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Despite low turnout
‘Time to Serve’ a success

Gretchen Baldwin
SPORT WRITER

On Saturday Sept. 11, around Hope students ventured off campus to work in the Holland community as part of Time to Serve, an event at Hope that unifies students from all of the year’s orientation events.

In the past, the event has drawn upwards of 400 participants, however this year’s turn-out was unusually low having about 150 less people than years past.

There is speculation as to what made this year’s event different. This year was one of the first years that it rained on the day which likely deterred students. Along with that, this year’s date was moved a week later than in past years which could have influenced student’s desire to participate.

For those who did participate this year, Time to Serve was a successful and fulfilling morning of volunteering.

Marc Tori (’12) says about his 2010 experience, “I had a great time and I’m sure others who came did as well, but as a leader I was disappointed that only one of the seven students assigned to my group showed up. Those who didn’t show missed out on a real opportunity to serve the community.”

In some cases, the turnout was disappointing for some leaders and group members.

When asked how he felt about the participation, Tori said, “90 percent of life is showing up and we all miss out when we don’t honor our commitments. Next year I hope students realize what an important event this is and I hope those students that went this year continue to serve.”

Wilma Hart, Coordinator of Volunteer services said “Despite the weather and date change of the event, the students who did volunteer worked extremely hard at their sites and made an immense impact in the community. I have been flooded with thank you notes and calls from the different sites saying how grateful they are that Hope students were willing to spend a Saturday in the rain volunteer- ing. There was even a group of 10 students who went and paint- ed at a site on Monday because the team was unable to com- plete the project in the rain on the actual day of Time to Serve. I am continually impressed how students see a need and are so readily willing to respond to it.”

New Mellon Scholars Program embarks on humanities research

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The 2010-2011 school year marks the first year Hope College students will be participating in the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program in the Arts and Humanities. The purpose of this program was stated succinctly by director Dr. William Pannapacker: “It is a program to enhance scholarly research in the humanities.”

Pannapacker explained that the program is inspired by a number of other academic programs around the nation, including the History of Literature honors concentration, which exists at Harvard, where Pannapacker taught for five years.

At Hope, the program is being funded by a $200,000 three-year grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization based in the state of New York and it was formed in 1969.

Its assets most recently were estimated to total $6.5 billion and it makes approximately $286 million a year. Hope first applied to the foundation in 2009 and after obtaining the funds, worked for a year to construct and organize the program. Although the funding is for three years, Hope is intending to re-approach the Mellon Foundation with hopes of continuing the program.

“The funding depends to a great extent, on the success of the students in the program and the research they produce,” said Pannapacker.

At this point, the college sought to find students qualified for the program. First, the college asked for recommendations from first year seminar teachers. After these were collected, a general request was made to the Hope faculty to seek more recommendations.

Finally, students were asked to self-nominate. Pannapacker explained that this method was used to thoroughly search the Mellon Heads — the Mellon Scholars are ready to grow in their knowledge of research and the digital humanities. They are: (left to right) Katie Callam, Kaely Garred, Brett Wilkinson, Madalyn Muncy, Daniel Owens, Kristen Dunn, Shayna Moon, Jesse Swatling-Holcomb, Anne Harrison, Courtney Lastacy, ChristiEllen Zarvas, Athina Alvarez, Laura Parker, Leigh Clouse and Julie Oostervink. Not pictured: Tess Angell and Kelli Van Dyke.

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‘Hunger and Happiness’ author to speak on campus

Madalyn Muncy
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

Dr. L. Shannon Jung, author of “Hunger and Happiness: Feeding the Hungry, Nourishing Our Souls,” will speak in a pre-Critical Issues Symposium event in Dimnent Chapel at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20. Jung, a professor at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., cites a motivation to educate others over a concern for social justice as basis for his work. Jung’s book centers on the moral issues surrounding food-related social policies and personal decisions.

The book is divided into six thoughtful essays, each giving light to the hungers of the body and spirit combined and the food we put into our mouths and minds. Coming Hope students were asked to read the book over the summer and participate in a discussion on the Hope-2014 social networking website. Several first-year seminar classes are also reading the book as part of their curriculum.

The idea of a common text allows to help unite members of an incoming class, as well as faculty and upperclassmen, is not new to Hope. The classes of 2011 and 2012 were also invited to read a common text before coming in the fall.

When asked about the importance of a common text to incoming students, Professor Charles Green, director of the Phelps Scholars Program, said, “Many colleges and universities have a common text for incoming students. There are several benefits. When bringing together students from many different places and perspectives, a common text gives people a way to connect — everyone has something in common by the time they arrive on campus.”

A common text allows students to begin thinking about college and the impact of their liberal arts education in a broader context before they get here. “It also provides a way for students to read and think about an important topic over the summer, reinforcing the message that preparing for college is about more than buying the right sheets or texting your new roommate. It’s about becoming the kind of person who mulls over interesting ideas.”

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This Week at Hope

Wednesday Sept. 15
Red Cross Blood Drive
12:45 p.m., Maas Auditorium, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega
History Dept. Colloquium
4 p.m., Maas Conference, “Democracy and Religion” presented by Prof. Fred Johnson

Friday Sept. 17
Biology Seminar
3 p.m., Science Center 1039, “Human Mycotic Infection, or Why Do These Fungi Want to Replace Us?” presented by Dr. Dennis Babel, Mycology Consultants Laboratory
Comedian Butch Bradley
8:30 p.m., Maas Auditorium, presented by SAC

Saturday Sept. 18
Senior Sequence Workshop
9 a.m.-9 p.m., sponsored by Office of Career Services, register by Tuesday, Sept. 14

Hope Way 2.0 Event
8 p.m., Nappel House Parking Lot, both men and women are invited.

Sunday Sept. 19
Red Cross Blood Drive
8 p.m., Dimnent Chapel

Monday Sept. 20
Shannon Jung Lecture
7 p.m., Dimnent Chapel

In Brief

“FOOD INC. TO BE SHOWN ON CAMPUS

The Hope Campus community is invited to a free screening of the film “Food Inc.” on Friday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in Winants Auditorium, Graves Hall. The film examines today’s food industry in the United States and features interviews from Eric Schlosser (“Fast Food Nation”) and other experts in the field. The presentation is scheduled as part of a three-day conference organized by Journey, Center for the Church’s Learning, a program at Western Theological-Seminary, which will run Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 23-25. The film relates to this year’s Critical Issues Symposium, which opens Tuesday, Oct. 5.

VANDERSTOEP APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Scott VanderStoep, professor of psychology and chairperson of the department, has been chosen to participate in a year-long Senior Leadership Academy conducted by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute. Only 42 faculty or administrators at higher education were chosen for this opportunity. The academy will prepare faculty for senior leadership positions in any division. VanderStoep will attend two seminars, one this fall, the other next spring, and he will participate in a mentoring program, experiential learning projects and a series of readings and case studies as well.

Mellon Scholars pursue scholarly research in humanities

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available group of students in order to find the best possible applicants. The applicants were then asked to submit two letters of recommendation, two essays and their transcripts. One of these essays was a letter of intent while the other was the liberal arts reflective essay that every Hope student is required to write during their freshman year.

The three-year program begins with a sophomore seminar in which 10 faculty with different areas of expertise assist in teaching. As the students move on to their next year of study, they will begin a junior tutorial and project that involves one to three students working with a single professor. This project begins to focus on the production of original works of scholarship. The capstone of the program takes place in the form of the senior tutorial and project.

One of the key aspects of the program is the high level of faculty involvement and the one-on-one student-faculty interaction the Mellon Scholars receive from a number of different Hope professors.

At the present, we have 57 faculty members who are designated tutors for the program. I would anticipate by the end of this year we’ll have at least 80,” Pannapacker said.

Pannapacker explained that these tutors are chosen based on an interest in both scholarly research and prior history in mentoring students. Shanya Moon (’13), a member of Hope’s inaugural class of Mellon Scholars, spoke on why she decided to pursue the program.

“I’ve always had an interest in a wide variety of subjects. I feel that in the Mellon program I’m going to be able to explore all of these in a new and interesting way. Also, the idea of being in a program where the application process was very selective appealed to me. Going through the public school system, I always felt that there was always a pressure to not appear too smart. In the Mellon class, I feel like I’m finally in the company of my peers, people my own age who are as serious about their education and about discovery as I am.”

Beyond improving upon the academic experience for a number of Hope students, the Mellon Scholarship has even more far reaching goals in mind. Namely, the focus of the program is to alter higher education. Dr. Pannapacker summarized this greater goal.

“We’re looking in Mellon and with these other related projects, to create arts and humanities entrepreneurs. This is an era of radical downsizing in the arts and humanities. So increasingly, scholars are not going to be able to rely so much on institutions to provide a safe harbor. They’re going to have to go out and gain support for what they do based off of its own merit.”

CIS 2010

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issues and approaches the world in a new way,” Green added.

Hope College’s CIS, which will take place October 5-6, is a time designated for the campus community to think about and discuss an issue that is relevant and important in today’s world.

This year’s symposium is entitled “Good Food for the Common Good.” The topic of food reaches all industries and is connected between disciplines and CIS lectures are sponsored by most disciplines on campus.

Naturally, Jung’s book intersects beautifully with this theme and serves as a connecting source between these disciplines. Professor Curtis Gruenler, a member of the CIS committee, said, “Jung’s book is another good example of a book that shows how interdisciplinary the topic of food is and how it is connected to concerns such as poverty, justice, and, broadly speaking, living in a way that is responsible to the command to love our neighbor.”

A topic that is able to connect the sciences to the humanities, food is something we all have in common and are able to relate to.

“Food is a great topic for looking at from the perspective of multiple disciplines, and especially at a college like Hope that is also interested in a theological perspective and the spiritual welfare of its members,” Gruenler said. Jung’s book is available at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore and at the Van Wylen Library.

All students, faculty and members of the community are invited to attend his lecture on Sept. 20.

More fun at Time to Serve

Working on the Farm—Students (Above and Left) at the Critter Barn in Holland take a break to hang out with some farm animals.

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Russia, Israel sign treaty

Lacie Rawlings
Guest Writer

This week, in what could be a change in the dynamic tension in the Middle East, Russia and Israel announced the signing of a long-term weapons trade agreement. Russian defense minister Anatoly Serdyukov told Russian news sources that the agreement is expected to “give a new boost to bilateral relations.” The new contract is the next in a series of contracts started in April 2009. In the first, Israel delivered 12 intelligence aircraft to Russia, costing about $53 million. Russia has expressed a need for increased intelligence aircraft after suffering from unreliable intelligence during the 2008 military conflict with Georgia over South Ossetia. The second contract will deliver $100 million worth of Israeli drones to Russia later this year.

The contract signed last week will supply another $300 million worth of drones to Russia. In return, Russia will provide Israel with laser and space technology, including satellites. While this agreement will ensure long-term trade, it appears that Israel is hoping for more than just a trade partner with mutual interests against terrorism. A daunting fact looming over Israel is that earlier this year Russia also traded fighter jets, air defense systems and armored vehicles to Syria, an enemy of Israel. Furthermore, one of Syria’s closest ties and one of Israel’s closest foes, Iran, has also dealt with Russia to obtain 500-300 surface-to-air missile defense systems.

Israeli defense minister Ehud Barak’s recent visit to Moscow is part of an ongoing attempt to build a strong partnership with Russia in hopes that Russia will limit military trade with Iran and Syria.

All this comes only a month after news broke that Russia would assist Iran in the launch of Bushehr plant, Iran’s first nuclear power plant. This concludes a $1 billion contract that Russia and Iran signed in 1995. Analysts suspect that this project’s long duration, 15 years, was an attempt to slowly ease the world into accepting Iran as a nuclear power, something that still strikes concern in many.

In recent news that sparked worldwide attention, it appears that since May, Iran has increased production of low-enriched uranium by 15 percent. According to the U.N., this means that Iran currently possesses around 2.8 tons of low-enriched uranium.

“The IAEA’s latest report on Iran again demonstrates that Iran is refusing to comply with its International Nuclear Obligations,” said White House spokesperson Tommy Vitolo in an official statement. “Iran continues its efforts to expand its nuclear program and move closer to a nuclear weapons capability.”

Iran continues to insist that their uranium will be used for something other than weapons. This comes each time Iran defies U.N. sanctions and crosses a new threshold in nuclear technology. As Iran has objected to the latest round of IAEA inspectors, Iran says that the enriched uranium that they are currently working with is needed for researching radiostopes used for medical purposes.

However, according to one analyst, Metz Javedanfar, “Iran has now gone over the biggest hurdle in its enrichment process. The distance between 20 percent, which can be used for both civilian and military purposes, and 90 percent enriched uranium, which is for military purposes only, is very small.”

South African unions, government negotiate

Mikella Bryant
Guest Writer

Hospitals scrambled, schools shut down and many other jobs were paralysed as employees refused to work. The government sent 4,000 soldiers to 62 of South Africa’s hospitals to help aid with staff shortages. Education was also suspended, with many senior students fearing that they would be unable to graduate.

For three weeks strikers faced assaults from police, ranging from stun grenades to rubber bullets. Although most have returned to work since negotiations began, many still continue to strike. This include automotive retailers, filling stations and parakmers. Some professions, such as platinum miners and car workers, are still planning their own strike. Since negotiations began, many still continue to strike. These include automotive retailers, filling stations and parakmers. Some professions, such as platinum miners and car workers, are still planning their own strike.

This strike highlights the wage inequality in South Africa. Since apartheid ended in 1994, the gap between the rich and the poor has continued to widen. Public sector workers make significantly less than private sector employees and also work in inferior conditions.

“Our demands are genuine, the inequalities in this country are vast, and they need to be closed.”

— Thobela Ntola
President

“U.S. authorities are investigating potential causes of a natural gas explosion last Thursday in San Bruno, Calif., destroying 38 homes and killing at least seven people.”

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— San Bruno Fire Chief Dennis Hag

News agencies say the explosion shot a fireball nearly 1000 feet into the air and flames roared to 100 feet as the inferno consumed the neighborhood. The heat was intense enough to melt the taillights of cars several blocks away.

Some 50 people were injured, and at least seven more homes significantly damaged. “It was pretty devastating,” San Bruno Fire Chief Dennis Hag told area reporters. “It looks like a moonscape in some areas.”

Some neighborhoods residents reported smelling gas up to three weeks before the explosion.

“Every day after work, I would smell the heavy smell coming from the gutter and sewer,” said resident Tim Gutierrez to area reporters. PG&E as well as the NTSB continue to monitor these reports.

California gas blast kills four

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San Francisco police confirmed the blast killed four people — two men and two women — and injured at least two others. A PG&E spokesperson confirmed that the explosion was caused by a gas leak in a PG&E pipeline near homes and businesses in the area.

“An explosion occurred at a PG&E facility,” said PG&E spokesperson Dan Pillai. “There are no reports of any injuries.”

Residents in the area described a large blast that shook their homes andwindows, followed by a cloud of smoke that filled the sky. Some residents reported feeling vibrations in their homes for several minutes after the explosion.

“People were尖叫ing and shouting,” said resident Sarah Johnson. “The whole neighborhood was in shock.”

PG&E spokesperson Pillai said the company is working to determine the cause of the explosion and restore service to affected areas. The company has designated a hotline for residents to call with questions or concerns about the explosion.

“Please be patient and allow us to work through this situation,” Pillai said. “We are doing everything we can to help those affected by this event.”

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Some feel the damage has already been done. For Muslims the Quran is the word of God and they demand that it be protected. According to Fox News, Clarence Rushi Hashi told 1,000 worshippers attending Friday morning prayers in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, that Jones had "already hurt the heart of the Muslim world."

Jones claimed in his press conference to have met with Imam Muhammad Musri, the president of the Islamic Society of Central Florida, and said that a bargaining deal was reached and Jones would not burn the Quran as long as the proposed ground zero mosque was moved. Musri denies this claim, telling Fox News he never promised to change the mosque location and Jones tried to "hush [his] words."

The imam in charge of the proposed Islamic center in New York also denied that such a deal was made. Musri reaffirmed this claim to Fox News on Friday. Moving the mosque is not why Jones ceased his book burning, Musri said. According to a press release from the mosque, "the single most important reason was that if we continued to burn books, we would be declaring war not only on the United States but on all Muslims worldwide to halt what he described as a "stunt."

On Friday, Sept. 10, Jones put an end to the worries at a press conference held by ABC and NBC, as he said he would not go through with his threats. In the weeks leading up to Sept. 11 top intelligence and military officials were concerned that such an act would pose a huge threat for national security and also our soldiers overseas.

As the nine-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks approached, Florida pastor Terry Jones had threatened to burn the Muslim holy book as an attempt to influence the decision on the proposed Islamic center blocks from ground zero. On Friday, Sept. 10, Jones put an end to the worries at a press conference held by ABC and NBC, as he said he would not go through with his threats. In the weeks leading up to Sept. 11 top intelligence and military officials were concerned that such an act would pose a huge threat for national security and also our soldiers overseas.

Amy Alvino
Social Story Writer
On Sept. 6, President Barack Obama proposed a $50 billion commitment in federal spending for roads, railways and airport runways. This past week Obama traveled to Milwaukee and Ohio to talk about the economy and future jobs. This infrastructure plan still needs approval from Congress, so jobs will not be made available until at least next year. Obama's job proposal, if passed, includes six-year funding authorization with a $50 billion accelerated first year of funding.Musri reaffirmed this in ongoing funding, funding for the Federal Aviation Administration's proposed "next generation" air traffic control system and a national infrastructure bank that would leverage private investment.

On Sept. 8, Obama spoke at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma, Ohio about his vision for the economy. In his speech, Obama talked about unemployment, tax cuts and small businesses. Job growth between 2000 and 2008 was slower than it had been in any economic expansion since WWII. The nation saw a transformation from a time of prosperity to one that had been influenced by payment for two wars, decreases in wages and income, and increases in the price of healthcare and tuition. Obama emphasized that the nation needs a strong, growing middle class in order for there to be a strong, growing economy.

Obama also mentioned how, because of the economic stimulus plan, the economy is growing again, financial markets have stabilized, jobs have been created for the last eight months in a row in the private sector and roughly three million Americans are working.

"But the truth is progress has been painfully slow," Obama said in his speech. "Millions of jobs were lost before our policies even had a chance to take effect. We lost 4 million in the six months before I took office. It was a hole so deep that even though we've added jobs again, millions of Americans remain unemployed. Hundreds of thousands of families have lost their homes. Millions more can barely pay the bills or make the mortgage. The middle class are still treading water, and those aspiring to reach the middle class are doing everything they can to keep from drowning," Obama said.

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"The man that primaries are about," Gibson said, shaking his head in disbelief as the runners passed through town. Upon arriving in Manhattan, the runners were greeted by 180 pipers on the Brooklyn Bridge. The runners were split up into three teams and each team ran for six hours in relay, then took 12 hours off. Each morning at 8:46 the runners stopped for a brief dedication ceremony. "It's just awesome," Archie Gibson of Levittown, Pa., told MSNBC. "It's been a year of massive change for the United States in so many ways."

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Broken Social Scene — ‘Forgiveness Rock Record’
Nebula, the Canadian supergroup/collective Broken Social Scene's first album as a full band since their 2006 self-titled masterpiece, ‘Forgiveness Rock Record,’ proves again that Broken Social Scene can sound like anything they want and consistently impress. A leaner, tighter set of songs than any they've done before, this album moves fast and transforms quickly, but maintains an urgent mood of catharsis and hard-earned joy throughout.

The National — ‘High Violet’
The National’s newest album, “High Violet,” contains 11 nervy, explosive, emotional and captivating songs. Frontman Matt Berninger’s voice is haunting, wild and raw. It perfectly captures range in moods, the paranoia and the helplessness he may be feeling. This is by far one of the best albums released in 2010.

School of Seven Bells — ‘Disconnect From Desire’
School of Seven Bells’ second album presents a streamlined, airy take on the normally unfocused, hazy subgenres of dream pop and shoegaze, stacking airy female vocals over sleek, muscular guitars and some electronics-influenced rhythms. The songs have punch and hooks while maintaining gorgeous, fuzzy sonic textures from start to finish.

Maps and Atlases — ‘Perch Patchwork’
Maps and Atlases sound very smart. Touring for years behind widely acclaimed EPs of catchy math-rock, their debut album shows that they’ve learned to reign in their instrumental mastery and allow their songs to breathe, their quick guitar arpeggios and jazzy rhythms accentuating robust, nuanced songs. Not many bands can play this astutely without sacrificing their songs' quality to bloated self-glorification. Maps and Atlases can, so they’re a band to watch.

The Tanchietti perform solos, duets and dances in their pieces. In some instances, they put on a concert type of performance, which is typically accompanied by a piano or symphony. Their shows can be customized for audience needs. Their acts can feature Broadway and operetta, Broadway and opera, operetta and opera, Orff or classic Broadway routines.

The two formed Grande Romanza with intentions of pleasing the audience, as well as highlighting their best abilities. They compiled the list of their best routines, then added a twist to conventional sound usage. "Because their voices do not require microphones, theatergoers are able to experience the thrill of live voices coming directly at them, something only heard in the Opera House and on the Broadway Stage of the past," said the Grande Romanza website. "GrandRomanza performances are totally unique events that should be experienced by everyone."

At Nykerk Thursday, the duo will perform scenes from George Bizet’s “Carmen,” Giuseppe Verdi’s “Otello,” Andrew Lloyd Weber’s “Phantom of the Opera” and more.

School of Seven Bells — ‘Disconnect From Desire’
The reading will be held at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is welcome.

Nina and Stefano Tanchietti
Fall 2010 TV Previews

Elena Rivera

Guest Writer

Each fall season, the big four networks attempt to impress viewers with the most innovative and hilarious new shows. This fall, that means superheroes, sexy spies, courtroom dramas, Will Arnett and twitter-inspired comedies. As overwhelming as fall TV seems, most of these shows won't last past midseason. Which ones are worth watching, and which old favorites are worth revisiting? Here's a handy-dandy guide to help you make those tricky decisions.

‘Undercovers’ (NBC, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m.)

‘Undercovers’ is a familiar twist on the spy genre: two married spies, retired from the business of rescuing diplomats, are called back into action when one of their old buddies goes missing. This, of course, is just the thing they need to spice up their marriage and get them out of their mid-life funk. Boris Kodjoe plays Steven and Gugu Mbatha-Raw plays Samantha, the two protagonists of ‘Undercovers.’ It is worth noting that ‘Undercovers’ boasts two African-Americans as its protagonists. Critics who have seen the pilot applaud J.J. Abrams’ return to his spy roots (he created ‘Alias,’ that little show that rocketed its protagonists. Critics who have seen the pilot applaud J.J. Abrams’ return to his spy roots (he created ‘Alias,’ that little show that rocketed Jennifer Garner to fame). Although NBC already has ‘Chuck,’ a hilarious and well-written spy show in its schedule, it appears that there’s room for another. J.J. Abrams sure knows how to make ‘em.

‘Community’ (NBC, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m.)

Returning for its second season, ‘Community’ is a quirky mix of pop culture parodies and Joel McHale’s abs. Set at the fictional Greendale College, ‘Community’ follows a misfit crew trying to navigate the waters of higher education. The show cleverly mocks current television (‘Glee’ is a common target) while revering old classics. For example, there was a whole episode based on ‘The Godfather,’ while another episode mocked the action movie genre by having the cast participate in a college paintball tournament. ‘Community’ boasts seasoned veterans of comedy (Chevy Chase, Ken Jeong) as well as up and coming comedians (Donald Glover, Danny Pudi). Overall it is Joel McHale, as Jeff Winger, the show’s deeply narcissistic and sarcastic main character, who ties the show together. A little under 5 million viewers watched ‘Community’ last season, but with upcoming guest stars like Betty White, hopefully the little comedy that could will become NBC’s biggest hit.

‘The Good Wife’ (CBS, Sept. 28, at 10 p.m.)

This show follows Alicia Florrick, wife of Chicago state’s attorney Peter Florrick. In the first episode of season one, Peter is indicted for misuse of his office (and like all politicians in the post-Eliot Spitzer era, prostitution rings and dirty money). To support her kids, Alicia returns to work at the law firm of Lockhart & Gardner, where she is a junior member working cases alongside people 20 years younger than her. ‘The Good Wife’ addresses issues of ageism and sexism in the workplace. It emerged as the most feminist show on television today. Don’t let the word feminism scare you, though. ‘The Good Wife’ is literrered with strong, decisive female characters. The (possibly) bisexual Kalinda is a private investigator who soon becomes Alicia’s only ally in the narrative. Diane, who begins the show as a villain, but soon softens to both Alicia and the audience, is only another example of the new generation of women on television. The show is a mix of many elements: an intriguing law drama, a show focused on tense family dynamics, a romance. There’s nothing like it on TV, which is why in its first season it garnered not only Emmys and Golden Globes, but upwards of 14 million viewers a week. The sophomore season promises more moral dilemmas as well as fantastic acting from the whole ensemble, especially Julianna Margulies and Chris Noth as Alicia and Peter, respectively. The question on everyone’s mind is who will Alicia choose: her cheating husband Peter, or Will Gardner, her boss and former college sweetheart? In the midst of reality TV trash and formulaic comedies, ‘The Good Wife’ stands out as something truly innovative.

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Oh mon dieu, c’est Paris! The first couple of episodes of ‘Gossip Girl’s fourth season find Blair and Serena, the princesses of the Upper East, trying to get over their significant others in the land of fashion and Christian Dior. The teen soup, created by Josh Schwartz, seemed to be reinvigorated by the change of scenery, but it is no surprise to say that ‘Gossip Girl’ has a lot to prove from last year’s uneven college season. Hopefully Schwartz and his scribes will continue to give the fans of the show what they want: rich, entitled white people living lives of luxury and sometimes having human emotions, all while being incredibly enthralling.

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Stay safe at the beach!
Believe it or not, there is a lake near Holland named after this great state. It is so large in fact, that you can’t see the shore on the other side. However, with a great beach comes great responsibility. Here is how to stay safe while still having fun.

**Wear sunscreen**
Yes, everyone wants that Jersey Shore-like tan, and the temptation to wear 1 SPF sunscreen is immense. This is, however, a terrible idea. Everyone knows by now that being out in the sun without protection can lead to things such as skin cancer and other dangerous side effects. Do yourself a favor and put on sunscreen so that you don’t have to worry about your skin in the long run.

**Go with friends**
It is much easier to keep track of your stuff and avoid creepy beach people when you are with friends. While the more courageous of individuals will still come up and say hi to you and your friends, it will deter the more harmful.

**Leave valuables in the car/at home**
Don’t bring your very expensive purse filled with expensive cell phones, wallets and credit cards down to the beach. If you plan on going swimming, you’ll have to leave it behind where someone can easily snatch it. Bringing only a few dollars of cash and leaving it in the car along with your phone will alleviate a lot of potential problems.
What happened to parenting

Most things come with instructions: TV stands come with building instructions, boxes of macaroni and cheese come with cooking instructions, even some toothbrushes come with brushing instructions. Unfortunately, one thing that doesn’t come with instructions is being a parent. Much to the dismay of millions of parents, there is no real instruction booklet for parenting. Sure, thousands of people have attempted to create parenting guides, but most of these parents fail half of the things parents encounter while raising their children.

In my almost 21 glorious years on Earth, I have noticed (and recorded) many examples of superb parenting. On the flip-side, I have also noticed many, many examples of terrible parenting. We’ve already established that there is no complete guide to parenting. So, unless those great parents have read numerous parenting books, they learned how to become a great parent on their own (or maybe from their parents). What does this say for the bad parents? Not much.

I’m not a parent. I have no business criticizing people for their parenting style. But, I’m going to do it anyways. You know why? Because it’s ridiculous how bad some people are at being parents.

Two stories.

First, a person very close to me (let’s call her Phyllis) is a babysitter. One of her newest “clients” is a 14-month-old baby. Her mother doesn’t want Phyllis to tell her daughter “no.” Instead, she is supposed to say “uh-oh” when the little girl does something bad.

Let’s just sit and think about how silly that is for a second.

How hard would it be to not say no? It’s what you have been saying since you could talk. Is this mother trying to shelter her child from ever having to face something negative? Is she afraid that if her daughter hears the word “no” she is going to spontaneously combust?

Second, an acquaintance of mine (let’s call her Magnolia) is of the belief that spanking, hitting or physical discipline is wrong. I honestly don’t believe there’s anything wrong with thinking that. Regardless of what the mother’s rationale is, I think it’s ridiculous. Funny side-note about the situation: the other kids Phyllis watches tell the baby “no” anyways so, in the end, justice is served.

Eureka’s castle

In the summer, I made spaghetti and hot sauce to keep me company and sat on the front lawn to watch the inchworms, orinery in the morning. And I thought about romantic Lubbers.

Imagine jumping, parasailing, rip curling, floating, flying off the top of that stairway behind the three-story building and crashing through the second story window. It’d save so much trouble.

It’s a tiresome walk up and down those steps. It’s crowded. People are pushing. They’re racing, straining calf muscles. Sometimes, it’s slippery. People shout, but they’re still hard to hear. Everyone needs to fast but nobody does.

Exciting at first. But on the ten thousandth trip the realization is that ten thousand people have made the same up and down journey to the second floor ten thousand times. And no one farted. These are the reasons I don’t make it to class.

Give me a jungle vine or a Red Vine or a fine, French vine to expedite my travels.

But that’d be asking too much, too big of a step. Those stone stairs are going to be there forever. Those sad steps.

Imagine the vine, though. Swinging in the air, breaking through the glass. You’d land in a room made of bean bags. Not litanic, padded-wall bean bags, though. Well, if you want. For me, they’d be sky-blue pink, not ivory or orange or blue. Soothing color.

There would be tables of junior bacon cheeseburgers, 34,000 of them. There’d be spaghetti eating contests and pick-up games of “Chue.” Cherry pits spitting contests, too. I’m not talking Ngoria would be there, ready to lead an expedition to the third floor. It would smell like ground leaves in the woods, the woods in autumn. Grover Cleveland would be there.

Sometimes, the room would explode with noise like at the Rainforest Café. But the noise would just be whales singing. Lovely voices, whales. And all the whales in the room would get up and dance. And then, all the other animals would follow their lead. The dancing stops, and Fleetwood Mac comes on the radio. But they don’t play music. They introduce the bands that people want to hear. There would be swimming, pools of jelly and peanut butter and Oberson and whatever. I’m not saying what you want to hear.

This is a big room on the second floor behind that glass, Room of Requirements sort of thing. There’d be yoga, but everyone doing yoga wears Big Bird costumes. But everyone can do headstands, anyway. The bean bag ceiling emits a soft light like the stars in the big dipper. The bean bags on the walls turn into beach balls if you touch them, and they smell like sun-baked sunscreen.

Okay, stop imagining. And school’s started.

Rob: “orange juice” is a pretty word in cursive.

Quote for thought

“I’m a good, Christian girl.”
“I’m a rebel.”
“I love my friends, and they love me.”
“There’s nobody who will understand.”
“Life doesn’t make any sense.”

Which of these voices is coming from the real me? Sometimes, I look back at how I was two, four, six years ago, and think, “Wow, I have changed so much! Am I happy with the way I’ve changed?” The answer to that is mixed. But the harder question to answer is always tagging right along behind the first one: “Am I, by changing so much, betraying the old ideals and dreams that made me me?”

Like I said: I don’t know who I am. But what I’m finding out is that you don’t know who you really are, either. And that guy who just walked past you, he’s asking himself the same questions. The girl in the blue sweatshirt across the street from me is, too. They’re trying to figure out who they are, just like you, just like me. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great German theologian, also struggled with his identity, and wrote a poem in which he

Quote for thought

“This is my good-faith attempt to make time for myself, and to write words about the world, and about the things that I am discovering.”
**From the inside out**

**Lindsey Bandy**  
Campus Editor

Grown-up clothes

When I was little, my sister and I would always play dress up. I idolized my sister, so she always got first dibs on the dress up clothes and pretty much anything else she wanted. But I mean, she is my older sister, so that’s normal right? Usually, she would pick the wedding dresses that had been in the cedar chest and wearing some other eclectic combination of whatever old clothes we had left. I never minded that I got second pick; in fact, we have this picture of the two of us and she is wearing the wedding dress and I am wearing some awful looking black and green dress that is incredibly too big but I have this look on my face as if both of us were about to burst with laughter, as if we had just shared this silly secret joke that only the two of us would think was funny. I loved dress up so much that we would actually try to put our baby doll clothes on our dog Pepper, for who a miniature schnauzer had a remarkable level of patience. She only nipped at me a couple of times, and only then because of my stubbornness to put my baby’s onesie on her, she simply relented. Then at her first opportunity ran safely out of my reach which was found in our family room under our green chair that has somehow made it with us through three moves.

Today, I played dress up again because this summer I bought grown-up clothes - the type of clothes that you see at stores with style names like “the Editor” pant. There are usually pinstripes involved, high-waisted bottoms and button-down tops. These new pieces, (apparently that is how grown-ups refer to individual articles of clothing, or so said the lady at the store) expanded my wardrobe that previously consisted of my favorite pair of jeans, men’s hanes v-neck shirts and cardigans. I wore these clothes on my first day of my internship. This morning I woke up, showered (a feat in of itself) did my hair, put my grown-up clothes on and even had time to sip coffee in my lovely living room. I walked downstairs to find one of my roommates and good friends fast asleep on our couch with her scriptures, lights on and in the same clothes that she wore the previous day. She had fallen asleep reading and never made it to her room, which was, ironically, less than 10 feet from our couch. I stood for a moment holding my coffee in my black octagon mug, standing in my grown-up clothes and my new grown-up shoes and saw a perfect image of what life is like in the time that we are in this perfect dichotomy of two realities.

The truth? I don’t know how to be a grown-up. I just had the clothes on, and for a split second, I looked the part. But underneath was a college student who is still trying to figure out life and what it means to be an adult, and not just a kid playing dress up in grown-up clothes all the while trying to stay awake while doing her homework on the couch.

Lindsey was able to pick out her grown-up clothes without the help of her lovely father and her grown-up shoes gave her blisters.

**Quote for thought**

*Kate Schrampfer’s column, from page 8*

So you’ve heard their voice, now let’s hear yours: Share your opinion, and write a letter to the editors!  

Mail letters (no more than 500 words), to anchor@hope.edu by Monday at 5 p.m. to appear in Wednesday’s issue.

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**Backpack Chikulwana’s column, from Spain**

**Joggin’ the globe**

the abroad column

Today is only day 11 of my adventure in Spain, and I have already experienced life-changing conversations, friendships, and realizations about culture which I will cherish for years to come. It’s difficult to think back to the days before I left—when the stress of packing, the difficulty of goodbyes and the anticipation of the unknown in a foreign country consumed my every thought. I feared that I wouldn’t be able to connect with people in my program or that I would have to settle into a routine that I didn’t feel comfortable with. However, that all changed once I set foot on the plane and felt the roar of its engine and smelled its wonderful airplane smell (which I know I am not the only one who thinks it’s great).

Instead of the stress and the anxiety that accompanied the preparation, it was finally time to relax and allow myself to be immersed in a culture far different from my own. Although any one who knows me is aware of the fact that I am not very good at relaxing and not being stressed, the Spanish way of life has succeeding in bringing me out of that mindset and reminding me of the importance of taking life at a slower pace.

Of course there is the famous Spanish siesta (which by the way, is really as lovely as it sounds), but there is also coffee time in the mid morning and conversation around the lunch table which can last a few hours. In Spain, when it’s time for work, it’s time for work. When it’s time for lunch, it’s time for lunch. When it’s time for siesta, it’s time for siesta. The Spanish don’t scurry to class with their coffee in one hand and Blackberry in the other. Instead, everyone goes to coffee shops in plazas and talks while taking a break from the stress of work or school. Even being accustomed to a smaller city like Holland, it’s amazing to me how a culture can recognize the importance of rest to the point that it is generally preferred over working too hard.

So, if anyone is reading this and would rather be abroad than eating in Phelp’s or working in VanWylen, do me a favor and bring a little bit of Spain to Hope. Take a siesta. Have coffee with a friend. Prioritize conversation and community. And lastly, when something doesn’t go as planned, do as the Spanish do and say “No pasa nada” (literal translation: nothing ever happened)

So, the food is pretty crazy here...so far I’ve had sardines, stuffed squid and octopus! My favorite food would have to be my señora’s paella.

Also, I love how there are stray kittens that run everywhere: I’ve named one Penelope and called her my own.
Hope enrollment tops 3,200 for fifth consecutive year

The Hope College campus continues to operate at capacity with enrollment above 3,200 for the fifth consecutive year. Hope has enrolled 3,202 students this fall, the fifth time since the fall of 2006 that enrollment has topped 3,200. Last year’s enrollment headcount was 3,230.

The student body consists of 1,267 men and 1,935 women from 44 states and territories and 29 foreign countries. The total includes 766 first-year students.

With the enrollment headcount remaining high, the college’s full-time-equivalent enrollment is tied for the second-highest level ever. The “full-time-equivalent” figure is a synthesis of full-time and part-time enrollment and help the college measure the demand on its resources. Hope’s total for this year, 3,177.1, tied with the fall 2008 figure; last year’s total was a record-high 3,201.8.

The enrollment by class, with Hope’s total this year 3,177.1, other colleges and universities total 59, compared with 74 in 2009. There are 86 students in oﬀ-campus programs, compared to 111 last year.

The largest representation is from Michigan with 2,204 students. Other states represented with 10 or more students include: Illinois, 382; Indiana, 110; Ohio, 80; Minnesota, 47; Wisconsin, 45; California, 40; New York, 29; Colorado and New Jersey, 22 each; Pennsylvania, 20; Iowa, 19; Florida, 17; Texas, 12; and Maryland, 10.

Foreign countries represented in the student body include: Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, India, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam and the West Bank.

With a growing campus environment, and the an addition of new buildings in the past few years, Hope’s campus continues to have a strong emphasis on sustainability and green initiatives. The college is a member of the Sustainability Principles Agreement and has been recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) as a “Leader in Sustainability.”

Hope has also been recognized for its commitment to diversity. The college is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which has a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion. Hope has also been recognized by the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as a “Leader in Diversity.”

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New facilities and skilled teams draw fans

Chris Russ
Assistant Sports Editor

In the 2009-2010 school year, Hope College accomplished something that the Division III school had ever done. Hope led NCAA Division III in attendance for men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and volleyball.

Two factors appear to be responsible for this accomplishment. First, the fact that all three of these teams now play their home games in DeVos Fieldhouse has caused attendance numbers to skyrocket. Second, the quality play and winning records from all three squads also resulted in an increase in fan support.

The men’s basketball program averaged 2,826 fans per game and topped Division III attendance for the eighth consecutive year. The Hope men edged out Calvin College who were second in attendance numbers, averaging 2,135 fans per game. Hope’s home attendance numbers towered over the average home attendance numbers for all Division III men’s teams which sat at only 409 fans per games in the 2009-2010 season.

In the five seasons the Flying Dutch basketball team has been playing alongside the men in DeVos, it has been the Division III leaders for three years. In its 2009-2010 campaign, they averaged 1,138 fans at each of 20 home games. This number almost matched their 2005-2006 season record of 1,329 fans per game.

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Women’s soccer records first win of season

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Hope's men's and women's cross-country teams began their seasons successfully with second- and first-place finishes respectively at the annual Vanderbilt Invitational. While the teams have been training together on a near daily basis since the season began, their preparation for the season began long before they got to campus August 20.

In fact, their goals for this season were laid out in April at the end of the school year. At this meeting a training program was set for runners to work on their own to stay in shape throughout the summer.

Mark Northuis, coach of both cross-country squads, described the format of the training assignment. It’s not a cookie cutter program. It’s one that takes people where they’re at and tries to progress them to where they should be. Freshmen are obviously in a different place than seniors.

The team came in better than they have in years.

The Flying Dutch took to the field Friday night under a cloudless sky to face Wheaton. Wheaton entered the game ranked 14th in the latest Division III coaches poll, while Hope was still relying from a rough 1-7 loss to Ohio Northern on Sept. 4. “For us, it was putting together a full 90 minutes,” assistant coach Lindsey Engelsman said.

“Mental lapses here and there were causing mistakes in the week before, so we wanted the (team) to focus and do what we asked for 90 minutes and not 70 or 80.”

“We played a bad game last weekend so this week was learning to do better,” head coach Leigh Sears added.

The Thunder struck early, with Jamie Orewiler netting their first goal 6:54 into play to give Wheaton the 1-0 advantage. The score board remained that way for the remainder of the first half. Wheaton scored again in the 51st minute and continued to possess the ball for much of the second half.

In the 72nd minute, Raisa Tewah (14) took advantage of a scramble in the box and scored the first goal of her college career and Hope’s lone goal for the night. “It was really good,” Tewah said. “I’ve been working for it awhile.”

With five minutes remaining, Orewiler scored her second goal of the evening off a penalty kick, bringing the final tally to 3-1 in Wheaton’s favor.

On Saturday, the Flying Dutch met DePauw, who had been shut out by Calvin the night before. 2-0. Neither team was able to put the ball into the net for most of the first half. With 25 seconds remaining before the break, DePauw committed a foul outside the 18-yard line. Courtney Cook (11) launched the penalty kick into the air, and Lindsay Jipping (13) headed the ball into the goal to give Hope a 1-0 advantage going into halftime.

Jipping struck again in the 59th minute bringing the score to 2-0 in Hope’s favor. Danieller Petraz (12) also scored in the second half with an assist from Tricia Bajema (13). DePauw challenged Kelsey Bos (11) time and time again in the second half, but did not get past her until the 88th minute. Hope responded almost immediately, though, with Rachel Rebhan (14) scoring her first collegiate goal with less than a minute left in the game, bringing the final score to Hope’s 3-0 victory.

Even though the score on Saturday was the reverse of Friday night’s score, Sears said the team didn’t have to make any adjustments to do that. “It was just trying to come out and repeat what we did yesterday,” Sears said. “Yesterday (Wheaton) was ranked 14th in the country and I think we played well, we just didn’t capitalize on our opportunities, so we just had to come out and play hard today.”

The Flying Dutch will be back in action at Van Andel Stadium on Sept. 25 when they take on North Central College.

Summer training pays off for cross-country teams

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The women’s soccer team hosted half of the Hope-Calvin Exchange last weekend, taking on the Thunder of Wheaton College on Friday and the Tigers of DePauw University on Saturday against DePauw.

The team has won every year since 2005, when the Flying Dutch last won a conference title.