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

### The tradition continues

Pull teams '15 and '16 prepare for war

Aleksanders Molenaar
Guest Writer

The Pull, an event that started 115 years ago, has remained an epic battle between two teams determined to "out-pull" each other. In an attempt to gain mastery in this revered battle, the teams must work through blood, sweat and tears. The ultimate goal? To send one team into the Black River and, of course, to win at all costs. Such a fierce mentality rendered the Even and Odd Year Pull rallies just as intense as the training and the actual Pull Day itself.

At the Even Year Pull Rally on Tuesday, Sept. 4, Maas Auditorium was filled with Pull Team '16 leaders and coaches chanting about how this year's Pull Team 16 is going to win. Coaches and reps rattled

### Sondre Lerche

Singer left his Hope audience spellbound last week.

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How to cast your vote, and cast it well, for the upcoming November elections.

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Women continue their successful winning streak with victories over Kalamazoo and Trine.

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No excuse for not volunteering

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

Brooke McDonald

Campus Co-Editor

If you want to dive into the heart of Hope College this year, consider volunteering—because that’s what everybody’s doing.

From tutoring at-risk children to dancing the night away with the elderly folks, Hope College certainly offers a variety of community service opportunities.

Time to Serve—an event which involved over 350 students—stood as a testament to Hope’s commitment to its community. On Saturday, Sept. 8, students participated in service projects all over the Holland area. Students spent the day in groups led by upperclassmen at more than 30 sites including Goodwill, Bibles for Mexico, and area churches.

Wilma Hart, director of Volunteer Services, said the day is a chance to introduce new students to the character of Hope. “Hope is all about service.”

Community members are “so grateful. They think it’s awesome that students come and help,” Hart said.

An annual event since 2000, Time to Serve usually occurs Labor Day weekend, but with Community Day and the football game landing Labor Day.

In Brief

MORTAR BOARD AWARDS

Hope College Mortar Board carries on its standard of excellence, with last year’s 35 members winning a “Golden Torch Award” and 17 “Project Excellence” awards. The awards were given at the national conference held in July in Chicago. The “Golden Torch Award” is the highest honor given in Mortar Board, and can only be received by the same institution once every five years. Among the 17 projects to receive awards were a book drive raising over $15,500 for Jefferson Elementary, raising over $16,000 for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, pumpkin carving and Christmas stocking stuffing for CASA, and raising more than $7,000 through Dance Marathon.

Ariana Cappuccitti (’13), an Odd Year representative, said one of her favorite Pull traditions has 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 pull, the spotter for the other team would call down to the pull and they would 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 start to find out exactly how tough you really are,” he said. “Recently I’ve also realized that Christ went through so 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 Kroneman

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 their nomination 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 a successful businessman, 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 as 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 €800 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 begun bailed out plan. Germany will be the ESM's largest contributor.

Another possible solution to the economic crisis plaguing the EU would be the implementation of Eurobonds. An ESM would be in effect, a loan taken out by the European Union that all members of the Eurozone would have to pay for. The idea for Eurobonds emerged as a solution to the difficulty of assuring the most stagnant of the EU's economies while placing responsibility proportionally among all states.

Certain EU member states argued that it would be incredibly high interest rates, meaning that their economies are faring too badly for many people to want to invest in them. Eurobonds would have an interest rate that would be an average between the high interest rates of the eurozone and the much lower 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 raised in any agreement.

Germany has had arguably the best economy of any of the Eurozone countries. Opponents state 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. Eurozone countries with moderate growth rates, and therefore moderate interest rates, are afraid of what would 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. Along with Germany, there is 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.

**Signatory | Percent of ESM contribution**

- Austria 2.739%
- Belgium 3.477%
- Cyprus 0.196%
- Estonia 0.185%
- Finland 1.797%
- France 20.386%
- Germany 27.146%
- Greece 2.817%
- Ireland 1.592%
- Italy 17.914%
- Luxembourg 0.250%
- Malta 0.073%
- Netherlands 5.717%
- Portugal 2.509%
- Slovakia 0.824%
- Slovenia 0.428%
- Spain 11.904%

**This day in history**

1778 - The Continental Congress passes the first budget of the United States.

1862 - American Civil War (Battle of Antietam): 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.

1929 - Women's suffrage in 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 first 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.


2006 – The Thai military stages a coup in Bangkok. The Constitution is revoked and martial law is declared.

Source: brainhistory.com
Chicago teacher strike: What will the government do?
Samantha Poon

Guest Writer

Education is often considered the key to success. It opens worlds to opportunities. It changes lives. Yet this integral part of our society has seen better times. According to a study completed by Education Week in 2009, the average math and reading scores of students in the National Assessment of Educational Progress tests have been stagnant since the 1970s. Not only has education been curtailed, but it has now come to a complete halt as teacher strikes have become more common.

Not only has education been affected, but the Educational Progress tests have also been impacted. Reading scores for third-year-olds have declined. According to a study published in The Economist, these scores are at historic lows.

Rahm Emanuel, the mayor of Chicago, has made education a priority in his office. According to The New York Times, Emanuel is attempting to reform our nation's education system. He wants to ensure that all students have a complete formative education.

The Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), headed by Karen Lewis, has been at the forefront of this battle. The union's concerns include a salary-based pay scale dependent upon student performance and standardized testing, which critics argue can be used to propel excellence in teachers and students.

These reforms, however, are not without their challenges. There has been an offer of a slight increase in salary and benefits. However, these concessions have not been pleasing to the general teacher population as many teachers have classified this as a low ball offer.

Remaining undeterred, the CTU continues to argue that teacher performance is not black and white. Lewis argues that teachers should "evaluate us on what we do, not the lives of our children we do not control" (NBC News). Since the No Child Left Behind Act, initiated by George W. Bush, there has been a distinct attempt to reform our nation's public education system, in more ways than one.

Unfortunately, the United States has been affected by political heat and emotional vulnerability election fervor. Neither candidate has become particularly outspoken on this issue, as many political factors are at stake. Chicago holds the base of Obama's campaign, as his hometown and a stronghold for unions. The teacher strikes in Chicago branch out to become a federal government versus state government issue as well.

Former Prime Minister of the other Holland visits Hope

Alex Bollicina

Guest Writer

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Lance Armstrong: Saint or sinner?

Joel Brogan

Guest Writer

The USAID, standing for the United States Anti-Doping Agency, has been presiding over the cycling world. Lance Armstrong, winner of seven Tour de France titles, with an estimated net worth of $125 million, has been under pressure for almost two years now. This constitutional witch hunt has culminated in the last months to December, the 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. USAID, the large, powerful, and corrupting government agency, is accused of corruption and covering up fraud. The problem that exists in front of us and nothing is done to change it. Although the actions taken against him are cruel and unjust, and their unnecessary allegations completely lacking sufficient evidence, this story reaches far beyond the anguished Armstrong that I am sure Mr. Armstrong is feeling.

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Sondre Lerche’s night of surprises

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Arts Co-Editor

Talented Norwegian musician kicks off the Hope College Concert Series with a bang

Sondre Lerche is not one for keeping with a status quo. As his Sept. 13 performance at DeVitt Theatre drew to a close, the indie singer-songwriter 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 untracted rock songs with ease. While Lerche first appeared onstage alone, opening with a stripped-down version of “Like Larenby,” an earnest love song from his 2009 album “Heartbeat Lazenby,” an earnest love song, he soon joined by the members of the night’s opening act Fancy Colors. A New York-based group that showcased its own brand of atmospheric experimental rock with striking energy. If he ever wishes to return to Hope’s campus, he will be welcomed back wholeheartedly.

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 included “Boating 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 big 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. So, 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 thumper “Phantom Punch.” Yet, the audience was not done with him, and he graciously came out for an encore, where he performed “Modern Nature,” a mass duet 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 the group’s camaraderie was evident throughout the show, it was even more clear how much each musician enjoyed the others’ company during the discussion, which evolved into a friendly, low-key conversation between friends rather than a formal conversation on craft. While the topics of favorite artists and albums was one of the session’s main focuses, the audience also asked Lerche about his seemingly ever-changing music style, as he has immersed himself in over the course of his career.

“Have you to allow yourself to be affected by your surroundings,” he said of the metamorphic music his had undergone. “It is important 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 for 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 Hope’s campus, he will be welcomed back wholeheartedly.

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Wednesday Sept. 19
Knickernocker Film Series:
Pinno (screening through Sept. 21)

Friday Sept. 21
Marathon Reading of “The Hobbit”
Pine Grove (Martha Miller 1st floor rotunda in case of inclement weather), 12 p.m.

Friday Sept. 21
Geestra Concert:
Dillard Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 22
Kasturi Paigude Performance
White Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

THE EMMYS TAKE OVER THE TUBE

The 64th Emmy Awards are coming to ABC on Sept. 23, 2012, live from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles and Jimmy Kimmel hosting for the first time.

The awards are anticipated more than ever this year, as the shows competing for the awards are of such a high caliber. FX’s “American Horror Story” and AMC’s “Mad Men” lead the pack with 17 nominations each, closely followed by PBS’s “Downton Abbey” and History’s “Hatfields & McCoys” with 16. The Outstanding Drama Series category is expected to be a close race as the category harbors critically acclaimed shows like HBO’s “Boardwalk Empire” and “Game of Thrones,” AMC’s “Breaking Bad” and Showtime’s “Homeland.”

The Outstanding Comedy Series category is also expected to garner much attention, as popular shows such as NBC’s “30 Rock,” HBO’s “Curb Your Enthusiasm” and ABC’s “Modern Family” are vying for television’s top honor. Strong actors are up for awards in categories across the board, and make sure the show Credit Hall and Don Cheadle who are competing for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series for their work on Showtime’s “Dexter” and Showtime’s “House of Lies,” respectively. Zooey Deschanel is also a big contender for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for her work on the first season of Fox’s “New Girl.”

While some TV critics are surprised at the omission of shows like NBC’s “Community” and FX’s “Louie” from the list of nominees, they are happy that more newcomers were included this year, including Lena Dunham’s “Girls” and the political satire “Veep,” both of which are aired on HBO. Entertaining actors such as Mindy Kaling, Amy Poehler and Ricky Gervais will also make appearances as presenters, and they will make sure the show lives up to its high expectations.
Rowling's new book release proves anything but casual

Turning A New Leaf-- Author J.K. Rowling's upcoming novel marks her transition from children's fiction to adult literature.

J.K. Rowling, the author of the "Harry Potter" books, will be making her debut as an adult novelist the "Harry Potter" books, will her audience yearning for more 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, Harry Potter fans were excited to hear 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. Barry's death leaves one empty seat at the parish curtains. Barry 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 turn of events 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.

One of the biggest differences between this book and the "Harry Potter" series is the target audience. This book does not deal with wizards, or magical spells, but uncovers the facade put forth by all the residents living in Pagford. However, similar to "Harry Potter," Rowling's publishers at Little, Brown and Company did not provide any advance reviews of the novel. Consequently, the suspense of the revelation of her fans increases daily.

Deidre Donahue and Craig Wilson from USA Today explained in their article that many critics have concerns about the novel's release. The main concern is whether "Harry Potter" fans, who enjoyed her children's fiction, will want to buy a copy of her new novel. Donahue and Wilson interviewed Diane Roback, a children's book editor at "Publisher's Weekly," and this is what she had to say on the matter: "Fans who read "Harry Potter" as children will be one of the core audiences for this book, without a doubt. I cannot think of an author who is more beloved by her readers."

In addition to Roback's observation, one cannot deny that many of Rowling's fans grew up with her books. The children that read "Harry Potter" in 1997 are now adults that are looking to read adult literature. J.K. Rowling's single public event, concerning the release of "The Casual Vacancy," in the United States will take place on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. She will discuss the book with bestselling novelist Ann Patchett in Jazz Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall in New York City. Rowling will also read excerpts from the book itself.

Needless to say, a lot of her fans are anxiously waiting for the book's release date, and many bookstores are advertising preorders. Only time will tell if her first attempt at appealing to a different market will be as huge of a success as her bestselling saga about the orphan wizard who defeated the dark lord.

Hope student book selections

Maribeth Van Hecke

Starting with this issue of The Anchor, the arts section will feature guest writers' book reviews in every other issue. Check out the Oct. 3 issue for the next series of book selections.

"Killing Lincoln"

Dear old Abe Lincoln has been getting lots of publicity lately. Between the two 2012 films "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" and "Abraham Lincoln vs. Zombies" our nation's 16th President has been manipulated for fiction.

However, the book "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly gives the reader a true-to-life thriller about his shocking assassination. It is a historical novel that flows like a thriller, so entertaining that readers forget they are reading a piece of nonfiction.

In the opening pages of the book, the reader is thrown into the battlefront of the Civil War. History buffs will like the O'Reilly's talk of dates and military strategies, but if you are not keen on that, save yourself for the rest of the story.

As the story unfolds, the readers watch as Booth, a charming young actor, creeps his way around Washington, gathering as much intelligence as he can about the depressed President and other important governmental leaders.

Every bit of conversation will change the way you think about Booth. The reader gets insight into Booth's head and comes to understand how his extreme hatred for Lincoln pulled at his thoughts.

"Killing Lincoln" is an entertaining account of history. If only every textbook author wrote their history books like this.

"Left Neglected"

Sarah Nickerson cannot see anything on the left. She forgets about her left hand, putting makeup on the left side of her face and anyone standing on the left side of the room.

That is because after a brain injury, Sarah Nickerson, the main character in "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova, has something that is called left neglect (also known as one-side neglect). "Left Neglect" is a neuropsychological condition in which a patient experiences visual, perceptual and sensory loss on the "neglected side." Before a serious car crash, Sarah worked 80-hour weeks, took care of her three children and tried to maintain a healthy relationship with her husband.

As Sarah recovers, we watch her sort out her priorities.

Genova has a great way of showing the confusing and confusion that comes with Sarah's condition, like forgetting the brownie on the left half of her plate and not being able to put pants on without assistance.

Genova does an incredible job of showing readers life in the hospital and the path to recovery. Sarah's fast-paced life screeches to a halt, and she slowly learns how to get back up and move again.

Seeing life through Sarah's right-sided mind is inspiring, and the reader succeeds in calling readers back to reality through Sarah's example. "Left Neglected" is about someone who thought she lost it all, but finds herself in the end because of that loss.
LETS VOTE, HOPE: USE YOUR VOICE
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 to "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.

Dr. Ryden says:

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Dr. Polet says:

It depends on what you're expecting it to do. If you expect it to tell you which theme of each candidate is more appealing, I'm not sure that any analysis can do that accurately because candidates are often one-dimensional. If you're expecting it to tell you which candidate is more trustworthy or that you should vote for, then...I don't know. It's not hard to see that 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.

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President of Hope Democrats

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 to the polls in November, but you must recognize that the ability to vote is something uncommon for a large portion of people around the world. Even in America, Women and African-Americans were long denied this fundamental right and had to fight tooth and nail to gain the privilege. We must respect their struggle and as such, take advantage of every opportunity to play a part in the society of which we all stakeholders.

-Megan Lechner '13
President of Hope Republicans

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That's the way it is
Elena Rivera
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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, a year of making 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, and learning and not being in the friends who stayed closer to home.

When I set foot on campus a few years 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 myself. I've given it over to younger, brighter, newer owners who will change it for the better. While a lot of things have remained constant, a lot of things have changed. It's not the same as I remember.

It seems so much smaller.
To those who have nicknamed Fairbanks "Farbanks," let me tell you a story about having to explore a new place that I kind of forgot was Elena Rivera, Hope College student. My heart longed to be at Hope with my friends, but every day, Auckland stole my heart away little by little. And now I'm here, back at Hope, wishing I was in Auckland again.

Studying abroad changes you.
I know that the big pitch: you'll learn these invaluable life lessons, but I'm telling you, the someone who really experienced it, that it's true. The reason Hope isn't the same as I remember is because I'm not the same person. I was a year ago.

I've paid bills by myself, worked as an intern at a publishing house, traveled over 30 hours to live in an island in the Pacific, seen glaciers and mountains and prehistoric birds, and grown up a little. So while I'm still trying to navigate exactly where I belong, I'm going to cherish my last year here at Hope. I know once I leave, there will be things I miss about this place, so I want to soak it in, soak it up, hope, as a senior or a junior or a sophomore, that the new freshmen, you do the same.

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The hundred acre wood
Maggie Rohwedder
Columns

The extraordinary normal life
Campus has been in chaos for the past few weeks. You can almost smell the 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 that I never imagined. 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 LJs instead of reading Bible stories with kids. You can't blame me for failing to see the significance of school. What's the point of studying for hours when there could be spirituality 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 5:21-43. You know him as that crazy farmer who was so possessed by a demon that he terrorized the town. Then Jesus comes around and heals him, sending the demon masses into a herd of pigs. It's a weird story, but here's how it ends: the man goes to see Jesus, but Jesus doesn't let him. Instead, he sends the man back home.

How do you, 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 everyday life. What a disappointment. Being told no, you can't go down with 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 after encountering God in an incredible way. I saw God at work in the lives of counselors and players; the man saw God at work through a powerful healing. How do you go back to everyday life after that? Maybe the man was questioning what's the point, too.

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Excuse me as I ramble on
Ryan Backman
Columns

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. Phrases like judging a man on the content of his character, 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, are the people who are steadfastly loyal and supportive and judge people based on appearance or preference is shallow and thoughtless. Posters are entirely different. Each of them promises to give you a unique window into their owners' lives because the thinking behind selecting, purchasing, and 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 has a thing for the Detroit Tigers, Megan Fox in skimpy superhero outfits, and soap. But what else can be gathered? Why does he think that half-naked women add to the atmosphere he has created for himself?

Personally, I imagine him decked out in jeans worn below the waist, a hat he's turned backwards, and either a DGK or a Zoo York shirt. He's strutting about, making low-level grunts, when suddenly he notices a poster sale in the DeWitt Center. He browses the collection; "Hey, The Tigers, awesome!" Hey, Fight Club, awesome!" Hey, Megan Fox, very awesome!" And so on. Later he takes his posters to the counter (oblivious to the cashier's judgmental glare) and buys them. He arrives back at his dorm room, subplot 3-1: "Sup bro! Look what I got!" and gets a little help hanging them. It absolutely cannot be attempted — those 15 minutes he spent in the DeWitt Center were the most crucial of his college career.

This is because people will go into this guy's room sometimes and get a feel for what kind of person he is. They will see the posters, and while they might not have the has his tastes in sports teams, they know that any man with that chick from Transformers in his dorm, he is a man deserving of their respect. They don't actually need to take a deep, considerate look into this man's thoughts, dreams, and aspirations when
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Welcome to the world where doers do and thinkers think

Cara Haley
Columnist

I shivered in Senior Seminar on Wednesday, having forgotten that Hope College spends its tuition dollars on the impressive levels of air conditioning. I tried to huddle over subtly, keeping one ear trained towards the front of the room. As I looked, I realized around 12:30, I always assume I'll just grab lunch later, not a big deal. I regret my choice every time. The minutes passed steadily.

**What's that?** The girl at the next table over opened some almonds. Those look so fresh from reality. That number has only increased. Over 18 million accounts of a virtual world scenario called Second Life—known as SL—were found to be registered in 2010.

I was introduced to these facts this summer, when I watched a 2010 documentary by Jason Spingarn-Koff called "Life 2.0." The film follows the paths of several real-life people who, by the Fates of Online Fortune and/or speedy internet connections, seem to have found their worth in this "second reality." I was stunned. And disbelieving.

And I immediately plugged in my computer and investigated, immersing myself in what seemed like a completely different world.

My avatar—the nerdy looking guy who I was supposed to represent—wound up at an Irish hangout, watching people drink pixelated liquor and dance the night away. I sat in the corner, listening to Andrews' tunes and watching the Local Chat window for interesting conversation. 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, sat across the virtual table from me, as his avatar—a huge, muscular guy in his 20s—constantly sipped on a virtual beer.

"A friend recommended [SL] to me after my wife died," he said. "I guess you can say I got hooked. A lot of people are surprised that an old geezer 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 (yes, and you can fly in SL, too).

His favorite activity in SL? Going to church.

That had to be seen. Sure enough, I was escorted to what looked like a cathedral, complete with stained-glass windows, an altar, and an impressive array of religious symbols. And people were sitting on it. Above the frighteningly-accurate wooden cross on the wall hung a sign that read, "Do not disturb visitors available tomorrow, 3-6pm."

Church isn't the only thing on SL users' minds, though. This reality features strip clubs, mutual romantics, getaways and pretty much everything real-life has to offer, except for physical human contact.

The SL indulgences don't seem to mind the lack of physical connection. Some, like a couple in "Life 2.0," even manage to find their "love" online (though the couple did end up splitting after living together in real-life for a while). It seems that almost everything in SL is situated around living a fantasy life, from relationships to fulfilling shameless shopping additions (and yes, SL even has its own economic currency).

Overall, I say my extremely short-lived SL experience left me puzzled and reflective. It seems to be a tragedy that so many have joined SL to flee the trials of real-life. At the same time, I feel for people like Bob, who are lonely in real-life and unable to leave the house.

Still, his last, typed words gave me some fearful chills. "I'm addicted to SL. I love it. I don't think I'll ever want to give it up." I won't be making any inquiries.

In the end, friends will be won and lost over the posters that characterize our world, all decision-making must be done with quickness and cunning. And it's easy to look at people from day to day to walk away from friendships and relationships when they get difficult; I lack the virtue of perseverance. Because of that, I agree with this verse, 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 tainting beginnings of irritability, I consider this verse (love is patient). When I'm reminded of the hurt another has caused me, I consider this verse (love keeps no record of wrongs). When I'm skeptical of others, I consider this verse (love always trusts). How often do my interactions with others consist of gossip? How often do I doubt others or feel ungrateful for what I have? Much too often. Loving others is now an act of love that 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 am able to better appreciate what it means for God to love me. When I'm impatient, God is patient with me. When I'm rude, God shows me new mercies. He never turns His back on me and is always ready to forgive.

Needless to say, I'm ceasing swatting at this grace—this love, which ignites the passion residing in me (in all of us), to both accept that love and to give it back to others.

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Volunteer Services publicizes individual opportunities through Facebook, Twitter and K-Stop, and students are free to choose which interests them. Jessica Beelink ('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 dethaws 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.

### Students feel ready to teach

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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 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 what teaching is all about. I never would have been so up for a classroom teaching experience if I thought that it would never happen to me. I can only thank the Hope Ed Department for preparing me so well for my future career as an educator."

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"This could be you."

The Anchor is always looking for interested students to get involved in writing, taking photographs, drawing cartoons, sending in letters to the editor... whatever way you want to get involved we would love to have you!

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**SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**
**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, said. "We all rely on Dutch's expectations. For the women. A 2-0 home and both were MIAA contests for the women. A 2-0 home and both were MIAA contests for the women.

A 2-0 victory over the Red Men of Hope on Thursday, found five saves in Thursday's matchup. Nora Kirk ('13) 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. Lindsay Bieri (15) drove the assist, her second on the year.

Kalamazoo struck back in the 39th minute with a goal to knot the game at 1-1, leaving a tied ballgame at halftime. The game-winning goal for the Dutch came in the 67th minute, delivered by Erin Jipping (15) on a stoked 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.

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**Flying Dutchmen suffer first home loss**

**Kyle Bernaclak**
**GUEST WRITER**

On Friday, the Flying Dutchmen's soccer team picked up its first loss at home this season, a 2-1 upset against the Red Men of Carthage College.

Hope's four-game winning streak was snapped by the loss, and brought them to 4-2 overall this season.

This loss came after a successful mid-week MIAA battle against Adrian, where the Flying Dutchmen delivered with a 4-2 victory after scoring two goals in the final four minutes.

"Even though we were tied for the majority of the match, I really didn't feel too worried," goalkeeper Ben Lemmen ('14) said. "Our offense was creating great chances the entire game, and even with six or seven minutes left, I was confident that they would put one in."

Entering into the game on Friday, Hope was ranked eighth in the Division III national poll.

In order to prevail with the win, Hope needed to ride the momentum of their win and keep their home turf.

Both teams started the game in a slow fashion, but then Carthage had eight shots on goal and the Dutch had five, and shots on goal were 10-3 in Hope's favor.

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"Against a team like Carthage, even a few key breakdowns can determine the game," Lemmen said. "We experienced that first hand, and I really think we can become a greater team because of that loss to Carthage."

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Men's golf tied for fifth place this weekend in the MIAA, finished second in the conference. Hope scored a total of 309, led by Evan Fabrow ('15) at 38-37-37. Men's golf placed second out of nine this weekend in the MIAA, finished second in the conference. Hope scored a total of 309, led by Evan Fabrow ('15) at 38-37-37. Men's golf placed second out of nine this weekend in the MIAA, finished second in the conference. Hope scored a total of 309, led by Evan Fabrow ('15) at 38-37-37.
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 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) lead the team in digs, with 19 of her own.

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