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**MYRTLE PULL**

On Sept. 30, the biology club is sponsoring a Myrtle pull from 9 a.m. to noon. Myrtle, also known as Vinca minor, is an invasive species that is preventing the growth of new trees. Meet in the Science Center parking lot at 8:45 a.m. for rides. Lunch will be provided. A sign up is located in the biology department office.

**TAKE BACK THE NIGHT**

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 8:30 p.m., the Women’s Issues Organization and Greek Men Take a Stand are cosponsoring Take Back the Night. This annual event will feature a tour of places on Hope’s campus where sexual assault has occurred. This year’s featured speakers include Kristin Johnson, associate director of the CrossRoads Project; Jennifer Young, professor of English; and a representative from Holland’s Center for Women in Transition. Over 100 students, professors and community members attended last fall’s event.

**SLEEP UNDER THE STARS**

The Hope Habitat for Humanity chapter is sponsoring a Sleep-Out in the Pine Grove on Oct. 12. There are only two faculty members currently registered to take part in the fundraiser. Staff members are encouraged to take part in the event. If a participating professor receives more than $50 in their name, he or she will be required to sleep outside in The Pine Grove the entire night. Students are also encouraged to make donations in the name of the professor they would most like to sleep outside. Donations can be submitted outside Phelps during most mealtimes, as well as at the Student Union Desk and the Kletz.

**FACEBOOK OPENS SITE TO ALL**

- **Jenny Cescer**
- **CUOMO NEWS EDITOR**

While Facebook.com officials are entertaining a billion-dollar purchase offer from Yahoo.com, 9.5 million users throughout the world are impacted by their Facebook membership.

Facebook will now be able to impact everyone. As of Tuesday, the second-most popular social networking site in the world has opened its membership to the public.

Facebook had been exclusive in its wide array of privacy options as compared to other social networking sites. Students could only locate members within their friends list or network, and membership was restricted to colleges, graduates, high schools and several companies.

Now, the only requirement for registration is a verified email address. Facebook has also updated privacy controls, even after new features were added this month in response to a user protest against news-feed.

Networks will remain exclusive and members have complete security control of their page concerning other users. Now, more professionals than ever are interested in how social websites affect students.

Professor Isolde Anderson of the communications department is actively pursuing an answer to the question of "how students use social networking sites and how it affects their lives," by polling freshmen at Hope. She began her research by presenting the class to write down your contact information. The decision to appoint Awad was made following the departure of Hope’s Life coordinator. Sund’s father, Richard Frost, said Tuesday morning.

In his research, Anderson will be reading 200 responses. Results of Anderson’s research will be released in December.

Wood TV 8 of Grand Rapids recently broadcast a list of college essentials for incoming freshmen. Among several items, including "a car" and shower sandals, was a Facebook account. Correspondent Steven Broussard encouraged students to join Facebook and/or MySpace.

Monday’s (9/9) has worked at Hope for the past 11 years, as the residential life coordinator at Kollen, Cook and Dykstra Halls, respectively. In the fall of 2003, Student Development created a new position, coordinator of student activities and Greek life, which Awad stepped into.

Awad has also worked in residential life at Michigan State University and at Augustana College in South Dakota.

My heart has always been at Hope," Awad said. "I feel very blessed that I’ve been able to do what I love to do—work with students and help them grow—here at Hope.

With Awad’s appointment to the position of director, the college hired a new student activities coordinator with a one-year contract.

"We looked at a number of candidates, and the one we select is Elchik Schipper," Frost said. "He’ll start Oct. 2."

Schipper comes to Hope from a position at Freedom Village, a retirement living community in Holland. She has been involved with Young Life, leadership...
HOPE REACTS TO POPE’S STATEMENTS

Joe Vasko

At the University of Regensburg in Germany on Sept. 12, Pope Benedict XVI addressed an audience on the topic of faith and reason.

"Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman," such as his command to spread by "condemn" the faith he preached," such as his command to spread by "condemn" the faith he preached," said Benedict during a part of his speech, quoting Emperor Manuel I, a 14th century Byzantine ruler.

By quoting Manuel II, the pope stirred angry protest from many Muslims around the world who interpreted it to be a premeditated strategy to discredit the prophet Muhammad.

In the Middle East, some Christian churches were burned or pelted with various objects and many took to the streets with homemade signs, shouting anti-papal and anti-American slogans.

In Pakistan, the parliament voted to "condemn" the pope; and in Venice, an al-Qaeda militant group vowed a war against the "wielders of the cross."

"Quickly, Vatican officials denounced the comment and attempted to clear the air about the pope's speech, saying it was misunderstood and claimed the purpose of the speech was to encourage cooperation between religions. Yet the protests continued to escalate.

It's statement made in response to the protests, Pope Benedict publicly expressed regret for the reaction his comments caused and re-affirmed his position on inter-faith dialogue.

"In no way did I wish to make my own the negative words or pejorative judgments about the persons of other religions," Benedict said.

In Rome, Rev. Arnoldo Vives, the director superior general of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, said that many Romans, since the protest, have been fearful of retaliatory bombings by Muslim extremists. He also said he believed that much of the response to the comments were due to a perceived breach of political correctness.

As the spiritual leader of 1.1 billion Roman Catholics, including many leaders of Western countries, the papacy is seen by many as a very influential religious and political responsibility. This is especially true in light of recent events which are being called a "clash of civilizations."

Campus Response

"(Pope Benedict is a) scholarly and intelligent man, but he is also a political figure," said Eliot Dickinson, professor of political science.

Dickinson also said that he thought Benedict's comments were made without considering the consequences, specifically, the effect of underlying political tensions between the East and the West. He pointed out recent examples of political tension, including the protests over the Danish cartoons, the Western-led wars in the Middle East and even the unassimilated Muslim youth riots in France.

The controversy is also on the minds of Hope students.

"The reaction to the Holy Father's statements is unfortunate and hampers the frank discussion of Islam's validity," said Clayton Orr '07, a Union of Catholic Students officer.

Another response came from Maxim Surgenko '07, who couldn't help but see the comments as doing "more harm representing Islam than anything the Pope could have said."

PM KOIZUMI LEADS JAPAN REFORM

Naoki Miyaokawa

On Sept. 26, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi finished a five-year campaign to reform Japan. During his tenure, he had a big impact on Japan, such as the privatization of the Japanese postal service and a recovery from a 10-year depression.

In 2001, Koizumi won the ruling of the Liberal Democratic Party and became prime minister, promising to make changes in the LDP's traditional function. Koizumi successfully limited the ability of politicians to be able to make their own factions and determine the policies of the LDP. In doing so, Koizumi increased the power of a previously weak prime minister position.

Prime Minister Koizumi broke down this traditional custom, and changed another. Koizumi went outside his party's lines and adopted a Keio University professor and several young politicians into his government. He aimed to "change the closed government" to "the open government" for citizens.

To gather the support of the people, Koizumi used slogans such as "No pain, No reform," and "postal privatization." Through these rules, Koizumi could not follow his reformist political thinking. Despite this, he managed to catch Japanese citizens' interests and support.

Koizumi is the most popular long-term Japanese prime minister. Koizumi was a type of prime minister that many had never seen. Many old politicians could not follow his reformist political thinking. Despite this, Koizumi's attempts to make the Japanese condition in the 1990s, before his tenure. During that period, Japan experienced long-term depression and the people greatly desired a reform to improve their standard of life.

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BUILDING BRIDGES — Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi, right, stands near Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, as they meet on the sidelines of the 2005 G8 economic summit in Glenegad, Scotland.

OBRADOR DEMANDS RECOUNT

Larissa Mariano

On July 2, Mexico elected its next president, Felipe Calderon, to office.

Calderon is a member of the National Action Party, which has ruled Mexico for the past six years. His opponent was Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a member of the more left-leaning Party of the Democratic Revolution.

There have been allegations of voter fraud, including massive demonstrations by the people of Mexico.

Mexicans cast 41 million votes on election day, and Calderon won the elections with a margin of fewer than 245,000 votes. Most of Calderon's votes were from upper and middle class voters in the industrial northern part of the country. The poorer southern areas, as well as inner-city communities, tended to vote for Lopez Obrador.

Presidential elections in Mexico are conducted on a first-past-the-post system, a voting system where a single winner is chosen in a given constituency by having the most votes, regardless of whether or not they have the majority of votes.

By these rules, Calderon's victory is legal. But, as the demonstrations in Mexico City continue, it is obvious that the electorate is extremely divided.

On July 9, hundreds of thousands of López Obrador supporters crammed into Zocalo square in Mexico City's historic center district. López Obrador called for more rallies and called his supporters to demand a recount due to alleged voter fraud.

Analysts say that a full recount is not provided for under Mexican law. López Obrador needs to prove his street power to emphasize his demands for all 41 million votes to be recounted.

The Federal Electoral Tribunal — the country's top electoral authority — arranged a recount of votes from 9 percent of the country's 13,500 polling stations, significantly short of the recount that López Obrador called for.

Since late August, political protesters have been setting up camp on Paseo de la Reforma, Reform Avenue. The tent city, filled with demonstrators, is a symbol of the growing discontent with Calderon's government.

FORD ANNOUNCES BUYOUTS, LAYOFFS

Chris Lewis

Ford Motor Company has announced that it will cut nearly 90,000 jobs this year, according to an industry group representing the company.

Of the nearly 90,000 workers losing jobs, 75,000 are receiving buyouts from Ford, since the employees are union members.

The job cuts and layoffs are contributing to the economic slowdown in Michigan. The auto industry especially has experienced a slowdown for the past couple years.

Ford's response to the economic crisis is a plan to reconstuct the company and cut costs by up to $5 billion by the end of 2008.

Dave Gossert, a union spokesman for Ford Motors, said "My heart goes out to the autoworkers because I know they have been a very productive and tough union for a number of years. And I know what Ford is going through as it adapts to the changes necessary to keep the remaining jobs in their industry."

Ford is not only ending the jobs of many loyal employees, but also closing two more plants, including one in Canada by the end of 2006.

The company plans to close an
WORSHIP WITH ONE VOICE

Fifteen churches from greater Holland area gather for ‘Every Nation’ concert

Courtney Roberts

Fifteen choirs from churches of varying denominations in the greater Holland area will come together for an evening of praise and worship on Sunday, Oct. 15 at Christ Memorial Reformed Church.

The concert is titled “Every Nation” and will take place on World Communion Sunday, an annual event where churches around the globe remember the death and resurrection of Christ.

Jeremy Simpson, worship leader at Christ Memorial Reformed Church, is the primary coordinator of the event, for which planning began in April.

“I felt the need to put some kind of collaborative effort together musically in the West Michigan area,” Simpson said.

Denominations that will be represented include the Reformed Church of America, First Assembly of God, Pentecostal, Church of God in Christ, Christian Reformed Church and Wesleyan.

The Hope College Gospel Choir will be participating, along with The Voices of Grand Valley State University.

Jump Rhythm Jazz

Wows Hope Audiences

Jonathan Ytterock

The lights dimmed and the crowd hushed; everyone was ready for the production to begin with an explosive dance number.

Then something unexpected happened. Billy Siegengeld, artistic director of the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, walked out, introduced himself and led the audience in a fun rhythm warm-up exercise.

Just as the audience was ready to get into it, the curtain came up, the dancers were in position on stage and the real show began.

On Sept. 22 and 23, Hope College was delighted with the presence and performance of the JRP, part of the Great Performance Series. It was a night filled with delightful dance numbers that covered not only a broad musical range, but also a broad topographical range. JRP danced and sang the night away with renditions of pieces by artists including Mick Jagger, George Gershwin, Frank Sinatra, Etta Jones and Oaktast.

Through their dancing, they also covered such topics as love, joy, seasons and war.

Their mission, simply stated, is to share the joy of traditional American jazz dancing, rhythm and music with people of all ages. Their mission was most certainly fulfilled this past weekend.

Hopewell had a bit more to be excited about.

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**Spotlight on Visiting Profs**

**Jimmy Leach: Music**

Professor Jimmy Leach came to Holland two years ago when his wife, Julia Ran-del, began teaching music history at Hope.

This year he is directing the Wind Symphony and Anchor Band, teaching trumpet and is serving as faculty advisor for the National Association of Music Educators.

Leach is finishing a doctoral degree in classical trumpet at Boston University and has studied with various famous artists throughout his career including Tom Rolfs of the Boston Symphony. However, his skills as an artist traverse the scale.

Leach also teaches trumpet and directs the trumpet section of the Wind Symphony.

**Dorrell Martin: Dance**

Dorrell Martin is a visiting professor in the dance department. He is teaching jazz and modern for the first half of the fall semester.

A native of Houston, Martin is currently the Director of Contemporary Modern and Ballet at Joffrey Ballet in New York City. He has studied with Paul Taylor, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Broadway Dance, Martha Graham School — and the list goes on, making him a connoisseur of various techniques and dance disciplines.

His work history includes a recent performance on "The Lion King" national tour. He is also the artistic director of Dance Fusion, a company based in Houston that fuses all styles of dance from Latin to classical ballet.

Martin’s goals for his Hope students are to “bring them new and different forms of dance styles and to take them to the next level in their training.” He is also choreographing “Wonderful Town,” this year’s musical, set to open in November.

When asked what advice he would give to dancers seeking the professional world, Martin said, “Dedication to the art form. Because if there is no dedication, there is no reason to be doing it.”

**Teresa VanDenend: Dance**

Teresa VanDenend joined the dance department this semester teaching jazz and modern. She is also the assistant director of the Hope-affiliated Strike Time Dance Company and assistant coordinator of the Student Dance Concert.

She recently performed at the historic Cain Park Amphitheater in Cleveland as a summer member of Joffrey Dance Company and will appear with Aerial Dance Company in October.

VanDenend taught at Beasley Academic Center in Chicago and Reeths Puffer High School in Muskegon. She also toured with Push Physical Theater of Rochester, NY, and was the lead in a premier piece, “Bathsheba.”

In addition to her work at Hope, VanDenend is currently choreographing this year’s Unity Christian High School musical, “Pirates of Penzance.”

When asked what advice she would give dancers seeking the professional world VanDenend said, “Be shameless. Be shameless and motivated. Dedication and hard work is key.”

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**Alcohol Awareness Group**

**A.A. Support group for Hope College students only!**

Starting Tuesday, September 26

**Location**

Hope College

Dewitt Counseling Center

**Tuesday**

11:00 am

**Thursday**

7:00 pm

For more information contact:

Jon Zita at
jonathan.zita@hope.edu

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**Distinguished Art — Beth Barnady (’10) displays her skills as a violinist. She is one of 11 students awarded a distinguished artist scholarship for music in the freshman class.**

All DAA music students are required to perform in the annual concert which will be held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Sept. 21. DAA scholarships are given to students in theater, dance, music, art and creative writing, providing them with a variety of opportunities designed to increase their creative experience and technical knowledge in each field.
Don’t mess with a good thing

A conservative push for progress

Michigan is next to last, 49th in the nation, in terms of economic growth and retaining young adults. Some argue that Michigan’s dismal economic state is a result of poor decisions at the federal level, but the statistics say otherwise.

Annika Carlson

There is at least one trade in Michigan that has been a banner year (along with the Keppe House): the Michigan moving vans to leave the state. As the only state to lose jobs in each of the last three years, Michigan’s prospects of reversing this trend appear bleak.

Sarah Baumgartner

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Proposals create debate

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Summary

In midterms elections across the country, people are looking for change—with congressional and presidential approval ratings in the toot, it’s a tough year for incumbents. For the most part, people calling for change are right—but with two strong Democratic leaders up for re-election, the best thing for Michigan is keeping Debbie Stabenow in the Senate and Jennifer Granholm in the governor’s office.

I know it’s tempting to trust the guy whose family helped us build the beautiful new DeVos Fieldhouse, but putting your name on a bunch of buildings is nothing like actually running the state. Granholm has spent her past four years cleaning up the mess she inherited from her Republican predecessor. Voters have a choice between continuing in Michigan. She has a concrete plan to help get Michigan out of its so-called single-state recession: protect workers’ benefits and jobs, help businesses stay in the U.S., enforce fair trade practices and promote innovation. The last part is especially significant: Debbie isn’t just focused on short-term job creation, but on long-term research and development to give Michigan an edge in the global market.

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Proposal 2 is not favored by advocates of affirmative action. It has faced criticism because it potentially puts publicly funded jobs, health programs and educational outreach targets at risk. Debbie has pledged to change that if elected governor. As a successful international businessman, DeVos has led Grand Rapids-based Altec, bringing jobs and revenue to Michigan. DeVos is committed to lowering taxes for Michigan residents and implementing a plan that will create Michigan jobs.

Mike Bouchard, the Republican candidate for governor, has made Michigan’s fiscal condition one of his primary issues. Bouchard has been a member of the Hope Republicans, which was founded in the 1990s—a vote for Granholm is a vote to fail to grow with inflation.”

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Proposal 5 has come under scrutiny because, according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, it “provides guaranteed funding for various levels of education regardless of the state’s fiscal condition. The annual inflationary increases may require reductions to other programs financed by the general fund, such as health care, corrections, assistance to the poor, especially if state revenues fail to grow with inflation.”

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Proposals are available at www.elections.mi.gov/PollingLocation/pollingLocation.aspx.
Odd-year victory

Katie Burkhardt
"Story Writer"
Confusion and joy were the emotions permeating the north side of the Black River Saturday as the 2009 Pull Team was told they had won after spending only one hour and 35 minutes on the rope—half the time they were expecting.

"We didn't know what was going on... did someone die, get really hurt, did we lose? All I remember saying was, 'They gave up and quit'?" Stephanie Giegler ('09), moraler of Pit 14, said. Giegler's reaction was not an uncommon one. Others expressed similar reactions of surprise.

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"When we were told (to) reel in the rope, I don't think any of us really thought that our coaches were serious. Most of us thought that it was just a strategy to pull harder. Watching footage afterwards, none of us got off the rope right away in celebration. We were all waiting for the next call set."

Aside from determination, the Pull Team attributes its win to hard work, constructive attitudes and great coaches.

"We had some amazing coaches that really helped us all to get fired up," Jonathan Koopmans ('09), puller of Pit 8 said. All members of the team admit to a grueling practice schedule that they were grateful for in the end.

"We worked them harder and faster than they've ever worked, but their minds weren't on pain or exhaustion. They were focused on their teammates—the 17 other sets of hands on the rope—and that's why they made history," Christian Piers ('07), Odd-Year Pull coach, said.

Many believe the team bonded more this year both inside and outside of practice, a major factor of any Pull team's victory.

"We thought of ourselves as one, we trained as one, we executed as one" Hoemsemeyer said.

In the end, the speedy victory still came as a surprise. Odd Year knew Even Year was capable of putting up a strong fight and now the Odd Year team has only words of encouragement to offer. "Persevere," Thompson said, "You still have a second chance. '10 Pull Team, Awesome Pull Team!"

"The bond between these pullers is more important than any number in a record book. There will be more Pulls, and there will be more pullers, but there will never be another '09."
As I made my way through the close quarters of foliage, I began to hear a faint chanting of voices. Finally coming into a clearing, I was greeted by many people, half of them dressed in red, as well as a massive tarp displaying the number 10 and the word “Tenacious.”

The sky was overcast, yet everyone was helping to develop a lively atmosphere. Members of the 2010 Pull Team were dashing about and breaking into chants, family members were encouragingly shouting people’s names, and the flash of a camera interrupted every few seconds.

After all of the preparations, the pull coach flung his arms down and the tug of war began. Roars of cheers encircled the pit. As I looked around, I saw a variety of expressions on people’s faces: concentration, concern, happiness, determination and incredible strain.

“I was trying to leave everything else behind,” Puller Aaron Forr (10) said. “I needed to have my mind completely on the rope.”

Periodically, everything would suddenly halt and the pull coach would deliver a short speech to maintain the participants’ morale.

At one point, however, two of the Even Year pullers collapsed. Despite the struggle to replace the members and having arguments with a few Odd-Year leaders, the freshmen eventually accepted defeat. Hugging one another, some crying, they gathered together by the water's edge and applauded for their opposition's victory as a cheer rang from across the river.

It began to rain as the event ended. In nearly no time, everyone on the Even Year's side had already left due to the intense weather and medical attention some needed, making the conclusion of the Pull hectic and moody.

The Pull of Sept. 23, 2006 was finished in an hour and 35 minutes. The last time The Pull ended before the three-hour time limit was in 1994.
Antiphost

Ride the Wave

Mackenzie Smith

"You have to ride the wave."

A friend gave me this advice recently, when I was feeling overwhelmed by the tasks that loomed ahead of me.

Having spent my childhood at the beach, this advice resonates with me. Personal experience has taught that if you try to plant your feet and stand your ground, the undertow pulls you under and threatens to keep you there till all your breath is gone, the wave will knock you over.

Wave your feet and stand your ground, the advice resonates with me.

When I was feeling overwhelmed by the development of this project, I found it helpful to consider the vocabulary we use to describe time: time can be spent, saved, wasted, invested and used. In short, our culture has economized time. It is something to be measured and dispensed, and we never seem to have enough.

What would happen if I conceptualized time in a new way?

The ancient Greeks used two words for time: chronos and kairos. Chronos describes ordinary time. It is the root of such words as chronological and chronology. Chronos refers to finite time, that which can be measured and calculated by our (ubiquitous) watches and clocks, cell phones and computers.

Kairos is a different entity. In Greek, kairos refers to the "right or proper time." According to the Oxford English Dictionary, it is "fullness of time; the opportune moment for the... coming into being of a state.

Kairos is creative time. We experience it when we enter into something fully and lose track of our "self" (along with the boundaries and worries of our small world) in the process. Children at play are in kairos; so are artists in the act of creation. Athletes know it in the midst of competition or focused practice.

I am in kairos sometimes while I read, when I’m deep in discussion or when I lock eyes with the beach. I can act and move reflexively—but it is never passive.

Chronos can pass us by and leave us wondering, "Where has the time gone?"—but kairos requires our participation.

It’s like the wave. Standing in stubborn opposition to crashing waves is about as futile as trying to control time (chronos). If I knock us off our feet and drag us under, leaving us exhausted and a bit essential.

Instead, "you have to ride the wave." We need to relax and live into time (kairos). It makes us uncomfortable. And who knows where that momentum might leave us?

So, don’t waste your time. Don’t save your time. Don’t even "spend" your time. Instead, live it. Act, engage, create, love, think and lose your self by living in kairos—and see where the current takes you.

Mackintosh favorite class in high school was international studies. In college, the anchor would be foreign language and without a watch, which may be why she is frequently late to work—sorry Carla!
RA observes Pull’s physical, social effects on residents

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Sept. 23, as I stood watching the Pull participants grunt and groan in their mud pits, mixing blood, sweat and tears, I admired several aspects of the event.

I enjoyed seeing the team members, in unison, shouting directions and chants and cheering for one another. I enjoyed seeing the camaraderie of the event. I enjoyed seeing the outstanding support that the pullers and morale officers received from spectators.

However, even as I watched the Pull, I was reminded of observations that I made throughout the past few weeks regarding the Pull; observations that caused me to be concerned about how Pull preparation affects Hope College students, particularly first-year students.

As a resident assistant, I’ve had a chance to observe Pull and morale officers in a residential setting. This has allowed me to observe the effects of the Pull on a puller’s health, education and social life. Needless to say, the effects that I noted were quite negative, especially for freshmen participate in.

First, I noticed that pullers and morale officers seemed to struggle with the enormous amount of time that both Pull teams require. I found that, on average, each Pull team consumed six hours out of a participant’s day—three hours for a grueling practice, one hour for a team dinner at Phelps, one hour for necessary shower and relaxation time and one hour (or so) for a team meeting.

A participant’s education suffers at such a crucial time as the beginning of their first college semester? Finally being free at 9 or 10 p.m. hardly gives students the proper amount of time to complete homework in the evening and get enough sleep.

Second, I observed the physical punishment inflicted by the intense practices and the Pull event itself. Many pullers returned from the intense practices sporting an obvious limp, as well as blistered hands caused by the rope. And what about the three freshman pullers on the Even Year side who reportedly “passed out” during the Pull, causing the event to come to a premature finish? Where are the safeguards for protecting the health of students?

It seems to me that a first-year Pull participant might not receive a fair chance to meet people and be social outside their Pull team, due to the large amounts of time taken by Pull preparation events. One of the best times for meeting people and integrating socially is in the first six weeks of school. It seems ridiculous to me that the Pull teams are so focused on their respective teams that its participants miss half of that integration period and thus have difficulty being fully functional students and participating in student life until the completion of the Pull.

I hope that my views are not misread or misunderstood. I merely wanted to bring awareness to the Pull and its effect on a first-year Pull participant.

Matt Osterhouse ‘09

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Along with JRP came Alumna Jodi Kurtz ('01). While at Hope, Kurtz was very involved with Aerial Dance Theatre.

"Jodi...is great and we are thrilled to have her back on campus," said Dance Department Chair Linda Graham prior to the JRP performance. Graham was also one of Kurtz’s former teachers and choreographers.

After graduating from Hope with a degree in dance performance, choreography and communication, Kurtz moved to Chicago where she became affiliated with the Chicago Human Rhythm Project and studied at the Giordano Dance Center. In 2002, Kurtz joined JRP and has been volunteering, teaching and performing all across the country ever since.

Reform

Japanese economy efficient through initiatives, such as privatizing the postal system, decreasing the number of politicians and integrating some government ministries, left many people unemployed.

Koizumi’s political policy

As popular as Koizumi was, many people disagreed with his political policy. This is especially true for people who care for relations with Asian neighbors like China or Korea.

Koizumi’s philosophy was to build a good relationship with the United States, thus making it easier to establish a better relationship with Asian countries, such as China. However, the real issue between Japan and China is the Yasukuni Shrine.

During WW11, Japanese war criminals persecuted many innocent Chinese people. When they were tried by the International Military Court after WW11, some of the war criminals were sentenced to execution and embittered in Yasukuni.

On Aug. 15, 2004, Koizumi visited the Yasukuni Shrine. His visit reminded many Chinese people of the past cruel memories, and many Chinese were angered.

“Not just Chinese government, but also ordinary Chinese people feel bad about his action,” said Zhang Rongnan, an exchange student at Hope College from China. "And they also believe it’s not a private action, but represents the attitude of Japanese government."
A conference called “Healthy Church, Healthy Communities” was held on Tuesday at the Haworth Inn. The conference invited representatives from local churches and Holland Hospital to discuss the role that churches play in community health. Deborah Sturtevant, a Hope professor of sociology and social work, organized the event, which is the last part of a three-year project.

Sturtevant and several other Hope faculty members have been conducting research with a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to the Holland Hospital Foundation and the college. During earlier research, they pinpointed four populations which need improved access to healthcare and related information: children with low physical activity, older community members’ access to health information and healthcare providers, diabetes awareness in a diverse community and spiritual access to health through the health ministries of churches in the community.

The program promotes awareness and action for all four of these sections. For example, Fon- da Green, the CASA coordinator, worked with Mark Northuis, professor of kinesiology, to promote exercise for children in the after-school tutoring program.

The Holland Hospital Foundation’s community outreach program has also been involved throughout the project.

Several Hope students have had a hand in the research process as well. Sturtevant and Northuis have both worked with student researchers over the past two years. Monique Hoyle (’07), a social work major, is Sturtevant’s current research assistant. She will be presenting the results of surveys and research at the conference on Tuesday.

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Facebook

Although it can be helpful for coordinating study groups with peers or looking for upcoming campus events, many students join Facebook because it’s entertaining and a way to socialize with friends. “I use it to talk to friends, it’s another source of pro-crastination.”

Specials on “Dateline NBC” have focused on security against online predators, but many col- leges try to use Facebook and other networking sites to their ad- vantage. Before even entering the dorm room, students will check their roommate’s Facebook page to make sure they’re compatible.

Megan Holtrop (’07) said, “I can recognize people on campus from their Facebook pics; it really provides a sense of belonging to me.” Professor Deirdre Johnson of the communications department said, “I’ve heard of roommate changes because of Facebook.”

In more than one instance, blogs have been used as evidence to fire employees or to catch law breakers. Johnston said, “In Grand Rapids, students have been caught underage drinking, just using blogs as evidence.”

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CONGRESSIONAL CORNER

At their Tuesday, Sept. 26 meeting, Student Congress tackled three different proposals related to book lists, student parking and meal times at Phelps.

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CATCHING WAVES ON THE GREATS

Emily Westrate  
Staff Writer

It’s September. The temperature is dropping, the days are getting shorter and it rains constantly. While many people are curling up with blankets and hot chocolate, others are hitting the beach and the waves. The surf season is in full swing.

Since the 1960s, people have been surfing the Great Lakes. Only in recent years, however, has it gained popular attention.

“People who live on Lake Michigan might not even know you can surf the Great Lakes,” veteran surfer Mike Sispera said. “Many people have been surfing the Great Lakes since 1995.”

Expandable media exposure, freshwater surfing is becoming more popular. It occurs on every Great Lake, with participants of all ages and varying occupations. Surfing clubs have formed throughout the region. The South Bend Surf Club in Michigan City is the closest club to the Holland area.

While rare, surfing is possible during the summer months.

“Summer has an east wind, so there are less waves,” Brian Emling (‘07) said. “You’re lucky to get out there once a month in the summer.”

Hope’s proximity to Lake Michigan was a big part of Emling’s decision to transfer to Hope as a sophomore. The optimum surf begins in September and continues through November. According to Sispera, winter surfing is optional but dangerous because of the extremely low temperature the water reaches. Very specialized equipment is needed.

The best surfing conditions occur during weather systems. Changing barometric pressure and high winds produce the biggest waves. This dependence on weather makes the waves hard to predict.

“It’s Michigan weather, so you don’t really know what the waves are going to be like until you get out there,” Emling said.

Surfing Lake Michigan can be quite dangerous. A good knowledge of the lake is required. Hypothermia is possible because of the frigid water temperatures. To protect themselves, surfers wear wetsuits while in the water. There are varying thicknesses, and as the temperature cools, surfers switch to different wetsuits.

“Surfing the lake is a lot different than surfing the ocean,” Emling said.

The waves have different characteristics because they are formed differently. In the Great Lakes, waves are generated on a local scale and are much closer together. The salt water of the ocean makes it easier to float. Therefore, a longer board is needed for freshwater surfing.

“Surfing is a lifestyle. (A surfer’s) main passion in life is to surf,” Sispera said. “The bottom line is that there are waves, and where there are waves, there will be surfers.”

SAILING CLUB HARNESSES THE WIND

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Charlie Sierzant puts the finishing touches on his physical chemistry exam, exits the classroom and inter religious exam, and heads toward the sailing club encircling a most fitting landmark to start their sailing regimen: the anchor. The experience of sailing takes them to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, home of their wind-driven vessels.

“The goal of the sailing club is to get people interested in sailing. It’s so much fun and a great way to spend an afternoon after classes,” Sierzant said. “By combining the rush of speed with the peacefulness and connection to nature that sailing offers, you really get a unique experience. Unlike other boating activities, there isn’t the sound of an engine; it’s just you, the water and the wind. We also hope to get people interested in dinghy racing; racing dinghies are a great way to get into the sport of sailing.”

Once on site, the sailors prepare for an afternoon on the water. Experienced sailors help the newcomers in the process of rigging the sailboats as Sierzant sets up a quick lesson on sailboat racing. The experience of the members of the sailing club varies greatly.

“My parents have owned a sailboat all my life,” Kathleen Mojzak (‘08) said. “I started taking sailing lessons when I was 8 and continued sailing in many different forms throughout high school and now at Hope.”

For others, sailing had never been on their radar before coming to Hope. “For Katie Coulter (‘07) it wasn’t until her final year at Hope that she jumped on board.”

“I had never sailed before this year, so it has really been an interesting experience for me,” Coulter said. “Three of my roommates sail, and they were a large part in my decision to give it a try. Also, I had an aunt who was passionate about sailing who recently passed away, so for me it’s a great way to pay homage to her.”

The experience of sailing takes on many different personalities, yet seems to fill the needs of each sailor.

“Some aspects of sailing can be tiring and stressful, but the overall atmosphere is very subdued and peaceful,” Coulter said. “It’s a great way to spend an afternoon after a long day of classes.”

Other times, subdued and peaceful do not fit the description of sailing. Although the sailboats used by Hope’s sailing club cannot sink, they do have the tendency to tip, or even flip.

“We flipped the boat three times in one day,” Tracy Pierson (‘09) said. “Most of the time you can tell when the boat is going to flip, but when you don’t, it takes you by surprise and you have to react quickly to make sure it doesn’t flip all the way over.”

The club does not just sail for the fun of it. They also prepare for races, known as regattas, which they travel to almost every weekend.

The Hope sailing club will host a regatta Nov. 4 on Lake Macatawa against schools such as University of Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Purdue, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

Anyone interested in joining the sailing club may contact the club at sailing@hope.edu or simply meet at the anchor Monday through Thursday at 3:30 p.m.
ATHLETE PROFILE: DAVID BOOKO

Running back overcomes obstacle to return to Hope’s student body, spirituality and the game he loves

Nick Winkle
Cory Erwin

His story is unlike most. He was the 2005 MIAA Offensive Player of the Year with over 1,000 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. He left Hope College for Kalamazoo Valley Community College in January 2006, but he has returned and is ready for another season.

David Booko ('08) came to the Hope football team with high hopes in 2004 and has become one of team’s most valuable offensive players. This season, the running back has set higher goals and expectations.

"I have very big expectations for this year. I personally would like to achieve first team all-MIAA honors," Booko said. "As a team, we would love to win conference and make a good run in the playoffs."

In trying to reach these goals, Hope football players went through a grueling preseason training camp. Booko believes the training will help the team’s cohesiveness and focus for the rest of the season.

"Training camp went great. I feel everybody pushed themselves to the max this year and really took it serious," Booko said. "During camp, the whole team develops a really good relationship. Going through what we do together makes a really good connection between the players."

Individually, Booko wants to keep learning every practice and improving his skills. With little running back experience from high school, Booko realizes he still makes mistakes.

"I go out there and just try to do my best and learn from my mistakes and try to get better every day. I’m actually pretty new at the running back position," Booko said. "I’m really excited to see what happens in the future."

Booko also enjoys life outside of football. Off the field, Booko fills his summers with wakeboarding and working as a general contractor.

After enjoying the summer and returning to Hope, Booko savors every day spent here.

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After leaving and attending another school, Booko realizes how much he enjoys his friendships and atmosphere at Hope.

"Hope just really has an awesome student body. You cannot really find a sweet student body like you do at Hope," Booko said. "God’s blessing is totally all over Hope."

HOPE HOCKEY SKATES ON

Jenny Cencere
Cory Erwin

The Hope hockey club has been conditioning intensively to prepare for its first conference game against the Division II squad from the University of Dayton, Ohio. The game will be played in Dayton this Friday. The Dutchmen will be competing against several DII teams this season and are undaunted by the challenge.

"Having some close games will be good for our team. Playing Division I clubs will strengthen us," right wing Garnet Marin ('08) said. "It’ll be a lot more of an intense feeling, rather than like playing in an adult league."

Right-wing Chris Strauss ('07) said, "We’ll see what we’re made of after Friday because they’re a Division II team."

The team has experience playing against larger clubs. In the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Championships last season, Hope defeated Wright State University and Landmark strength training and honed their skills on the ice whenever rink time was available.

The team has also been adjusting progressively to NCAA DIII Varsity requirements this year. With the new rules, the bench expects more opportunities for penalty kill this year, with limited stick work and more speed.

"The games will be higher scoring. We’re probably going to score a lot of goals this year," Martin said.

The first Dutchmen home game will be Saturday at the Edge Ice Arena, located on Ramson and U.S. 31. The puck will be dropped against Alpena Community College at 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $2 with student I.D. The team is also training in preparation for their face off against Calvin Dec. 1. Hope will have to allow the Zamboni priority, however, since the club will be playing at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, following a Griffins game. Ticket information will be available in the coming weeks, and students are encouraged to car pool to the game.

"Playing for a big crowd, that’s the most electric feeling in the world," center Ryan Sweet ('08) said.

HOPE BASKETBALL

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The men’s basketball team started off the MIAA season with a sixth place effort at the first of three jamborees in the season.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

The women’s basketball team rebounded from the Sept. 19 loss to rival Calvin with three straight MIAA victories against Tri-State, Adrian and Alma.

MEN’S GOLF

The men’s golf team had strong showings at two MIAA matches through the week. The Dutchmen finished first place Sept. 20 and third place Sept. 23. They remain in the lead by 25 strokes in the MIAA.