Hope and community get down

Lindsey Sisson
Guest Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 12, Hope College students, faculty, alumni and members of the Holland community gathered on the lawn of Windmill Island for a picnic lunch and a handful of activities to celebrate Hope College's 44th annual Community Day.

“Community Day is held each year as a fun way to celebrate the outstanding relationship between Hope College and the community,” said Lynne Powe, associate director for public and community relations. “We’re celebrating our 44th picnic, which is a collaborative effort between the City of Holland and Hope College. It’s become a great tradition for alumni, families and friends to come out to celebrate Hope College’s 44th Community Day.

Knicks celebrate 100th anniversary

Erika Ter Louw
Guest Writer

Loyalty and brotherhood have been at the core of the Kniackerbocker fraternity since their early beginnings in 1909. The class of 1913 quickly decided as freshmen that they had a bond that could not be broken. At a time in Hope College's history when only two fraternities existed, they decided as freshmen that they had a bond that could not be broken.

As in years past, the Knicks are planning several events this fall. One of their long-standing charitable events is a can drive for muscular dystrophy. Outside of fundraising, the Knicks are also planning several traditional events such as rafting at the Pull and Knick or Treat. Currently, Kappa Eta Nu has three members: Scott Witcher ('11) serving as president, Carl Dunker as secretary, and Chris Bueter ('10) as vice president.

Photos by Holly Esswein

Windmill adventures and rides—Members of the community toured Windmill Island and merry-go-round rides were offered at the annual celebration.

Knicks were born.

GuEst WritEr

Elena Rivera
Guest Writer

Student Congress is here to be an advocacy group for students, said Scott Witcher ('10), vice-president of Student Congress. "It’s really the best resource on campus."

Student Congress works daily with the school’s administration to make sure that Hope reflects its students’ needs. Members of Student Congress sit on different boards and task forces, such as the Trustee Board and the Green Task Force, to ensure that all across campus students’ opinions are heard. Priscilla Ondo ('10), president, stressed that Student Congress is an open forum for progress, but as with everything worth changing, it is a process rather than an immediate course correction.

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Students aim to Flush Away Hunger

Kate Schrampfner

Earlier this week, students walking to class were faced with a strange sight: a bright blue and orange toilet sitting in the Pine Grove. The oddly decorated toilet is the icon of a new project named Flush Away Hunger that aims to help those struggling with the reality of hunger in the Holland community.

The program started on a student trip to Montana organized by the Center for Faithful Leadership. The students were approached with given a challenge. To help alleviate hunger in Allegan County, they returned to Hope fired up and began to work on the seemingly daunting task immediately.

Although several of the students behind this venture are affiliated with the Christian Fellowship leadership group, there are also some others, like Benjamin Thomas (’11) who are participating.

Asking about the passion behind the project, Thomas said, “When we think about hunger, we think Third World; we don’t think our world. This is real, and it is scary.”

The money raised by Flush Away Hunger will go to people in the Holland area through the Allegan County Food Pantry.

Big Plans, from page 1

Kappa Eta Nu’s current members and alumni have been working together to create a program honoring 100th anniversary. On Friday, Sept. 18, alumni and current members will have a meet and greet followed by an alumni brunch Saturday. During this time former prominent members, including President James Bolzman, will be presenting. Other weekend activities will include a golf outing, the Hope football game, a concert at the Park Theatre and a beach outing.

The Knickerbocker fraternity has had an indispensable impact on Hope’s campus. According to Dunker, Kappa Eta Nu makes it a priority to keep important issues such as AIDS awareness in the forefront of Hope’s focus.

“It is our goal to keep on stirring the pot of intellectual thought at this campus as our aid, whether they be active or alumni,” says Dunker.

This alumni support and loyalty can be seen throughout the history of the Knickerbockers.

In 2001, the fraternity was suspended and alumni immediately began lobbying for permission to resume rush.

“This brand of loyalty has so permeated the Knicks that whenever one needs help, the community directs the student to their aid, whether they be active or alumnus,” says Dunker.

The charter of the 12 founding fathers have endured through the Knickerbocker’s 100-year history. As history is created, the chapter has decided to embrace new beginnings in this year’s fall rush and many long-standing traditions will continue for the Knickerbocker brotherhood.

Knickerbockers plan to celebrate 100 years

PROVOST ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

After more than 30 years working in higher education, Dr. James Boeikins, provost and professor of biology, announced at the annual pre-college provost’s address his intentions to retire at the end of this academic year.

Boeikins is a 1968 Hope graduate and has worked at Hope since 2002. In his time as provost, Hope has grown immensely adding two majors and seven minors and spending $83.5 million to construct or renovate academic buildings.

Bats instigate Hope precautionary webpage

Robert Gulmond

Cowan-A-Ellen

Hope College has taken the precaution of posting a webpage that explains the proper, up-to-date procedures for encounters with bats. The page describes measures to take and in case of exposure to the winged creatures the proper removal.

“If it was just me and the bat, I’d become its friend,” said Dan Scale (’11).

Steps to befriending a bat are not covered on Hope’s bat page. However, it does advise against bat exposure. As the webpage explains, exposure to a bat is defined as “(1) direct contact with bat, or (2) finding a bat in the same room as a person who might be unaware that a bite has occurred.” If exposure occurs, one should go to the hospital for examination.

Bats are the most likely species in Michigan to carry rabies according to Michigan.gov. It is estimated, however, that less than 1 percent of Michigan bats are rabid.

On encountering a bat in his room at home, Jon Lautz (’11) described his bat removal tactics: “I trapped it in a room and opened up all the windows. It wouldn’t leave. So I got a big broom. I hit it until I knocked it out, then I threw it outside.”

The bat survived this incident. However, if one encounters a bat in his or her living quarters, the college directs the student to confine the bat in a room with the windows open, as Lautz had done. In contrast to Lautz’s actions, if the bat does not leave, a student should call campus safety. If bitten, students should clean wounds with soap and water, then to the Holland Hospital for examination.

For more bat procedure information, visit the health center’s website. Although Hope’s bat page does not detail the ways to befriend a bat, it does encourage students to remember, “Bats are our Friends – We just don’t need them as roommates!”
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Hope and Holland remember Sept. 11

Members of Hope College and the Holland community remember the tragedies that occurred eight years ago

Sam Tzou

On Sept. 11, 2001, the United States experienced a series of coordinated attacks by Al Qaeda.

The Sept. 11 news organization reported a total of 3,030 lives lost during the attack. The organization also reported a total of 2,237 civilians were injured from the attacks. The suicide attacks led to the collapse of the World Trade Center, a part of the Pentagon and rubble in the fields of Pennsylvania.

On Friday citizens across America remembered and honored the victims of 9/11 eight years after the attacks. Michigan news source reported in early September that Gov. Granholm ordered the flags to be at half mast and declared a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. EDT, marking the time when the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center.

Memorial services were held by Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Gov. Granholm and various other organizations. The WMRT radio station reported on Friday that Holland's Gabledot's New York Deli offered free sandwiches to police officers and firefighters from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Aside from the state and national events, Hope students themselves reflected and remembered the attacks from their own perspectives.

"It's not every day some of the most important buildings collapse and thousands of people died," Larry Weymouth said. Weymouth was sitting in seventh grade English class when the principal informed students over the announcements.

"I really didn't think much of it until I got home later that afternoon and saw it all over the TV; that's when I got a real grasp of what was going on," Tanke said. "My first thoughts were the sadness for the families of the people who died. Whether it's a sibling, mother, father, or someone else. [You] kind of get a feeling of grief for everyday."

Americans overseas had different experiences. Rebekah Chew ('12) was living in Kyrgyzstan at the time of the attacks.

"It was the morning after the attacks when I found out," Chew said. (Kyrgyzstan's time zone is 11 hours ahead.) "I was in my room when my mom came in and told me that America was attacked yesterday by terrorists."

The significant wasn't as evident to Chew until she went to school that day.

"My Russian cancelled class for the first hour and we had an assembly in recognition of the attacks," Chew said. "As an American, they asked me to go up to the front and light this candle to show an American flag on it."

"The fact that something did happen (in America) is just a shock," Weymouth said. "It is something you'll never forget especially with how the information was presented to you."

The impact of the event went a lot further than just personal experiences. For Chew, a daughter of two missionaries in Kyrgyzstan, the weeks following 9/11 were even more significant.

"There were a lot of mission organizations [that] were concerned for the safety of my parents' friends and forced them to evacuate; even the American embassy ordered us not to leave our home until they came to get us.

"I guess it was because Americans were scared the world didn't like them, which actually did cause us to make sense because they have little relation to the Middle East."

Hope College exchange student Kei Mayami ('11) said that in the weeks after the attacks, news of the attacks was all over the news.

"I think one of the main reasons is because of how Americanized Japan has become over the years," said Mayami, who visited ground zero recently. "At New York I found a lot of Japanese citizens who sent 1,000 paper cranes to the States. It was just another sign of hope that we shouldn't forget about the people who died."

For Hope students in recognition, it's a matter of honoring and remembering.

"It happened to my country. I feel a connection to it. Remembering is how I pay tribute to it," Tanke said. "9/11 was the biggest world historical event in my lifetime. Once you experience something of it you really can never forget that."

The following is the text of the speech President Obama gave at the Pentagon on the morning of Sept. 11, 2009.

Secretary Gates, Admiral Mullen and members of the Armed Forces, fellow Americans, family and friends of those that we lost this day – Michelle and I are deeply humbled to be with you. Eight September have come and gone. Nearly 3,000 days have passed – almost one for each of those taken from us. But no turning of the seasons can diminish the pain and the loss. It is not the passing of time and no dark skies can ever dull the meaning of this moment.

So on this solemn day, at this sacred hour, once more we pause. Once more we pray – as a nation, as a people – in city streets where our two towers were turned to ashes and dust; in a quiet field where a plane fell from the sky; and here, where a single stone of this building is still blackened by the fires.

We remember with reverence the lives we've lost. We read their names. We press their photos to our hearts. And on this day that marks their death, we recall the beauty and meaning of their lives: men and women and children of every color and every creed, from across our nation and from more than 100 others. They were innocent. Harming no one, they went about their lives. And all that follow, you may find solace in the memory of those you loved, and know that you have the unending support of the American people.

Scripture teaches us a hard truth. The mountains may fall and the earth may give way, the flesh and the heart may fail. But after all our suffering, God and grace will "restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

So it is – so it has been for these families. So it must be for our nation.

Let us renew our resolve against those who perpetrated this barbaric act and who plot against us still. In defense of our nation we will never waver, in pursuit of al Qaeda and its extremist allies, we will never falter.

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The Supreme Court will convene early—The court case over "Hillary: The Movie" will be the first to be heard by the newest member of the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor (center).

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"I have to say, all of you look pretty good without your playoff beards. They’re pretty good looking guys without all that," President Obama, addressing the Pittsburgh Penguins during their visit to the White House.

"I know a lot of you have come in to see Jennifer. Sen. Ben Nelson, at a Capitol Hill press conference with actress Jennifer Garner.

"You lie!" Congressman Joe Wilson to President Obama during his health care speech.

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Obama looks to reignite push for health care reform with address to Congress

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Dr. Jack Holmes, a Hope College political professor, said that Wilson’s outburst was clearly inappropriate and against protocol. However, it is also "indicative of the frustrations a lot of people have," said Holmes. When asked how he thought the speech would affect the health care debate, he said that "it might open it up a little bit and move it forward, but it would sure be good if they (the Democrats) did something to attract bipartisan support.

Holmes also lamented the president’s lack of details and said that the government option included in the plan might make it hard to pass.
Every time Donnie Mather gets on stage, he brings conviction and dedication to his craft. For his role, he must be prepared both physically and mentally, because he is the only one on that stage. Mather must bring everything he has to every performance because it takes a lot more than average acting skills to captivate an audience by himself. Mather not only acts in this play, but he also developed the entire concept of it.

“I wanted to respond in an artistic way to what was happening in our country, in our time,” Mather says. His solution: “A Show Of Force”, a one-man play that encompasses many political points of view. A recent press release states that Mather gathered inspiration from a number of different places—"from the war poetry of Wilfred Owen to William Shakespeare; from the Bible to Mark Twain; from the jazzy song and dance of the 1940s; from General Patton to Sun Tzu’s The Art of War.”

It also mentions that during the developmental stages of the piece, Mather actively sought out opinions by doing extensive research and interviewing “a wide range of citizens.”

Many years of hard work have been put into this show, and according to Michelle Bombe, coordinator of this event, he makes “the characters [come] alive in a fluid and visceral way.” Mather’s is a “very physical style of theatre that also is often very poetic and imagistic in nature.”

During the show he wrestles with questions that have tormented the human mind for years: questions of war, peace and justice. Throughout the show, Mather explores the nature of war and violence and the tumult of emotions that follow them.

The show promises to be a uniquely entertaining experience. Bombe called it “a piece that young people should be seeing,” and further commented, “Everyone will come to their own personal conclusion.” His character is full of questions and contradictions that are sure to leave the members of the audience questioning their own beliefs.

Mather worked for many years under the direction of Anne Bogart and was very influenced by her viewpoints technique. Viewpoints, as Bombe explained, is “a technique of improvisation that expands the performer’s awareness of time and space.”

Mather also incorporates his training in the Suzuki Method of acting, a very physical and expressive acting style. Much of his acting abilities rely on an innate spontaneity. This production will be funded by the patrons for the arts and the A. J. Muste Lecture Committee. The Muste Lecture Committee continually strives to find those who believe in nonviolent action and in an effort for peace, they lend their support.

Mather’s performances will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, and Friday, Sept. 18, in the DeVitt Studio Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. For those interested, tickets are available in the DeVitt ticket office weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ALL EYES ON DONNIE MATHER** — The New York actor performs a play single-handedly from a script constructed of texts from various political points of view.

**Donnie Mather**

**Guest Writer**

Caitlin Seay
Luna Negra Dance kicks off GPS series Sept. 24-25

Ann Malone
Guest Writer

Of the Luna Negra Dance Theater, the Chicago Tribune wrote, “Artistic director Eduardo Vilaro and his beguiling dancers are an established, respected and treasured troupe on our arts landscape.”

The Chicago-based Luna Negra has been entertaining for a decade. The group makes its home at the Harris Theater, performs regularly at the Ravinia Festival and tours both nationally and internationally.

Founded in 1999 by Eduardo Vilaro, the company has been an environment where contemporary Latino choreographers have been able to give expression to their stories and bring new life to the cultures of their communities.

In 2008, their production “Nuevo Folk” was voted in the Top 5 Dance Shows by Chicago Companies in Newcity’s “Top 5 of Everything.” In March 2009, the company was featured in a window display at the flagship Macy’s on State Street, Chicago. The window, which fronted Randal Street, featured pictures and costumes from the company’s production of “Carmen Act 1,” by Nancy Turano, one of the company’s honorary choreographers.

The group is on its tenth tour and will be giving the opening performance in this year’s Great Performing Series at Hope College.

The company consists of multiple choreographers, collaborators and dancers. All 10 dancers have studied and performed with different companies all over the world. One dancer is from Detroit and has studied at Grand Valley State University. Even in such a diverse company, with members’ hometowns ranging from Havana to Hong Kong, Hope students can find a Michigan connection.

One of the goals of Luna Negra Dance Theater is to celebrate and explore Latino tradition and identity, moving beyond cultural stereotypes and expectations of Latino movement and dance forms.

Using a multitude of dance styles, from classical ballet to modern to Latino dance, the company creates beautiful pieces of art, combining both fluidity and precision.

Their creativity is varied as well, their dances range from sultry and passionate to playful and childlike. In a piece from their 2005 performance of “4 Coreografos Latinos,” a female dancer gave off dust as she danced around a steadfast male, creating a dreamlike effect.

The July 2009 performance at Millennium Park in Chicago had a catchy beat, and the dance resembled the last dance in the film “Dirty Dancing,” complete with beautiful, powerful lifts.

Clearly, the company doesn’t have one and only style. For example, they master each dance style beautifully.

The company plays with costuming also. Ranging from almost avant-garde to traditional to flamenco, Luna Negra does not resemble a troupe of tall girls in tutus. Instead, this ethnic company of dancers forms a collage of color, style and culture.

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My palms are sweating. My heart’s racing like a horse in the Kentucky Derby. Oh, and my lip is starting to hurt from my biting it so hard. Who knew that my professor calling roll would cause me to be so anxious?

You’re starting the third week of classes. You’ve already dealt with homework and, perhaps, even a paper or two, but now the quizzes and exams start, and academic stress ensues. But that’s not all. Maybe that roommate you thought you loved has started an annoying habit of leaving the TV on all night or smacks his breakfast in the morning while you’re trying to get some shut-eye before your 9:30 a.m. class. And how could you forget all those clubs and student groups you’ve signed up for since the Activity Fair? You’re finding yourself overwhelmed at the thought of it all, and you can’t hide your anxiety anymore.

**Fix the problem before it starts:** Organize.

Coming from someone who’s already slightly OCD about a clean desk, I am slightly biased. However, when things have their place and you are aware of assignments before they’re due, you can plan ahead! To-do lists for a week can be overwhelming; therefore, just make one for each day. “I plan to do this, and this, and this, and that’s it! After that, it’s my time.” Set a cut-off point and don’t try to accomplish too much.

**Know your limit.** All those clubs you signed up for at the Activities Fair sounded great, but now that you’re sailing, working for the yearbook and singing in the choir (not to mention already playing a varsity sport), you just don’t have the time for that and your homework! Prioritize. Saying “no” can be difficult, but it’s a necessary skill that needs to be learned. Determine what you can handle, and don’t be afraid to make some sacrifices. Your sanity will thank you.

**Find your place.** Living with other people (especially if you’ve never had a roommate before) can leave you feeling without a place to call your own. When you’re stressed out and just want to be, you need a place where no one’s watching you or asking you mindless questions (“Have you seen my fish food?”). You have writer’s block or your CAPA is asphyxiating you? GET OUT. Take a walk through the Pine Grove or down Eighth Street and just breathe. Empty your mind for 15 minutes and think about the starry night or what you did this summer. If I said “think happy thoughts,” would you think I’m lame?

**Talk to a “safe” person.** Everyone needs to vent sometimes. When you’re stressed out, and you can’t simply scream, talking to someone is second best. Call your family or visit your friend. As long as you’re comfortable sharing your stress with them, and they’re okay with that, too, do it! Sometimes talking about your problems diminishes the imagined size of them.

But sometimes, the previously stated tactics won’t work. Life transitions (such as high school, college, entering the “real world”) can instigate anxiety disorders and even depression. If you feel like you’re falling, ask for help! Hope College provides outlets for students to help them deal with these transitions: take advantage of the resources given.

**Make an appointment at the Counseling Center.** They’re here to help with any problem, big or small, and can help advise you on your options. Set up a weekly or bi-weekly meeting just to get out what’s been lying heavily on your chest.

**Contact Campus Ministries,** and set up an appointment with one of our devoted chaplains if you’re seeking spiritual renovation. Hope College is filled with empathetic faculty and staff who are here to benefit you.

If you’re feeling weighed down, don’t wait until you’re crushed to ask for help. This is college, and most say it’s the best time of your life. You only have a few years here. Do what you can to make it enjoyable experience that you’ll want to relive over and over again!

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When anxiety comes knocking:

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**Photos by Ann Green**
Musings on mutual misunderstanding

Emily West
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Happy birthday mom!

Thursday, Sept. 10, was my mother’s birthday. I did not call; I did not send a gift; I did not mail a card. I did not even send an email.

Does that make me a horrible person? Well, yes and also no. Let me explain; I love my mother. I really, really love my mother, but I do not have the same love for birthdays. In fact, I find the idea of birthdays rather unsettling. Yes, the birth of a child is wonderful and something to be celebrated. But this magical emergence of a soul-body into the earth’s atmosphere is not what is celebrated on birthdays.

Birthday cards usually rhyme, make a political comment, joke about farting, allude to alcohol or jest about the process of aging. Birthday cards do not read, “I Celebrate how you developed from a tiny, fertilized egg into a marvelous creature with legs, eyes, fingers and elbows. I celebrate that miracle today because 18,250 suns have set since your mother’s birth X years ago last Thursday, I have no answer. I do not understand how I got to feeling obligated to go out, purchase a product that reveals my affections for my mother and my birthday-performance pressure makes me feel. So here is my birthday tribute to my mother.

Sometimes thinking about birthdays leads me to think about how our culture celebrates Jesus’ birth. Nice, church-leads me to think about how our culture as wonderful? day any different than other days when we receive blessings. Nonetheless, the Christmas holiday seems a bit unfocused, at best, despite some memorable efforts made through bumper stickers and songs. And if we cannot figure out how to focus on the birth of Jesus for his birthday, it is no surprise we are lost in a land of bogus birthday bonanzas.

Even with all that is good about a spirited celebration—presents, pitatas, cake and cola—birth is far removed from the center of attention. I have found that “How did I get here?” is always a good question to ask. So, when I ask myself how I got to feeling obligated to go out, purchase a product that reveals my affections for my mother and my awareness of this anniversary of her birth 2 years ago last Thursday, I have no answer. I do not understand how I got here.

I am not comfortable with how birthday-performance pressure makes me feel. So here is my birthday tribute to my mother, and I have but one question for those of you who are birthday-celebrating experts: Did you write a whole column about your mother’s birthday?

Emily sends some love to Kristen. You are the best, much healing to you.

Grace & peace

Grace Olson
Columnist

The book collector

The Fourth of July let me down, and not because I didn’t see fireworks. Traveling home from Holland, I rode the Amtrak into Chicago and spent a few hours in the city before catching the commuter train to the suburbs. I planned to hike the 20 blocks from Union Station to a two-storyed used bookshop on the corner of Wabash and Illinois. While I can spend hours in any bookstore, only in used bookstores does my wallet ever open: the fragrance of yellowed paper! Dog-eared pages! Someone’s thoughts threading along the margins, and only $5.50! But, no sensible shopkeeper stays open on a holiday, so I walked back to the station, feeling my loss.

I was hoping to find Wallace Stegner’s “Angle of Response”, because I couldn’t tolerate the cumbrously typeface of the copy I was reading. Or, if not Stegner, maybe “Cloudstreet” by the Australian author Tim Winton. Over Christmas break, on a friend’s recommendation, I spied his book “Dirt Music” tucked into the corner of my hometown’s used bookstore. Hypnotized by Winton’s rendering of Western Australia, I was on the hunt for “Cloudstreet” so I could fall back under his spell.

Assuming they’re open, thrift stores rarely disappoint. If you’re in the mood for anything ever featured in Oprah’s Book Club—”A Million Little Pieces,” “The Poisonwood Bible,” or “White Oleander”, maybe—you’re sure to find at least six copies of it, because what else do you do with a book once your book club has finished? I’ve uncovered glossy-paged photography and design books, and I’ve come across a few great cookbooks, but the astronomical number of fast diets requires endurance to comb through that section.

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My book has been somewhere! It has been held and loved. With nothing more than green pen, this silly book has united me with the poignant story of two girls I’ve never met.

So, I’m a sucker for used books, which led me to my newest discovery: Book Village, a narrow shop on College Avenue, wedged beside Gregor dogs. Shelves stretch ceiling wall, jazz hums in the air and these books, with all their histories, wait patiently for me to return, wallet in hand.

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From the inside out

Ka mate, Ka mate, Ka ora, Ka ora

As football fans in America are gearing up for this year’s Fantasy Leagues, the rest of the world is finally ready for the International Cricket Council Champions Trophy Tournament and are just getting over the excitement of rugby season (which ended in May, mind you). There is such a difference in sports around the world. It’s cricket or rugby everywhere else, but in the US of A, now is the season for American football. The sport where each play lasts an outstanding six seconds, as opposed to the rugby plays that are kept alive until someone scores, or the cricket games which go so long there are meal breaks. If you’ve ever seen an All Blacks match, it’s constant scrambling and throwing backwards with an occasional punt just for fun. Terminology such as “sin bin,” “maul,” “scrum,” and “dummie kick” make the sport of rugby sound like a new edition of “Street Fighter.”

In America, we place bets on fantasy players from week to week, who excel not only in football but also in the beloved sport of dog fighting, in hopes of winning a few dollars. Sports fans abroad, however, show pride in their country and never give up on their team as a whole, no matter how their record turns out (similar to Cub fans as I understand them). Coming back to Hope from a semester abroad, I’ve thought and rethought just about every aspect of my life. My developmental psychology experience tells me that the new knowledge I’ve gained follows the Piagetian process of accommodation. It’s changing the ideas and presuppositions in your head to fit the new and real ones you’ve been presented with.

New Zealanders (or Kiwis as they are affectionately called) have a laid back, “no worries” attitude that I hope to bring to life in the States. I feel as though my perspective has been broadened and I see a lot of things on a larger scale. I’ve been trying not to sweat the small stuff (and who likes to sweat, anyway?), but being around you Americans again, sometimes I can’t help it. It’s a struggle to not fall into the old habits of always being on time and checking everything off the endless “to do” lists. I’m not saying to be rude and skip out on events or to scrutinize each sweat, anyway?), but being around you Americans again, sometimes I can’t help it.

Developing this attitude has helped me come to appreciate aspects of Holland that I never before thought twice about. Central heating and air conditioning, all 15 hours of the “Today Show,” return a call? Friends understand and will be there tomorrow. Like Jesse McCartney would say, “Don’t Stress, don’t stress, don’t stress.”

The general consensus is that, of course, most of the student body has at some point or another tried to master the art of “swirling,” or idly positioning frozen dairy product onto choice sugar or “Great Tasting” cake cone. Certain some of us are more commonly successful than others (personally, I’d prefer to have a few mistake cones and the occasional incredibly stunning winning cone), but it is true, perhaps universally, the day dream becomes reality when the art has been mastered.

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Kaili Doud Columnist

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So today, while you’re standing around waiting for your next opportunity at success, congratulate your predecessors for their hard work. And if someone happens to create a faultless wonder, smile, tell him or her it’s awesome and advance boldly to the threshold.

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Oct. 10 at Rose-Hulman, Ind.
Oct. 17 at Manchester, Ind.
Oct. 31 MIAA Tournament at Adrian
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Nov. 21 NCAA Championships at Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio
All meets at 11 a.m. unless indicated

Cross Country
Men's Soccer
Sept. 18, at Ohio Wesleyan, 6 p.m.
Sept. 19, at Ohio Northern, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23, at Aquinas, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26, at Rochester, noon
Sept. 30, at Alma, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3, at Wheaton, 7 p.m.
Oct. 6, ADRIAN, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10, at Olivet, noon
Oct. 14, KALAMAZOO, 4 p.m.
Oct. 17, TRINE, 3 p.m.
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Volleyball
Sept. 16, SAINT MARY’S, 7 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 18-19, at Wittenberg Ohio-Michigan Border Battle
Friday - vs. Mount Union, 1 p.m.
Friday - vs. Mount St. Joseph, 5 p.m.
Saturday - vs. Ohio Northern, 10 a.m.
Saturday - vs. Wittenberg, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22, at Albion, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25, KALAMAZOO, 7 p.m.
Sept. 26, CALVIN, 1 p.m.
Sept. 30, TRINE, 6:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3, at Illinois Wesleyan Barker Classic
Friday - vs. Capital, 5:15 p.m. CT
Friday - vs. Illinois Wesleyan, 7:30 p.m. CT
Saturday vs. UW-Platteville, 12:15 p.m. CT
Saturday vs. Millikin, 5:15 p.m.
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Fri.-Sat., Oct. 30-31, Midwest Challenge
Friday Hanover at Trine, 5 p.m.; at Trine, 7 p.m.
Saturday: ADRIAN, 10 a.m.; MANCHESTER, noon
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Students Join with community

- Community, from page 1

The college does such a good job of communicating what an impact the college has on the community and the community on the college,” said packard, a Holland community member.

“We really great that it brings us together so that we can get to know each other and the Holland community somewhere outside of Hope,” said Yessenia Aguirre (12).

Community Day is an established tradition at Hope College. It began in 1966 when the college held an ox roast for the community and students for the Centennial Celebration. Every year it alternates between being held on campus or off campus at Windmill Island. Since the first ox roast, it has been held annually as a way to bring Holland residents and the Hope community together.

Student Congress starts new year

- Congress, from page 1

Future, Oddo talked enthusiastically about the plans Student Congress has for the 2009-2010 school year, including Relay For Life and the successful root beer kegger.

Watcher included the Teaching Hope program and this year’s theme of the economy. The Teaching Hope program culminates in an address by a famous speaker.

Student Congress was established to serve the student body, to be a steward of the money the school receives, and to make sure the administration is an ally in the college process.
Hope football looks to carry on 100-year tradition

Daniel Owens

One hundred years of tradition. One hundred years of excellence on the field, in the community and in the classroom. As the 2009 season begins, the Hope College football team looks to build on a strong finish in 2008 and add to the already rich history of Flying Dutchmen Football.

The Dutchmen were picked to finish third in the MIAA in a preseason media poll. Following a disappointing 3-7 effort in 2008 that saw the team drop their first seven games, the Dutchmen rebounded in the offseason with a successful conditioning program.

“A lot of guys worked really hard in the weight room and the preseason camp this year was the best I’ve been a part of,” senior tight end and co-captain David DeBoer (’10) said.

Easily the largest team at Hope, the preseason football roster consisted of 148 players including 42 returning letter winners. While having nearly 150 players on a team can create challenges, DeBoer firmly believes that the friendly atmosphere of the team is an integral part of the Hope football experience. “We’ve really been bonding as a team this year and team chemistry is through the roof. Our practices have been productive and there are guys pushing each other at almost every position,” DeBoer said. Despite the team’s work ethic, their efforts have fallen short in the first two games of the season as they fell to Illinois Wesleyan 27-25, on Sept. 5, and Carthage, 26-19, this past Saturday. Bright spots for the Dutchmen thus far include placekicker Steve Hazekamp (’10) being honored as the MIAA player of the week for his performance against Illinois Wesleyan along with the emergence of junior quarterback Chris Frey (’11) who threw for 380 yards in his first career start against Illinois Wesleyan and 225 yards against Carthage.

Each of the team’s first two games was tightly contested, with Hope leading at some point in the second. “We want to win and we’ve had a lot of close games that just haven’t turned out in our favor,” DeBoer said. “The key to getting over the hump is doing the little things well. We have to avoid penalties, missed assignments and always hustle. The seemingly small details can make all the difference in close games.”

While DeBoer acknowledged his desire to win, he said he will not measure the success of the season by wins and losses. “Playing football at Hope has been a great experience for me,” DeBoer said. “From the moment I arrived on campus I had 150 friends to sit with at lunch, and that type of camaraderie has been awesome. If I can look back on this season and say I had fun and we came together as a team, 2009 will be a success.”

Softball coach Karla Wolters to retire after spring season

Longtime Hope College softball coach Karla Wolters has announced her plans to retire from the faculty and from coaching at the conclusion of the current school year.

“It is with bittersweet feelings that I announce my retirement at the end of the 2009-10 school year,” Wolters said. “I have truly enjoyed living my dream of working for my alma mater. The students, staff, colleagues and administration have blessed my life with wonderful memories and I will treasure their friendship forever. I look forward with great anticipation to this school year and to what the Lord has in store for me after my career in education is over.”

Wolters has coached collegiate athletics for 36 years, the past 22 years at the helm of the Flying Dutch softball team. She holds the academic rank of professor of kinesiology.

“Karla’s service to Hope College as an outstanding teacher, coach/scholar and mentor will long be remembered,” said Dr. Mark Northuis, chair of the department of kinesiology. “She has supported the mission of the college by investing in the lives of young people on a daily basis as they seek to become effective and caring physical educators. Her versatility as a coach is reflected not only in her numerous wins in several sports, but also in the affectionate praise of her athletes.”

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Men’s golf fares well

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Men’s golf fared well over 300 yards in his first career start against Illinois Wesleyan and 225 yards against Carthage. Each of the team’s first two games was tightly contested, with Hope leading at some point in the second. “We want to win and we’ve had a lot of close games that just haven’t turned out in our favor,” DeBoer said. “The key to getting over the hump is doing the little things well. We have to avoid penalties, missed assignments and always hustle. The seemingly small details can make all the difference in close games.”

While DeBoer acknowledged his desire to win, he said he will not measure the success of the season by wins and losses. “Playing football at Hope has been a great experience for me,” DeBoer said. “From the moment I arrived on campus I had 150 friends to sit with at lunch, and that type of camaraderie has been awesome. If I can look back on this season and say I had fun and we came together as a team, 2009 will be a success.”

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Women's golf starts season under new leadership

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Ending last season with a national ranking of 25 and a third place finish in both the regular season MIAA standings as well as the MIAA's qualifying round for the NCAA championships, the Hope College women's golf team is back this season with a new head coach. He previously a volunteer assistant at DePaul University. Fiedler said the transition from DePaul to Hope has gone very well.

"The girls on the team have been great; they have made the work just as hard and are very focused on our goals. We have a very deep team, which makes us work even harder, especially at practice."

The celebration was short lived, though, as the ladies returned to Holland and had their first conference match on Tuesday again the Scots of Alma.

The young Scots were looking to take down the now 11th ranked Hope volleyball team. Alma put up a fight taking the second set to lock it up at one a piece, but Hope bounced back to win the match 3 to 1.

Hope was led by outside hitter Cassidy Bulthuis (‘11), with 14 kills and by Sara DeWeerdt (‘11), another outside hitter, who finished with nine kills, three aces, and 15 digs.

The journey to back-to-back conference championships continued on Saturday against Olivet. Hope defeated Olivet in three sets, with seven kills each by Jessica Mair (‘13) and Bulthuis.

The Flying Dutch will look to maintain their perfect record tomorrow as they take on Saint Mary’s in their second conference game at 7 p.m. in DeVos Fieldhouse.

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CASSIE SNELLER (‘10) GOLF CAPTAIN

The Flying Dutch volleyball team will continue to work for another conference championship tonight against Saint Mary’s at 7 p.m.

"Going into the game we were confident in ourselves that we could pull off the upset," returning letter winner and outside hitter Traci Baker (’11) said. "We weren’t intimidated by the ranking; we knew we were pretty good ourselves."

The Lady Dutch did just that. They defeated Washington University in a four-set match, winning the first two sets, dropping the third, but bouncing back for the fourth. The team continued their tournament run matching up against Millikin and won that match in four sets making up against Millikin and won that match in four sets.

"We have a great group of girls and everybody at Hope has made me feel very welcome."

The group is made up of three freshmen, six sophomores, one junior and one senior. They will be led by Captain Cassie Sneller (‘10) and Megan Scholten (‘12), said Stafford.

Other returning letter winners include sophomores Sasha Burau, Emily Atsma, Andrea McCarty, Lindsey Springstroth, Lauren Zandstra and junior Katie Blodgett.

At 83.4 strokes per 18-hole round, Sneller finished seventh in conference player standings and was an All-MIAA second team honoree last fall. She is looking forward to her senior season.

We have great girls on the team that are great golfers too," said Sneller. "I hope we can reach our goals for the season, and I think we can!"

According to Stafford, one of these goals stands out as the most important. "Our number one goal is to maintain the high academic standards past golf teams have achieved," Stafford said.

But playing well is important to the team too. "Of course, we would like to be competitive for the MIAA championship and for NCAA bids," added Stafford.

Another key player for the team, Scholten, was a first team honoree last season and placed third in the conference player standings at 81.2 strokes per round.

The team’s season consists of both a fall and spring schedule. Four 18-hole tournaments and a 36-hole championship round make up the fall schedule, while the spring schedule will consist of three 18-hole rounds.

The fall schedule determines the seasonal MIAA champion and the spring determines the MIAA qualifier to the NCAA Division III championships.

Already this season, the Flying Dutch have participated in the Olivet Invitational this past weekend. The team established a one-stroke lead on Friday, the first day of play. The tournament wrapped up on Saturday. The team held on to their lead and walked away with first place out of the fifteen teams participating.

Scholten once again led the Flying Dutch with rounds of 77-79–156 for an overall third place in the tournament. Sneller finished fourth, one stroke behind Scholten with rounds of 79-78–157. Scores of other Hope golfers were Lauren Zandstra 89-82—171, Charlotte Park 87-87–174 and Andrea McCarty 91-93–183.

In Sneller’s opinion, the team should be able to find much success this season if everything continues how it has started. "We just have to keep practicing hard and playing mentally tough," Sneller said.

Tomorrow, the Flying Dutch will travel to Albion where they will begin 2009 conference play with the first MIAA jack of the season. Their home season will begin next Wednesday at Macatawa Legends Country Club for their first and only home match. Tee off will be at 1 p.m.