Graves to get new lease on life

Matt Oosterhous
CAMPUS 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

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Jayni Juedes
GUEST WRITERS

Faced with the largest incoming freshman 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. Students placed 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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PHelps packs in Sunday night crowd

Kara Shelter
GUEST WRITER

Hope College diners who come to Phelps Dining Hall for dinner on a Sunday night around 5:30 p.m. risk having to brave long lines and heavy crowds to get their meals. The increased traffic is due in part to the weekend closure of Cook Hall Servvery, though other factors play an important role as well.

Cook Servvery serves students on a meal plan living in Cook Hall, campus apartments and cottages and off-campus housing. No meals are served at Cook between Friday dinner and Monday lunch. Breakfast is never served in Cook.

According to Director of Dining Services Bob VanHeukelom, the main reason for this is cost efficiency.

“Atendance (at meals) is cut by approximately one-half on the weekends; financially, it doesn’t make sense (for Cook to remain open),” VanHeukelom said. “We are actually helping students by closing Cook and thus reducing expenses.”

In addition, the Hawthorn Center often utilizes the Cook Hall dining space to serve banquets on the weekends.

According to VanHeukelom, Cook Servvery serves up to 400 students at a typical lunch or dinner during the week: Phelps generally serves 1,000 to 1,100 students. On the

Get involved:
“Time to Serve” kicks off fall semester volunteer opportunities

Laura Stritzke
GUEST WRITER

On Sept. 1, teams of Hope College students participating in the “Time to Serve” event dispersed throughout the Holland area offering their service to more than 40 different community organizations. This event is geared toward incoming freshmen looking to meet people and gain awareness of the community.

Opportunities to get involved with the Holland community extend well beyond “Time to Serve.” Hope boasts many on-campus student-run organizations that create and strengthen ties between Hope and the surrounding community by providing needed services.

Some of these organizations include Alpha Phi Omega (the co-ed service fraternity), Dance Marathon, Habitat for Humanity, Relay For Life and Volunteer Services, which exists as a liaison between Hope students and those in the Holland area in need of volunteers.

Several Hope students have already taken the initiative to get involved. Sarah DeLapa (‘10) spent time each week last year mentoring and tutoring a 5th grader through the CASA program, which provides after-school tutors for students in need.

“CASA has been a great opportunity as a future teacher to gain experience working with elementary students,” DeLapa said. “It’s been fun to see my students progress over time.”

She also plans on tutoring the same student for the coming academic year.

Brittany Leibow (‘11) spent Saturday improving her painting skills with other Hope students while volunteering at a Holland area in need of volunteers.

“It was incredible to see how one

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On Monday, Sept. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Phelps Multicultural Lounge, the Office of Multicultural Education is hosting the first in a series of meetings that focus on developing virtuous student characteristics.

The series of meetings, entitled “Women of Virtue, Men of Honor,” is designed to prepare students to live disciplined, upright, respectable and honorable lives.

Some of these discussion-based meetings will provide opportunities for attendees to split up into male and female groups to converse about issues related to moral character and values, and then re-gather to integrate and talk about insights from their discussions.

**GRANT TO SUPPORT CC STUDENT TRANSFERS**

A new grant to Hope College from the National Science Foundation will provide scholarship aid to community college students who are interested in completing 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.

**PRES-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 Mass 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.
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, as the 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.

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

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Hurricane season proves deadly

Amanda Gernentz

Hurricane season is well underway. 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.

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 expand the U.S. government’s censuring 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.

FED CHANGES TARGET INTEREST RATE

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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.
New turn in missing child case

British parents named as suspects in case of missing daughter

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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.

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 direct military rule, which he 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 threatened to withdraw its lawmakers from parliament unless "steps for national reconciliation" are taken.

Musharraf also faces a wave of violence blamed on Taliban and al-Qaeda 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.

Musharraf's continued rule. "If elected for the second term 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.

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," Hussian said.

Information Minister Mohammed 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 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 Meneses to decide how to proceed with the investigation. This submission gave Judge Pedro Miguel dos Anjos Frias 10 days in which to decide how the case should proceed and if the McCanns would be required to see MADELEINE, page 10

MISSING MADELEINE — Gerry and Kate McCann stand on the beach by an inflatable billboard covered with pictures of their missing daughter in Praia da Luz, southern Portugal, May 28, 2007.
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 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 and faculty members who have helped make decisions about what art is purchased for display in the Martha Miller Center.

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 places along the Martha Miller Center’s corridors.”

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Scholarship winners to shine in DAA recital

Rachel Syens
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 Cornevaux (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 Oosterveer (’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 Oosterveer, 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.
Have you read?

“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-ac- cused black men.

The second set of poems, called “Run- ning 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 homosexu- als, and reminds us of their continued struggles.

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

Reviews published here are reflec- tions of the opinions of the individual writers and not necessarily of the An- chor staff as a whole.

Lemonjello’s:

A look at the music scene

Julia Kocsis

“IT depends on how you feel,” said Matt Scott, owner of Lemonjello’s, in response to the Lemonjello’s’ Lem- onjello’s controversy. To-may-to/to-mah- to, I suppose. Whatever you want to call it, Lemonjello’s is a popular place to grab a coffee or some Bubble Tea and listen to music.

During the day, Lemonjello’s has a fun, friendly vibe that is the perfect kind of place to hangout with friends, study or just stop in for a quick drink. However, Friday nights are much different. Friday night is when bands come to play—sometimes local bands, some- times bigger, nationally-recognized bands. Musical styles range from pop and punk to folk to alternative rock.

This Friday, Sept. 21, three regional acts will perform at Lemonjello’s: An- nagail, They Were Thieves and Chris Bathgate. Anagail, a Grand Rapids- based folk-rock band, is playing their last show before heading off to Johannes- burg, South Africa. In Johannesburg they will be doing AIDS work and hope to raise money at the show for their trip. Almost all shows, including the one this Friday, cost $3 with all proceeds going directly to the band.

There are opportunities for Hope Stu- dents who want to play at Lemonjello’s to do so. The first Wednesday of each month from 8:30-10 p.m. is Open Mic Night. People from all around the Hol- land area come to sing, read poetry, tell jokes or even juggle. Those interested in participating need only show up on the night of the event and put their name on the sign-up list.

For a list of up-coming shows at Lemonjello’s, look online at www.lem- onjellos.com or www.myspace.com/ lemonjellos.

HAPPINESS IS CAFFEINE AND GOOD MUSIC— Matt Scott, owner of Lemonjello’s coffee house, pulls a shot of espresso for one of the shop’s popular lattes.

Phelps Scholars experience Chicago World Music Festival

Kevin Soubly

This past weekend, the Hope College Phelps Scholars, comprised of 80 mostly first-year students from around the world, traveled to Illinois and spent the day experiencing the Chicago World Music Festival—a week-long eclectic festival scattered throughout the city, exhibiting artists and genres from all over the world. Utilizing two tour busses, over 60 students attended the festival.

The Phelps Scholars first saw the Chirgilchin throat singers from Tuva, a small Russian province north of Mongolia. Next up was the Afrique Rhythm Fest where the group listened to lively, Caribbean-style beats. The students then had dinner while lis- tening to the Latin music of Jose Conde and Ola Fresca. The day ended with a visit to the Celtic festival, where the Scholars got a taste of Irish music.

“The Celtic music festival was really the highlight of the trip for me because I’m Irish, and it showcased a part of my heri- tage,” said John VanDusen ’10.

“It was lovely. I had never been to a music festival such as this one. It opened my ears to different types of music; usually I’m just open to what comes from Africa, and now I’ve heard what comes from Ire- land and other places. It’s really very cool,” said Kukua Hinson ’11.

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**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.

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**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 over the influence of alcohol both on and off campus.

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 have 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.”

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 past few years.

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In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Perils of adulthood

I recently observed my 21st birthday. While this occasion was certainly worthy of celebration, it also led me to ponder what it was, aside from my age, that made me an adult rather than a child. Since I was already 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. I was the one 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 younger members of the Hope staff? Furthermore, what does artifically 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?

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Joseph Seymour

Finale Friend Phenomenon

I write this not to preach, warn, or advise, only to inform. There is a dangerous condition at Hope that strikes like the staph infections of my freshman year. It can return to anyone, for it knows no preference. It is neither a disease, nor demon, nor an IDS prof who ignores the syllabus. Rather, it is a situation, the Finale Friend Phenomenon (FFP).

Recent research at a leading university confirms the presence of FFP and its devastating effect on student populations.

Many students have experienced the Finale Friend Phenomenon without even realizing it. Every year in the final weeks of the spring semester, college students begin rapid, intense friendships with previously little-known classmates/hallmates/neighbors.

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 mama,” 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 the feeling that we get from going and not to our better judgment. Sometimes we make wrong choices because of what others will think of us. We succumb to the human nature, that doesn’t always coincide with what we think is best. Listening to such feelings can cause us to risk getting into trouble, at a time when listening to judgment or reason may help us do the right thing. The novelist Pearl S. Buck once aptly put it, “Hindsight can be a beast, so take a risk today. Be proactive about FFP, because 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 on 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, boyfriend, best-friend, or whatever-friend. Hindsight can be a beast, so take a risk today. Be proactive about FFP, because the co-pay at the Health Clinic is outrageous.

“Slainte ‘is Scottish for ‘cheers.’ It is pronounced ‘sli-jub. Joe is a Senior who is on the LEAP YEAR PILLOW team and loves sarcasm.”

From the inside out

Matt Oosterhouse

Feeling alone is not enough

“You cannot make yourself feel something you do not feel, but you can make yourself do right in spite of your feelings.”—Pearl S. Buck

I love this time of year. I so enjoy the feeling of the clean, cool, crisp air as it runs into my nose, down my trachea and into my lungs. I delight in the smell of the rich, succulent aroma of apple cinnamon tea that permeates the air and makes me feel so alive in a season so often associated with death. I take pleasure from the splendid, vibrant shades of orange, red, purple and brown hues that adorn the deciduous trees and make me feel so free from green tinge that has plagued my eyes all summer long (I worked in landscaping this summer).

But then again, these are just feelings. They come and go like seasons. In reality, what importance do they play, what roles do they perform in life?

In the 21st century post-modern United States, so much emphasis is placed on feeling and what kind of an internal feeling, in our very being, we can receive from something. Feelings do play an important role in our very lives, and many of them can be most beneficial to us. And yet, despite all the positive aspects, there is a danger in placing such a great importance on feeling alone.

For example, some of us go to church services or worship gatherings, not to praise and worship God, but because of the feeling that we get from going and seeking out different ones? Or is it just the end of a season long “warm-up” period where one finally feels comfortable to meet others? I contend that it is neither.

If one looks deeper, the motivation behind the spread of FFP is clear. It is quite probably that the threat of departure is enough to spur us to meet that one person who’s been unapproachable and unreachable all semester. Maybe internally we know that after those weeks and looming finals, we will no longer have to work to maintain that friendship, so we invest heavily for a quickie. Sure it is fun, exhilarating, and even risqué, but it has its consequences.

Is one better off experiencing FFP? 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 energy and anticipation of the all the cool things that this season brings. Mostly, I just want to be outside enjoying the sights and smells of autumn, and not to our better judgment.

And it is also with some of the tougher choices we have to make sometimes, such as whether or not to consume alcohol if we are underage, or whether or not to consume alcohol if we are just going to end up drunk. Listening to such feelings causes us to risk getting into trouble, at a time when listening to judgment or reason may help us do the right thing. As the novelist Pearl S. Buck once aptly put it, we have a choice to make ourselves do right in spite of our feelings.

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**Demands respond to president’s speech**

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  “Demands 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-

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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 Rennault 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.

  “Even if the blood and the traces gathered in the car and the apartment were confirmed 100 percent with the little girl’s DNA that would prove nothing. … Those elements could only confirm … that the little girl was in the apartment, which is obvious, and in the car,” said a high-ranking Portuguese police official to 24 Horas, a Portuguese newspaper.

  The couple has obtained legal advice.

  “We have absolute confidence 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.

  In response to his opposition in Congress the president said, “Let us come together to ensure that we are presented with the truth.”

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- **ALCOHOL, from page 7**

  past several years. After his second MIP charge, Zita was required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, a common consequence for alcohol offenses at Hope.

  Deciding that he wanted to help be part of the solution, 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 Awareness Group, which is more of a support group and opportunity for dialogue between students.

  “AA isn’t really fitting for most Hope students who get caught with alcohol because most of them aren’t 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 College has a problem with drinking, every other college does too,” Zita said. “If you tell people not to drink at all, they’re going to do it, guaranteed.”

  Frost says.

  “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 with 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 presented last spring. The campaign encouraged students to drink one drink per hour, if at all. Frost also encouraged responsible drinking for students.

  “If you choose to make that decision to drink, know what the risks are and what the responsibility 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 students,” he said.

  “Christianity has a sense of responsibility with freedom,” Johnson said. “I hope that alcohol could play a role that it nobles our life without becoming a means by which our lives fall into tragedy.”

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**Substance Abuse Awareness Group**

Support group for Hope College students only!

Starting Tuesday, September 18

**Location:**

Hope College<br>DeWitt Counseling Center

**TUESDAY 11:00 am**

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**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 students and the community can make such a big difference for a family,” Leibow said. “A lot of people put time and effort in one house, and the final product is awesome. It was also very fun and a really good way to meet people.”

The Volunteer Services website has many resources in order to get started volunteering. Students can e-mail volunteers@hope.edu with inquiries in order to find service opportunities that suit their individual interests and skills.

**Drinking responsibly**

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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 Ammerman (’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.

Correction

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.

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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 Slenk (’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 well, which sets up our hitters and passes. It’s always a really high energy game,” Slenk said. “They are a lot of student support.”

Moving further into the MIAA season, the Dutch will continue to work on the basics. Recently, the team has been working on getting more aggressive offensively.

“We’re working on having a more aggressive, potent offense,” Schmidt said. “We’re working on a more aggressive off, we are on the ground.”

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,” Slenk 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 openings.

“The freshmen came in and pushed returning players,” Schmidt said. “They have been stepping 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,” Slenk said. “They bring a lot of energy and stepped up their games.”

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.”

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Hope Cheerleading

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

Gerry Deboer
Guest Writer

The cheerleading team at Hope College, a Division III school, got ambitious this summer, pulling off second and third place finishes against Division II schools at an August cheer camp.

The team, led by captains Amanda Schereringa (’08), Alicia Voeyle (’08), Emily Mills (’08) and Jon Wissink (’09), traveled to the camp in Milwaukee, Wisc. to perfect its skills and techniques. Hope placed second in the sideline competition and took third in the Fight Song and Cheer competitions.

“We have a good month before camp. It gives everyone a chance to know each other,” Scheerinja said.

The preseason camp builds team chemistry and sharpens skills for the cheer seasons. As you can imagine, team chemistry is important to fielding a good cheerleading squad.

“Really working as a team is integral in order to hold each other up,” Voyles said.

With cheering on the sidelines for the football and basketball taking up most of the time, there is little time for competitive cheer competitions. This is why the August camp is so special.

“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.”

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