Service in memory of professor John T. Quinn

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Hope College professors dressed in cap and gown processed down the aisle of Dimnent Chapel Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of Professor John T. Quinn. The sight of over 100 long, dark robes was as solemn as the mood of those wearing them, but the occasion merited the formal regalia. A vibrant member of the Hope community, Quinn was only 45 when he passed away suddenly while running on campus June 19.

The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving began with the rolling chords of the organ and unfolded in an hour of song, prayer, and heartfelt words from a few of those who were closest to Quinn. In attendance were nearly 30 members of his family, including his mother Jean, and his two sisters, who traveled from Holland to the Chicago area. In the pews behind them sat a collection of students and friends from the local community.

As they spoke, the image painted was of a man overflowing with passion, both for work and for pleasure. For example, Quinn enjoyed updating his daily garden journal with details on each plant and preparing gourmet desserts for the friends who attended frequent readings in his home.

But above all Quinn had a passion for languages, the classics and teaching itself. For instance, such was his love of the classical (but dead) Roman language that he created a course in conversational Latin that met weekly over coffee one year. Over the course of his life he studied over a dozen languages and worked constantly on translations and related studies. Anecdotes told of an office door that was always open and a professor who would answer the phone at 2 a.m. if a student had a question.

“It was delightful to see a seasoned teacher at work, both in what he taught and how he interacted with students,” said former colleague Kelly Osborne. Osborne delivered a meditation overflowing with personal stories and thoughts on working with Quinn. He described him as an innovative professor, one always eager to improve his courses and design new ones to engage the students.

REMEMBERING DR. QUINN— Former Hope College classics professor Kelly Osborne gives thanks for the life of John T. Quinn at the professor’s Memorial Service on Sunday. More than 100 of Quinn’s colleagues dressed in full academic regalia and sat together in Dimnent Chapel to honor the passionate teacher.

Safety measures urged following armed robberies

Christina VanderGriend
Guest Writer

The Hope College community was shocked on Aug. 27 when crime struck very close to home. Around 10:05 p.m., three people at the Fifth-Third ATM on 9th Street were robbed at gunpoint.

The masked man approached the driver’s side window of two cars holding a handgun. He then demanded money from the victims’ checking accounts. The cars’ occupants spoke to the Holland Police Department immediately after the incident. One of the victims was a Hope student, according to Hope’s campus safety report.

After exiting the second car, the suspect fled on foot. A Holland K-9 Unit followed the trail left by the suspect to 10th Street before the trail disappeared. Police assume that the suspect entered a waiting vehicle to flee.

Earlier this summer, on July 26, a comparable crime was committed at the Macatawa ATM on 16th Street. Police are uncertain whether the two crimes are related, but there are certain, unmistakable similarities between them.

In both incidents, the suspect was described as a Hispanic or tanned Caucasian male in his early 20’s.

A third robbery occurred Monday, Sept. 1, near the Amtrak depot on east 8th Street at about 8:45 p.m. Despite these crimes, Holland’s criminal statistics remain far below the national average. The robbery statistic in Holland is, in fact, 97 percent lower than the national average.

Still, it is important to remain aware at all times. These crimes have reminded the Hope community that disaster may strike in even seemingly safe places.

Then Hope administration is doing everything possible to make Hope’s campus a place where its students can feel safe once again.

The Office of Public Relations published a warning on KnowHope: “Recently there have been three serious incidents (robberies) in the vicinity of our campus. Campus Safety, Dean of Students and Holland Police Department are all engaged in the conversation of what happened and discussing ways to make the community as safe as possible."

Hope’s administration reminds students to make use of the college’s many safety precautions.

The Shuttle Bus system runs from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. each night. The shuttle offers a much safer opportunity than walking alone after dark.

Also, campus doors are locked to prevent strangers and unwelcome visitors from entering dormitories and other college buildings. Administration reminds students never to prop open locked doors and always to carry identification cards.

The Office of Public Relations also asks students to avoid being out doors alone at night.

“Running is great exercise, so take a friend! Don’t wear both iPod ear buds so you can hear traffic and other noises, and always know where you are going,” writes Public Relations.

The Hope Community is generally a very safe place. However, students must remember that crime may strike in even well-protected areas.

The Holland Police Department asks that students report any suspicious persons and activities until the perpetrator of the ATM robberies is caught.
CAMPUS

Project helps cut textbook costs

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"If you look at my check you might think I was having a seizure when I was writing it," said Anna Heckenliibe ('11), a nursing student, after spending about $800 on textbooks this semester.

At the start of each semester, Hope College students find their bank accounts considerably lower and their wallets emptier after a trip to the bookstore to purchase their books. High textbook prices have become a fact of college life. There’s nothing anyone can do about it, or is there?

Dr. Steve VanderVeen, director of the Center for Faithful Leadership and a professor of management, recently received a national award for helping make textbooks cheaper for students. VanderVeen was one of eight professors recognized by the Used Textbook Association’s Faculty Recognition Textbook Scholarship Contest.

While preparing for one of his management classes a few years ago, VanderVeen noticed that the new edition of the textbook he planned to use looked very similar to the previous edition.

Instead of telling his students to purchase the new edition, VanderVeen, with the help of Mary Deenik from the Hope-George Nevea bookstore, purchased multiple copies of the previous edition. He then rented the copies out to students for a price of $30 compared to the price of over $100 for the new edition.

It took only two semesters for him to make up the difference, and in the third semester, he used the money to fund project-based learning at Hope.

Many professors, like VanderVeen, are finding methods to help their students with the cost of textbooks. VanderVeen says he helps cut costs by making use of course-packs and original sources instead of an expensive textbook, which summarizes these sources. VanderVeen and Deenik also plan to use the $500 scholarship money from UTA to help make textbooks more affordable at Hope.

Along with many professors like VanderVeen, students have the federal government fighting for them too. The United States House of Representatives addressed the growing cost of textbooks in the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008. Rep. Timothy Walz reported that "This is the place to try to beat the bookstore’s gouging! Put up books you want to sell or ask for books you need...much better than the middle man!"

Other students use online textbook-rental organizations such as Chegg.com. With Chegg, students rent used textbooks for the semester, paying considerably less than bookstore prices. Also, Chegg is an environmentally friendly organization and claims to plant a tree for every textbook rental.

Raquel Meyer ('10), who uses Chegg.com, said, "I really think that it is a great way to save money and not have to deal with trying to sell your books at the end of the semester. I love the fact that they pay for your postage to send them the books back as well."

Even with options to save money, many students still buy their textbooks at the campus bookstore because it is simpler. Erin Smyth ('10) spent about $430 at the bookstore. "It’s just easy and convenient...online books always end up coming late," Smyth said.

Friends and family celebrate Quinn’s life

The National Association of Biology Teachers honored Dr. Donald Cronkite of the Hope College Biology department with the "2008 Honorary Membership Award," the highest honor given by the NABT—the "Evolution Education Award" in 2006 and the "Four-Year College Biology Teaching Award" in 1991.

Cronkite has been a professor of biology at Hope since 1976. He is a specialist in genetics and has authored the books, "A Problem-Based Text in Basic Genetics" and "Genetics and Cell Biology," for middle school students and "A Guide to Asking About Life, 2nd Edition" for teachers. He was a member of a committee formed by the National Council of Churches to work on issues of human genetic technology.

Along with genetics and cell biology, his teaching interests include interdisciplinary approaches to biology, evolutionary biology and science and human values. Cronkite has also direct-ed pre-college outreach science programs at Hope.
Political ads go negative; campaigns exaggerate claims

Rob Gulmond
Guest Writer

Nearly $177 million has been spent on political ads so far as the accusations continue and the race for the oval office heats up after the party conventions. About $160 million of that has been focused on what are characterized as negative ads.

In one of his televised campaign ads, Barack Obama accuses John McCain of receiving $2 million from “Big Oil.” McCain’s campaign has released ads outlining Obama’s connection with a convicted felon. The Obama campaign then ran ads linking McCain and President George W. Bush, characterizing McCain as too in line with Bush policies. McCain’s campaign responded by likening Obama to Paris Hilton, framing him as a celebrity.

These claims, attacks, and counterattacks have run thick since the beginning of the race. Each new ad brings a storm of blogs, interviews and stories about the validity of such and such an argument. But validity may not be the ad’s goal. “Strategists and political ad analysts generally agree that negative ads work because negative opinions linger with voters longer than positive opinions,” said an article in USA Today. “It works only in the narrow sense. In the long run what it does is create a tremendous amount of distrust in the process,” says Ray Seidelman, a professor of politics at Sarah Lawrence College who has studied political advertising and voter turnout.

“He is the biggest celebrity in the world, but is he ready to lead?” asked a McCain ad as images of Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and Barack Obama floated across the screen. Nancy Pfotenhauer, McCain’s senior policy advisor, in an interview on MSNBC talked about the “Celebrity Ad” that started running July 30 of this year. She explains the ad isn’t about demeaning Obama.

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USA TODAY

Hurricane Gustav hits Louisiana; Katrina’s legacy prepares FEMA for response

Colton Wright
Guest Writer

Hurricane Gustav breached the shores of southwest Louisiana on Sept. 1 forcing millions of residents to brace for what New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin described as, “the mother of all storms.”

Just before reaching Terrebonne Parish, La., the storm that devastated much of the Caribbean islands, subsided to a Category 2 hurricane and dropped to a Category 1 within four hours. The casualties and damage sustained by the weakening storm have not been confirmed, but several sources indicate from $4 billion to $10 billion worth of damage – a fraction of Hurricane Katrina’s $41 billion.

With winds approaching 145 miles-per-hour and listed as a Category 4 hurricane by the National Weather Service, Hurricane Gustav eerily resembled Hurricane Katrina whose wind speeds exceeded 140-miles-per-hour as it drew near Louisiana’s shoreline. On the three-year anniversary of the costliest and deadliest hurricane in the history of the United States, nature seemed determined to repeat itself.

Officials and residents, on the hand, were determined to be prepared. In wake of the criticisms for their lack of coordinated preparation for Hurricane Katrina, the federal, state and local governments worked in cooperation to ensure the safety of all residents in the vicinity of Hurricane Gustav.

“All those who needed to be evacuated were evacuated,” said Harvey Johnson, deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in an interview with Associated Press writer Larry see GUSTAV, page 4

Why all the media fireworks about the missing Florida girl?

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O.J. Simpson. JonBenet Ramsey. Laci Peterson. Casey Anthony. What do these people have in common? Something happened to them, something that was out of their control. Whether they were the victim or the perpetrator, they have one huge common denominator: the media exploded their stories and made them household names.

O.J. Simpson is the famous example—he was acquitted of charges that he murdered his wife and her friend, even though the majority of evidence was pointing against him.

The difference between Simpson and the others is that Simpson was already famous, and that only elevated the level of media coverage on the case.

He was a hometown hero, a football star. No one wanted to believe that he was capable of the horror that took place that night, and the media did well at portraying him that way.

His court case was one of the most widely known and publically viewed in this country’s history, a fact which shows that the people of this country are going to consume whatever the media gives them.

But what about the victims? The name “Nicole Brown Simpson” probably rings a bell, but only because of her famous ex-husband and the state of her demise. What about JonBenet Ramsey? Or Laci Peterson? These are victims of hideous crimes, and though the others involved are known as well, those two names create an air of terror about what happened to them.

JonBenet Ramsey, the 6-year-old pageant star, was found dead in her Denver basement on the morning after Christmas in 1996. Her case is still open and unsolved, though her parents have to face many accusations for years until recent DNA tests confirmed that they were not involved.

Laci Peterson, the pregnant California wife who disappeared on Christmas Eve in 2002 and was found in the nearby bay area several days later. Her husband, Scott Peterson, was eventually convicted for her murder and is now on death row in San Quentin.

Then, there’s Casey Anthony. Her daughter, Caylee, was abducted in mid-June, and Anthony failed to report it to the police for a month. Since that surfaced, there has been a media firestorm surrounding Anthony, who has already been arrested and released twice in connection with the case. Most recently, she was just re-released on an anonymous $500,000 bail on Saturday.

With all of the media coverage here, it makes it seem like this was the only abduction this year. In fact, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, there are 797,500 children reported missing every year. On average, 7 percent of that number are taken by family members. So why all the media fireworks about this one case? Not to say that it isn’t important, that it isn’t newsworthy. But there are other issues in this country, in the world, that should have precedence over this particular case.

In this day and age, media is a part of everyday life. Not a day goes by where we are not faced with newspapers, magazines, television, and internet. The truth of the matter is that the media does not know the truth. Whether the story is damaging or informative, opinionated or objective, the media is always going to be there, making news. Freedom of speech is, of course, in the Bill of Rights. We make use of it in this country, exploiting stories to catastrophic degrees, and the general public eats it up. It is what they want to hear, so the media gives it to them. As long as we continue to fall for this outrage, things will never change.
Prep for Gustav a success

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The evacuation of nearly 2 million people, the largest in Louisiana history, was made possible by the Transportation Security Administration’s organized 700 buses transit system, the Department of Transportation’s management of the interstate highway contral system and the insistence of local police and firefighters that all residence leave the area.

During the massive evacuation, no "locations of convenience" – the Louisiana Superdome, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, and Reliant Astrodome – housed evacuees. Unlike these locations, the locations used to care for Hurricane Gustav evacuees were well equipped at the hands of FEMA. These locations housed more than 2.4 million liters of water, 4 million meals, 478 emergency generators, 141 truckloads of tarps, and 267 truckloads of blankets and cots.

The rampant looting and ensuing mayhem following the evacuation of New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina were issues addressed by officials this time around. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal ordered the call up of all 7,000 Louisiana National Guard members to patrol the streets along with police. After the mandatory evacuation went into effect anyone still roaming the streets would be summarily arrested for curfew violation – a stark contrast to the indifference of law enforcement with looters following Katrina.

Although it will be several weeks before the exact extent of the destruction is tallied, officials remain confident that the systematic preparation for Gustav was a success. Some residents even grumbled that the government overdid the evacuations, but emergency officials argued it is better to be safe than sorry.


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Harvey Johnson, Deputy Administrator, FEMA

Negative election ads exaggerate claims

by Politics Staff

speech, he claimed that Obama wanted to implement a health care plan where small businesses would wind up suffering. In fact, Obama’s health care plan is exempt for small businesses, so McCain’s claim holds no validity. On the other side, during Obama’s acceptance speech, he said that McCain was “far from being a maverick who’s broken with his party,” because he voted with Bush 90 percent of the time. But Obama, a true democrat, voted with other Democrats in Senate 97 percent of the time, also proving his claim invalid.

All of this year’s campaign ads can be found online at various websites, like Youtube. For more information, campaign ads, positions, and candidates’ statements, information can be found with fact researching organizations, like Factcheck.org or Project Vote Smart (votesmart.org).

U.S. military strike kills civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) – The U.S. military said Sunday it has new evidence about civilian casualties from an American attack that Afghanistan says killed scores of women and children and it is sending a senior officer to the country to review its initial finding that no more than seven civilians died.

The military did not say what new information had emerged. But Afghan and Western officials say Afghanistan’s intelligence agency and the U.N. both have video of the aftermath of the Aug. 22 airstrikes on Azizabad village showing dozens of dead women and children.

“In light of emerging evidence pertaining to civilian casualties in the Aug. 22 counter-insurgency operation in the Shindand District, Herat province, I feel it is prudent to request that U.S. Central Command send a general officer to review the U.S. investigation and its findings with respect to this new evidence,” Gen. David McKiernan – the senior U.S. officer in Afghanistan and the commander of the 40-nation NATO-led mission – said in a statement.

“The people of Afghanistan have our commitment to get to the truth,” he added.

The attack has further strained relations between Afghanistan’s U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai and the foreign forces operating against the Taliban and al-Qaida in the country.

An Afghan government commission has said 90 civilians, including 60 children and 15 women, died in the bombings, a finding that the U.N. backed in its own initial report.

But an initial U.S. investigation released Tuesday said only up to seven civilians and 35 militants were killed in the operation in the western province of Herat.

A U.N. official who has seen one video of Azizabad told The Associated Press it shows mauled children. The official became highly emotional describing rows of bodies.

Although the U.S. said Tuesday its investigation of the attack was complete, the military at that time appeared to leave open the possibility that photographs or video from the scene could emerge. But privately last week that they were aware photographic evidence apparently existed, but that they did not have access to it.

“No other evidence that may have been collected by other organizations was provided to the U.S. investigating officer and therefore could not be considered in the findings,” the initial U.S. report said.

On Saturday, a statement attributed to McKiernan to Azizabad said: “We realize there is a large discrepancy between the number of civilians casualties...
MUSIC GURU TO VISIT AND TEACH

Renowned music educator and researcher shares knowledge

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Rarely does Hope College have a guest as well-known as Edwin Gordon. In addition to being featured on “NBC’s Today Show,” the “New York Times” and “USA Today,” he also has his own Wikipedia article.

Gordon is an acclaimed musician and music researcher. He’s written many books on the subject of learning and teaching music, co-written many standardized tests and also founded his own research center, the Gordon Institute for Music Learning.

But playing music came before teaching music for Gordon, who began his college career as a string bass performer. At the Eastman School of Music in New York, he received his master’s degree in string bass performance. Before he went on to complete a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, he played string bass with the Gen Krupa Band.

Gordon has been a professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Iowa and the Temple University in Philadelphia. Gordon’s latest interest is how infants and young children learn and respond to music. His research with young children has expanded into more in-depth studies in music theory, rhythm in music, audition and music aptitudes. He also has revolutionized the term audiation: the process of not only hearing music, but comprehending it.

**Dr. Hornbach, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC**

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Gordon’s recent interests focus on investigating the levels of Music Learning Council, stages and types of audiation, developmental and stabilized music aptitudes and rhythm in movement and music. He’s developed sets of instruction for his theory for music teachers to use in the classroom. When he’s not researching or publishing books, he is also an incredibly sought-after speaker with students and music teachers at conferences throughout the year. More information is available at www.hope.edu/pr/pressreleases/content/view/full/19623.

Hornbach encourages all students, music majors and non-majors alike to attend Gordon’s lectures.

“Gordon is informative and thought-provoking and his visit is a historic event for Hope students,” Hornbach said. “It is a rare opportunity to engage with both a teacher and a researcher who has changed the face of music learning as we know it.”

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WATER INSECURITIES

Water, from a global perspective, is undoubtedly a health issue. While affluent countries such as the U.S. needn’t worry about their water supply, nations all over the world struggle to provide safe water for their people to drink. To begin with, much of the earth’s water supply is saltwater, which people cannot drink, rendering 90 percent of it unusable. As the world gets more and more crowded (it is estimated that the population will rise each year until 2015 by almost 75 million people), the demand for water will only grow fiercer. However, even if people do have access to water, that does not guarantee that their water is safe for use. The term “water insecurity” applies to those who do not have a solid supply of clean water. According to World Vision, there are over 2.7 billion people in the world who experience water insecurity. Many times, the weight of finding and supplying water falls onto women. Women who suffer from water insecurity spend one-fourth of their time trying to provide their families with water, and some children, especially girls, have to help as well, which means they cannot attend school. In fact, it takes 44 percent of Sub-Saharan girls at least half an hour to get water. Furthermore, if the water they bring back is polluted and people get sick, the women and girls will have to take care of them. Therefore, something that we get without a second thought from a faucet demands enough time from those people to put them at a strong disadvantage in society.

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE, SO LET’S HAVE A DRINK!

Water pollution is a significant threat to global health, particularly when it comes to disease. Malaria and diarrheal diseases account for almost 2 million deaths each year. Other diseases caused by unsafe water are cholera, hepatitis, scabies, ringworm, trachoma, typhoid and Guinea worm disease. Along with drinking and cooking, water is vital for sanitation. Sanitation plays a major role both in keeping people healthy as well as giving them their dignity, and it is suffering due to the global water crisis. For example, the World Bank reports that in Angola, only 33 percent of people have access to water. However, of that 33 percent, only 30 percent have access to sanitation facilities. This trend is typical, as more people have access to some sort of water than access to sanitation. UNICEF counsels that it is not just sanitation facilities that save lives, but also the practice of hygiene behaviors. However, without water, none of it is possible.

A DROP OF HOPE

There is hope for those who suffer from water insecurity. Organizations such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF and World Vision are actively working to improve water quality to developing countries. A group at Hope has even made a significant difference across the globe. A Hope Chapter of Engineers Without Borders USA has teamed up with the nursing and health departments to instruct villages how to purify their water supply in Nkuv, Cameroon. Since beginning their work, diarrhea-related deaths have decreased to zero. The project was recognized in 2008 with The Sunny and Brandon Culp Partnership Award.

WATER CONSUMPTION IN THE U.S.: THE OVERFLOWING CUP

In contrast to the water consumed in more and climates in the Middle East, parts of Africa, and areas of Asia, the United States is a land that uses between 400 and 450 billion gallons of water each day. Unlike that by the U.S. population, and that number averages to about 185 gallons per person, per day. According to the U.S. Department of Water Supply, this number represents the total amount that is not just consumed bodily, but also used for watering lawns, washing clothes, flushing toilets, brushing teeth, and washing hands. When the numbers are added up, it is easy to see how much water each person can truly consume in a single day. Think about the fact that each person in the U.S. were to shorten their shower time and use one gallon less of water, this country could save about 85 million gallons of water per year. Distributors of American households consume 9.5 to 12 gallons of water in each regular cycle. An average of four toilet flushes a day, per person in the U.S., would equal 5 billion gallons of water. With no one flushing, the amount of water saved could fill a hole that was 1 mile long, 1 mile wide, and 4 feet deep, every single day. What is obviously a factor in global water consumption is the fact that the earth’s water is not evenly distributed. Various parts of the earth have access to more than others. Take the Southwestern and Western United States. Great Lakes Reports has stated that in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Utah, the population is quickly growing, and the amount of water is likewise decreasing, due to over-consumption of the available water resources, water pollution and the drought factor. (The Southwest is currently experiencing unusually dry times, drought conditions that began eight years ago, according to Current Science.) Also looming large on the horizon is the prediction by scientists that global warming may lower rainfall amounts and raise temperatures in the Southwest. Agriculture alone accounts for about 71 percent of the water usage in the Southwest, while homes use around 15 percent, electricity 2 percent, and businesses about 3 percent. Home owners of this region use more water resources than those in the rest of the country. In Chicago, for example, one billion gallons of Lake Michigan water are consumed by industries and homes across the area, according to a report on water supply and consumption. Almost half of the water taken annually from Michigan’s Great Lakes comes from Lake Michigan.

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Beautiful feet

Bryant Russ

I’ll never forget the feeling I had after seeing “Star Wars: Episode I” in theaters as a little kid. My cousins and I spent the following weeks fighting epic battles, using anything we could find as light sabers. We jumped around the house like kangaroo’s, talked about our favorite parts from the movie and, of course, tried to move household objects with the force. I’ll admit I’m still a nerdy, nerdy person, but can’t we all remember the hunger for adventure and excitement we felt when we were young? Think of the great stories you know, like “Star Wars,” “The Lord of the Rings” or “Harry Potter”; compared to them our world is moving in slow motion, leaving us with the assumption that we are a relatively boring and powerless people. Are we? James 3:5-8 says, “Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue is also a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”

My first response is, “Come on James, aren’t you exaggerating just a bit? But then the unseen truth sets in. Think of the kid getting picked on at the lunch table, looking deeper than the surface it is clear that God has given us a commanding influence in people’s lives, whether we know it or not. We have the ability to impart love, or else bring even more pain and confusion to a world that’s already wild with fire. Proverbs 18:21 says, “The tongue has the power of life and death.” How are you going to use your power? Close your eyes and imagine a world where we are powerful; a world so drastic and dangerous that it makes “Star Wars” seem like a joke. A place where all living creatures sway in delicate balance between life and death, and where each of us has a responsibility in the outcome of others. Then open your eyes and see that’s exactly where we are.

Bryant is so happy to be have a new sis- ter in the family. Congratulations, Sara and Andrew, I love you!

Because I care

Matt Oosterhouse

What to do about death

The summer of 2008 was no different than the three summers before it. For the past three years, sudden deaths in the Hope community have marred Hope’s joyful reconvening during the month of August. The hurt and pain is still freshly etched onto the minds and hearts of many at Hope College. Try as we might we cannot shake from our minds those we lost; their memories will continue to linger in our hearts. Not a day goes by that those who had been closest to them do not wish that they were still laughing and singing with us, teaching us something new, or doing that crazy quote from the movie that they did so well. Darcy. Sam. Karen. Dr. Quinn. Each had something particular that made them unique. Paul’s fraternity brothers can attest that he had a soft heart and was able to connect with almost anyone. In the last few weeks of her life, Darcy had a passion for God that was unshakable and amazing to see. Sam loved joking around and making people laugh. Karen had a tremendous ability and capacity to love and care for everyone around her. Dr. Quinn loved teaching others (and he did it well) what he was passionate about: the classical languages of Greek, Latin and Coptic. Death, especially that of a young person, always stirs something within my heart. I believe it to be a mixture of genuine sadness that wrenched my being and an awareness of a new life. Life: that thing we’re always trying to figure out, yet so few of us ever do. In its essence, it should be easy to be happy, to be special. So many of us struggle to find meaning in our lives. What am I here for? What does living really mean? We ask ourselves these questions, more often than we realize it.

And yet, that answer is so easy to find, and I know that the wonderful people who I mentioned before had found it. Each one of them shared something in common: They found meaning to life in the person of Jesus Christ. They found it in the love that Christ offered them. They found it in the praise they were able to offer to their creator. It is through the death of Christ on the cross that we gain forgiveness and eternal life, and I firmly believe that they are in Heaven with God right now.

I have never liked death. I don’t know anyone who does. But it is through death that we can learn an important lesson. No one can ever know that when we will die. What would happen to you if you were to die tomorrow, or even tonight? Chris- tian or not, we must be prepared to answer this question. Will it be life for eternity, nothing or death forever? I know for sure where I am going (to Heaven) and that I will live, but do you?

To borrow from the Beatles’ song, “There will be an answer / Let it be”: Life. I say this because I care, and you should too.

If you are unsure of where you will go when you die, or if you would like to explore this whole death and eternity thing further, or Matt invites you to contact him at matthew.oosterhouse@hope.edu.
Letter to the Editor

Shuttle bus aims to save time

To the Editors:
I have been asked to respond to the article in the recent Anchor regarding the new Hope College shuttle bus service. I feel the article was well written and was balanced in its approach to the changes experienced by the students on campus. I feel the article was well written and was balanced in its approach to the changes experienced by the students on campus. The change to the bus route/schedule system is an attempt to provide regular service to Hope students needing transportation to various parts of campus. The previous student shuttle system (which used one to three vans per night) was more of a taxi service as opposed to a regular transit system, using multiple drivers who responded to calls into a central dispatch area at Campus Safety. The new shuttle bus service was to have regular stops at reasonable time intervals that students could rely on to get them around campus without having to call ahead of time. The vans themselves were not well suited for this type of frequent entering and exiting and showed signs of premature wear and occasional body damage. The need to staff both drivers and dispatchers for peak demand on a given night was not an efficient use of employee time during the many lulls in demand for service. Winter weather also provided some challenges for the vans to safely negotiate the snowy streets around campus. The move to a shuttle bus service allows the college to operate a vehicle designed for mass transit in all weather conditions utilizing a professional driver. The goal was to provide a service schedule similar to the average time experienced by shuttle van users during normal demand—about a fifteen to twenty minute wait time. This service time has not been realized by the current shuttle bus route, and we are working on options to reduce the wait time for students. Delays in service have been due to training blocks the crossings of the evenings and from the extended route to the more distant parts of east campus. A separate service route east of the train tracks is being considered which would allow the main route to be traversed more frequently, reducing the current wait time. I look forward to the Student Congress Town Hall meeting this Wednesday to hear suggestions from students on the best way to improve the shuttle bus system.

Greg Maybury
Director of Operations

Walking three blocks not so bad

To the Editors:

The shuttle van is no more; I have erased its number from my phone faster than that she-devil who broke my heart. The van service was a well-intentioned privilege for able-bodied college students to capitalize on their lazybones. Now John McCain style town hall meetings are sprouting up address Hope’s aggrieved student body (I bet students will find saying something you might want to remember be ready for those moments. Be nice to the squirrels, despite whatever you have ever been told, they are the real brains behind this institution. If you don’t believe me then you’re probably smarter than I thought.

4. Take a break—some would call this Sabbath—whatever you want to call it just take the time to chill every once in a while. Europeans have a concept called “deep play,” this involves taking the time to do something that you truly enjoy and just basking in it. This can be a real challenge. Throughout freshmen year you will be pulled in countless directions and al- ways want to participate, don’t over commit. Read a book, sit by yourself and contemplate nothingness (good luck with that one), or just simply…be. I struggle with this one, but remember, it doesn’t mean sitting around crying, there is always an escape in the form of a social butterfly, time alone and resting are a must.

5. Get away from Hope. Don’t get me wrong, I love Hope College…it is an incredible place with incredible people. It is easy to become engrossed in the Hope bubble to the point where you wouldn’t even know if there was some national cri- sis going on. To get the most out of Hope you have to experience getting away. Start planning now to spend a semester, a sum- mer, or even a long weekend somewhere that takes you out of your comfort zone. 6. If you think you’re eating habits are going downhill now that you have the all-you-can-eat, 21 meal a week, often un- healthy Phelps Dining Hall plan, you’re probably right. So be careful. That’s all I’ve got, if I said something you disagree with then get your own col- umn in the Anchor. Actually, if you learned anything from this you should realize that if you don’t like what I just said then you can e-mail me. My e-mail address is James.Ralston@hope.edu, and if you’re still reading this I must have done something right.

James has been on campus for too long, and is still mourning the loss of the squab- egg.

James Ralston
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reported” and McKiernan would continue to “try to account for this disparity.”

The New York Times reported on its Web site Sunday that one of its reporters had seen cell phone video in Azizabad of at least 11 dead children among some 30 to 40 bodies laid out in the village mosque. The Times also said Azizabad had 42 freshly dug graves, including 13 so small they could hold only children.

Karzai has for years warned the U.S. and NATO that it must stop killing civilians in its bombing runs, saying such deaths undermine his government and the international mission. But the Azizabad incident could finally push Karzai to take action.

Shortly after the Azizabad attack, he ordered a review of whether the U.S. and NATO should be allowed to use airstrikes or carry out raids in villages. He also called for an updated “status of force” agreement between the Afghan government and foreign militaries. That review has not yet been completed.

Ahmad Nader Naderi, spokesman for Afghanistan’s Independent Human Rights Commission, has said a villager named Reza, whose compound bore the brunt of the attack, had a private security company that worked for the U.S. military at nearby Shindand airport.

Villagers and officials have said the operation was based on faulty information provided by a rival of Reza. Aziz Ahmad Nadem, a member of parliament from Herat, has told the AP that the rival is now being protected by the U.S. military.

Afghan officials say U.S. special forces and Afghan commandos raided the village while hundreds of people were gathered in a large compound for a memorial service honoring a tribal leader, Timor Shah, who was killed eight months ago by a rival, Nader Jawakal. Reza, who was killed in the Aug. 22 operation, is Shah’s brother.

The U.S. investigative report released Tuesday said American and Afghan forces took fire from militants while approaching Azizabad and that “justified use of well-aimed small-arms fire and close air support to defend the combined force.”

The report said investigators discovered evidence that the militants planned to attack a nearby coalition base. Evidence collected included weapons, explosives, intelligence materials and an access badge to the base, as well as photographs from inside and outside the base.

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Although the team is young, with eight freshmen, their performances have been impressive. Coach Herbert said, “We have been working extra hard,” and the team is showing it on the field.

Coming up for the team is a two-game tournament in Wilmington, Ohio. Following that tournament is a home game against College of Wooster, which will be a good test for the team.

Hope athletes receive league honor

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Four athletes from the men’s soccer team were honored as MIAA players of the week. These include Street Andrea Helminiak (10), who was named the MIAA specialty player of the week after his contributions in the Flying Dutchmen’s close loss against Illinois Wesleyan. Also being honored was Hope’s appearance in the First Five, with Chris Trebilcock named MIAA defensive player of the week.

FOOTBALL

Also being honored as the MIAA defensive player of the week was football fullback Chris Batterbee (10) for his contribution in the Flying Dutchmen’s close loss against Illinois Wesleyan.

MEN’S SOCCER

The men’s soccer team also had one of their players recognized. James Trebillock (’99) was also named MIAA defensive player of the week after holding opponent Trinity International to one goal and nationally ranked Wheaton scoreless in a weeklong tournament in the Chicago area.

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This Week In Sports

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The three wins were capped off by the strong defensive game against Wheaton. Coach Herbert accounts the success in the long Wheaton game as well as the others to increased conditioning.

“We have been working extra hard,” Herbert said. “The extra conditioning saves us when the game is close in the end.”

Coming up for the team is a two-game tournament in Wilmington, Ohio. Following that tournament is two more away tournaments over the next few weeks.

“It’s tough (playing away from home) because you have to leave on Friday and find a way to star mentally and physically prepared as you sit in a hotel room with nothing to do,” Jack Abe (’09) said.

Abe pointed to the game against Kenyon College as a key matchup over the weekend. “We are playing Kenyon who is traditionally a very strong team,” Abe said. “They should give us a challenge and make for a good game.”

Despite the difficult upcoming schedule and the prospect of the MIAA season ahead, captain Chris Harrison (’10) emphasized that the team doesn’t want to look too far ahead. “We see every game as something we need to take seriously,” Harrison said.

“We’ve started to figure out our strengths and that hard work is important from everyone. Success will come through hard work.”

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Women’s soccer aims high early

Ryan Jara
Sports Writer

It’s that time again, as the women of the Hope College soccer team take the field. As the 2008 season gets underway for the Fying Dutch, they look to improve upon their third place tie in the MIAA from last season.

With seven seniors and one junior, Coach Leigh Sears will look to her upperclassmen for leadership. The remainder of the squad includes 19 underclassmen. Despite their youth, Sears feels confident. “We feel like the underclassmen will contribute,” Sears said as she hopes the combination of experience and young talent will lead the way towards an MIAA championship.

The Flying Dutch do have two All — MIAA first team athletes in Courtney Cook (’11) and Allison Van Beek (’09). Van Beek is a three-time All-MIAA honoree.

The Dutch opened up the season with a weekend series at the Washington University Invitational in St. Louis. After a tough 2-1 loss in their season opener to Transylvania (Ky.) on Friday night, the Dutch then had to face the host team and ninth ranked Washington University. Captains Sonya Masghati (’09), Ellen Molenaar (’10) and Kirsten Kaufmann (’10) all felt that they hung close with the ninth team in the nation. The Dutch trailed 1-0 at halftime, but then struggled in the second half as they lost 4-0.

Though the Flying Dutch have had a rough start to the season, starting 0-3, Sears said, “We have fairly tough out-of-season, starting 0-3, Sears said, “We have fairly tough out-of-season games, it gives the Flying Dutch plenty of time to learn to play together. “We certainly feel like we will be able to contend for the MIAA championship this season,” Masghati said.

The Dutch will have seven more out of conference games left before they start their quest for the MIAA championship. “We have plenty of talent on the team,” said Molenaar.

This season, the Flying Dutch not only want to contend for the MIAA championship, but they would also like to get to the NCAA tournament. One noteworthy game coming up is the homecoming game which will be a breast cancer awareness game, and the Flying Dutch will be wearing pink jerseys in support for breast cancer awareness.

Athlete profile: Jake Manning

Jon Kinsey
Staff Writer

Most people don’t know Jake Manning as the physical education and psychology major he hopes to become. They probably do, however, recognize the savvy third-year starter as the leader of the 2008 Hope College Flying Dutchmen football squad.

After throwing for 2,459 yards and 22 touchdowns last season, it’s no surprise that quarterback Manning (’09) was named as one of the team’s captains this season. The Dutchmen finished 6-4 en route to their co-championship in the 2007 campaign and have no desire to do anything but more of the same.

“Our goal is to get three in a row and have fun doing it,” Manning said in reference to their MIAA championship in 2006 season.

This year’s squad was, in an unconventional way, voted as the MIAA favorites once again. Although Hope received fewer first-place votes than other schools in the conference, they remain favorites because of the way votes are cast, but Manning and the rest of the Dutchmen have hardly noticed.

“So far I don’t think we have thought much about it. The way the (voting) ended up, no one was really a solid overall number-one pick. I think that shows how wide open the league is. There is a lot of parity at this point in the conference and it should make for some great games every week,” Manning said.

He has accepted his new role as a leader but admits that leading a team isn’t exclusive to the players deemed as captains. “The only thing that changes when you become a captain is your leadership is expected. There are a lot of guys on our team that are leaders just without the title,” Manning said.

The team has responded to his leadership and is looking forward to the chance to grow as the season goes on. “I think our team has come together a good amount, but we still have a lot of room to grow together as a unit,” Manning said.

The senior from Schoolcraft has a few words for freshmen who may want to follow in his footsteps. “Buy into the program. Playing hard every day is something you will never regret,” Manning said. “Not giving it your everything you have will always be a regret.”