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 committees 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."

Because 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 this year's academic calendar has been set for two years-long before the issue of moving CIS. "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 is settled between faculty and administration, Good Friday will remain a class day. (See Editorial, Page 3).

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. Through this system, students now have access to a variety of index products, including ERIC, an education index; PSYCHLIT, a computerized version of Psychological Abstracts; STN 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.

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The other major improvement in the facilities available to students is the integration of the library's serials catalog 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 was 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 intended 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 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 college 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 Arltman

The anchor moves into the 20th century

by Carrie Maples ('92)

NEWS

The anchor is no longer being printed by the Holland Sentinel. "This year we are being printed by The Flasher, a printer that specializes in printing small paper and this change has enabled us to use a new size paper and occasional color," said Maples. "This also allows us to do all our layout in-house and just print the paper at the printers on Tuesday afternoon."

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In previous years, Student Congress has had $30,000 extra, so this year they've had to cut things like conferences and supplies to help

relinference.

When asked about the current problem, Brad Votava stated "It's gonna be a right year, but could have been a lot worse." Student Congress will be faced with difficult decisions throughout the upcoming year, but nothing a positive attitude won't be able to handle.

Brad Votava ('92), 1991-92 Student Congress Comptroller.
Editorial

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

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 some 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 which district you are residing in and how many seats are available in your district. This year’s representatives elections 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 better.

The procedure for 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 is important to make arrangements for every interested student. 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 contact either myself or Julie McDonald.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Quirk
Senior

ACERT brings cultures together

Dear Editor,

We would like to encourage all students who are interested in taking an active role in Hope College affairs to run for the 1991-92 Student Congress. There is no better time to get involved than right now. This is your opportunity to make Hope College (and yourself) even better.

Thank you.

Tom Werkman, President
Alison Schaap, Vice President
Brad Votava, Comptroller

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Cottages

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Brumler, Oggel ........................................1
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for: * SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR
* THE NUTCRACKER: A PLAY
* other fall semester activities

*Wed. & Thurs. Sept. 4 & 5
any time between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.
Main Theatre - DeWitt Center

NO PREPARATION NECESSARY!
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(Prepared auditions welcomed.)

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EVERYONE WELCOME!!