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Graves to get new lease on life

Matt Oosterhouse
CAMPUSS NEWS EDITOR

Graves Hall will have to wait at least through winter to receive a face-lift to its inner and outer structure. Original plans anticipated that construction would be completed by the end of 2007, but construction for the project is not expected to begin until spring 2008.

According to Greg Maybury, director of operations and technology at Hope College, the largest delay was getting responses from the state of Michigan on up-to-date requirements for classrooms, though initial planning began last year.

“We started planning in January 2006. We went through a lot of iterations about how we were going to use the building,” Maybury said.

Maybury expects that after the renovation plans go out for bid in January or February of 2008 and construction starts in the spring, renovations on Graves Hall are expected to be completed by fall 2008 at the earliest.

With a proposed cost of $5 million, the project is being funded partly through the Legacy Fund, a fund designed for campus advancement at Hope. A special bond issue as well as alumni donations will provide the remaining necessary funds.

The planned improvements aim to give Graves an updated modern feel that complies to current standards while retaining its century-old charm.

“Air conditioning is going to be added, ventilation will be installed for the first time, the building will be fully sprinkled for fire protection and the building will be fully wired for technology” Maybury said.

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Overcrowding forces Res Life scramble

Amy Clinton
Jayni Judees
Guest writers

Faced with the largest incoming freshmen class in the history of Hope College, the Housing Administration has had difficulty finding residences for the influx of students.

“We anticipated the overflow in January or February, and from there worked as hard as we could to make every student comfortable,” Residential Life Director John Jobson said.

Many students have been placed in temporary housing, with people living in study lounges in both Kollen Hall and Van Vleck Hall and the exercise room of Dykstra Hall.

Places located in lounges or exercise rooms received a slight discount and were provided with all of the usual dorm furniture. On-campus residences are currently just one person over their capacities.

There is a lot of planning involved in accommodating everyone. The Residential Life staff has to consider compatibility and gender in placing students. Students will not stay in temporary housing longer than a semester, and the greatest challenge faced by the college is that the students do not want to leave. Many do not want to face the hassle of moving again or leaving their roommates.

“We’ve already bonded and made this our home,” said Brooke Henderson (‘11).

Residential Life has emphasized that the places these students are living in are just as important to the dorms.

The overflow cannot be attributed to one single factor. Hope retained an unusually large number of students from last year, and many upperclassmen chose to live on campus.

“The college watches trends and data to predict the housing situation,” Jobson said.

Residential Life is working to ensure that students all over campus are in comfortable and compatible housing.

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Prepared and packed are volunteers for the “Time to Serve” event. Going into fall, volunteer opportunities abound.

Some events include Relay For Life in September and the Holland County Habitat for Humanity’s annual fundraiser, “Habitat Heroes.” On Oct. 7, volunteers will also be needed for the Holland Polish Festival.

For information about volunteer opportunities, contact the Volunteer Center at 395-7857 or email volunteer@hope.edu.

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Bats make cottages a dwelling space

Kevin Souby
Guest Writer

It is typically evening or night when Campus Safety gets the call: bats were found inside a building. It is an annual tradition for Hope College that starts in earnest with the beginning of the school year.

After receiving the call, Campus Safety officers travel to the infested location armed with nets. Bats are quite a common occurrence at Hope – living outside, hanging in cottages and flying around older building on campus.

Campus Safety or the janitorial staff are generally able to grab the bats without difficulty, but are sometimes forced to catch them in mid-air.

“It’s not fun at all,” Chad Wolters of Campus Safety said. After the bats are caught, they are released in a safe location away from their place of capture.

Campus Safety policy states that bats should be removed for the safety and well-being of the students, especially as bats are carriers of rabies – a severe viral disease. Through the virus is transmitted through physical contact, bat droppings can contain a toxic fungus called histoplasma.

So far this year, Reeves, Wel-mers, Van Zyl and other cottages have reported bats. In the first three weeks since classes have started, over 10 bats have been “relocated.”

Phelps packs in Sunday night crowd

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weeksends, however, the total number of meals served at Phelps at a given lunch or dinner is only about 600 — much less than the number served during the week.

“Before nine years ago, we didn’t even have Cook. We used to feed the same amount of boarders (at Phelps) before Cook,” Van-Heukelom said.

This number is a bit higher on Sunday evenings; at a recent Sunday din-ner, 812 meals were served at Phelps, with the majority of the diners com-ing around the 5:30-6 p.m. “rush time.”

“On Sunday nights, most of the students don’t have anywhere to go so they tend to hang around (Phelps) longer,” said Van-Heukelom.

However, the crowds Sun-day night are still smaller than at weekday dinners. The cong-es-tion, then, is not caused by num-bers alone but by certain patterns in traffic flow.

Phelps can accommodate 550 to 600 diners at once, so over a period of 1 1/2 to 2 hours, “we can easily turn seats over one time,” said Van-Heukelom.

However, there seems to be a rush of student diners between 5:30 and 6 p.m. that complicates this idea.

It may seem that serving din-ner on Sunday until 6:30, as is done during the week, would al-le-viate the problem. However, this doesn’t seem to be so.

“A few years ago, a small group of students asked us to remain open later on Sunday nights. We tried it for a while, but found that all the business was for the most part in by 6 p.m. with a few stragglers coming in after 6,” said Van-Heukelom.

Van-Heukelom has instigated a number of layout changes in the dining area itself over the 13 years he’s served as director of Dining Services in efforts to ease traffic congestion, such as placing the Bistro outside the main dining area near the south entrance and moving the cold sandwich station into the corner of the salad bar.

“You build these stations to reduce traffic and make cooking visible,” said Van-Heukelom.

The responsibility for making traffic more manageable finally comes down to students and their choices of mealtimes. Phelps opens for dinner at 4:30 on Sun-days as well as during the week.

“We always like people to come earlier,” said Van-Heukelom. “The first couple of weeks are always tough, (but) people seek the path of least resistance eventually.”

Dining Services is eager to hear feedback from students about their campus dining experiences. Stu-dents can share their opinions us-ing the comment cards at the south entrance of Phelps as well as on the Dining Services website.

“We take the comment cards seriously,” said Van-Heukelom. “We respond as quickly as we can to student concerns.”

Dining Services employees also meet with students at a dif-ferent residence hall three times each semester to gather feedback.

“We’re always looking for ways to serve students better—that’s what we like to do,” said Van-Heukelom.

Do you like to write? Do you have a story to share? Do you want to win $250? Then you need to enter the Parents’ Weekend essay contest! Enter this 500 word essay contest for a chance to win a $250 gift certificate at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore and let your parents or another special member of your family know how important they are to you!

Details and entry form available online: www.hope.edu/parents/essay.htm

Questions? Please e-mail parents@hope.edu.

You must be a current Hope College student to enter.

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Graves tagged for 2008 renovation

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The new grant to Hope College from the National Science Foundation will provide scholarship aid to community-college students who are interested in continuing their education in the sciences at Hope.

The scholarships will support students who transfer to Hope to major in biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, the geological and environmental sciences, mathematics or physics after completing work at a community college.

The $564,360 grant will provide two-year scholarships of up to $10,000 per year to eight transferring students each year for three years.

Each incoming student will also be given the opportunity to participate in collaborative research full-time with a Hope faculty member during the summer before beginning classes.

PRE-CIS SPEAKER DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION

Eminent immigration expert Alejandro Portes will set the stage for the college’s Critical Issues Symposium with the address “Segmented Assimilation: Prospects for the Immigrant Second Generation” on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m. in the Maas Center auditorium.

Portes is a much-sought-after speaker as he is able to discuss immigration issues from a variety of standpoints and with a wealth of information.

This Week at Hope

**STUFF the ‘BUS’ Goods Drive Parking Lot E (Drew Art Center lot) Noon - 4 p.m.**

**Saturday, Sept. 22**

The Gathering: “Cloud of Wit-nesses: Ezekiel” Tom Brown - Western Theological Seminary. Dimnent Chapel. 8 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 23**


Pre-CIS: “Immigrant America” Alejandro Portes. Mesa Auditorium. 4 - 5 p.m.
Fed Changes Target Interest Rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A serious bout of financial market instability has dramatically changed the debate at the Federal Reserve from worries about inflation to concerns about the possibility of a recession. The Fed announced on Sept. 18 it is cutting its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, for the first time in four years. The rate was reduced a half-point to 4.75 percent.

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Iraq By the Numbers

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Bush to reduce troops in Iraq

Laura Stritzke

On Sept. 13, President Bush announced a troop decrease in Iraq as a part of a newly-developed strategy to “return on success.” “Americans want our country to be safe and to see our troops to begin coming home from Iraq,” Bush said. “Yet those of us who believe success in Iraq is essential to our security, and those who believe we should bring our troops home, have been at odds. Now, because of the measure of success we are seeing in Iraq, we can begin seeing troops come home.”

This “success” refers to reports made by a panel that researched the current situation in Iraq. This panel, headed by Gen. David Petraeus and retired Gen. Jim Jones, found that the Iraqi army is becoming more capable while the National Police still have much room for improvement.

According to Bush, America has had many recent victories in Iraq such as clearing the Diyala Province of Al Qaeda forces, making it the location of a strong uprising against extremists, and gaining more control over Baghdad. “Because of this success, General Petraeus believes we have now reached the point where we can maintain our security gains with fewer American forces” Bush said.

Bush said 2,200 Marines leaving the Anbar province later this month would not be replaced, and that an Army combat brigade will soon be returning to America. This is a total troop decrease of 5,700 by Christmas.

Democratic Sen. Jack Reed from Rhode Island responded to the presidential speech.

Hurricane season proves deadly

Amanda Gernentz

Hurricane season is well under-way. Nine storms this year have reached tropical status with three being upgraded to hurricane status.

Hurricane Dean was the first storm to be declared a hurricane this season, slamming into the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico Aug. 21 as a Category 5 hurricane, the most intense category on the Saffir-Simpson scale used by meteorologists. The storm crossed the peninsula and regrouped over the Gulf of Mexico before hitting Mexico again the next day as a Category 2 hurricane. Twenty-one deaths were attributed to Dean. Wind speeds reached 165 miles per hour, making Hurricane Dean the third most intense Atlantic hurricane to ever make landfall. The storm caused damages to corn and sugar crops and rerouted several major cruise lines that made stops in Costa Maya on a regular basis. On Sept. 6, Hurricane Felix crashed into Nicaragua, leaving nearly 100 dead. This storm also reached Category 5 status. This year is the first recorded instance in 121 years where two Category 5 hurricanes made landfall in the same season.

Hurricane Humberto was the third hurricane of the season. Humberto hit the coast of Texas as a Category 1 hurricane Sept. 13. One death has been reported. Humberto has caused flooding throughout Texas and Louisiana as well as rain in southern Mississippi and Arkansas. This was the first hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Hurricane Wilma struck Florida in October of 2005.

Several other tropical storms have been recorded this season including Gabrielle, which hit North Carolina early last week. Henriette hit Baja California in early September, claiming seven lives and leaving the famous resort area of Cabo San Lucas flooded. Tropical Storm Flossie caused earthquakes on the big island of Hawaii in mid-August. Ingrid, now rated as a tropical depression, was initially thought to be a threat to the Caribbean but weakened in the open ocean of the Atlantic.

In Brief

China, Russia spying on U.S. at nearly Cold War-levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — China and Russia are spying on the United States nearly as much as they did during the Cold War, according to the top U.S. intelligence official.

Mike McConnell, the director of national intelligence, says in testimony prepared for a Tuesday congressional hearing that a law passed last month expanding the U.S. government’s cave-dwelling power is needed to protect not just against terrorists but also against more traditional potential adversaries, such as those two Cold War foes.

The new law will also enable the intelligence agencies to identify “sleeper cells” of terrorists in the United States, according to McConnell’s statement to the House Judiciary Committee.
New turn in missing child case

British parents named as suspects in case of missing daughter

Erin Fortner
Guest Writer

Shannon Craig
National News Editor

The international community, including celebrities such as author J.K. Rowling, professional soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo, Pope Benedict XVI and Virgin founder Sir Richard Branson, have rallied behind Kate and Gerry McCann, the parents of missing 4-year-old Madeleine McCann.

"In the midst of all of this speculation and rumor, we must remember there is a family in pain and a little four-year-old girl is still missing," Branson said in a statement. "We must not lose sight of this fact. It is the only solid fact we know."

The celebrity support for the McCanns comes despite Portuguese officials naming the couple as official suspects in the investigation of their missing daughter on Sept. 7.

Madeleine McCann disappeared May 3, 2007 when the McCanns were on vacation at the Mark Warner Ocean Club in Algarve, Portugal.

The McCanns had left Madeleine McCann, along with her twin siblings, alone in an unlocked ground-floor resort apartment while the couple attended dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Gerry McCann told authorities that he, his wife and friends periodically checked on their children at various points in the evening. Madeleine McCann was found missing by Kate McCann at approximately 10 p.m.

It was initially speculated that Madeleine McCann had been abducted by an international pedophile ring or illegal adoption network.

A resident near the resort, Rob Murat, has also been named a suspect but no forensic evidence has linked him with the young girl’s disappearance.

The McCanns remained in Portugal until Sept. 9 at which time they returned home to Great Britain with their other two children.

On Sept. 11 Portuguese authorities submitted case files to Portuguese prosecutor Jose Cunha de Magalhaes e Mendes to decide how to proceed with the investigation.

This submission gave Judge Pedro Miguel dos Anjos Frans 10 days in which to decide how the case should proceed and if the McCanns would be required to see MADELEINE, page 10.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf will step down as army chief and restore civilian rule to Pakistan, but only after he is re-elected president, a government lawyer said Tuesday.

The announcement was the first clear official statement that Musharraf is ready to end military rule, which has seized control of the Islamic world’s only declared nuclear power in a coup.

The party of exiled opposition leader Benazir Bhutto condemned the plan as unconstitutional and called a leader of the party of Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted as prime minister in the 1999 coup.

For months Musharraf and Bhutto have waned after a failed attempt to fire the Supreme Court’s top judge and his political foes insist he is ineligible to continue as head of state.

Musharraf also faces a wave of violence blamed on Taliban and al-Qaida militants which has intensified discontent with his alliance with the United States.

Fifteen soldiers and 14 militants were killed Monday in a military attack on an army post near the Afghan border.

Sharifuddin Pirzada, a government attorney, announced Musharraf’s intentions in the Supreme Court as judges heard petitions challenging his dual role as president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf shall relinquish charge of the office of the chief of army staff soon after election, but before taking the oath of office of the president of Pakistan for the next term,” Pirzada said.

Mushabhd Hussain, secretary-general of ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q party, predicted Musharraf’s decision “will lower the political temperature and it will deprive the opposition of a major contentious issue.”

Musharraf’s military role “had undermined Pakistan’s international image because people said you don’t have full democracy. I think we have moved on,” Hussain said.

Information Minister Mohammad Ali Durrani said Musharraf was assured of a majority in the current assemblies.

Opponents said they would continue their campaign against Musharraf’s continued rule.

“He is blackmailing. This is a threat from him. He is saying that first you elect me as the president and then I will quit as the army chief,” said Zafar Ali Shah, a leader of the party of Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted as prime minister in the 1999 coup.

Authorities deported Sharif back into exile in Saudi Arabia when he tried to return last week to campaign against Musharraf.

Opposition parties are challenging the legality of Musharraf’s re-election, including a rule change announced Monday by the Election Commission opening the way for the general to seek a new term without resigning from the army first.

Zaffar Abbas, resident editor in Islamabad for the Dawn newspaper, said the general’s decision had sent a message to the Supreme Court to proceed with the investigation.

"General Musharraf’s decision to get himself re-elected in uniform is both unconstitutional and undemocratic," said Sherry Rehman, the party information secretary.

Rehman said the party’s lawyers might resign in protest unless the government dropped corruption cases against Bhutto and other politicians and let her run for a third term as prime minister.

upcoming shows at lemonjello's

Annagal
They Were Thieves
Chris Bathgate
Friday, Sept. 21
7:30 p.m. $5 cover

Coulag
The Fabulous Horse in the Sea
Double B
Friday, Sept. 28
8 p.m. $3 cover

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Shadows brighten Martha Miller stairway

Katie Bennett
Arts Editor

This year, students who frequent Martha Miller may have noticed an addition to the stairwell by the rotunda. The work of art entitled “Shadow Castings,” features dark shadows of the objects’ shapes under the light of the stairwell. The piece was the winner of an art competition and faculty members who have held last February to fill the large space on the landing.

“We asked for art that developed the global communication theme of the building. We invited all Hope grads who were art majors and others who were deeply involved in the art department as practicing artists while they were at Hope to submit,” said Dean Nancy Miller, one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center’s corridors.

Around 30 entries were reviewed by a panel of judges who eventually chose the piece “Shadow Castings” by John Saurer. Students and faculty also got the chance to make their opinions heard.

Before the judging we invited them and have hung them at various spots along the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller. “The votes were spread across many submissions but four of them stood out as favorites. We purchased one of several Hope administrators who teach in the Martha Miller Center to view (the entries) and fill out a form indicating what pieces were their favorites,” said Miller.

Scholarship winners to shine in DAA recital

Rachel Syns
Guest Writer

The 18 freshmen awarded Distinguished Artists Award Scholarships in music will be performing in a recital on Thursday, Sept. 20.

“(We) comb through applications and invite (the students) to come in February of their senior year,” said Dr. Margaret Kenney-Dygas, chairperson of the Music Department. Students can also send in a pre-recorded piece.

Sarah Ashcroft (‘11), a vocalist, said, “I had to sing two contrasting pieces in front of a board of judges.”

Many times the students will perform their audition pieces at the DAA recital. The performance serves as a “summary of what they’ve done in high school,” Kennedy-Dygas said.

“I feel really good about it,” said Johnathan Brooks (‘11) who will perform the second movement of a Mozart horn concerto.

“I’ve had it prepared since the audition.”

Emily Bauss (‘11), who will perform an unaccompanied Bach violin sonata, said, “I played this piece in my senior recital and then took a break from it over the summer. It was cool working on it with Professor Craioveanu (the violin professor) and getting a new perspective.”

Although the scholarship is usually granted to incoming freshmen, this year’s recital will include one seasoned veteran, Joy Oosterbaan (‘09) is a new transfer student and a pianist.

“I did a recital last spring and was kind sick of those pieces. I wanted to start something new and fun over the summer,” said Oosterbaan, who will perform Gershwin’s jazz-influenced Piano Prelude No. 1.

The program promises to be varied. Instruments in the recital range from jazz guitar to organ.

“It’s a fine group of students, and I invite the campus community to come out and hear them,” said Kennedy-Dygas.

The recital will take place on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

IN BRIEF

VISITING ARTIST IN “THE BELLE OF AMHERST”

Renowned actress Linda Kelsey will perform the one-woman show “The Belle of Amherst” on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at 8 p.m. at Hope College in the Dewitt Center main theatre.

Kelsey is best known for her portrayal of reporter Billie Newman in the critically acclaimed CBS series, “Lou Grant.”

During her five years on the series she received five Emmy and two Golden Globe nominations. She was also a regular in the NBC series, “Day By Day,” and co-starred in Billy Crystal’s “Sessions” series for HBO.

Her stage experience is extensive and includes productions at the renowned Guthrie Theatre at the start of her career. She has appeared on stages throughout the country and her directors include John Lithgow and Charlton Heston.

Kelsey’s television credits include more than 30 different series, including “ER,” “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “MASH” and “The Twilight Zone.”

Tickets are $10 for regular adult admission and $5 for senior citizens and students.

Wednesday
9/19
Ballet Club
8-10 p.m. the Dow
Cool Beans Coffee House
 Featuring Daniel Hills
9-11 p.m. the Kletz

Thursday
9/20
Student Scholarship Recital
6 p.m. Dimnent Chapel
Admission is free

Friday
9/21
Shrek 3
7 p.m. VanderWerf 102
Also showing at 9:30 p.m., midnight
The Belle of Amherst
8 p.m. DeVitt Theatre
$10 adults, $5 senior citizens, students and children

Musicians Chihun Hawk and Chris Cauley
8:30 p.m. the Kletz
Admission is free

Saturday
9/22
Shrek 3
7 p.m. VanderWerf 102
Also showing at 9:30 p.m., midnight
The Belle of Amhurst
8 p.m. Dewitt Theatre
$10 adults, $5 senior citizens and children

Sunday
9/23
Shrek 3
3 p.m. VanderWerf 102

Monday
9/24
Gospel Choir
7-9 p.m. Dimnent Chapel

Ongoing Arts Events
Art Exhibit “Artist/Designer”
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday
1-5 p.m. Sunday
“Brutal Imagination,” the work of visiting writer Cornelius Eady, is a collection of poetry and emotional societal insights. The word “poetry” in itself can be scary, but do not be afraid. Rather, be enthusiastic to get your hands on a copy of “Brutal Imagination,” a collection of two cycles which together cover both past and current issues of prejudice.

The first series of poems depicts the 1994 murder of two children by their mother Susan Smith, who attempted to blame their deaths on a black man. Eady creatively narrates these poems using the black man abstracted from Susan Smith’s imagination, symbolizing past falsely-accused black men.

The second set of poems, called “Running Man,” makes up the libretto for the Pulitzer Prize-nominated music-drama of the same name. Most intriguing in the “Running Man” collection is the included discussion of homosexuality. The main character represents the most oppressed minority of the 1930s, black homosexuals, and reminds us of their continued struggles.

The “Brutal Imagination” collection also raises the important point that prejudice still lives in our society. If you are looking for quality stories, poetry and writing in general, look to Cornelius Eady’s “Brutal Imagination”.

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Lindsey Manthei  
Features Editor

Art in fermented form.” It’s a catchy slogan, but it’s also the mission of the New Holland Brewing Company’s owners. One owner is Brett VanderKamp (’94), a Hope College graduate who has channeled his passion for beer and beer culture into a widely respected local brewery. The New Holland Brewing Company, on the corner of Eighth Street and College Avenue, brews 12 different beers and ships more than 5,000 barrels of beer a year. VanderKamp took a few minutes out of his busy day to share some words of wisdom on life after college.

Anchor: What was your major at Hope and how do you use it in your job?
Brett: I was actually a geology major. You could say that beer was my minor in college, though of course after I was legal. The liberal arts degree at Hope is so valuable. You become an expert in many subjects. As an entrepreneur, you need to know enough about many different subjects to be dangerous. My geology degree calls upon biology, chemistry, physics—things I use everyday.

A: How did the Brewery come about?
B: After graduating, I moved to Boulder, Colo. to use my geology degree. Craft brewers had really taken root in Boulder, and it opened my eyes to what was possible. I thought Holland certainly needed a brewery. A buddy of mine came to visit for spring break, and we hatched this plan over a couple of beers. The next week I put in my two week’s notice, drove my VW Golf back to Michigan and the rest is history.

A: How did your friends and family react?
B: My friends and family tried to be supportive as best they could. They were for the most part. At the time, they thought it was just a phase. They underestimated the passion we had for beer, its history and culture. And I’m not talking about the beer culture you see in light beer commercials. Alcoholic beverages are part of human culture and part of the evolution of our country. It’s one of the reasons we’re here. Water doesn’t keep on ships for the long journey across the Atlantic. They needed a liquid that would nourish them and wouldn’t spoil. Beer has such a rich history, but much of it was stamped out during prohibition with the destruction of the small brewer.

A: Who was your favorite professor?
B: My favorite prof was Billy Mayer. He is a mentor and now that I’ve been out of school for awhile, I consider him a good friend. He taught me to pay attention to detail. He taught me to defend and believe in what I was doing and to know the reason behind it.

A: What advice would you give Hope students thinking about their careers?
B: You need to make a living, but not at all costs. You have to do what you’re passionate about, and if you’re passionate and dedicated, you’ll find your way. If you’re just chasing a paycheck, you’ll never be happy.

A: How did Stein Night get started?
B: We came up with the idea as a way of selling beer by volume but also to let people express themselves by the mug they choose. When I was in college, Thursday night was the big bar night, so we chose an off night (Wednesday). For a while, three or four people would show up, but it’s caught on over the years. Now it’s our biggest evening event.

A: What’s the most difficult part of your job?
B: This job has its challenges. There’s no set routine; I don’t come to work knowing what my day will look like, but I love the spontaneity.

LIVIN’ THE DREAM—Brett VanderKamp (’94) dreamed of owning a local brewery over a decade ago; now his vision is alive and thriving. Founded in 1996, the New Holland Brewing Company is known regionally for its creativity and artistry. The Brewery ships more than 5,000 barrels of beer each year.

MIPs reignite campus alcohol controversy

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Thirty-five Hope College students were issued Minor In Possession charges Saturday, Sept. 8, according to Campus Safety, reigniting a long-standing debate on Hope’s campus. Is there or is there not a drinking problem at Hope?

“A we do a survey every year and that survey shares with us that students perceive that [their peers] drink a lot more than they actually do,” Dean of Students Richard Frost said. “A considerable majority of students report that they do not drink, or they only drink one drink a month.”

In spite of all the anti-drinking posters and programming that pepper campus, the fact remains that Hope students are drinking underage, making trouble and getting caught.

“We don’t get complaints of disorderly conduct or stolen and damaged property about sober people,” Campus Safety Officer Chad Wolters said. “Too much alcohol leads to poor decisions.”

Campus Safety often receives complaints of students misbehaving under the influence of alcohol both on and off campus.

The recent alcohol-related incidents on campus prompted Dean of the Chapel Trygve Johnson to address what he views as a serious issue at Hope at The Gathering Sunday night.

“I don’t know of any college campus, Christian or not, that doesn’t struggle with this issue,” Johnson said Tuesday. “And the deeper struggle, I think, has to do with walking that fine line between legalism and responsibility.”

Campus Ministries will continue to address the issue of alcohol as it relates to campus life. Paul Fiersma will be speaking during Friday’s chapel on how Hope students should interact with alcohol.

Students have already begun talking about this issue.

“There’s nothing wrong with drinking alcohol,” Jon Zita (’08) said. “We just need to stress moderation.”

Zita has played a major role in the alcohol dialogue on Hope’s campus over the years.
In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Perils of adulthood

I recently observed my 21st birthday. While this occasion was certainly worthy of responsible celebration, it also led me to ponder what it was, aside from my age, that made me an adult rather than a child. Suddenly, I realized that a Hope-sponsored trip with the Anchor staff without a signed permission slip from my parents.

That was not the only benefit, of course. I could also purchase alcohol, rent a hotel room and gain admission to countless bars, clubs and restaurants. I have come to believe that, more than anything else, it is one’s ability to make choices for oneself that differentiates an adult from a child. By being able to make my own choices, I am also the sole person responsible for the consequences. I was the one who made the choice about how much to drink the night of my birthday, knowing that I had class the next morning. (Don’t worry — I made it to class.) From now on, I will be the one who chooses whether or not to risk traveling nine hours packed into a Hope van with the newspaper staff.

Am I any more deserving of these benefits than the young adults on staff? Furthermore, what does artificially limiting our choices — whether it is which risks we can legally take or which substances we can put into our own bodies — do for us young people or as a society?

In many ways, other people make rules to protect our physical or moral well-being, they become the ones responsible for the outcome. For example, when we are under the supervision of our parents, they are the ones responsible for our behaviors — a child is less to blame than the adult who raised him or her that way. With all of their good intentions to keep us safe and healthy, I worry that institutions such as Hope College or the city, and state and federal governments are also encouraging the young adults to remain children. The college, acting in loco parentis, in place of our parents, assumes responsibility for both our moral and physical health through policies such as remaining a dry campus or the enforcement of parietals. Such policies, which may indeed be the best decisions for us, send the message that we lack the mental capacity to make good decisions for ourselves. In the same way that others’ expectations for us can become self-fulfilling prophecies, this external infantilization may become internalized, leading us to embrace youth and irresponsibility for as long as we can.

What could we accomplish as young people, however, if we realized that we’re equally capable of doing nearly everything that adults can do?

From a developmental standpoint, people in their late teens and early 20s are at their peak of health and more likely to have their cognitive skills than they can at any other point in their lives. It would be tragic if, due to nothing more than our own self-underestimation, all of this potential went to waste.

Evelyn was unusual to learn that this week the governor of the Hilyanov region in Russia declared Sept. 12 to be “Family Contact Day.” He encouraged citizens to stay home from work and make babies to improve Russia’s low birthrate, offering prizes to women who give birth on Russia’s national day, exactly nine months later.

Stop throwing the “nuclear” argument at the world

To the Editor:

A fortnight ago an Israeli air force squadron violated northern Syrian air space adjacent to Turkish borders and was successfully forced back by a Syrian defense. This unprovoked act did not only violate Syrian national territory but it also points to the clear friction between Israel and Syria, but the Israelis also dropped their ammunition and forged a way out, a hostile act towards Syria according to many international laws. The Syrians replied eloquently and diplomatically within hours by publishing the event in all possible Syrian and foreign news agencies in order to make the world aware of the events. Multiple countries worldwide criticized Israel for this hostile act and condemned its military programs directed against Syria.

Syria has since pushed the case to the UN to obtain the UN’s condemnation of this hostile act, yet while the arguments pursue in New York to obtain condemnation of Syria’s policy, the United States, with its blind double standard policies, does not condemn this act but instead earlier began arguing that Israel was destroying weapons heading from Iran to Hezbollah, and later (re- cently for you) claimed that Israel “was aiming to destroy” nuclear material found in Syria. These unofficial declarations by the United States, while the official declaration of Israel is nothing else, simply said, annoying and childish.

The blind support that the former gives to the latter are a representa- tion of the United States’ stupidity and willingness to lie for the sake of Israel; a policy combined with vetoes in the UN and a racist foreign policy altogether constituting one of the main causes why the world distrusts the United States. Furthermore, these blatant impli- cations that Syria is seeking to de- velop nuclear powers is more than idiotic for about a year ago, the United States gave a green light to allowing Syria to develop peaceful nuclear programs side-by-side with several Arab countries. Lastly, the United States’ fear of nuclear weapons “popping up” in the Middle East is ironical and further implies that the residents of that region are stupid to such a point that they will en- terminate themselves and that the United States itself, in contradic- tion of their nuclear weapon poli- cies, has helped the development -8-

1:1 alcohol approach should apply to athletes too

To the Editor:

Hope College athletes are part of a proud tradition of excellence that is con- tinually striving to excel both on and off the field. We are able to credit the success of our athletes to their commitment and stellar coaches. What about the policies that are forced upon them in order to pro- tect them? The policies that I’m referring to are in regards to the alcohol and drug policies that all Hope College athletes sign at the commencement of their sea- on. It is obvious that this process is not taken seriously as virtually every team can vouch that violations occur whether they are caught or not.

This policy claims that alcohol should be grouped with tobacco and illegal drugs in a category of substances, the use of which is detrimental to “behavior, relationships, academic performance, and the overall learning environment.” There is absolutely no basis for this claim. Under- stand that we both support and applaud the concern with regards to the use of illegal drugs, as well as tobacco. There is a glaring distinction here where we believe the former exists. What exists plenty of evidence that tobacco use is detrimental in general and in any sport that requires the use of lungs, the same cannot be said with regards to alco- hol use. Abuse, yes, but simply having a glass of wine at a family dinner or a beer with old friends is not going to ad- versely affect anyone’s season.

When consumed in moderation and with discretion, alcohol has no more nega- tive effect than any other treat that student athletes at Hope consume regularly (e.g., pizza, ice cream, Phelps’ cookies). In fact, if one were to compare the nutritional content of a beer or glass of wine with the standard Phelps Hall fare, one would find that these are actually more nutritious than much of what is consumed on a daily ba- sis. In addition, there are medications taken by students on a regular basis that contain alcohol in greater proportion than most beers, but the policy conveniently ignores this fact. All the policy has ever been about is that consumption has yet been thwarted by taking NyQuil.

What is more, the policy also states that “the policy will be reviewed or amended annu- ally at the final department meeting of the academic year. Student athletes from each team will be invited to this meeting by their head coaches.”

Such a statement might lead one to think that the current policies are put in place by a rather democratic approach with input by both the athletes and coaches. I wish that this was indeed true. However, I can say from personal experience that both team captains and other all-confer- ence athletes are completely oblivious to the occurrences of these meetings.

Is the athletic department purposely neglecting to communicate with all of its athletes in order to silence their voice? The reason for this can only be guessed at; if the athletic administration is not true to their own protocol, they cannot justify their assertion that the athletic department is able to go by those policies to respect them. In or- der to appease the NCAA a policy must be instated. Therefore, why not change the policy so that those of age can drink with a given timetable (48 hours) previ- ously to any competition? Obviously, there is no excuse for someone underage to be consuming alcohol, but why must we rob those athletes who are of age of the right to choose for themselves?

Lastly, I’m suggesting that all ath- letes should drink in season, however, I am saying that if they are 21 they should be able to leave their hiding spaces if they choose in order to enjoy a drink. 1:1 should be applicable to the entire student body.

— Zachary King (99)
Many students have experienced the Finale Friend Phenomenon whether or not they realize it. Every year in the final weeks of the spring semester, college students begin to feel a sudden, intense friendship with previously little-known classmates/hallmates/nearby friends. Instead of the normal sequence progressing from acquaintance, quasi-friend, to full-on friend, FFP engages students from nothing to friend faster than utility bills in January. You have most likely had one of these friendships where you found that diamond in the rough, that “sweet bro” or “baby momma,” and hung out with him/her almost exclusively the last few weeks and days of school.

The reasoning behind the FFP is as mysterious as a hole-in-one with a left hand hammer throw. Does it occur because of shared experiences? One likely had one of these friendships where one finally feels comfortable to meet the feeling that we get from going and seeking out different ones? Or is it just the short answer is yes, but the long answer is no. Why have a short burst of friendship when there is potential for so much more? It is like having an Easter-egg hunt without the candy, a sunset that ends too early, a Pixar flick without credit outtakes, or—for those over 21—drinking with S’Olive; the content is there, but there is vast room for growth, for something real.

I have encountered FFP along my unhealthy college years, and I remember their names; Sarah, Kristen, and Mike. Together, we can fight FFP. Call your local representative and tell them to knock on that door, walk up those steps, or ask for homework help when it is not needed. Meet your future housemate, girlfriend, boyfriends, or whatever-friend. Hindsight can be a beast, so take a risk both proactively for FFP, because the co-pay at the Health Clinic is outrageous.

“Slainte is Scottish for ‘cheers.’ It is pronounced slan-jub. Joe is a Senior who is on the LEAP YEAR PULL team and loves sarcasm. Matt is a three-year Anchor staff member and a second-year RA in Kollen Hall. His favorite fall snack is apple cider and cinnamon sugar doughnuts. Together, we can fight FFP. Call your local representative and tell them to knock on that door, walk up those steps, or ask for homework help when it is not needed. Meet your future housemate, girlfriend, boyfriends, or whatever-friend. Hindsight can be a beast, so take a risk both proactively for FFP, because the co-pay at the Health Clinic is outrageous.”
Democrats respond to president’s speech

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“Democrats believe it is time to change course.” Reed said. He also quoted the current wounded and death tolls in the Iraq war: over 27,000 wounded and more than 3,700 soldiers dead.

Reed’s viewpoint directly opposes that of the president, which reflects a larger con-front between Congress and the president, which length-ens as the war goes on.

“Democrats and Republicans in Congress and throughout the nation cannot and must not stand idle by while our interests throughout the world are under-mined and our Armed Forces are stretched toward the breaking point,” Reed said.

McCann evidence not conclusive

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return to Portugal.

Frias, citing insufficient evidence, ruled that the McCanns would not need to return to Portugal and that British authorities could question the couple on behalf of Portuguese investigators.

Portuguese authorities named the McCanns as suspects after gathering forensic evidence as well as evidence from personal belongings of the McCanns, including Gerry McCann’s laptop and Kate McCann’s diary.

According to The London Times, “reports have suggested that traces of hair and bodily fluids discovered in a Re-nault Scenic rented by the couple 25 days after Madeleine’s disappearance prove that her corpse had been in the boot.”

Portuguese authorities, however, seem to disagree.

“We have absolute confi-dence that, when all of the facts are presented together, we will be able to demonstrate that we played absolutely no part in Madeleine’s abduction,” said Gerry McCann in his online blog.

Time to Serve kicks off year for volunteers

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feeling at a Habitat for Humanity house in Holland.

“It was incredible to see how one house built by stu-dents and the community can make such a big difference for a family,” Leibow said. “It was very fun and a really good way to meet people.”

The volunteer services web-site has many resources in order to get started volunteering. Students can e-mail volunteers@hope.edu with inquiries in order to get started volunteering.

Substance Abuse Awareness Group

Support group for Hope College students only!

Starting Tuesday, September 18

Location:
Hope College
Dewitt Counseling Center

TUESDAY
11:00 am

For more information contact:
Jon Zita at jonathan.zita@hope.edu
630-319-1407

THURSDAY
7:00 pm

Drinking responsibly

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past several years. After his sec-ond MIP charge, Zita was required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, a common conse-quence for alcohol offenses at Hope.

Deciding that he wanted to help be part of the solu-tion, Zita started the Substance Abuse Awareness Group at Hope three years ago. The original group was modeled after AA; however, it has evolved into the Substance Abuse Aware-ness Group, which is more of a support group and opportu-nity for dialogue between students.

“AA isn’t really fitting for most Hope students who get caught with alcohol because most of them aren’t actually alcoholics. They just happen to be underage and get caught,” Zita said.

About 8-10 students attend the Tuesday and Thursday meetings in the Dewitt Counseling Center.

“If you say that Hope Col-lege has a problem with drinking, every other college does, too,” Zita said. “If you tell peo-ple not to drink at all, they’re going to go do it, guaranteed.”

Frost agrees.

“We really don’t have a drinking problem as would be defined by college and university standards,” Frost said. “Are there certain students who do have a problem drinking alcohol and making good decisions? Yes there are.”

Zita believes the solution is teaching students to be aware of their body’s reaction to alcohol and drink accordingly.

“You’re not going to stop kids from drinking. All you can do is teach them to be responsible while drinking,” he said.

This is the message the 1:1 campaign Residential Life pre-sented last spring. The cam-paign encouraged students to drink one drink per hour, if at all. Frost also encour-aged responsible drinking for students.

“If you choose to make that decision to drink, know what the risks are and what the re-sponsibility is and figure out what it means to you to do it,” Frost said.

While not decrying all uses of alcohol, Johnson points out that an excess of alcohol “works against what we’re here to do — which is to learn and be stu-dents,” he said.

“Christianity has a sense of responsibility with freedom,” Johnson said. “I hope that al-cohol could play a role that it nobles our life without becoming a means by which our lives fall into tragedy.”
Hope’s attack improving for MIAA

Gordie Fall

As the season gets closer to entering conference games, Hope College’s women’s soccer team is just starting to find its mark. After starting the season 0-2, Hope has won three of its last four games, creating some momentum before its last three non-conference matches. On Saturday, Sept. 15, Hope defeated Ohio Northern University at home by a score of 3-1. Scoring goals in that match were Allison Van Beek (’09) and Sarah Sosolik (’09) and a goal from the opposition on a botched corner kick.

Hope has improved in their recent games. After scoring one goal in its first two losses, Hope has put 10 goals on the scoreboard in the last four games. Every win has come from a three-goal performance on the offense. Leading the scoring for Hope has been forwards Sarah Cochrane (’08) and John Turner (’09) with three goals each. Also, goalie Michael Amerman (’08) has had two shutouts so far. Including eight different players in the six games played so far. Back in the net, goalkeeper Kelly Schaefer (’09) has picked up one shutout on the season so far with 60 saves in the matches.

Men’s soccer prepares for Calvin

Gordie Fall

After six games, the Hope College Flying Dutchmen soccer team is an even 3-3 as they head into conference play. Leading the team in scoring has been Jack Abe (’09) with three goals and John Turner (’09) with two goals. Also, goalie Michael Amerman (’08) has had two shutouts so far.

Different players have started or been substituted into different roles in each game with every player on the roster getting at least some playing time so far. Every game is a new learning experience for us. We are getting more and more comfortable playing with one another every time we step onto the pitch. We are still trying different people in different positions, and trying to figure out not necessarily who plays best individually in a position, but rather who should be put where in order to be most effective as a team in a game,” Chris Harrison (’10) said.

Hope will host Albion on Wednesday, Sept. 19 before traveling to Calvin on Saturday, Sept. 22. Calvin is currently 2-3 on the year and will no doubt be looking forward to a home game to turn their season around. However, the Hope side wants to treat the weekend’s match just like any other.

“There is definitely a sense of excitement in that it is a rivalry, but we want to play every game this year as if it were as big as Hope vs. Calvin,” Harrison said. The team is optimistic about the rest of the season.

“Even though we lost our first two games, I feel that we have been playing well. We’ve started to settle in, and I think we can win more games coming up,” Van Beek said.

Men & Women’s Cross Country

The Sept. 12 issue of The Anchor misstated the length of the Vanderbilt Invitational. Jackie Ellis won a 5K race, rather than the 3K, as previously published.

The Anchor welcomes comments and suggestions, or complaints about errors that may warrant correction. Contact us at anchor@hope.edu or x7877.

IN BRIEF

MEN’S GOLF

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WOMEN’S GOLF

The Hope College women’s golf team competition was won by Hope’s Emma Sandoval (’10) with an 83. The Dutch are fourth in the MIAA team standings. Hope plays Sept. 21 and 22 in the Olivet Invitational at Marshall Country Club at 1 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Hope College men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational on Sept. 14. The men finished ninth out of 11 teams with 233 points, while the women finished seventh out of 10 teams with 196 points.

Corrections

The Hope College men’s golf team closed in on the current MIAA leader, Olivet, by shooting a team total of 292 at Hope’s home course, Wuskowhan Players Club. The Dutch are now only five shots back from Olivet, who shot 297.

Matt Lapham (’08) tied for second place individually at 71, while Tommy Yamakoa (’08) finished in third at 72. Other Hope scores included Ryan Sheets (’08) 74, Don Kring (’09) 75 and Steve Martindale (’08) 77. Hope will play its next MIAA tournament Sept. 20 at Prairie Golf Club hosted by Kalamazoo at 1 p.m.

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One game, one play, one point at a time for success

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

A straightforward strategy has earned the Hope College volleyball team an undefeated record in conference play.

“We look at each game if we can earn one point against any team in the nation we can earn 30," coach Becky Schmidt said. “It’s simplistic but it’s the way we do it.”

With this outlook, Schmidt is confident that they compete with any team in the nation. In result, the team is 3-0 in the MIAA and 8-3 overall.

However, the Dutch women will face its toughest competition in the MIAA in the next few weeks, including rival Calvin College. Fortunately, the team may still have room for improvement.

“We are taking advantage of opportunities we are given," Schmidt said. “We are just playing solid volleyball.”

Last weekend the Dutch faced some of the nation’s best teams in the Border Battle at Wittenberg University. Three out of the team’s four matches went to five games including its game against Wittenberg, who began the season ranked second in the nation.

“We got the chance to play really good competition out there," captain Noa Slent (’09) said. “Taking Wittenberg to five games gave us a lot of confidence.”

After the Border Battle, the Dutch are now 8-3 overall and will face Calvin at Calvin today at 6:30 p.m. Defending conference champions, Calvin defeated Hope in the final round of the MIAA tournament and in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

“We expect them to play really aggressive, potent offense," Schmidt said. “They played a lot of energy and stepped up their defense." Schmidt said. “They have stepped up a lot of energy and stepped up their defense.”

In order to execute its offense, Hope will need to make good passes.

“We have been passing really well, which sets up our hitters and combination plays,” Slent said. The freshmen have contributed to Hope’s undefeated conference record and aggressive play. Four freshmen on the roster have continually improved and filled in openers.

“The freshmen came in and pushed returning players,” Schmidt said. “They have stepped into different roles. It has been an adjustment period but they have made us deeper and practice more exciting.”

“They played a lot this week-end,” Slent said. “They bring a lot of energy and stepped up their offense.”

With a mixture of young talent and an aggressive offense, Hope will try to extend its undefeated record today against Calvin.

“I like this team a lot,” Schmidt said. “We’re young but show potential that is absolutely outstanding.”

Hope Cheerleading
Experience in August cheer camp against DII schools gives cheerleaders confidence for season

Gerry Deboer
Guest Writer

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“It was cool to see guys from big schools like Oklahoma and Michigan State doing stunts," Wissink said. “I was thinking, ‘I can do some of that stuff.’”

In addition to its success in the competitions, Hope received the most improved program award.

Following the August camp are the football and basketball seasons, which differ greatly. The relatively spacious terrain of the football stadium gives way to the closed confines of the basketball arena, which inhibits the amount of stunts the team can perform.

“We can showcase our stunts more in football," Wissink said. “Basketball season has more restrictions.”