Center for Writing and Research opens

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 now offers 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 in the first time,” said Cara Haley (’13).

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Hope athletics searches for new Dutch

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.

SEE DUTCH, PAGE 2
Laura Kraay

When walking through the Pine Grove, the sound of a longboard’s wheels on the smooth pavement is not an unfamiliar sound. They are quickly becoming a staple on Hope’s campus—alongside black squirrels, North Face and Vera Bradley, of course. Whether one participates for the social factor or simply for the purpose of getting to class, it is evident that Hope is filled with longboarders.

Many students choose longboards for the convenience they provide. Brian Mulhern ’14 prefers a longboard to a bicycle because of the added ease, “Unlike a bike, it doesn’t need to be locked. You can take it with you to class.”

John Turkis ’14 echoes this sentiment, “Based on the size of Hope, a longboard just makes more sense [over a bicycle.] It’s less of a hassle.”

According to Callie and Scott, who are emplyees at FIT/ Skatecasa in downtown Holland, Hope students have increased sales for the store. Since classes started, their selling rate has doubled. The higher end of the selling spectrum is about 12 longboards per week and averages around seven.

Based on last year’s sales, this level typically stays about constant until Michigan’s winters force the longboarders to trade their cherished boards for boots, gloves and a heavy winter coat.

However, despite the joy longboarding provides to those who do it, not everyone is pleased. On one occasion in the Pine Grove, an angry passerby pushed Mulhern off his longboard. He described the incident as deliberate.

In some towns, like Birmingham, Mich., the distaste for longboarders is shared. It is banned in some public places and those who violate the rule can be stopped by a police officer.

However, Mulhern, who is also competitively longboards, argues against this logic. “Skateboarding can give longboarding a bad rep. Sometimes when skateboarders do tricks they grind on the rail, benches and other public places. Longboarding isn’t destructive. Tricks involve the board and the...”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 CRUIisin’ — 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 of 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 in 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 next 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 clicking on “writing” on the Library’s homepage.
Libyans hope for end to violence as Gadhafi remains on the run

Shubham Sapkota / Guest Writer

It started in mid-February and while it did show signs of winding a week ago, Moammar Gadhafi persisted in making this a “long war” inspired by the revolts in neighboring countries, the people of Libya stared 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 measures to subdue the uprising.

With intentions of fighting “until the last man,” pro-Gadhafi forces have used violent measures such as bombardment and gunfire to get rid of anti-government officials. This did not go well, even the government’s action was shunned by the international community.

As the fighting escalated in various cities such as Brega, Misrata and Zawiya, the U.N., hoping to protect the civilians, declared a no-fly zone over Libya to cause the government to declare a cease fire. However, the pro-Gadhafi loyalists have appeared to heed the cease fire and went on hunting the rebels down.

It was when the violence spread towards Benghazi that started to fight back and take control of several coastal cities. Under the control of NATO, the coalition troops began to attack important military bases controlled by the government.

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, governor-attorney general Adnan Bakkour, last five months of violence, has resigned claiming that the security forces are guilty of torture and other crimes against humanity.

Compared to other Syrian citizens, Bakkour is the first Syrian official to resign in protest, which could be an indication that the region’s position is beginning to worsen.

These deaths behind bars are reaching massive proportions and appear to be an extension of the same brutal disadain for life that we are seeing daily on the streets of Syria.”

Amnesty International also said that a total of over 1,800 people have died since anti-government protests began in March.

Foreign journalists have been barred from the country and these exact claims remain nearly impossible to confirm, but it is clear that the Syrian people have been experiencing brutal crackdowns and torture by government forces.

Peaceful and violent demonstrations alike have been interrupted by mass arrests, security forces opening fire on protesters, and the use of tanks by the army.

On Aug., 30, thousands of Syrians engaged in an anti-government street protest marking the beginning of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr. Worshippers exiting test marking the beginning of the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr. Worshippers exiting
Indian government yields to protesters

Rachel Kabagaba
September 7, 2011

After fasting encouraged by Indian activist Anna Hazare and pressure from thousands of others, India’s government has moved forward to pass legislation to create more transparency in the government.

The government officially announced that it would 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. The protests are coming from a point of much justification: India’s government has a long history of corruption. With a Corruption Perception Index of 3.3 on a scale of 0-10 with 0 as the worst corruption, India has some of the worst corruption indices against Parliament members include bribery, human trafficking, and rape.

Hazare’s method of protesting, some see it in another light. Though the version of the Lokpal Bill that was passed is not the original version that Hazare and his followers had wanted, many still count it as a victory. “There is no silver bullet,” says Professor of International Studies Annie Dandavati. “Corruption cannot be rooted out, but this is a step toward accountability.”

The bill currently in Parliament includes investigations of accused corrupt officials to be completed within a year and the power to dismiss corrupt officials. 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 within 15 days. The demands for 50 percent of teachers’ salaries will go into effect on Oct. 1. This is on the heels of a drug cartel related arson committed 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 entrance, forcing the occupants of the building back inside; many of them were later found dead, mostly from smoke inhalation. The fire was lit at the entrance, forcing the occupants of the building back inside; many of them were later found dead, mostly from smoke inhalation. At least five have been arrested but authorities report that the arson most likely involved up to 12 criminals.

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On Aug. 31, 140 schools in Mexico announced that they would not open themselves to students, due to threats of extortion from drug gangs. Though the 140 schools in the city of Acapulco, Guerrero, located in the south of Mexico, have already been threatened that 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 suggested that anyone who disapproved of them achieving their purpose, from forcing corrupt ministers to resign, to raising awareness about corruption in India.

Drug gangs threaten, intimidate teachers in South Mexico

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News From The Other Holland

A game show recently launched in the Netherlands that selects two individuals who are facing deportation from the country, and pits them against each other. The two contestants are asked questions about Dutch culture, language and history, and whoever answers the most questions correctly wins a large sum of money to spend after they are deported. The loser of the contest wins a prize of tulip bulbs. The premier of the show will feature a aeronautical engineer who will be deported to Cameroon and a Slavic languages student who is facing deportation to Chechnya.

The creators of the game show claim that they are showing support for the plight of the contestants, but other claim that they are most likely the sad condition that these people face. A spokesman from Holland’s Refugee Support Group, Wouter van Zandwijk, addressed the controversy: “The program is sick, but let’s face it, the reality is sick too.”

Syrian official steps-down in protest

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Syria together to call for an end to President Bashar al-Assad’s regime. Seven protesters were shot dead by security forces attempting to dissolve the demonstrations.

The U.S. and U.E. responded 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 on 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 E.U., 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.

HAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL RESIGNS— In a Sept. 1 statement in a YouTube video, Adnan Bakkour charged the Syrian government with numerous war crimes.
**Blind Boys of Alabama to lift students up with legendary gospel sounds**

**Andrea DeVries**

Guest Writer

Looking for a great way to kick off the year? Come to Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Sept. 10 to witness a performance by five-time Grammy winners Blind Boys of Alabama.

After years of working to get the Blind Boys to perform at Hope College, things have finally fallen into place, and Hope students, staff, along with members of the Holland community will now have the opportunity to experience this renowned gospel group.

Known for their flawless harmonies, the Alabama Institute of the Negro Blind, the Blind Boys of Alabama remained exclusively on the black gospel market until 1983 when their role in the Obie Award winning play "The Gospel at Colonus" brought the group to a new level.

From there they have earned five Grammy awards, performed with many well-known artists including Prince, Ben Harper, Tom Petty and Peter Gabriel; been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and they have also appeared on "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with David Letterman," the Grammy Awards telecast, "60 Minutes," and on their own holiday PBS special.

Known for their live performances, this gospel group is expected to put on a riveting performance at Hope — especially in the unique setting of the Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

"Having them in the setting of Dimnent Chapel is almost too good," Derek Emerson, the director of events and conferences at Hope said. Emerson expects a large number of community members as well as students to come experience this legendary group.

Even if you aren’t a fan of gospel music, the Blind Boys of Alabama may still appeal to you.

"Students will see one of the all-time great gospel groups and likely hear some music they are not used to hearing," Emerson said.

The Blind Boys offer something for everyone, from traditional gospel selections to contemporary spiritual material to their latest album "Take the High Road" which blends country and gospel styles, and features country artists including Vince Gill, Willie Nelson and Lee Ann Womack.

This concert is the first in a great line-up of performances coming to Hope this year. Those same students have a lot to look forward to.

"Hope College has no shortage of events this year or any year," he said.

"In addition to the six groups in the Great Performance Series, the Dimnent Chapel is also gearing up and will host Matt Keanery in September. Five jazz groups are coming to Hope this year so there is a chance to hear some outstanding jazz as well."

The Blind Boys of Alabama concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Dimnent Memorial Chapel on the Hope College campus.

Ticket prices are $6 for students and children, $13 for senior citizens and $18 for reserved admission.

Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse on weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience the gospel group that has spread inspiration internationally and is now bringing its incredible talents to our community.

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**Four summer movies**

**Elena Rivera**

Staff writer

The guilty popcorn smell, the air conditioning, the plush seats are tokens of a movie theater. To escape the heat and perhaps forget about the 66-hour Taco Bell workweeks, movie theaters are an oasis in the summer months. And as movies are the pinnacle of that oasis, making a weekend with friends even better by quoting favorite lines from the next blockbuster hit. Below are some summer highlights to make sure to catch on DVD in the fall.

**"Bridesmaids"** *(R, Starring Kristin Wiig, Rose Byrne)*

In a movie produced by Judd Apatow, written by Kristin Wiig (of SNL fame), and starring favorites of television and screen alike, there are a lot of expectations to uphold. "Bridesmaids" does so, and then some.

It starts out as a stereotypical chick flick plot: Lillian (Maya Rudolph) is getting married, and entrusts her best friend, the somewhat quirky Annie (Wiig), to be her maid of honor. Annie quickly realizes what an overwhelming task this actually is, and begins to crumble under the pressure of being a bridesmaid as well as struggles in her personal life.

Annie is also caught in competition with Lillian’s new, incredibly gorgeous, insanely rich friend named Helen (Rose Byrne), who tries to one-up her at every turn. In one of the best scenes in the movie, the two try to out-do one another while toasting Lillian and her fiancé’s engagement, grabbing the mic from each other with frequent hilarity.

Annie also meets an adorable Irish cop named Nathan (Chris O’Dowd), who is completely smitten with her, although she is far from ready to commit to an adult relationship.

Although it is easy to write this all-female comedy as another badly produced movie destined for the Lifetime Channel, Wiig’s script is full of machismo, who is a storyline with an air marshal and drunkenness galore combined with a realistic portrayal of the dynamics of female friendship make Bridesmaids the best comedy of the year, if not the next couple of years.

**Another Earth** *(PG-13, Starring Brit Marling, William Mapother)*

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**The Anchor**

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**You might’ve missed**

**Michael Naughton**

Guest writer

Movies mean a great deal to my family. We are frequent customers at the Family Video down the block from us and spend many evenings watching movies together. So when my sister acquired a job at the video store and绵绵 the movie for free every time she saw a movie, we were very excited. Situated in the very plush new cinema in my town, large reclining seats included, I enjoyed two summer blockbusters that are worth seeing on DVD, if not in theaters.

**‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part 2’** *(PG-13, Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint)*

It is important to mention that I have a bias: I love Harry Potter. So if you’re a fellow fan of the series, you probably have already seen the movie. In fact, you’ve probably seen it more than once and maybe even wore a costume to the midnight viewing. Though for anyone else who finds themselves skeptical of the current fantasy franchises, the most recent Harry Potter film is not anything like its vampire cousins.

The newest installment to the HP franchise is the best movie of the series. It is action-packed but at the same time it is intimate and thought-provoking. Harry Potter and his two best friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, must destroy the rest of the Horcruxes to weaken Lord Voldemort and allow Harry the chance to destroy the final one. Our trio travel about Britain, overcoming many challenges including dangerous spells, an albino dragon, and of course, death eaters, eventually bringing them and their friends to the ultimate last battle. The young trio of Radcliffe, Grint and Watson have honed their acting abilities to bring about a more introspective look into their relationships as they are tried by the daunting tasks laid before them.

The movie has an incredible pressure to make this film as epic as the last book. Personally, I felt that the media made more hype than the movie deserved, but it still delivered an enjoyable viewing experience that was befitting to the end of the series.

**‘X-Men: First Class’** *(PG-13, Starring James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender)*

The newest installment in the “X-Men” series is a prequel to the previous films, depicting the backstory of the mutant team and a few main characters. Directed by Matthew Vaughn (“Stardust,” “Kick-Ass”), starring McAvoy (Charles Xavier), Fassbender (Magneto), and Jennifer Lawrence (Mystique), the movie enlightens the audiences as to how it all started. Enlisted by the U.S. government, the newly formed team of mutants must stop the Soviet presence in Cuba from starting World War III, which of course is being master-minded by a malicious mutant.

Of all the sequels in the series, this latest movie seems closer in style to the production of the first movie. The cast is an interesting mix of well-known stars and previously unknown actors. The action is entertaining, but there is also a strong emphasis on character development and relationships. This was a smart choice by the writers and director, considering that few comic movies have such a rich and diverse cast. Balancing the action-driven plot against the character development of some of the more key characters, the movie offers a satisfying viewing, even to those who haven’t read the comics. “X-Men: First Class” is a great addition into the series, but also into the super hero movie genre as a whole.
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HOPE IS BUILDING TOMORROW

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In addition to popular activities like Pull, Nykerk & Dance Marathon, Hope offers a diverse array of student groups. Visit: www.hope.edu/student/life/groups.html for a complete list of student groups at Hope.
I think 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 Nella, 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, head-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 overwhelemed heart as I explained that I was not a miracle healer. Similar to our public health work and water purification work, everything and 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 someone 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 grand-children 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. As I stood, I noticed his state. He sat 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 his 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 understanding 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 pulpil 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 fumbled 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 me reason to believe perhaps God healed Bailan soon after and he’s taking care of his mother now. And even now, his will 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.
Well not exactly, but I recently discovered that having
an open mind can result in thrilling self-discover-
ies. I’ve got anecdotal proof!
Becoming a upperclassman 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
have the time or energy to mess around with food prep
or grown-up grocery shopping.
However, after consulting The Calculatör 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
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 quizes 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 panni maker twice, walked into the wrong classroom asking, “is
this Spanish?” and received all the giggles and classic freshman eye rolls that came with each event.
Yes, I’m the definition of a “classic freshman.” I have no idea what what’s. I spent four hours
reading one chapter of my history book because I was so stressed about my first quiz, which
I didn’t even end up taking. I got locked out of my
dorm; I lost my car keys, and so on. But despite all
those mishaps, I seem to be doing just fine.
It’s all one massive adjustment. In high school,
I never did homework or studied for quizzes and
those mishaps, I seem to be doing just fine.
I dodged cooking for a day and a half by attending
my best friend’s birthday dinner and cleverly sequestering left-
overs for the next meal.
But I could not avoid the kitchen indefinitely. As my
stomach rambles would 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.

I splashed a dollop of olive oil into the pan as it
heated on the burner. I added a pinch of minced onions
and the sizzling duo began to smell fantastic. Position-
ing a tortilla on top of the crackling onions, I could
flipped it after a few seconds. In adorning the tortilla
with a flourish of shredded cheese, I completed my
first meal. It was the best dang quesadilla that I have
ever consumed.
When the natural cravings set in, I realized that I actually en-
joyed making (and eating) my own meal. Instead of the
loathsome chore I had dreaded, cooking reduced my
stress level and put a smile on my face. I approached
the kitchen with a little swagger in my step at dinner-
time.
Throughout the weeks’ meals, I fell in love with cooking.
Whether I have about four recipes under my belt, I love to cook. Although
This is all something I’m not used to, but something I have to experience. I have
learned all about the
baking a cake, or even
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For me, Holland is slightly dif-
ferent than my hometown. There
aren’t as many big-box stores
nearby, and the town communi-
ty is close to the college commu-
nity. 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 USA? Some of our classmates did. Although it
seems like we are mainly Mid-
westerners around here, the stu-
dent 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, a
plane ride with a parent or tak-
ing the train across the country.
For me, my classmates
eat to even more di-
verse 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 trav-
elled here to 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 dif-
derent 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 favor-
te home cooking, and which
sports are popular in their
country. There’s so much
to learn, and you would be sur-
prised 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 relation-
ships, 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’re
can’t beat our Chicago ac-
sents), say “hello” to someone
here from another country.
What did they do all summer?
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### Men's Golf
- **Saturday, 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 (Waukawonch PC), 1 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 3,** at Calvin (Watermark CC), 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 6,** at RPC (TPC of Mich.), 9 a.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 8,** at Adrian (Lenawee CC), noon

### Women's Golf
- **Friday & Saturday, Sept. 9-10,** at Olivet Invitational (The Medalist GC), 2 p.m., 9 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 15,** at Trine (Zoller GC), 1 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21,** HOPE (Macatawa Legends GC), 1 p.m.
- **Friday & Saturday, Sept. 23-24,** at Bethel Invitational (Black濠, noon

### Cross Country
- **Saturday, Sept. 9,** 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.

### Volleyball
- **Friday, Sept. 9,** at Trine, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14,** at Adrian, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 21,** at Calvin, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27,** at Olivet, 6:30 p.m. (VBC)
- **Friday, Oct. 7,** at Alma, 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 8,** TRINE, 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 15,** at UW-Oshkosh Invitational, 11:15 a.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 29,** at MIAA Championships at Alma, 11 a.m.

### Men's Soccer
- **Friday, Sept. 9,** at Hope, 4:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 16,** at Madonna, 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21,** at Calvin, 4:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 29,** at Albion (The Medalist GC), 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 1,** at Kalamazoo (Millham Park GC), 1 p.m.
- **Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7-8,** MIAA Championship (Bedford Valley GC), 1 p.m. & 9 a.m.

### Women's Soccer
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7,** at UNIV. OF CHI., 4 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 9,** at AUGUSTANA, 11:30 a.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 17,** at Kalamazoo, 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 24,** at Alma, noon
- **Saturday, Oct. 12,** at OLIVET, 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 18,** TRINE, 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 20,** at Albion, 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 22,** at Adrian, 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25,** ADRIAN, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 29,** CALVIN, 4 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 1,** at Saint Mary’s, 3 p.m.

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

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### Letter to the Editors

**‘An exceptional community’**

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.

What encouraged me most this year was the impressive turnout. After last year’s less than ideal 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.

They showed up ready to give of themselves, to sweat, to serve. I even had two students in my group who didn’t sign up come out that morning. A willingness to give of themselves, to labor, to serve. I even had some of my students who participated in Time to Serve relate to Hope relate to World Trade Center towers in New York City, the Pentagon, and rural Pennsylvania with the loss of thousands of lives.

Sponsors are the Hope College A. J. Muste Committee, Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Bahá’í Community of Holland, Maple Avenue Ministries, Grace Mission, Hope Church, Interfaith Congregation, Lakeshore Women for Peace, Hope College United for Justice, Third Reformed, Peace Lutheran, and St. Francis de Sales, Bouma-Prediger said.

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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 Hope College service, sponsored by 10 local churches and four organizations, will mark the date in 2001 when passengers here at Hope relate to World Trade Center towers in New York City, the Pentagon, and rural Pennsylvania with the loss of thousands of lives.

Whether you know it or not, 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.

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When something or someone dear to your heart encounters trouble and crumbles resulting from the disaster, 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 pointless road amidst scandals that college football is currently riding on, there are countless fans of the game that have been hurt because their beloved team 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 in small schools, a minute and rather picky, or substantial and negatively noteworthy.

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

It is obvious that the NCAA is making thorough investigations into each and every team, but the buzz that Division I receives causes one to wonder if these 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.

The Ohio State Buckeyes were accused of receiving cash and tattoos from a local tattoo parlor whose owner was the head of a federal drug trafficking case, resulting in five players being suspended and the resignation of their former well-respected head coach Jim Tressel, who admitted three months later that he knew about his players’ actions.

Numerous Miami Hurricane players accepted illegal benefits from a booster who disclosed information that he benefited 7 players in the Miami system from 2002-2010 with cash, prostitutes, yachts, and plenty more.

University of North Carolina football players also received improper benefits from an agent, along with an athletic department tutor providing over $3,000 in expenses and free tutoring.

Several other unnamed 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.

With a lack of love for Ohio State, Hope's head football coach Dean Kreps was still troubled when the Buckeyes were accused.

"To me, it is sad that the scandals continue," Kreps said. "I'm not an Ohio State fan, but I liked Jim Tressel. I thought he was one of the 'good guys' that we had left in coaching at the major college level. It is disheartening."

With coaches ultimately being the primary focus of a program, the question arises if it is always the coach's responsibility. The players commit most of the faults, but the coach can intervene and put an end to the potentially program-busting scandal.

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Dean Kreps, Hope College football coach

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.

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Dean Kreps, Hope College football head coach

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Volleyball aces first tournament of 2011

Will DeBoer
Guest Writer

After losing multiple seniors, including All-American middle blocker Jodie Fiedler, it was reasonable to wonder whether the defending MIAA co-champion Hope volleyball team would have trouble adjusting at the start of the 2011 campaign. Those worries have been put to rest: last weekend in Alliance, Ohio, the team didn’t miss a step.

The Flying Dutch won four matches in two days, knocking off tournament host Mount Union in the final game to claim the tourney 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 (74) combined for 37 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 Mt. 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.

Greasmyer 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 Grasymeyer 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.

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