope College for about 650 people easier and more fun than ever before.

Not only, therefore, has Hope administration been concerned with the welfare of new students. Nor have the programs and group discussions been so well-prepared and informative as this year's.

Rather than attending to just the basic needs of the new students, Hope administrators and Orientation Assistants appear to be doing their best to make sure all the questions of the students are answered, that nearly all of their time is accounted for, and that they're comfortable in their new surroundings. Let's face it: that's really a first.

While the college has made some tremendous advances in recent past, such as the building of the new Van Wylen library, and the security measures being taken all over campus, perhaps the most significant advance is in the way that new students alike are being treated and taken care of. It's nice to see that even though the college is expanding and growing, the element of caring and concern remains.

The only complaint made, in fact, is that parents were forced to stay overnight. Many new students and their parents have expressed that they would like to have the Advisor sessions and picnic with the parents in the Pine Grove on Friday, so that they are not forced to spend the night. Since Orientation is directed primarily at the new students, and in this case their parents are being put out somewhat, we feel this is an area which needs consideration.

Even so, if the beginning of the school year is any indication as to how the rest of the year will turn out, it's bound to be a good one.

A Slip of the Mind
Jim Monnett

Eyesight Appreciated

School is getting into full swing and everyone is falling into the routine of controlled insanity, but what if this year you couldn't come back to good old Hope? What if you couldn't go to any college similar to ours? What if this summer you became blind?

Now most people reading this are considering turning to the sports because they're not blind and they won't become blind. It won't happen to them. Famous last words. Not too long ago I too never considered going blind. It couldn't happen to me. I was... special. Familiar words. What changed my mind was an ophthalmologist appointment a few days after school ended for the year. I had gotten contact lenses over the winter, but during the spring I couldn't wear them without my right eye becoming inflamed. I figured that it was allergies or something so I went to the eye doctor.

I'm sitting in his chair and he's got my chin resting on this contraption for looking into my eye. So I'm staring at this blue light when he hears him gasp. Suddenly my doctor is fiddling with knobs and gawking into my eye like he's watching a dirty movie. Now I'm usually a calm, if not catatonic, person, but suddenly I feel a little concern.

I start to ask the doctor what the problem is, but he 'shushes' me. Things are not looking up.

Finally he sits back and says that I have a problem. What a surprise! I remain silent until he tells me what the problem is, and then it is my turn to gasp. He says that I have some type of fiber imbedded in the middle of my cornea.

After pouring three different fluids into my eye, he tells me to put my chin back on the contraption. As I look, I feel my eye dilate until all I can see is the blue light. The doctor pins my eyelid up with his left hand so I can't blink.

"Now look straight ahead. Do not blink and do not move." My usually quiet and reserved eye doctor speaks each word sternly with an edge I could shave with.

Out of my left eye I see him lean forward with something in his right hand. With the light on in my right eye I can't see what it is. I find out soon enough.

Suddenly something long and thin blocks the blue light. My stomach heaves and my right eye involuntarily looks to the left to see what thethe thing is. "Don't move! Look straight Ahead!" barks my softspoken doctor.

He moves his right hand closer and I realize that he has a needle in his hand. If you've ever had anyone put your fingers near your eyes, you know how fast your eyes close. I feel my eye muscles spasmodically try to close against his fingers. All I can think is that if I blink, I could force the needle to cut my eye. I try very hard not to blink.

I feel the needle press against my eye. Then with a flick it jerks something from under the membrane. The doctor tells us to relax. In his right hand isn't just a needle, but a long hypodermlc that he had used to suck the fiber from beneath the membrane.

He is smiling from ear to ear. I've never seen him smile anything but a tight-lipped one. I think of myself, then he must have done something difficult. I really feel ill, but before I can react to this feeling, he puts a patch on my eye and sends me on my way.

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To this day I can't put my contacts in. Physically my eye is fine, but I freak when I feel the plastic lens floating on my eye. Mentally, I must not be fine. I can't change what has happened, but every day when I look in the mirror and see the little red scar on my eye I have to take the time to thank God that I still have my eyesight.

"From The Editor's Desk"
Eric Shotwell

"Thanks"

It's not very often that an editor gets to thank people.

The people that count, anyway. By that I mean the ones who give their time and effort to make organizations like The anchor work.

Of course, there are a few special people to thank, namely Bruce King for all his advice and assistance, Dr. Joe MacDonnelis for his guidance and support, and the entire anchor staff in advance for all their help as well.

But the most important people to thank, the ones that "count," are our readers. That's right, you. Without you, the anchor can't function at all.

That doesn't necessarily mean you have to become an anchor staff member to help out. While we'd love to have you as a writer, editor, typist, or whatever, it's not necessary. All you have to do is read, and react. Or at least read.

Maybe that sounds corny, but it's true. We need you. And so do all the other campus organizations. Get involved, and you'll see what I mean. Welcome college as small and tightly knit as Hope is, everyone counts - you don't have to be just a social security number.

After all, The anchor isn't the only organization that needs help and support. There's also SAC, WTHS, Opus, Milestone, Student Congress, FCA, and many others. The list goes on and on (something like Modern Philosophy lectures). They all need your help, and it's surprising how just a little of your time can do so much for an organization.

In fact, WTHS is always looking for DJ's, and Student Congress elections are coming up soon too (yes, they asked me to mention that). If neither of those appeals to you, drop by the anchor office some Sunday night around 7 p.m. for our staff meeting, and see what we have to offer. With The anchor beginning its 16th year in print, we've got quite a task ahead of us, and we could use your help.

So, to coin a phrase, "thanks for your support," and I hope you get involved. Here's to another great year!

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Great Performance Series Begins

by Eric Shotwell
anchor Editorial Columnist

The Great Performance Series returns to Hope College again this year, bringing seven cultural events to the campus for the benefit of students, alumni, professors, and Holland community members.

The first of these events will be the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, performing "Casual Classics," under the direction of music director James Conlon, August 12, in DeVos Performance Hall. On August 21, the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra will present "New Machine Parts I and II," featuring the works of Brahms, Haydn, and Albert. Catherine Conover will be the conductor of the October 6 concert in Dimnent Chapel on the Symphony's sixth in as many years. Also featured as soloist will be renowned soprano Grenda Kirkland.

On Thursday and Friday, November 7, the DeVos Performance Hall will host the Ballet of Canada, appearing in the DeWitt Theatre. The Los Angeles Times calls the Ballet of Canada "a Class act," with a "niece" from "Signs of Life," the first song off their newest album, "The Wall," "Dogs of War," "Yet Another War," "Another Brick in the Wall Part II," "The Wall," "Money," "Comfortably Numb," "Run Like Hell," and "The Los Angeles Times calls the Ballet of Canada "a Class act," with a "niece" from "Signs of Life," the first song off their newest album, "The Wall," "Dogs of War," "Yet Another War," "Another Brick in the Wall Part II," "The Wall," "Money," "Comfortably Numb," "Run Like Hell," and "The Wall." The nearly rabid fans brought Pink Floyd back for a thirty minute, two song encore of "One Slip" from the newest album and "Run Like Hell" from "The Wall." The encore was filled with amazing music jamming plus all the laser and light effects including previously unused banks of revolving airplane landing lights that alternately blinded the audience and front-lighted the band. The effect was superb, to match the music. The audience left the show stunned, deaf, and thoroughly satisfied. There isn't much more that Pink Floyd could have done short of playing for hours more.

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"Heh. I'm just glad I don't have to be around during Orientation. Heh heh. Have fun, gang! Yuk yuk yuk."
Bruce Johnston
Assistant Dean for Student Development
(currently taking a semester's leave of absence)

"I can't wait to flunk a few of them."
Dr. Larry Penrose
Extremely difficult professor of History

"Sorry, no time to talk right now."
Bruce King
Director of Darn Near Everything

"I'm going to kill that Johnston. Why, I bet he's just laughing his fool head off, since he won't be around this semester to deal with all these kids!"
Jim Bekkering
Dean for Student Development and Admissions
(currently taking Dean Johnston's place for fall semester)

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The appointment of Jed Mulder as golf coach at Hope College has been announced by the resources office of S-2 Yachts, created by the recent resignation of Doug Peterson, who served as the Hope College golf coach for ten years. Peterson recently accepted a position in the human resources office of S-2 Yachts, which made it impossible for him to continue coaching. Peterson guided the Flying Dutchmen to back-to-back MIAA championships and NCAA Division III tournament appearances the past two years. A resident of Zeeland, Mulder is a 1986 graduate of Calvin College. He served in a number of teaching and coaching assignments at the Hudsonville High School, including one year as assistant golf coach at Hope College. He served as golf coach at Hope College in Holland, which made it impossible for him to continue coaching. Peterson guided the Flying Dutchmen to back-to-back MIAA championships and NCAA Division III tournament appearances the past two years. A resident of Zeeland, Mulder is a 1986 graduate of Calvin College. He served in a number of teaching and coaching assignments at the Hudsonville High School, including one year as assistant golf coach at Hope College. The Hope golfers will open their season September 12, in an MIAA tournament hosted by Albion College.
S.A.C. Movie List for Fall '88

September 2,3:
Fatal Attraction
Lethal Weapon

September 9,10:
Three Men & a Baby
Adventures of Robin Hood

September 16,17:
Robocop
Throw Momma From the Train

September 23,24:
Good Morning Vietnam
Stakeout
Potemkin

Sept. 30, Oct. 1:
Princess Bride
The Seven Samurai

October 14,15:
Broadcast News
Hoosiers

October 21,22:
Wall Street
Moonstruck

October 28,29:
Cat People
American Werewolf in London
Arsenic and Old Lace

November 4,5:
The Lost Boys
Nosferatu (1922)

November 11,12:
D.O.A.
The Candidate

November 18,19:
Planes Trains & Automobiles
--To Be Announced--

December 2,3:
Bright Lights, Big City
Dirty Dancing

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Petitions are available at the Student Congress office in Dewitt across from WTHS. Petitions will be due Sept. 9th. Elections will be held on the 15th.

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