Serving Together

THrift BOUTIQUE

WORKING ON THE WEEKEND — Hope College students helping at the Holland Community Action House Thrift Boutique during Time to Serve Saturday, Sept. 8. Over 350 students participated in service projects for this annual back-to-school event.

ALL ABOUT SERVING — Part of the Time to Serve tradition is the element of surprise. When students arrive at training on the morning of the event, they find out at which Holland location they will serve. This year, students served at more than 30 locations in the community. See story on page 2

Awards for education

Hope earns a perfect 70, tied with University of Michigan

Hannah Gingrich
Guest Writer

Anyone who goes to Hope knows that every academic department is exemplary, but this month, we celebrate the Education Department in particular.

Recently, Hope College received a perfect score of 70 for the 2010-2011 academic year on the Michigan Department of Education Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores Report. The report, released this summer and reviewed by the State Board of Education earlier this month, puts Hope College at the top of all teacher-preparation programs statewide, tied only with the University of Michigan. Since the report's creation in 2005, Hope has regularly received an "Exemplary" ranking. Last year, Hope was second in the state, and was previously tied for first in 2007.

The report consists of several categories, which include performance on teacher certification exams, diversity, feedback from stakeholders, the percent of students who complete the education program, and the preparation of student teachers. According to Laura Parbo, spokesperson for the Education Department, "All of that data is used to form our reviews, so we kind of know how to refocus things."

Besides passing certification exams, education majors are also required to complete a semester of student teaching. Special education majors must complete two. A common question is how education majors become confident enough in their abilities to be at the head of a classroom.

"Students move through our program in a very sequential and developmental manner," said Nancy Cook, director of student teaching. "At the same time they're taking all those education courses, they're fulfilling all the..."
**No excuse for not volunteering**

Hope students can choose from a wide variety of service opportunities in Holland.

"Not just a tough show of muscle"

• PULL, from page 1

the blind and stomped on the floor of Mas Auditorium the following night at Odd Year's passionate rally while sophomores watched a video montage highlighting Pull day.

In the last six years, Odd Year has accomplished five wins.

Many people believe that the Pull consists only of students who dig out some trenches and try to pull a rope harder than their opponents. But there is much more to the Pull than that.

The coaches at the Odd Year and Even Year meetings talked of tradition, bonding and fighting as one unit.

Ariana Cappuccitti ('13), an Odd Year representative, said one of her favorite Pull traditions is how the Pull team would call down to the floor of Maas Auditorium.

"It is a special night that we get to spend with our team and be really proud of all the work they've done the last three weeks. As a team, we have a formal banquet where everyone dresses up and has a meal together. It is fun for both the teams and the coaches to see everyone cleaned up and looking their best for each other to close off the season.""Traditions like these have been formed throughout the 115 years of the program. The Pull is just like a sport with team bonding and the struggle to achieve a common goal.

Harold Molenar ('56), recalls some of the Pull strategy.

"I would see these spotters up in the trees to try to see across the river," he said. "When one Pull team got ready for a big push, the spotter for the other team would call down to the team to get ready to counter against it.""Strategy is everywhere in the Pull from the training to the morale, but both teams are adamant that this Hope tradition is not just a tough show of muscle. It is about sacrifice, selflessness and honor.

Odd Year reps challenged prospective pullers at the rally to "be a part of something bigger than yourself!" Puller Dillon DeVries ('15) said the Pull is all about physical sacrifice and personal growth.

"You want to find out exactly how tough you really are," he said. "Recently I've also realized that Pulling through to much... during his crucifixion when he submitted to a mortal body for his time on Earth... If a human body could do that, mine can do Pull!"

Kaitlan Manning ('16) reiterated how participating in the Pull is worth it.

She said so far, "the Pull is the most mentally demanding thing I've ever done, but it is equally the most rewarding!"

With Pull only ten days away on Saturday, Sept. 29, Hope students should expect plenty of loud chanting and cheering around campus as both teams prepare for a dramatic showdown at the Black River.
Democratic convention offers vision of hope

President Obama, Vice President Biden accept nominations and applause from supportive crowd in Charlotte, N. Carolina

Michael Kranosow

The Democratic National Convention wrapped up on Sept. 6, but many of the convention's events are still being talked about today.

While President Obama and Joe Biden's acceptance of these two nominations for the Democratic Presidential ticket was expected, the entire convention was well-received by the attendees.

After observing the Republican National Convention and viewing how the members of the GOP had attacked Obama over his actions during his four-year term, the Democrats fought back and downplayed many of Mitt Romney's accomplishments.

Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, according to the Huffington Post, stated that Romney was a successful businessman, but "at whose expense?" While Romney was criticized for taking "profits over people," Granholm was quick to mention all the jobs that Obama helped save with the automobile industry rescue in her highly energetic speech. The Michigan governor appealed to an enthusiastic audience that it was not just Michigan that Obama had helped, but the entire country, and gave state-by-state statistics of jobs saved.

Other speakers took a different approach, and did not say much about Romney at all. One of the most notable speeches came from first lady Michelle Obama, and she kept her speech limited to her personal experiences. Before bringing the audience at the convention to tears, according to CNN, the first lady praised the working class and reminded everyone of both her own and the president's humble backgrounds. She emphasized the hard work that they both put in to get where they are today, and also talked about the importance of love. Many applauded this rare use of emotion, and her inspirational story was viewed as being both genuine and relatable.

When it was finally time for the president to speak, he chose to address the country's struggles first and foremost. Instead of sugarcoating the last four years, Obama admitted that his first term had not been easy, but that the country was on the path to recovery. According to the Huffington Post, Obama stated, "Yes our path is harder, but it leads to a better place."

With a disappointing national unemployment rate of 8.3 percent, one would think that Obama would have a tough time convincing voters to grant him a second term as president. However, despite these numbers, Obama's speech was met with cheers and attendees chanting "four more years" throughout the speech.

While the Obamas were most certainly the stars of the convention, others received positive attention as well. For example, former President Bill Clinton delivered a speech that put him back in the public eye, and the New York Times reports that he is now "more popular than ever." Other figures that made a positive impact in Charlotte included both John Kerry and Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

With the election less than two months out, and both conventions out of the way, the candidates enter the home stretch of the race for the White House. Campaigns from both parties continue to remain hostile on radio and television airwaves alike. With close competition, it remains impossible to decipher which candidate holds the upper hand.

Merkel keeps her word, not her bond

Germany claims impediment on their national sovereignty due to obligations to foreign countries

Timothy Cook

In what has amounted to a victory for the supporters of paying off Europe's debt, the German constitutional court has approved the provisions necessary for a new plan to coordinate the purchase of failed bonds. This solution, stemming from the need of certain states whose GDP growth rate is below the EU average, will provide bailouts to aid these countries' beleaguered economies.

The plan, known as the European Stability Mechanism or ESM, is now backed by all 17 Eurozone nations. Angela Merkel is the brainchild behind the ESM and has been the prime proponent for its approval in her home country of Germany, where there had been doubts to the provisions' constitutionality.

Critics of the ESM from Germany and several other Eurozone countries say that it is impeding on their national sovereignty by placing them under obligations to foreign countries. The ESM is entrusted with €80 billion that it will be expected to invest to allow for the creation of a total of €550 billion.

These funds will then be committed to countries such as Greece, Ireland and Portugal-countries which have all been bailed out. Germany will be the ESM's largest contributor.

Another possible solution to the economic crisis plaguing the EU would be the implementation of Eurobonds, which would exist as a common debt. The idea for Eurobonds would be, in effect, a loan taken out by the European Union that all members of the Eurozone would have to pay interest on.

While placing responsibility proportionally among all states.

Certain EU member states maintain that their economies are not in such dire straits, and that they should not have to pay interest. For example, former President Bill Clinton stated that Eurobonds would have an interest rate that would be an average between the highest and the lowest interest rates that Germany, and other stable economies now enjoy. This has naturally resulted in heavy criticism from Merkel and other German politicians who do not want Germany's interest rates being raised any degree.

Germany has had arguably the best economy of any of the Eurozone countries. Opponents say that raising the German interest rate would make it much harder for the German economy to continue growing.

Merkel and other opponents of Eurobonds cite broader reasons for why they believe Eurobonds would be harmful. Many countries with moderate growth rates, and therefore moderate interest rates, are afraid of what could happen if a Eurobond's interest rate goes up. There is always the possibility that the European Union could increase the interest rate for its loans, as this might be done to bolster confidence in Europe's financial future. Europe also has no central taxation system with which to repay the loans.

For both supporters of the ESM or Eurobonds, a clear consensus must be achieved: The Eurozone is tied together in its actions, for better or for worse. This single factor holds the key to potential success for the Eurozone nations.

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This day in history

1778 - The Continental Congress passes the first budget of the United States
1862 - American Civil War (Battle of Luka): Union troops under General William Rosecrans defeat a Confederate force
1881 - U.S. President James A. Garfield dies of wounds suffered in a July 2 shooting
1893 - Women's suffrage: New Zealand, the Electoral Act of 1893 is consented to by the governor giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote
1946 - Council of Europe is founded following a speech by Winston Churchill at the University of Zurich
1946 - The Cannes Film Festival is held, having been delayed seven years due to World War II
1959 - Nikita Khrushchev is barred from visiting Disneyland due to security concerns
1961 - Betty and Barney Hill claim that they saw a mysterious craft in the sky and that it tried to abduct them
1981 - Simon & Garfunkel reunite for a free concert in New York's Central Park
2006 - The Thai military stages a coup in Bangkok. The Constitution is revoked and martial law is declared.

Source: brainhistory.com

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PRESIDENT OBAMA AND VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN FIGHT BACK — The Democratic National Convention on Sept. 6 in Charlotte, N.C.
Former Prime Minister of the other Holland visits Hope

Alex Bellca

On Sept. 7, Hope College students and local dignitaries packed into Graves Hall’s Wi-nants Auditorium to hear a pub-lic speech by the Honorable Jan Peter Balkenende, former prime minister of the Netherlands (2003-2010). Balkenende, cur- rently visiting the United States on a trade mission, was at Hope to accept an honorary Doctor of Laws (H.L.D) at an invitation- only banquet.

Despite a unique Dutch ac- cept, Balkenende spoke fluent English without the use of ex- tensive notes. After being intro- duced by Holland Mayor Kurt Dylstra, the former prime min- ister thanked all in attendance for the welcome. Besides be- ing one of Hope’s official school colors, orange is also the color of Lewis, and worn by all Dutch Olympians.

Balkenende entitled his talk “Europe: Risk or Opportunity?” Economic developments, finan- cial challenges and European values: in spite of the European Union’s well-documented financial crisis, the speech was upbeat with interspersed humor.

Urging the audience to ‘avoid a black and white view of the Eu-ropean economy,’ Balkenende was quick to mention the “tre- mendous social and economic progress” that European integra- tion has brought since the fall of the Soviet Block. He noted that foreign investors—eager to capi- talize on European growth—have poured billions into the Eurozone economy in the past. “Until the 2008 financial cri- sis, which started in the United States, the European Union (EU) was considered a great success.”

Today, Europe seems to be the sick man of the world,” he said. Balkenende admitted that the EU’s current situation was large- ly its own fault, saying that a fail- ure to enforce treaties requiring member countries to keep their national deficits below 3 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was a major factor. In ad- dition, industrial competitiveness was “not taken seriously.” Despite investors’ fears, Balkenende stated that, “a lot of necessary steps to solve the crisis’ are being taken at the mo- ment.” Restrictions on national deficits, greater integration of capital markets through the Eu- ropean Central Bank, and lower wages in countries such as Spain and Italy would be enough to re- store investor confidence. “We must make bond investors be- lieve that our governments are willing to take the right steps if the EU is to survive.”

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Lance Armstrong: Saint or sinner?

Joel Brogan

The USA, standing for the United States Anti-Doping Agency, has been pursuing bicycling legend Lance Armstrong, winner of seven Tour de France titles, with an ongoing criminal investigation for almost two years now. This unconstitutional witch hunt has culminated in the last months to draw removal of all seven of these career titles and a lifetime ban to the sport. “There comes a point in every man’s life when he has to say enough is enough,” said Armstrong.

No matter which viewpoint you support concerning his doping allegations, no one should be unable to find the ridiculousness in this situation. USA during its early phase, the law, stepping over their own delegated power and unfairly accusing Armstrong of being guilty until proven innocent. “Mr. Armstrong chose not to contest the fact that he engaged in doping violations from at least August 1, 1998, and participated in a conspiracy to cover up his actions,” USADA wrote in a statement. This unshamed reversal of justice is a disgrace to the very founding ideas of this country. The USA has mocked the very idea of our inalienable right to fair trial by contracting the very judicial system that helps keep our country in check. How can we let red tape and ambitious agency workers undermine our fundamental values? This story should be receiving much more of an upgrade, not currently it is — it is simply an outrage that blatant law-breaking, corruption, and waste can happen right in front of us and nothing is done to change it. Although the actions taken against him are cruel and unfair, and their unnecessary allegations completely lacking sufficient evidence, this story reaches far beyond the aegis that I am sure Mr. Armstrong is feeling. How can an agency, moderated by the same system of justice that we all abide by so easily break laws and violate rights and privacy without being held accountable? The re- strictions on national deficits, greater integration of capital markets through the European Central Bank, and lower wages in countries such as Spain and Italy would be enough to restore investor confidence. “We must make bond investors believe that our governments are willing to take the right steps if the EU is to survive.”

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LANCE ARMSTRONG IN MONTREAL— Armstrong expresses his frustration with USADA, saying that enough is enough.
Sondre Lerche’s night of surprises

Leigh Clouse
Arts Co-Editor

Sondre Lerche is not one for keeping with the status quo. As his Sept. 13 performance at DeVitt Theatre drew to a close, the indie singer-songwriter played one of his most popular tunes featured in the film “Dan in Real Life,” crooning to the audience: “To be prepared, be surprised!” For those who attended, it is safe to say that Lerche proved to be a man of his word, providing a low-dropping mix of sound that wowed longtime fans and neophytes alike.

As the first performer lined up for the Hope College Concert Series (HCCS) this semester, the Norwegian Lerche raised the bar for the next acts to follow as he demonstrated his impressive ability to jump from playing quieter, mellow tunes to unrestrained rock songs with ease. While Lerche first appeared on stage alone, opening with a stripped-down version of “Like Lazersby,” an earnest love song from his 2009 album “Heartbeat Radio,” he was soon joined by the rhythm of the night’s opening set Fancy Colors. A New York-based group that showcased its own brand of atmospheric experimental rock with striking panache, Fancy Colors also won brownie points for their guitar, drum, maraca, flute, keyboard and saxophone-playing skills, which sometimes made its two musicians juggle multiple instruments simultaneously.

With Fancy Colors’ help, Lerche upped the ante, infusing a certain wild abandon into his song selections. He kicked off the rest of his set with a raucous rendition of “Dead Passengers,” a track that appeared on his wildly successful first album “Faces Down,” which came out in 2001, when Lerche was only 19. Starting the song with a jazzy bobbing.

Lerche later mentioned that he does not like performing a song the same way every time, saying, “You get to a point where you don’t want to think, you just want to play.” As a result, the audience had the chance to behold him giving a fresh spin on such songs as “I Wanna Call It Love” and “Track You Down.” Besides playing fan favorites, Lerche also took the time to revive what he referred to as “Frankenstein songs,” the tunes that have fallen through the cracks over the years. One of these so-called Frankenstein songs included “Roaming Day,” a sweet pop song with a bossa nova rhythm that has been hidden in his musical vault for years. Fancy Colors then left the stage to Lerche for a few songs, who took the opportunity to wax poetic on three love songs, “Words and Music,” “To Be Surprised” and “My Hands Are Shaking,” which fit perfectly in the intimate setting of the theatre. With only his guitar and his lilting voice, Lerche set the mood for another bie event that night. In the middle of “Words and Music,” a concert attendee in the front row proposed to his girlfriend. Slightly shocked, Lerche congratulated the couple and then joked, “I am not sure how I can follow that. Thank you and good night.”

However, the show continued with electrifying energy as Lerche and Fancy Colors played one of his personal favorites “Two Way Monologue,” which resulted in one of the most spirited experimental jam sessions of the night as the trio put themselves fully into the music. Lerche ended the show with a bang, playing the thrashy garage rock thrumper “Phantom Punch.” Yet, the audience was not done with him, and he graciously came out again for an encore, where he performed “Modern Nature,” a mass duel with the crowd before signing off with a lovely take on the jazz song “You Sure Look swell.”

The night did not end there, though. The HCCS team led a Q and A session with the trio of musicians after their performance.

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— SONDRE LERCHE

Even more clear how much each musician enjoyed the other’s company during the discussion, which evolved into a friendly, low-key conversation between friends rather than a formal conversation on craft. While the textures of favorite artists and albums was one of the main focuses, the audience also asked Lerche about his seemingly ever-changing music style, as he has immersed himself in many different music genres throughout his career. He said of the music, “It is important to let metamorphosis his music had undergone. It is very impotent to let things be different...otherwise you get bored.” As to the question of what music means to him, Lerche replied, “Music is joy and desire. It comes from a very pure place.” His answer rang true in regards to how he performed that night, as he let his audience ascend with him to achieve a sense of musical euphoria at the concert’s end. Lerche’s show ultimately rang true in regards to how he performed that night, as he let his audience ascend with him to achieve a sense of musical euphoria at the concert’s end. Lerche’s show ultimately taught the audience to expect the unexpected and that being surprised is always a good thing when it comes to his music. He shocked the audience with his unique style and infectious energy. If he ever wishes to return to Hopoe’s campus, he will be welcomed back wholeheartedly.
J.K. Rowling, the author of the “Harry Potter” books, will be making her debut as an adult novelist. The “Harry Potter” series gave J.K. Rowling an immense amount of fame, and her commitment to the series lasted ten years (from 1997-2007). In 2007, the last book in the “Harry Potter” series was released, and J.K. Rowling left her audience yearning for more of her writing.

Early in 2012, J.K. Rowling announced that she was working on a new book that would be very different from the “Harry Potter” collection. Her announcement aroused excitement worldwide and her large fan base began to contemplate the subject matter of the new book.

This April her publisher announced that J.K. Rowling’s new book was an adult novel titled “The Casual Vacancy.” The book presents a storyline that takes place in a fictional town by the name of Pagford. It begins with the surprising death of Barry Fairbrother, which leaves Pagford in a state of suspense. Pagford seems to be a quiet and calm town, but no outsider knows the drama that lies behind the curtains. Barry’s death leaves an empty seat at the parish council, a position that everyone desires. The unexpected turmoil caused by the competition will create, as Rowling’s web site describes, a blackly comic, thought-provoking and constantly surprising” adult novel. “The Casual Vacancy” will be published worldwide in the English language in a few weeks on Thursday Sept. 27, 2012.

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GET INFORMED, MAKE A CHANGE

Erika Schlenker  
GUEST WRITER

It’s that time of year again. Political bumper stickers are being plastered to vehicles, telling you “Defend America; Defeat Obama” or “Keep your Mitts off my country.” Even Hope’s campus is getting serious as its political clubs kick it into high gear and encourage students to make a difference.

The 2012 presidential election is coming up fast and I want to know: are you ready? Many Hope students are new voters who have no idea who to believe when it comes to siding with a candidate. Other people may not even have the desire to vote, thinking no candidate is trustworthy or that their vote won’t matter. These excuses, however, are not good enough.

The truth is that keeping up with politics can be hard, but with a little research and education, you can become a confident student voter. To help lead you in the right direction, I’ve asked a few professors in the political science department to offer their knowledge on the voting process. Read what the experienced voters, Dr. David Ryden and Dr. Jeffrey Polet, have to say about politics.

And remember, vote as if your life depended on it, because it does.

Tips for New Voters:

Dr. Polet says:

My best tip to a new voter: keep your expectations reasonable. Things don’t change overnight, and this is a good thing. In politics as in all things patience is a virtue. “Politics is a strong and slow boring of hard boards. It takes both passion and perspective.” Don’t expect the impossible, and don’t be content with things as they are. Realize that political engagement is a life-long endeavor and neither despair nor give in to fantasy.

News Sources to Avoid:

Dr. Ryden Says:

Much of the cable television coverage is so slanted toward one side or the other. It can be essentially worthless. I tend to rely on the election coverage of the big three newspapers (New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post). Each has its particular leanings, but taken together they provide a solid overview of what is going on with the elections. Also be careful to distinguish between the papers’ news coverage and their editorial pages, which tend to have a clear bias.

Why Vote?

I once saw a picture of a man in wheelchair rolling across a snow covered parking lot at night towards a building with the words “vote here” on the side of it. Not only did he understand the importance of the electoral process, but he also refused to let his circumstance deter him from voting. You may not agree with a candidate 100% or feel like going out and voting isn’t important. They do give us a sense of the general themes and priorities of each campaign. But they are hardly characterized by a commitment to truth in advertising. I try to avoid falling away too easily to one side or the other by making sure I read analysis from differing perspectives.

The American Government is an institution created by man. Since man is fallen and broken, there is no way that our system can be perfect. Therefore, there is no such thing as a perfect candidate. Voting is a gift that many of us take for granted. Voting is the one thing we can do as ordinary citizens that can affect the rest of our nation as a whole. I encourage those who have some problems with both candidates to really research both of them and see where they think the most potential lies.

-Megan Lechner ’13  
President of Hope Republicans

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Call your local election office to apply for an absentee ballot!
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THAT'S THE WAY IT IS

No change of heart, a change in me

It's not the same as I remember.
I've been gone a year from Hope College, a year of hearing about Pull victories and engagements through Facebook. I've been getting new friends in Philadelphia and Auckland, New Zealand, while still maintaining the friends who stayed closer to home. A year of traveling and learning and not being in Holland, roaming around big cities on multiple continents, has made me appreciate some of Holland's small-town charm. When I set foot on campus a year ago I was instantly transported back to the end of sophomore year: the last time I had lived in a dorm, eaten at Phelps, complained about homework and tests. Walking around as a senior on campus is such an eerie feeling. I feel like it's not entirely really me. I've given it over to younger, better, newer owners who will change it for the better. While all of my habits have remained constant, a lot of things have changed. It's not the same as I remember.

To those who have nicknamed Fairbanks "Farbanks," let me take buses and trains to get to class on campus as large as the entirety of Holland to get to class on campus as large as the entirety of Holland. I find myself comparing Holland to 16 Normal life. You can't help but wonder... what's the point?

Your life, to be healed by Jesus and to get the chance to follow him, to learn from him and watch him work? Talk about purpose! Who wouldn't want that? But Jesus has other plans for the man. He tells him stay behind, go back to your nursery life. What a disappointment. Being told no, you can't get to the coolest guy to walk the face of the earth, ever. Stay home.

The hundred acre wood

The extraordinary normal life

Maggie Rohweider
Columnist

On campus has been in chaos for the past few weeks. You can almost smell the busy, crazy excitement in the air. Some of us are ecstatic to be back. Some of us, like me, are not. It's not like I don't hope. I've learned so much from this place. But stepping into my senior year, I can't help but wonder... what's the point?

This summer I worked at a day camp in Detroit. I got to love kids and, even better, tell them how much Jesus loves them. I saw God working in ways I had never seen before, and I saw people living their lives with purpose. And it was so great.

Summer ended, as it always does, and now I get to spend my time reading textbooks and writing papers at LFs instead of reading Bible stories in the Bible. You can't blame me for failing to see the significance of school. What's the point of studying for hours when all I could be spending that time serving people in tangible ways? There's a guy in the Bible who knows how I'm feeling. He doesn't have a name, but you've heard of him if you've read Mark 5. Your name is as that crazy man who could not be controlled or the ancient terrorized the town. Then Jesus comes around and heals him, sending the demon masses into a herd of pigs. It's a wee story, but here's how it ends: the man goes to get with Jesus, but Jesus doesn't let him. Instead, he sends the man back home.

Hope to be healed by Jesus and to get the chance to follow him, to learn from him and watch him work? Talk about purpose! Who wouldn't want that? But Jesus has other plans for the man. He tells him stay behind, go back to your nursery life. What a disappointment. Being told no, you can't get to the coolest guy to walk the face of the earth, ever. Stay home. Do some homework or something.

Like me, the man had to go back to ordinary life, and I know that every time I encounter God in an incredible way, I saw God at work in the lives of counselors and athletes. I also saw God at work through a powerful healing. How do you go back to everyday life after that? Maybe the man was questioning what the point, too.

But, unlike me, the man didn't complain. Are you sure, Jesus? What did he do? He returned to normal life... but he was so radically changed, he could no longer deal with the normal. The Bible says the man told everyone he knew about what God had done for him, and people were amazed.

Now I'm back at school, and I have a choice. Life can get back to normal, homework, classes, extracurriculars, all that. But there's no point in being a poster child for the air in which you are born, a man deserving of their respect. Maybe some people need to know God is bigger than they've ever imagined.

I'm still struggling to be back at school. I can't see the point in being a poster child for the air in which you are born, a man deserving of their respect. Maybe some people need to know God is bigger than they've ever imagined.

Maggie occasionally spends time picking through the forest for picking dainties.

That's the way it is.

Elena Rivera
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Excuse me as I ramble

Ryan Backman
Columnist

An earnest, thoughtful consideration of the pin-up

Before I arrived at Hope College, I had a whole mess of preconceived notions about how to think about people. People like judging a man "on the content of his character" and such were, at one time, how I thought of things. But, as I've recently discovered, none of these things are truly important. What is actually critical, beyond even what you wear, what you eat, and with whom you spend time, is that you are the person you are on your wall.

It isn't as if I'm saying "clothes make the man." I'm saying that you are the person you are on your wall. That's what people actually judge based on appearance or preference is shallow and thoughtless. Posters are entirely different - they provide a unique window into their owners' lives. The thinking behind selecting, purchasing, hanging them up is so intensely personal. Consider the following hypothetical room: as far as the eye can see there are pin-ups, sports icons, and the occasional Fight Club poster. Obviously, the guy that decorated this room is no different - he has the same respect for the man deserving of their respect. He doesn't need to take a deep, considerate look into the man's thoughts, dreams, and aspirations when he goes to his room, in any capacity, is a man deserving of their respect. People in the study abroad* community might catch a glimpse of a glance or two, but that doesn't mean there's not a point to being a poster child for the air in which you are born, a man deserving of their respect. Maybe some people need to know God is bigger than they've ever imagined.

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The hundred acre wood

The extraordinary normal life

Maggie Rohweider
Columnist
I shivered in Senior Seminar on Wednesday, having forgotten that Hope College loves spending my tuition dollars on the impressive levels of air conditioning in Anderson. I tried to hurdle over subtly, keeping one ear pointedly listening to glancing back to the clock behind me, without looking like I checked. No this can't be right, we have at least another 13.50 left, I counselled myself. Confused.

"Pair up!" Professor beamed, delighted at the prospect of our interaction. Ok. My Thats wasnt a rhetorical question. Shifting in my chair, I resisted the temptation to cross the stiffness out of my lower back, as it's always so nasty to hear someone else's joints moving -- I turned to my friend, raised my eyebrows.

"So... being human?"

I glanced at my computer and investigated, surprised, breached. It had only increased. Over 18 million accounts of a virtual world scenario called Second Life exist in my name, a friend, I was told. By the Faxes of Online Fortune and Skype internet communications, it seems to have found its worth in this "second reality" I was stunned. Outraged. And disbelieving.

And bit my tongue, something I hadnt done in years. I raised my computer and investigated, immersed myself in what seemed like a completely different reality.

My avatar -- the nerdy looking girl who I was supposed to represent me -- wove up at a Irish hangout, watching people drink pixelated drink and dance the night away. I sat in the corner, listening to Anderson's tunes and watching the Local Chat window for interesting conversations. Eventually I even got the courage to talk to some SL players.

Bob (name changed here for privacy reasons), a 62-year-old man from Kentucky who has been on SL since its relative beginning at the turn of the century, said to me, as his avatar, I have to offer, except for physical contact. I have to offer, except for physical contact. "A friend recommended [SL] to me after my wife died," he said. "I was skeptical, but I guess you can say I got hooked. A lot of people are so pleased that an old greeter can use his computer, let alone live through it."

Bob also revealed that he spends at least eight hours a day surfing the virtual world with his Superman-looking avatar (and yes, you can fly in SL, too).

His favorite activity in SL? Going to church.

"That is all I have to see. Enough. I was lectured to what looked like a cathedral, complete with stained-glass windows, an altar, and a priest sitting on the altar. Above the frightfully-accurate wooden cross on the wall hung a sign that had pictures of virtual destinations available today, 3-am.

Church isn't the only thing on SL users' minds, though. This reality creates strip clubs, mall rocktats, gay and lesbian, very much I doubt I will ever want to give it up."

"In all honesty, I often find myself reacting to others.... literally. I jump to conclusions rather than practice a lot of wrongs. When I'm skeptical, it is not self-seeking, it is not always the case. When I'm impatient, God is love, and is often associated with a love of hate and God shows me new mercies. When I'mJM addicted to SL. I love it. I don't think I'll ever want to give it up."

"This comment begs a few questions. Is SL simply a hobby, an addiction? Or is it really a second reality?"

Liz Badovinac
Copy Editor

To pin-up or not to pin-up

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In the end, friends will be made or lost over the posters in one's room. When working at the breakneck pace that characterizes our world, all decision-making must be done with quickness and cunning. I don't always look at people from day to day to walk away from frondships and relationships when they get difficult; I lack the virtue of perseverance. Because of that, I'm disbelieving. However, I've become more aware of these faults--these areas in which lapses of my ability to love others exist. When I feel the tingle beginnings of irrl bitibility, I consider this verse (love is patient) before I reconsider this verse (love always.. trusts). How often do my interactions with others consist of gossip? How often do I doubt others or feel ungradable for what I have? Much too often. Loving others is an afterthought.

I've heard innumerable times that God loves me but that idea can sometimes seem pretty intangible and distant. It is through practicing these virtues in my own life, however, that I can be better appreciate what it means for God to love me. When I'm impatient, God is always ready to forgive. Needless to say, I'm ceaselessly awed. I am not this grace--this love, which ignites the passion itself of me (in all of us), to both accept that love and to give it back to others.

Alex spends way too much time working on his homework right now, instead he's looking at pictures of Arthur Darvill.
Student service in the Holland community

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weekend this year, the date was pushed back.

For this reason, Hart said sign-ups started low with students "stressed and engaged" after two weeks of classes, but numbers increased when upperclassmen signed up at the last minute.

There won't be another Time to Serve this year, but a staggering number of students will serve in all kinds of ways before the year is up.

Popular one-time service events like an All Hollows Feed at Community Kitchen in October and Christmas cookie decorating and caroling at nursing homes in December, coordinated by Volunteer Services, are all fun events that Hope students love.

Erica Porzondek (’15), student co-director of Volunteer Services, says her favorite Volunteer Services event is Moonlight Serenade, a senior citizens' ball that occurs April 5 this year.

"This dance connects Hope students with many of the elders in our community and it is a fun and easy way to get them feeling young again," she said.

Volunteer Services publicizes individual opportunities through Facebook, Twitter and BobStop, and students are free to choose what interests them. Jessica Beelen (’13), the other student co-director of Volunteer Services, encourages students to get on their email list (volunteers@hope.edu). "Many great opportunities come up that may require a very small amount of a student's time but may make a big impact in the long run."

For Hope students who want a long-running volunteer gig, CASA (Children’s After-School Achievement) is an on-campus tutoring opportunity which not only benefits Holland children, but also ditches out Hope student resumes as an excellent community service opportunity.

About a hundred Hope students have already committed to tutoring, at-risk elementary school children for three hours a week this fall. Fonda Green, executive director of CASA, said it is not too late to sign up to be a tutor. The program, whose offices are headquartered in the basement of Graves Hall, is short of tutors and will accept applications through Monday Sept. 24.

CASA's main objective is to provide focused one-on-one tutoring to children whose teachers identify them as being in danger of falling behind.

The program has experienced "fine tuning" in the past few years, said Green, who was excited to tell The Anchor about the relatively new Life Skills Component, introduced in 2011, which teaches children concepts like empathy and compassion reinforced through games and activities.

Not only do CASA tutors provide enormous academic and social support to school-age children, but they grow personally and professionally.

"The tutor will gain new personal skills that will go with them for life," said Green. She wants to be more intentional about making the tutoring experience valuable for tutors so it "links into their academic life" and they can identify valuable skills they develop as a tutor.

Hart agreed that the value of volunteering is well worth the time spent.

"Speaking from my own experience, when I serve, I'm blessed," she said.

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requirements for a major area of study and a minor area of study.

In addition, she finds the field placement program indispensable. "It really creates a very strong relationship and communication between the content that they're learning here on campus and the experience of being in a classroom."

In contrast to some education programs which delay hands-on experience until many credits have already been met, Hope College spreads field experience throughout the four years in multiple classrooms. Every education class comes with a "field placement" requirement, each increasing in student responsibility. By the time they become student teachers, they already have many hours of classroom experience under their belt. "We just so strongly believe that this is the right way for our students," said Cook before adding, "[The students] understand that they're still learners when they step into that classroom as a student teacher, but they also have enough experience behind them to know that they can do it."

Melinda Carlson (’13) and Celeste Norlander (’13), special education majors, will resume student teaching on October 1. "During my time at Hope," said Carlson, "I have been in seven classrooms or learning environments working with students ranging from early childhood to middle school students. Every moment I work with students is a teachable moment and I always take things away from that. I remember being initially scared to teach in front of students, but now it feels very natural to be in front of a classroom teaching. That's Cook, 'No doubt about it.' I know of that were hired that way." Pardo said.

Both Carlson and Norlander have found their education professors exemplary. "I knew coming to Hope that I'd be close to my professors," said Norlander, "but I had no idea that I'd be this close, calling them by their first name and knowing their home phone number and just being able to tell them what's going on in my life."

Although it was the Education Department which was recognized, Cook stressed that they alone cannot take credit for the success of the program, and also applauded the many strong academic departments at Hope:"It's a group effort," acknowledged Cook. "No doubt about it. In my mind, [the credit] belongs to a much larger group...It really is many departments working collaboratively along with several offices on campus to make sure that everything fits."
Women’s soccer improves to 5-1

James Rogers
Sports Editor

The women’s soccer team made it five straight wins with a 2-1 victory over Kalamazoo on Saturday, Aug. 26. A 1-0 shutout against Trine on Thursday, and a 2-1 victory over Kalamazoo, the effort was pleasing for the Dutch on Saturday, but Hope will need to improve against the Red Men in order to keep the momentum heading into league play.

Co-captain Altieri occupied the goal for a combined 178 minutes in the two games, making five saves in Thursday’s matchup.

Nora Kirk (15) provided the first goal for Hope on Thursday when the Flying Dutch took down the Hornets at home in the 22nd minute from 12 yards out. Lindsey Beri (15) dished out the assist, her second on the year.

Kalamazoo struck back in the 67 minute from 12 yards by Dickson. The Dutch came in the 67 minute on a six-yard rebound shot. Dickson finished off the game at 1-1, leaving a tied game at halftime.

The game-winning goal for the Dutch came in the 67th minute, delivered by Erin Jipping (15) on a beautiful rebound shot. Despite being outshot 12-9, Hope took down the Hornets 2-1. Kirk’s goal was her team-leading third of the season, while Jipping recorded her second.

“We can get better at taking each game one at a time and playing our own game,” Lindsay Jipping (13) said. “We need to keep talking and playing as a team.”

Following the 2-1 triumph over Kalamazoo, the effort wasn’t as pleasing for the Dutch on Saturday, but Hope still slipped by with a 1-0 win over Trine.

Hope’s offensive attack was charging the Thunder for a majority of the game, but execution wasn’t at its finest. The Dutch had 33 shots to Trine’s five, and shots on goal were 10-3 in Hope’s favor.

“We could have played a lot better,” Lindsay Jipping, said.

“We had a lot of good chances all night. We started playing more together and more aggressively in the second half.”

It wasn’t until the 73rd minute on Saturday that Hope capitalized on one of many opportunities when Amy Olson (14) broke open a 0-0 game with a goal off a corner kick assist from Ticia Bajema (13).

Kat Dickson (15) then assisted by Jason Muller (’13) as goalkeeper with 14 minutes of play remaining. Dickson saw the most offensive side of the making three saves on Trine’s three shots on goal.

“I supported the decision to substitute Altieri,” Altieri said. “She’s a great, but good." Dickson finished off the Dutch and Hope held on for the 1-0 victory. The goal was Olson’s first of the season and the frame was credited with her first assist of the year.

“We don’t necessarily need to take care of business,” Altieri said, “but we came out strong, attacking. We had to keep our momentum, keep shooting, and keep pressing.

“We are the better team. We stayed focused and it [the goal] came in the first half-10, then again in the second half, 12-6.

Eight of Lemmen’s 10 saves came in the first half of the game, many of which slowed the Red Men’s momentum significantly.

“Against a team like Carthage, even a few key breakdowns can determine the game,” Lemmen said.

With time winding down, Carthage’s Petar Tijanic scored his second goal of the season in the 88th minute of action, securing the victory.

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“We experienced that first hand, and I really think we can become a greater team because of that loss [to Carthage],” Altieri said.

The loss brought the Flying Dutchmen to 4-2 overall on the season and 1-1 in the MIAA.

In order to prevail with a majority of the game, but then Carthage struck first when Frank Delgado scored for the Red Men in the 38th minute. For the rest of the half, Carthage kept Altieri in the locker room.

The Flying Dutchmen struggled against the ball and were unable to produce in the first half.

“I would love to have the first half of Friday’s game back,” Lemmen said. “Unfortunately, that’s not how it works. Overall, I thought we played good. Not great, but good.”

The second half started similar to the first. Carthage had more shots on goal and controlled the offensive pace.

Semi-finalist, scoring the game-winning goal on Thursday.

“League play is extremely cut-throat,” Lemmen said. “We’re going to have to be mentally sharp, physical, and positive right from the kick off this week.”

“The team plays much better when we’re trying to just have fun on the pitch,” Lemmen said of the Dutchmen.

Women’s Soccer

This Week in Sports

Wednesday Sept. 19
Women’s Soccer
vs. Olivet at 7 p.m.

Friday Sept. 21
Volleyball
at Calvin at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 22
Men’s Soccer
vs. Olivet at 7 p.m.

Monday Sept. 24
Men’s Golf
vs. MIAA at 1 p.m. at Waukoshawan Players Club

In Brief

Football falls short in scoring spree

Hope’s football team suffered their second loss of the season at Concordia-Chicago this Saturday, 63-47. This was the third matchup between Hope and Concordia since 1975. Quarterback Michael Atwell (’14) had a career-high for pass completions (27/53), yards thrown (445) and touchdowns thrown (5) in a single game.

Tailback Shawn Jackson (14) had a career-best of 159 rushing yards. Wide receiver Vincent Boddy (’14) caught three touchdowns passes, Taylor Brynser (’15) caught two while Atwell and Brian Lynn (’13) each had one. Hope will play their second home game this Saturday against Illinois Wesleyan at 1 p.m.

MIAA Players of the Week

Football
Michael Atwell (’14)
Quarterback

Volleyball
Jessica Mair (’13)
Outside Hitter

Golf Spree Continues

Men’s golf tied for fifth place this weekend in the MIAA at Kalamazoo, but by Adam. This dropped Hope to third place in the conference. Hope scored a total of 309, led by Evan Helmer (15) at 38-37-75.

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Caitlin Rivera
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On Friday and Saturday the Flying Dutch participated in the Great Lakes Challenge volleyball tournament at Wittenberg.

Hope won three out of their four games, including defeating number 1 ranked Washington, making their overall season record 12-1 and maintaining their high national ranking.

Friday’s games started out with Hope defeating number 14 ranked Otterbein in three straight sets. (25-22, 25-19, 25-18) Jenna Grasmeyer (15) and Anna Lynch (’15) led the team to victory with 12 kills each, while Jessica Mauer (’13) led the team in digs, with 19 of her own.

The Flying Dutch then suffered their only loss of the tournament on Friday against #2 ranked Wittenberg.

Hope started out strong by winning the first set 25-21, but couldn’t keep up with Wittenberg, losing the next three 25-19, 25-13 and 25-22. The highlight of the game was continuing our consistency regarding a lot of areas of our game," Grasmeyer said. "We can’t let this game go and continue working on taking advantage of the opportunities we have to close out matches."

Hope tried their best to recover the next day at the tournament and succeeded.

The Dutch ran the courts with Ohio Northern, winning in three sets (25-16, 25-19, 25-23). "I think our team was definitely prepared for this tournament," Grasmeyer said. "We knew we were going to be playing some of the top teams in the country so we came in with a little extra focus and drive."

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"We also had a lot of belief in each other and knew that a collective effort was going to be the key to our success. The highlights of the tournament was Hope’s last game on Saturday, where they were scheduled to play #1 ranked Washington-St. Louis. Hope prevailed and proved strong through five games and came out on top."

Hope and Washington split their first four matches 25-23, 18-25, 25-27 and 25-20. This led to a fifth and final game, which turned into a nail biter. The teams battled back and forth for points, and Hope finally gained a 13-11 lead with back-to-back kills. Washington quickly regained strength with two blocks, tying the score at 13-13. Washington put a kill on the board making the score 14-13 with the game point in their sites. Hope didn’t buckle and returned the favor with a kill of their own.

After another kill and a sideout, the score was 15-15 when Allie Mitchell (’16) served two aces to claim the victory for Hope. The Dutch gave Washington their first loss of the season.

Co-captain Mari Schoolmaster (’14) had 14 kills and Jillian Sommerville (’15) recorded 13 kills, while Grasmeyer led the team with 21 of her own. Jessica Mauer (’13) had an impressive 56 digs, a school-record for one match.

Grasmeyer was selected to the all-tournament team.

ALL EYES FOCUSED— Greer Bratschle (’13) goes up for a block against the Olivet Comets last Wednesday. The Flying Dutch swept the Comets in three sets. Bratschle recorded 3 kills and 7 digs during the match.

"We really kept our energy and communication up throughout the whole tournament which is always important and especially when playing tough competition and when we find ourselves in challenging situations," Grasmeyer said. "I also thought we were very strong at being relentless on defense and playing smart shots on offense."

Hope (12-1) continues their season game at Calvin this Friday.

Flying Dutch make it five consecutive wins with two conference victories

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Finally came— The win over the Thunder improved the Dutch’s record to 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in the MIAA.

Altieri and Lindsay Ripping, both captains for Hope, expect more from the squad and know this team can do great things.

“We’ve had some tough games this year that we’ve played well in,” Lindsay Ripping said, “but we’ve also faced easier opponents that we didn’t quite step up against. Encouragement is needed throughout the games and we need to come out focused, no matter which team we’re playing.”

Altieri has played a big part in the women’s soccer program and desires to leave a positive, inspiring legacy.

“For the team, I want us to be known for playing our game,” Altieri said. “No matter who it is we’re playing or how it looks, we need to keep playing the way we play.”

The Flying Dutch (5-1, 2-0 MIAA) will take the five-game winning streak back to Van Andel on Sept. 19 against Olivet in an MIAA clash.

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL— The Flying Dutch soccer squad rallies together in their Saturday night game against Trine. The Dutch are now 5-1.

There are thinkers and doers. Some people must think without doing"

• THINK, from page 9

I crossed a leg to retain maximum body heat, and nodded.

“So if there are thinkers and doers, then some people must think without doing, and others do without thinking,” I philosophized.

“But if they do without thinking,” she picked up.

“Then what are they doing?” I finished. We grinned, satisfied. That sounded awfully nice and complete, and we still had fifteen minutes left. Hub, we couldn’t be (the first to think of this, of the “thinkers and doers”) Seeing as I had it in Cultural Heritage I since freshman year, and really couldn’t tell you which philosopher—this theory lent its origins to, I let my brain wander off in another direction. Eventually, we related our epiphany to our small group, packed up our notebooks, and burst into the early September heat and sunshine. Ah, I can feel my toes again!

But, though we landed on our point (why aren’t those doers thinking about what they’re doing?), we identified with the thinkers, and so we forgot something. What happens when the thinkers only think, and don’t do? Well, we’re all worked on those group projects that meet for hours and never get anything done...

Maybe if I were a doer, I’d actually borrow a sweatshirt, or just ask for an armadillo. But I’m not. Next time you’re in Anderson-Workman, either freezing in August or sweating in January, you’ll figure it out pretty quickly—are you a thinker or a doer?