Critical Issues moved to 1992 fall semester

by Jill Flanagan

There will be no Critical Issues Symposium (CIS) this academic year. According to Assistant Provost Alfredo Gonzales, the CIS slated for the spring will be postponed until September of next year to permanently move the symposium to the fall semester. Said Gonzales, "The change will allow us to have Good Friday off (in 1993), something that has always been an issue."

Further, the additional time will allow the committee to secure better speakers for the next CIS, "A New World Order: 1492-1992," Gonzales cited both funds and the amount of necessary work as reasons for not having CIS both this spring and next fall. Instead, the college will bring in speakers this year to spark student interest in the fall's CIS. Said Gonzales, "It is not as significant or appropriate to have it as close together. We want it to be so hot that students truly want to be there."

The committee is very excited about the topic for the next CIS. "The purpose," according to Gonzales, "of Critical Issues is always to come to grips with some questions. This one is very timely and will deal both respectively and prospectively with issues of our world since Columbus."

Said Gonzales, "There will be no CIS this year, however, this does not mean there will be no Good Friday classes this year. That change is not scheduled to take effect until 1993."

According to Registrar John Huskin, "I would be willing to propose no class on Good Friday after the movement of Critical Issues has been resolved," said Huskin. There is currently some discussion among the faculty of the loss of a class day because of a fall CIS. Until this fall, students had this extended between faculty and administration. Good Friday will remain a class day. (See Editorial, Page 3)

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Nine of the 18 Soviet students attending Hope College this year pose for a fall picture. They arrived in mid-summer for orientation and are now living on campus. They were chosen from some 200 applicants. A series of features on international students will begin in next week's anchor.

Photo by Brett Bussey

Hope College Updates Van Wylen Library

When Hope College moved the library from the Van Zoren facility to the newly constructed Van Wylen building in the fall of 1988, Hope students were provided with better facilities and a nicer atmosphere for study and research. Since then, Van Wylen has been dedicated to making improvements in the library to facilitate student needs. One such improvement was the switch from a traditional card catalog system to a computerized system—the Public Access Catalog (PAC)—in the spring of 1989, whereby students could search the library's entire book collection through various means from a single terminal. Thus, a move towards technology was begun, and since then, the library has continued to look for ways to make technology work for the students. This summer, the library made two major changes which they hope will provide students with more research power than was ever available before.

One of the improvements was the network of eight CD Rom devices to four IBM clone computers in the reference area of the library. Through this system, students have access to a variety of index products, including ERIC, an education index; PSYCLIT, a computerized version of Psychological Abstracts; STM Express, an online database system out of Columbus, Ohio, from which students can do their own database searching in Chemical Abstracts, as well as several other useful products.

Kelly Jacobson, Head of Public Services at Van Wylen, has great hope for the integration of such technology into the reference area. "It's wonderful because it allows students to take control of the research process. Ultimately, it will make the students more sophisticated library users." At present, the network is installed and running, but further steps are being investigated to improve system efficiency.

The other major improvement in the facilities available to students is the integration of the library's serials collection into the PAC. Previously, when students wanted to find a journal, newspaper, or magazine, they were required to undertake a complicated search process which usually involved assistance from a member of the library staff. Now, by simply entering the title of the periodical through PAC, the student is provided with nearly all pertinent information, including the first issue received, the latest issue received, and the location of the issues in between. The serials project began in December, 1989, when Deannie Piccioni, Library Associate, Serials, put Karen Kooyman in charge of recording the title of every subscription that the library ever received. Since then, information has gathered on each subscription and entered into the PAC in a process that was long and complicated, to say the least. The original design of the PAC software was never designed to do what Deannie's students set out to do. Colleen Conway, Head of Technical Services at the library, talked to other libraries that used the same catalog software, "When I told them what I wanted to do, they looked at me like I was crazy, but when I told them about the results, they changed their expression and went 'Hmmm...'." With help from the software company, the library staff made the necessary changes in the software, sacrificing some cataloging advantages for the sake of making all the information accessible to the student on the first screen. "We made the system sing and dance," said Deannie.

However, most of the work was involved in the process of collecting and entering the necessary information. "It was a lot of tedious work, but hopefully it will pay off," commented Abby Schrock, one of the many students involved. Despite the headaches involved, Deannie and her students kept level heads, sometimes with help from a little stress relief with a Koosh. "I am really proud of everyone," remarked Deannie. "We worked really hard, but kept our sense of humor, even though it was frustrating." Karen was given special permission to work past graduation to ensure completion of the project by the beginning of this school year. The project was finished days before the freshmen arrived. Susan Ramsey, another project member, sees a definite advantage to students. "It'll make everything so much easier for research." Abby sees advantages in the technical aspect, as well. "This system is forcing us to keep better track of our periodicals." Either way, the serials project will be a great help in making the library's vast collection of periodicals available to students.

Other improvements were made this summer, and other projects are underway, but to describe them all would be an impossible task. Even now, members of the library staff see potential for further development and improvement of the library's facilities; a continual process that the library staff is devoted to maintaining for the sake of the students of today and tomorrow.
Hope student becomes a part of history

by Theresa L. Hamilton

Student Congress budget on road to recovery

by Julie Artman

Student Congress has been faced with difficult budget problems recently. Last year when they overspent by $13,147, they were forced to use the Contingency Funds "just in case" money. This extra $7,000 left Student Congress, a large staff change as well. "A large percent- age of our staff last year graduated so we are starting with almost a totally new staff. We are working very hard to bring in underclass- men to build a strong staff for future years," said Maples.

Kaukonen expressed some reservations, "prospective students are the high turnover of people." Kaukonen said that the college experience this year, I am somewhat apprehensive, however, with the quality of the people we have coming in and that are returning I am sure we can handle the paper of producing and informative paper of high quality.

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to complete an appropriate amount of work take up for the three weeks of classes she had in her involvement in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Now that Abel has returned to the Hope campus, she is working to obtain these credits, and is also working on her new semester. In other words, she is presently taking a double course load. However, as soon as her three weeks are done, she plans to get back to work and complete her incomplete's, her schedule will be a little more typical of the average student at Hope College.

For most of us, the college experience includes academic coursework, making new friends, and becoming involved and various campus activities such as student government or Nykerk . For Susan Abel, the college experience has included much more. Rather than just studying like the rest of the students at Hope College, she had the opportunity to actually be a part of history.

The anchor moves into the 20th century

This year the anchor is experimenting with a new look, a more modern look that is produced by a switch to electronic publishing. The anchor has made this change has left almost nothing untouched. "When you open up The anchor virtually the only thing that will remain is the same is the name," said Carrie Maples (92), new anchor editor.

The changes began last spring when The anchor's typesetting machine broke down and Beth Pechta (91), who was then editor, decided to begin the conversion to electronic publishing.

Student Congress appropriated funds for the purchase of a Macintosh lisa and the software necessary to do the work electronic- ally. The Macintosh was used for all word processing by layout was still handled in the traditional cut and paste way.

As part of a Communications research project for Dr. Dennis Renner, The anchor's new advisor, Marla Van Baren (92) has spent the summer working with Maples and co- editor Steve Kaukonen (92) planning the conversion.

"It was just good timing on the part of my research project and The anchor's converting. It was nice timing for me because I had planned to be involved with The anchor and this gave me a chance to learn the new system well over the summer when ordinarily the conversion probably would have taken place in the fall. Hopefully, we will be able to avoid some disasters that happen with the trial and error process we went through this summer," said Van Baren.

The anchor will now be using Aldus PageMaker, a state-of-the-art layout design program. "By using PageMaker you eliminate the need to cut and paste by hand and do things adding them in," said Maples. "It can also be done on the computer with much better accuracy," said Van Baren.

PageMaker allows basic page design to be done from there on and once we can work this savings time for the staff because each week new stories and feature are just plugged in. This gives the editors more time to devote to the quality of writing and the content of the paper.

"I'm confident that the production changes we have made will help us produce a more readable and higher profile paper than in past years," said Maples.

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to open up, I want to make this campus-wide paper, not just The anchor's staff paper or Carrie and Steve's paper. But a paper that will be distributed on campus, to both the students, the faculty, the administration, and the staff, I want to open up channels of communication between The anchor and other student or- ganizations in order to best serve the students.
Editorial

CIS changes show poor planning on part of committee

The administration has, in a great leap of wisdom, decided to move the annual Critical Issues Symposium to the fall semester next year. The symposium traditionally takes place during the spring semester and is of importance to both the Hope community and Holland in general.

Reportedly, the change is being made for a number of reasons, not the least of which is Good Friday. Unfortunately, this does not mean students will get the day off. The extra time allotted to plan Critical Issues for the fall of 1992 is also seen as an added benefit allowing the committee to bring in better speakers. While this may aid the 1992 symposium, it fails to provide for the future.

While the change is a reasonable one, it is obvious that little planning has gone into facilitating the move. There will be no Critical Issues this year which means that a large percentage of the student body, those who will be graduating in May, will miss out on the experience.

Critical Issues is an experience students must grow to appreciate and it stands to reason that seniors would get the most out of it. But they won't get the chance this year.

The main reason given for this change is that this move will allow the college to give students Good Friday off. This is an understandable reason considering the fact that this year there will be no Critical Issues but the students won't be getting Good Friday off either.

This appears to be very poor handling on the part of the administration. Hopefully this situation will be remedied in the near future. The anchor fails to understand the reasons for tingeing Good Friday to Critical Issues because the college continually disregards the wishes of the students on the matter. This option is perhaps only an attempt to placate students for the inconvenience because the college continually disregards the wishes of the students on the matter. This option is perhaps only an attempt to placate students for the inconvenience caused by the change. But here again, a large portion of the student body will not benefit but will have to accept the inconvenience.

Letters to the Editor

Student Congress gears up for elections

Dear Editor,

We, as the Student Congress Cabinet, would like this time opportunity to inform your readers about the exciting year ahead for Student Congress. It is our hope that this letter will aid all ambitious Hope students in making one of the best decisions of their college career— to run for Student Congress.

Student Congress is the governing body of the students. It serves as the unifying voice of the students of Hope College. Student Congress consists of three officers and 24 representatives. The officers, designated as the Cabinet, are elected by the student body each spring. The 24 representatives are elected every September to represent their district to residence. Check the listings below to see what district you are residing in and how many seats are available in your district. This year’s representatives election will be held on Friday Sept. 13.

Serving on Student Congress may very well be one of the best things you will do at Hope College. Not only will you be acquiring valuable experience and making important contacts (as well as friends), but you will be serving your fellow students as you work to make Hope College even better.

The procedure of running for Student Congress is simple. Pick up a petition in front of Student Congress office across from WTHS.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform the Hope College community of an upcoming cultural event sponsored by ACERT. For those interested in discovering Native American culture, ACERT will be organizing a bus trip for the 30th annual Pow Wow Festival in Grand Rapids. The Festival will occur on Saturday, September 7, with the bus departing at roughly 9 a.m., and it promises to be exciting for everyone involved. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the trip at the first meeting of ACERT, which is Wednesday, September 4. Also, more information about the Festival will be given at that time. If anyone is unable to attend the meeting but would like to go to the Festival, please feel free to contact either myself or Julie McDonald.

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Just Do It! Run for Student Congress. And remember to vote next Friday, September 13.
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