Time to Serve connects communities

More than 350 Hope College students joined forces to improve the Holland community Saturday. Students volunteered at locations including Christ Memorial Church, Boys & Girls Club, Community Kitchen and the Holland Rescue Mission. The event was followed by an ice cream social.

Hope athletics searches for new Dutch

Claire Call
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The Dutch Mascot Selection Committee is looking to hire someone new to fill those much beloved giant wooden shoes and rally Hope College fans at various school events throughout the year.

The applicants, whose ultimate goal is to excite and energize Hope students and fans, must be serious in their efforts to spread school spirit. The seven-page application requires not only two letters of recommendation, one from someone affiliated with Hope, but also the completion of five individual essay questions on topics such as “What does the word ‘Mountaineer’ mean to you?” and “What does it mean to be a mascot?”

By the time a new Dutch is selected, he or she will have gone through two interviews, each of a half hour length, with the selection committee and a trial run as Dutch at the first home volleyball game this Sept. 23. Only 10 applicants will be asked to be interviewed and the committee will then narrow it down to only the top four potential mascots to dress as Dutch for the try-out.

Although our application process is extensive, it is the process that we have chosen to find the truly dedicated participants,” said Matt Richardson, resident director of the College East Apartments.

The new Dutch will be chosen based on the amount he or she interacts with fans at the game as well as overall character portrayal and enthusiasm. “The Dutchman should be able to get a crowd riled up,” said Catherine Hubanks (’15), a task not quite as easy as it may sound.

Center for Writing and Research opens

Jessica Snitko
Campus Co-Editor

Now that the academic year has begun, students will soon be bombarded with presentations, exams and the ever-dreaded research papers. Writing assignments can be a little less painful this year, however, due to a helpful addition to Van Wylen Library.

Over the summer, Hope College expanded the Writing Corner into the Center for Writing and Research, which will give students free assistance on papers and other assignments.

The new center serves the same basic purpose as the Writing Corner, but with several additions. “It’s no longer just a corner,” laughs David Cunningham, the center’s director.

Whereas the corner offered primarily one-on-one writing help for students, the center will now provide seminars and workshops to improve writing skills. Furthermore, writing assistants will be on hand to help with study abroad applications, resumes and even locating resources.

“This year we’re working closely with the reference desk so we also provide more help with research materials,” said Sarah Krueger, a writing assistant.

According to Cunningham, working with a writing assistant on a paper is more beneficial than getting help from a tutor. “It’s a parallel position to a TA,” he said.

Writing assistants are recommended by faculty and then undergo an extensive application process. Once chosen, they receive specialized training on how to best help students with their papers.

Writing assistants can give aid on everything from brainstorming topic ideas to correcting grammar mistakes. Even students who already consider themselves to be decent writers can benefit from going to the Center.

“Sometimes it really just helps to get a second opinion on writing for mistakes you might not have picked up the first time,” said Cara Haley (’13).

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Longboarding picks up speed on campus

Longboarding isn’t destructive. Tricks involve the board and the road,” Mulhern said.

If you’re considering joining the ranks of the longboarders, be pleased to hear that, according to Mulhern, the sport has a quick learning curve. However, like any skill, practice is required. He recommends practicing at times when there aren’t people around—so the Pine Grove at 10:20 a.m. may not be the best time. In addition to those tips, learning with a group can add a fun social element.

Whether it is a lone longboarder or a group of friends rolling to the beach, a day doesn’t seem to go by without a sighting. Will the longboards stand the test of time or join the back of closets like last season’s Snuggie?

JUST CRUISING — Whether on the way to class or just looking for a good time, more students are picking up a longboard.

Help wanted: New Dutch

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After a new Dutch is selected, he or she must be mentored by the previous Dutch on how to behave while dressed as the mascot. To prevent the need for any disciplinary action against any unsuitable behavior, the new Dutch will be coached on what is and is not appropriate before attending any official Hope sporting events. It is not just the application and training processes that are time consuming, however. Becoming the new Dutch requires the dedication of somewhere between 10 and 15 hours each week as well as mandatory attendance at every Hope football game, most men and women’s basketball games, volleyball games, cross country meets and soccer games.

"If becoming the next Dutch is not a good fit for an individual," Richardson said, or if it would be too great a commitment, one could still become a Dutch handler, a sort of body guard for Dutch as he attends Hope events.

In the search for a replacement Dutch, Richardson said "We hope to support Hope with the best enthusiasm and excitement that a Dutch can bring." Ultimately the job of Dutch, whoever may be inside the costume, is to bring out everyone’s school spirit and to represent Hope in the most positive way.

Writing Center now open

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The best part is that not only will a trip to the Center improve your grade on a single assignment, but it will help you become a better writer overall.

"The best way to improve writing is some kind of one-on-one conversation," Cunningham said. "You need a coach. Writing assistants are the personal trainers of writing." The center shouldn’t be considered a place for remedial help; it is there to give students support and help them reach their own step of writing.

Haley said, "Coming here takes some of the pressure off of writing a paper...Because writing is such a process, we are just one more helpful step along the way."

Located on the first floor of Van Wylen Library, The Center for Writing and Research is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome but if you would like to make an appointment you can do so by visiting the research help desk, calling extension 7904, or signing up “on the go” on the Library’s homepage.
Libyans hope for end to violence as Gadhafi remains on the run

Shubham Sapkota

Guest Writer

September 7, 2011

It started in mid-Febru-
ary and while it did show
signs of ending a week ago,
Moammar Gadhafi persisted in
making this a “long war”
inspired by the revolts in
neighboring countries, the peo-
ple of Libya stirred in rebellion
against their leader, Gadhafi, who
has ruled the country for
over four decades. The protests
soon turned into a bloodbath as
the government used extreme
techniques to subdue the uprising.

With intentions of fighting
“until the last man,” pro-Gad-
hafi forces have used violent
measures such as bombard-
ment and gunfire to get rid of
anti-government officials. This
did not even when the gov-
ernment’s action was shunned
by the international community.

As the fighting escalated in
Libya, cities such as Brega,
Misrata and Zawiya, the U.N.,
hoping to protect the civil-
ians, declared a no-fly zone
over the region in late March
causatively forced the government
to declare a cease
fire. However, the pro-Gad-
hafi forces continued to appear
across the country and went
on hunting the rebels down.

It was when the violence
spreads towards Benghazi that
the US announced the assassi-
nation of al Qaida’s second in
command after the
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command
command, Atiya Ab-
dul Rahman. He declined to
comment on the assassination, but it was
later revealed that Rahman was killed by
a CIA drone strike in the mountains of Pak-
istan. Rahman, a Libyan citizen,
joined Osama bin Lad-
en in the 1980s and made a name
for himself as an extremist and an explo-
sive expert. According to the official,
he “ran daily operations for the group”
for the past year and was promoted to sec-
ond in command after the
death of bin Laden in May.

The United Nations Coun-
terterrorism Center placed a $1 million reward
for information leading to his capture.
It is not known who will replace Rah-
man, and if a former jihadist in a re-
cent appearance on CNN, the position
will be difficult to fill. He was consid-
ered a lead figure in al Qaeda and its
affiliates, the one man both sides
trusted, the “nerve center of al Qaeda’s
global terrorist operations.” Accord-
ing to the unnamed U.S. official,
his death was “a major blow to al Qaeda.”

From that point of view it would ap-
pear that al Qaeda is on the
shaky ground. After all, once the brain (or the “nerve
center”) of any major operation is taken
out, the rest of the body is sure to fol-
low. It is possible that this assassination
could signal the end of the war on ter-
ror? That depends on whom you ask.

Of course, it is only natural for the
American people to display a certain
amount of skepticism, they have been told
several times the war on terror has already
been won. Perhaps some believed in the
war efforts back then, but it is safe to say
that support for the war was lost when, dur-
ing the Bush adminis-
tration, the commander-in-chief announced that the
country might not be able to win the war.

“With the information you can win it,” then-Presi-
dent Bush told “Today Show” anchor Matt
Lauer during his 2004 reelection campaign.

“I think you can cre-
ate conditions so that…
those who use terror as
tool are less acceptable to the world.”

When asked if the supposed weaken-
ing of al Qaeda might lead to an early
withdrawal of American troops in Af-
ghanistan, Dr. Jack Holmes, Hope College
political science professor and author of
“Mood/Interest Theory of Ameri-
can Foreign Policy,” said, “I do not be-
lieve that this situation alone will affect our…
schedule one way or another. It is my per-
ception that al Qaeda is weaken-
ing in light of a whole series of events.”

Single assassination, although no
more an important event, will not neces-
sarily cause the dancing in the streets that
followed the era of World War II. Troops
will remain in Afghanistan for now,
with the majority of U.S. troops sched-
uled for withdrawal by the end of 2012.

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DR. JACK HOLMES

High-ranking Syrian official resigns amid
brutal crackdowns by government forces

Cory Lakatos

World Co-Editor

In the most recent development in
the continuing unrest in Syria, gover-
norate attorney-general Adnan Bakkour,
the last five months. Neil Sammonds, the
organization’s researcher on Syria, said,
“Those deaths behind bars are reaching mas-
sive proportions and appear to be an exten-
sion of the same brutal
disin for life that we are seeing daily on
the streets of Syria.”

Amnesty Interna-
tional also said that
a total of over 1,800
people have died since anti-government pro-
testers began their peaceful
protests. Foreign journalists
have been barred from the
country and these exact
claims remain hard to confirm,
but it is clear that the Syr-
ian people have been experiencing brut-
al crackdowns from their government.

Peaceful and violent demonstrations
have been interbroken by mass ar-
rests, security forces opening fire on pro-
testers, and the use of tanks by the army.

On Aug., 30, thousands of Syr-
en engaged in an anti-government street pro-
test marking the beginning of the Muslim
festival of Eid al-Fitr. Witnesses exiting
mosques after the morning prayer that
ended the month of Ramadan band-

Amnesty interna-
tional

Photograph courtesy of the Associated Press

REBEL RESPONSE— Libyans hope for an end to violence as Gadhafi remains on the run.
Indian government yields to protesters

Rachel Kabagaba
Guest Writer

After fasting encouraged by Indian activist Anna Hazare and pressure from thousands of others, India’s government has taken a step forward to pass legislation to create more transparency in the government. The goal of the fast, started Aug. 14, was to get Parliament to pass a piece of legislation called the Lokpal Bill. With the introduction of the bill, government officials and proceedings would become more visible to the public and those who complain about illegal doings in the government, called whistle blowers.

Hazare is no stranger to activism. After spending 15 years in India’s military, he took a voluntary retirement to return to his home village of Ralegan Siddhi, in the western state of Maharashtra. There, he helped the village solve some of its problems, like education and rainwater conservation. In 1991, he started his organization, Bhrashtachar Virodhi Jan Aandolan (Public Movement Against Corruption). In the last decade, Hazare has gone on three hunger strikes, all of them achieving their purpose, from forcing corrupt ministers to resign, to raising awareness about corruption in India. On Aug. 28, Hazare was admitted into a hospital after concerns about his health arose. The 72-year-old was discharged four days later, eating solid food and maintaining a normal blood pressure. Over the years, many have disparaged of Hazare’s method of protesting, calling it blackmail, but some see it in another light. “He is a follower of Gandhi, people understand,” said Dandavati. “He is fasting to make a political statement, because as a citizen, he is tired of what has been going on.”

With the continued support of the government and its people, India can continue making a transition to a less corrupt nation.

Drug gangs threaten, intimidate teachers in South Mexico

Anneliese Goetz
Whitney Debro

On Aug. 31, 140 schools in Mexico announced that they would not open themselves to students, due to threats of extortion from drug gangs. There are 1,400 schools in the city of Acapulco, Guerrero, located in the southern part of Mexico. The teachers have been threatened that if they do not give the gangs half of their salaries, including holiday bonuses, the teachers will suffer the consequences, which include physical attacks and kidnappings. The drug gang also includes being forced to work or if the school districts such as amnesty for some political prisoners, Assad has not fall despite internal strife and external pressures from the international community. Assad to step down in order to the brutality of the Syrian government with economic sanctions over the summer and have also called for U.N. sanctions. On Aug. 18, President Barack Obama called for Assad to step down in order to pave the way for “a Syria that is democratic, just, and inclusive for all Syrians.” This sentiment was echoed by the U.E., U.K, Germany, and France. Though the government has made minimal concessions such as amnesty for some political prisoners, Assad has remained defiant, maintaining that his government will not fall despite internal strife and external pressures from the international community. He is still asserting that Muslim extremist groups and foreign conspiracies are responsible for the unrest. It remains to be seen if more officials will follow Bakkour’s example and defy the regime.

Syrian official steps-down in protest

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together to call for an end to President Bashar al-Assad’s regime. Seven protestors were shot dead by security forces attempting to dissolve the demonstrations. The U.S. and E.U. respond to the brutality of the Syrian government with economic sanctions over the summer and have also called for U.N. sanctions. On Aug. 18, President Barack Obama called for Assad to step down in order to pave the way for “a Syria that is democratic, just, and inclusive for all Syrians.” This sentiment was echoed by the U.E., U.K, Germany, and France. Though the government has made minimal concessions such as amnesty for some political prisoners, Assad has remained defiant, maintaining that his government will not fall despite internal strife and external pressures from the international community. He is still asserting that Muslim extremist groups and foreign conspiracies are responsible for the unrest. It remains to be seen if more officials will follow Bakkour’s example and defy the regime.

News From The Other Holland

A game show recently launched in the Netherlands that selects aeronautical engineer who will be deported to Cameroon and a Slavic languages student who is facing deportation to Chechnya. A game show recently launched in the Netherlands that selects a winner to win a prize of tulip bulbs. The premier of the show will feature a money to spend after they are deported. The loser of the contest ever answers the most questions correctly, wins a large sum of the building back inside; many of them were later found dead, mostly from smoke inhalation. At least five have been ar-rested but authorities report that the arsons most likely in-volved up to 12 criminals. Police are currently investigating the crime to see if it too is re-lated to threats of extortion. If so, it is a frightening goal, the district's payroll will go into effect on Oct. 1. This is on the heels of a drug cartel related arson com-mitted last week at the Casino Royale in Monterrey, Nuevo León. In the five years that the Mexican government has been waging its war on drugs, this has been the worst attack. The fire was lit at the en-trance, forcing the occupants of the school to evacuate. The reports are unclear if the schools are closing because the teachers refuse to come into work or if the school districts intend to refuse the drug gangs. Either way, students are not in schools getting an education. One elementary school was circled by gunmen driv-ing around the school with their rifles protruding from the windows. This report was given by an elementary teach-er, who refrained from giving reporters her name out of fear of reprisal. It is this kind of response to a series of corruption scandals in the Indian parliament.

Anti-Corruption Protest— Activist Anna Hazare leads a hunger strike in New Delhi, India, in response to a series of corruption scandals in the Indian parliament.

Photo courtesy of the Associated Press
The newest installment in the "X-Men" series is a prequel to the first movie. It's a fascinating, fast-paced movie that will have fans on the edge of their seats. "X-Men: First Class" is a must-see for fans of the franchise and for anyone who loves a good action movie.
HOPE IS BUILDING TOMORROW

Brand new to Hope this year, is an organization based out of Indianapolis called Building Tomorrow. As a non-profit organization, Building Tomorrow partners with over 20 colleges and universities nationwide to raise awareness and funds for the construction of primary schools in sub-Saharan Africa. Sophomore Susan Haigh ’12, decided to bring Building Tomorrow to Hope after going on a mission trip to Kivukuta, Uganda this summer. After catching a glimpse of what life is like in Uganda, Haigh said, “I could not walk away from what I had seen and pretend that I had not realized the absolute injustice and most extreme form of inequality I had ever seen before.”

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The required action isn’t much. Three dollars alone is enough to supply 27 bricks for a brand new school and a donation of $37 from each student would be enough to fund an entire school. Building Tomorrow is open to anyone who wants to give a donation or to be a part of the conversation, the planning, and the executing of ideas. For those interested in taking a small step towards a large goal, Building Tomorrow is holding a rave on Saturday, Sept. 24, in the Mass auditorium from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. Admission is an optional donation of $3.

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REACH BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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I thought back to the previous individuals I had the privilege of praying for that started this whole thing. First it was David, the little boy with a head-ache who could hardly stand. He was now outside the building screaming in laughter as he played jumping jacks with his friend Nelli, a girl whose stomach hurt so much she was crying just a few hours ago.

People soon came forward with their broken limbs, stomach aches, heads-aches asking to be healed. Children asked for their parents to stop being alcoholics. A couple asked for their marriage to be healed. A woman brought her daughter who had a tumor growing on her face.

Lines started forming outside. What I had hoped to be a discipleship meeting for those who had recently accepted Christ as their Savior soon turned into a line of people wanting a “magical prayer.”

The spirit calmed my overwhelmed heart as I explained that I was not a miracle healer. Similar to our public health work and water purification everything I mean everything was by the Grace of God. If they were to be healed or helped, it would be through the will of God. With the help of translators each person had a clear understanding that the Lord would only heal by His will.

It was an afternoon of miraculous wonders. People screamed in wonder and ran to get their family. What fascinated me was that even when somebody was not healed, they walked away as happy as the others.

And then there was Eneless. The blind 80-year-old woman ambled up to me. She heard me preach earlier that week and now begged me to heal her son.

Having lived in the shanty town community all her life, Eneless has experienced immense amount of pain and suffering. Now living with three grandchildren in a broken down mud hut, most of her children had left the compound or died from HIV, except for her son Bailan, a worker who recently lost the ability to walk.

There were hundreds upon hundreds of helpless, vulnerable families like this in Linda. Even with our clinic’s meager help, this family was helpless, no food, no clothing, little support. The survival of this family relied on this man’s legs. He leaned on his stone seat crouching over his cane. Hand trembling, I kneeled down on the red clay next to him praying for God to heal him. Hours passed as my sweat mixed with my tears. It was hard to accept, but if God was going to heal him it would not be that moment.

Disappointed and dejected I trudged back to the clinic. I crumbled in a corner as I let the waterfall of tears come. It is beyond anyone’s understand- ing in this world, how God’s will truly works. Jesus himself healed one lame man out of the multitude at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:3). Did he not care about everyone else? As I took the pulpit on Sunday, for the fourth time that week, I wondered how I could preach the message of Christ. Living in a mud hut for eight weeks with little power or running water doesn’t give me the right to preach, why should they listen to me? I mean I don’t have to stay in this compound where one in five are HIV positive, and people drink out of streams. I would leave. They couldn’t.

Clearly distraught, I stumbled in my words in my sermon early on. That was until I saw Eneless walking in out of the corner of my eye. She wasn’t there to see me; she was there to worship the Lord in his house. And this was his sermon. It was his mission trip. It was his work. It was his plan. It was his love that she wanted to follow.

Christ’s love for mankind brought him to earth. It was not nails that held him to this cross; it was his love for you, me, Eneless, Bailan and the rest of mankind. Eneless accepted Jesus Christ as her savior that Sunday. She accepted the greatest gift ever given.

The faith that Eneless has in Christ’s love should drive us to continue to serve the kingdom. It’s this same faith that gives reason to believe perhaps God healed Bailan soon after and he’s taking care of his mother now. And even now, his will be done.

Sam spent eight weeks in Zambia this summer doing water purification work. While there he was asked to take on a pastoral role in addition to his public health duties.
Melody Hughes
Copy Editor

Well not exactly, but I recently discovered that having an open mind can result in thrilling self-discoveries. I’ve got anecdotal proof!

Becoming aupperclassman presented me with this classic college dilemma: to continue meal plan or to discontinue meal plan? I leaned heavily toward the first option, reassuring myself that I would certainly not survive the time or energy to mess around with food prep or grown-up grocery shopping.

However, after consulting The Calculator it became clear that tending to my own meals was the savvy choice. So, I called business services and cancelled my meal plan for the semester. With one phone call, I had sealed my fate. Panic ensued.

I don’t even know how to cook rice. Heck, I don’t even have a spatula to my name... Can I exist on cereal alone?

I take my key out, put it in the keyhole, turn it to the left and open the door. I step inside the cubicle that I now call home and throw my backpack on a chair. I then lay on my futon after an exhausting day of five classes, the thoughts of all my quizzes and homework buzzing around in my head. I realize I am not a child anymore and I’ve walked into an educational world nothing like the hallways of my old high school.

It’s Friday. I’ve officially been here for a week. I’ve run around campus trying to find what class is where, messed up the dinner maker twice, walked into the wrong classroom asking, “is this Spanish?” and received all the giggles and classic freshmen eye rolls that came with each move. This is all something I’m not used to, but something I have to experience.

I splashed a dollop of olive oil into the pan as it heated on the burner. I added a pinch of minced onions and began with the most basic recipe that I knew.

Here goes nothing.

But I could not avoid the kitchen indefinitely. As my stomach rumbles could no longer be ignored, I took a deep breath, retrieved a saucepan from the cupboard, and began with the most basic recipe that I knew. Here goes nothing.

It isn’t bad though, it isn’t bad at all. I love this campus thus far. When I allotted 20 minutes to make my first meal in college, I had no idea it would be that easy.

I will now openly admit that I love to cook. Although I have about four recipes under my belt, I’ve moved on to master the culinary arts.

These thoughts crowded my mind as I considered the year ahead of me. I resigned to the fact that I now had three extra assignments to complete every day, in addition to Sunday. Could I somehow manage to juggle it all and still have a life?

“Just start simple and build from there,” advised my mother, who has a black belt in cooking. “If you want to eat, you will learn to cook.” I nodded, but doubted that it would be that easy.

My parents generously funded a trip to Meijer before they zoomed homeward, leaving me alone with the do-it-yourself dinner hall, also known as the kitchen.

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First week jitters

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Columnist

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These thoughts crowded my mind as I considered the year ahead of me. I resigned to the fact that I now had three extra assignments to complete every day, in addition to Sunday. Could I somehow manage to juggle it all and still have a life?

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Making Illinois

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43 states, 29 countries

A little over a week ago, I sat in a car for just over three hours. Unlike a large portion of Hope campus, I’m from Illinois. Contrary to popular Michigan belief, the pronunciation is actually Illinois, not Illinois. To me, Holland is slightly more than my hometown. There aren’t as many big-box stores nearby, and the town community is close to the college community. It was quite a long car trip, but it was definitely worth it.

After a few days of class, I have met tons of new people. Some from Michigan, some from Illinois, and some from far away states like California, Wyoming and New York. Can you imagine flying here from across the US? Some of our classmates did. Although it seems like we are mainly Midwesterners around here, the student body represents 43 states.

I have learned all about the culture of horseback riding, and what it’s like to go to New York City and not be a tourist. Each student has his or her own travel story; whether it was a super-long car ride with his or her family, or a plane ride with a parent or taking the train across the country.

Fortunately for me, my classmates extended to even more diverse places. I have met people from Australia, South Korea, Japan, and France. Our student population represents almost 30 foreign countries! While you may be looking forward to studying abroad for a semester, these students have traveled here from across the United States for their education. Although they are here trying to learn all about our culture, there is so much we can learn from them.

Meeting people from different countries, states or even towns isn’t as hard as it may seem. You already have one thing in common – you’re Hope students! Find out what their home is like, their favorite home-cooked meal or even which sports are popular in their country. There’s so much to learn, and you would be surprised at the similarities that pop up. Were you involved in cool activities at high school? What did they do all summer?

Even though campus is a few square blocks, the relationships, interests and hometowns are so much bigger and richer than space on campus allows.

So step out! Find a new friend from Illinois (I promise we aren’t as bad as our Chicago accents), say “hello” to someone here from another country or just learn about another culture through a language class. You’d be surprised how this campus reaches all across the globe!
Remaining fall 2011 sports schedules

**Football**
- Saturday, Sept. 10 - WISC, LUTHERAN, 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 17 - MILLIKIN, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24 - Hope at Lakeeland, Wisc., noon
- Saturday, Oct. 7 - Hope at Alma, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8 - KALAMAZOO, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15 - ALBION, 2 p.m. (Homecoming)
- Saturday, Oct. 22 - Hope at Trine, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29 - byr
- Saturday, Nov. 5 - ADRIAN, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12 - Hope at Olivet, 1 p.m.

**Volleyball**
- Friday, Sept. 9, at Trine, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 14, at Adrian, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-17, at Great Lakes Regional Challenge
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Albion, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 23, SAINT MARY’S, 7 p.m. (MC)
- Saturday, Sept. 24, at Kalamazoo, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Calvin, 6:30 p.m. (VBC)
- Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Trine (Zoller GC), noon
- Monday, Oct. 3, at Calvin (Watermark CC), 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Adrian (Lennave CC), noon

**Men’s Golf**
- Thursday, Sept. 8, at Albion (The Medalist GC), 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 10, at Alma (Pine River CC), noon
- Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Olivet (Bedford Valley GC), 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Kalamazoo (Millham Park GC), 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24, at Trine (Zoller GC), noon
- Monday, Sept. 26, HOPE (Waukownah PC), 1 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 3, at Calvin (Watermark CC), 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28, at OLIVET, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 3, at Adrian (Lennave CC), noon

**Women’s Golf**
- Friday & Saturday, Sept. 9-10, at Olivet Invitational (The Medalist GC), 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 15, at Trine (Zoller GC), 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, HOPE (Macatawana Legends GC), 9 a.m.
- Friday & Saturday, Sept. 23-24, at Bethel Invitational (Black Valkyrie GC), 8 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30, at Albion (The Medalist GC), 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1, at Kalamazoo (Millham Park GC), 1 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday, Oct. 7, MIAA Championship (Bedford Valley GC), 1 p.m.

**Cross Country**
- Thursday, Sept. 7, at Western Michigan Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24, at MIAA Jamboree at Trine, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30, at Lansing CC Invitational, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1, at Louisville, Ky. Invitational, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15, at UW-Oshkosh Invitational, 11:15 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29, at MIAA Championships at Alma, 1:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12, at NCAA Great Lakes Regionals at Oberlin, Ohio, 11 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19, at NCAA Championships at UW-Oshkosh, noon

**Men’s Soccer**
- Friday, Sept. 9, at Hope at Dominican, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 10, Hope at Aurora, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Alma, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 16, MADONNA, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 17, WHEATON, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Calvin, 6:30 p.m. (VBC)
- Saturday, Sept. 24, TRINE, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 27, at Olivet, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1, at Adrian, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 18, ADRIAN, 6:30 p.m. (VBC)
- Saturday, Oct. 22, at Olivet, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29, at Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, at Saint Mary’s, 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12, at MIAA Tournament, tba

**Women’s Soccer**
- Friday, Sept. 6, at Valparaiso, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9, at Trine, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 10, Hope at Aurora, 4:30 p.m.
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9/11 Service of Remembrance Sunday

A 9/11 Community Interfaith Service of Remembrance, reflection, and Peacemaking will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. at the Hope College Maas Auditorium.

The service will include remarks by spiritual leaders from Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Bahá’í faiths; readings and prayers; music by adult, children’s, and bell choirs; and dance. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with remaining funds donated to Hope United for Justice, according to professor Steven Bouma-Prediger.

People interested in walking together to the service will gather at the Central Park gazebo, River Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets, at 3:30 p.m. The Holland service, sponsored by 10 local churches and four organizations, will mark the date in 2001 when thousands of lives were lost of thousands of lives.

Letter to the Editors

We live in an exceptional community; there really is no place like Hope. I’m so proud to be a Hope student, especially after last weekend’s Time to Serve event. This was the fourth time I’ve been involved with Time to Serve and each year I’ve had a great experience. It helped encouraged me most this year was the impressive turnout. After last year’s less than 10% attendance, I had low expectations that students would honor their commitment. I was happy to be proven wrong. First year dance. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with remaining funds donated to Hope United for Justice, according to professor Steven Bouma-Prediger.

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When something or someone dear to your heart encounters trouble and crumbles resulting from that trouble, you invariably become hurt. Maybe not to the same extent, but there will always be a part of you that falters after the incident.

For many people today, one of those special things they possess a fervent passion for is a sports team. Sports mirror life experiences. They are transcendental and exciting. They deliver joy, sorrow, and pain. They teach lessons that some other things simply cannot. Therefore, sports become part of us.

When your team loses, you lose too and become dejected. You win and become spirited when your team wins.

With the wide and seemingly endless countless problems that college football is currently riding on, there are countless fans of the game that have been hurt because their beloved teams has become swamped by allegations and troubles. The game of college football is pervasive. Its popularity and fanfare are at peak positions, with booming television ratings and people of all ages sporting attire of their favorite colleges and universities, screaming in both agony and joy during each contest.

The aforementioned words could persuade one to believe that college football is unscathed and healthy. However, you would not be considered crazy if you say college football is on the horizon of disaster. Prominent BCS NCAA Division I teams are the main subject of the matter. They receive the most notoriety when they break an NCAA rule, whereas the small schools and rather picky, or substantial and negatively noteworthy.

Nearby every time SportsCenter airs on ESPN, there is news of some big-time Division I football squad facing allegations for committing faults.

ACCUSED—In late May Jim Tressel resigned from his head coaching position at Ohio State after admitting he knew of his players’ actions against NCAA rules.

James Rogers
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

problems are occurring at the Division II and Division III levels. To provide further clarity of the ongoing scandals taking place at the Division I level, a succinct summary of a few schools involved in the mess would be helpful.

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Several other unmentioned large schools are also a part of the ongoing mess. College football has been traveling down a dark and painful road.

The accusations that these teams are facing undoubtedly affect the fans. The Buckeye fan that lived and breathed Ohio State football and watched each game religiously was inevitably hurt when the program was falling apart amidst the controversy and resignation of Tressel.

It is indeed interesting to hear about the scandals blossoming at the Division I level, but being a student-athlete at a Division III school, I was eager to find whether similar problems also occur at this level of the NCAA. It is difficult to believe that only Division I schools face troubles and commit crimes against the NCAA rules.

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Dutch take Vanderbilt Invitational

Men’s team finishes second to last year’s champion Albion

Bethany Stripp Student Editor

Hope College’s men’s and women’s cross country teams opened their season with the 45th Vanderbilt Invitational on Sept. 3.

Both teams followed the precedent set by last season’s squads, with the women claiming the Vanderbilt Invitational title for the second year in a row and the men’s team finishing in second place behind Albion.

“It’s a nice warm-up meet for the season to start,” Nate Love (’12), one of the co-captains of the men’s team, said.

The invitational began with the 8K men’s race. Love won, crossing the finish line in 26:14, three seconds ahead of Albion’s Deson Pruitt.

“Typically in the MIAA it’s Albion, Hope and Calvin fighting for that one two three spot,” Love said. “It’s good to get a chance to see them before the season starts and gets really into it.”

The teams ran on the trails behind Ridge Point Church, a hilly course that Love said is good preparation for the upcoming season.

“ Especially this year it seems like we’re going to do a lot of golf courses which is nice because the footing is a little more even,” Love said. “On this you waste a lot of energy stabilizing yourself. It’s good that we’re going to do a lot of golf courses.”

After the men’s race, the women took to the course. Sheri McCormack (’14) was the first Hope runner across the line, finishing the 5K race in second place with a time of 19:04, two seconds behind the winner Lauren Kettle of Albion.

Meredith Busman (’14), Kate Nelson (’12), Camille Boest (’14) and Kelly Luftkin (’12) took fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places to help Hope win the invitational. Albion, which finished in sixth place in the MIAA last season, came in second in Saturday’s meet.

“Albion is tough this year,” Luftkin said. “I was surprised. They must have put in a lot of time so I was very surprised with how they ran. They ran really well. I think in our conference it’ll be Calvin, us and Albion up there.”

Though the women’s course varied slightly from the men’s due to distance differences, the women still faced hills throughout the race, which Luftkin said will be useful down the road.

The Flying Dutch won four matches in two days, knocking off tournament host Mount Union in the final game to claim the tournament title.

The 15th ranked Hope team opened up the weekend series on Friday with a match against Mt. St. Joseph. After dropping the first set 18-25, the Dutch took the next three sets, 25-11, 25-15, and 25-21. Jenna Grasmeyer (’15), Jessica Maier (’13), and Mari Schoolmaster (’14) combined for 47 of the team’s 43 kills.

In the second match on Friday, the Dutch were paired against Case Western Reserve University. Building on the momentum gained from the Mount St. Joseph match, the squad swept Case Western 26-24, 25-20, 25-22. Grasmeyer picked up 19 more kills, while co-captain Greer Bratschie (’13) had 32 assists.

Hope ran into some trouble against Geneva College in the first match Saturday morning. They were down a set after a 17-25, 25-23, 16-25 early showing, but came back to take the next set 25-14, and would ultimately prevail in the fifth and decisive frame by the score of 15-8.

So it was on to the championship match and a date with tournament host Mount Union. The Raiders had already knocked off St. Mary’s and Mount St. Joseph in straight sets. Hope claimed the tournament’s title by knocking off the Raiders in straight sets, 30-28, 25-16, and 25-20.

Grasmeyer was had 15 kills and picked up a pair of service aces. Bratschie delivered 29 assists and Maier also had eight kills.

“The women played with a lot of poise when their backs were against the wall,” head coach Becky Schmidt said after the tournament. “Jessica Maier stepped up in the Mount Union match, and Jenna Grasmeyer showed tremendous poise and power in her first four collegiate matches.”

“Greer Bratschie continued to run an efficient offense despite adding five new hitters, and Lindy Melville (’12) added consistency and intensity from the libero position, which really anchored our defense. I am proud of the way they competed against some very good regional teams.”

The Flying Dutch began to defend its MIAA co-championship Tuesday against Alma and will take a trip to Angola, Ind. to take on the Thunder of Trine this Friday night. After nearly two full weeks of away games, Hope’s next home match will be Friday, Sept. 23, against conference foe St. Mary’s. The match will begin 7 p.m. in DeVos Fieldhouse.