THE YEAR BEGINS!

With convocation last week, classes fully underway this week, and yet another issue of the anchor, it once again seems to be business as usual at Hope College.

Photo by Dan Vogler
Nicaragua: An Alternative Church and Society in the Sandanista government.

Better, but that's Inklings liked flip-top or pump toothpaste Braun, appreciated the comment Jonathon Hoffman from the Inklings staff.

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Everyday life under the Sandanista government.

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Watching the big-screen TV. Then I was asked whether I expected to attend the "Welcome Back Party," according to Bruce King drew the winner Bruce King drew the winner.

Dr. Clark Bouwman, a participant in two trips to Nicaragua with the Witness for Peace program, will offer local residents a rare glimpse of everyday life under the Sandanista government.

His presentation, entitled 'Church and Society in Nicaragua: An Alternative Perspective,' will be delivered at 7:30 pm in Commons 1 of Hope Church, today, September 7, 1988.

Dr. Bouwman is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and makes his summer home in Ganges, Michigan.

Dr. Bouwman was born in Grand Rapids, educated at Western Michigan, and has written and lectured widely on the subject of Nicaragua.

Everyone is invited to this talk, which is sponsored by Holland Peacemakers.

As part of the celebration of its annual Biology Week, the Hope College Biology department is sponsoring a talk on the preservation of tropical rainforests by two experts on tropical ecology.

Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray and Dr. Greg Murray will discuss why tropical rain forests are rapidly disappearing and why their extinction should be of such great concern to the entire world. The presentation will be given today, Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m., in Room 50 of the Peale Science Center. The public is invited, and admission is free.

MURRAY'S, both assistant professors of biology at Hope, have been conducting research on the interaction of plants and birds in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve in Costa Rica for many years. They note that most of the diversity in land plants and animals is in the tropical rain forests like that which they have been studying. As the tropical rain forests disappear worldwide, so will the diversity of its species.

In addition, the tropical rain forests are of importance to our global climate, as a source of food and as a source of medicinal plants. The Murrays talk tonight will be an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of the status of the important and fragile tropical ecosystem.
Freeze Frame:

What did you miss the most about Hope this summer?

Kari Schaafsma, Special Education Junior
"I think I missed the stress and the squirrels the most. (chuckle, chuckle)"

Jim Schuman, Business Administration Senior
"Not a thing!"

Sharon Raffo, Special Education Junior
"My friends. Oh yeah, and the academic stimulation, too. Oh yeah, and the bar, too."

Dave Fjelstul, and Steve Haakenson, Biology, Business Sophomore
"The girls and video games. We weren't very social this summer, since we had to work."

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Hope College 10, Church Herald 0

In the September 2 issue of the Church Herald, a “publication of the Reformed Church in America,” there appeared an article about football and how it relates to the Christian context of a college such as Hope. It was written by the Reverend Jeffrey Japinga, managing editor of the publication.

The article began with a short subheader that read “Is there anything Christian about what happens on the football fields of our RCA colleges?” From this, we gathered that the article was going to go on and tell us how non-Christian football was, and how the sport compromises the Christian context of Hope College.

For example, one of the very first sentences states “To follow football, or any sport, is to observe an often unholy practice, where anger is vented, old scores settled, arguments pursued.” This statement, at least from our perspective, could be construed as being very non-Christian in its own origin: Condemnation of another person’s beliefs or practices.

Rev. Japinga even goes so far as to make the statement “God in no way cares about the outcome of a football game.” First of all, a statement like this is absurd; who is the author to say what God may or may not think? Second, to bring this to the same absurd level, perhaps God is a Raiders fan. Or, to really stretch things, a Lions fan? Who are we to say?

Further on, near the end of the article, the author makes a statement, however, that shows that he is trying not to make waves with those he writes about. He says that there is no “reason to worry that student-athletes are taught the wrong perspective on sport at Hope...” apparently in order to pacify everyone involved. Where before he out-and-out condemns football players and coaches alike, he now adjusts it to basically say that “Oh, at Hope, that’s different.”

Rev. Japinga ends his article with the rather nebulous statement “temples built to false gods can be but a defeat or two away,” never actually taking a stance on the issue at hand. Are schools like Hope and other RCA colleges showing their Christian contexts within their athletic programs? What exactly is Rev. Japinga saying, or does he even know?

Most likely, he is trying to make a point that football is not for Christians, but he does not want to come right out and say so, for fear he will offend everyone concerned.

Hope College football coach Ray Smith, who was interviewed for the article, states that he feels that participating in a sport is good for a person, but just a few sentences further on in the article, Rev. Japinga says that “that is the coach’s view of the world.”

In a candid interview with an anchor staff member, coach Smith reiterated his feelings that at Hope, academics come before athletics, but they are both a necessary part of the college experience. Apparently, Rev. Japinga feels that this is not so.

Are those of us who participate in sports to be condemned for leading a non-Christian life? Or can football coexist with Christianity at a college like Hope, or even in the “real world”? We think it can.

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Letter to the Editor

Thursday the 15th of September will mark one of the most important days in the fiscal year of Student Congress. It is a day which our student government - our student voice could not exist. Of course I am talking about the annual Student Congress Elections.

These elections will determine not only the composition of the Congress, but they will determine the scope, direction, and strength of our organization which will have this year. Obviously if the elections provide the school with mediocre, unambitious representatives, Student Congress will be unproductive. The kind of people we are looking for are hard working, accountable, and ambitious students who want to make a difference.

The duties of a congress member include the weekly meetings and their respective board or committee meetings. Each member will be assigned to one or more boards or committees. These include organizations such as the Curriculum Committee (reviews and revises the core curriculum), the Residential Life Committee (handles issues such as parietals, dining hall quality, and public safety), the Athletic Committee (approves sports schedules, decides on recipients of athletic awards) and many more. Congress members work closely with faculty and administrators, on these boards and committees, and their votes on issues are equal to the votes of faculty and administration members. The congress member is therefore given a strong voice and a good deal of power in these positions and really can make a difference.

The election procedure is very simple. Just pick up a petition at the Student Congress office (across the hall from WTHS), and have twenty-five (25) students from your district sign it (refer to the district definitions posted near the office door or in the advertisement in this paper). Your petition must be returned to the office by Friday, the 9th of September. As stated before, the elections will be the following Thursday. Only people from your district can vote for you, so do some campaigning in your dorm, apartment, or wherever, and get the vote out on the 15th.

If something about Hope bothers you, I urge you to join Student Congress. If you would like to work more closely with faculty members, join Student Congress. If you want to make a difference in the world around you, give Student Congress a try.

Good luck next Thursday.

Thomas Kyros, President Student Congress

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A Slip of the Mind by Jim Monnett

anything to get your stones up about?" 

"Leave my stones out of this. We are not against the idea of new offices, classrooms or new physics stuff. What we are concerned about is the trend that Hope is exhibiting."

"I thought only DePree was exhibiting anything. By the way have you seen that kinetic energy stuff? Good stuff! I had some of my mice go over and take pictures; video actually. They really liked the stuff."

"Van Wylen, I want you to listen to me. I'm sure the DePree exhibition is very good, but that has absolutely no relevance to what I'm talking about."

"My, aren't we stuffy!"

"The hole, Van Wylen? We're talking about the hole."

"Okay, fine. Let me get this straight. You and DeWitt don't like some trend related to the hole. What's the problem? Is it not aesthetically pleasing to your eye?"

"That's more than enough Van Wylen. Be quiet and listen to me or I will have your power shut off. As soon as the college finished building you and Admissions they announced plans to build the new library and more classroom space the college seems to be expecting more people. Now DeWitt tells me that that is the case with the last two freshman classes being over 600 students each. We've also heard rumors of the college planning a new dorm. Now I'm not against expansion. The more buildings, the more company we have."

"So what's the problem?"

"I think the college administration should tell the student body what the long range plans for Hope College are. For instance, will more students mean bigger classes, less access to professors, more autonomy, bigger crowds at Phelps?"

"Long term, will a bigger student body at Hope mean a loss of the present high educational standards? Hope has come a long way since I was built, and I do not want to see quality sacrificed for quantity."

"Oh I get it. Growth means change and change must be bad. For being such an old geezer, Graves, you sure can be ignorant. Educational standards haven't dropped since Peale was built and they certainly haven't dropped with my construction. If anything, standards have risen. Change is good. So I won't do your dirty work and stop construction on the hole."

"Listen to me, Sonny. You must stop construction so that the administration will be forced to reevaluate their priorities."

"I won't do it."

"You must."

"Enough," the word rumbled through the campus. The oldest building had awakened. Van Vleck continued, "Hope College has grown a lot more from my days than it will in the next twenty years. Graves, quit butting in where you don't belong. The Board of Trustees and the administration only have the college's best interests in mind. And if and when they forget their place and put other interests above those of the students', I do believe that the students' will stand up and be heard upon their own behalf. They can do a lot more than an old building like you."
‘Betrayed’ spotlights supremacy

By Diane Tague
anchor Staff Writer

If there is one word that describes the movie “Betrayed,” it is disturbing. “Betrayed” is director Costa-Gavras’ attempt to make the most controversial and unsettling film as he forcefully examines the underground white supremacist movement in the United States.

Debra Winger plays Catherine Phillips, an FBI agent who goes undercover to investigate ZOG (Zionist Organization Government), a racist group against “Jews running the country and niggers policing it.” Phillips easily becomes acquainted with Gary who is the target of her investigation. At first she is attracted to Gary and views him only as loving and rather incapable of hurting anyone. But when Gary trusts Phillips enough to take her along on a “hunt,” she is shocked and horrified, realizing Gary and the others are nothing more than ruthless, cold-blooded killers. The audience easily experiences Winger’s feelings of nausea as a black man is hunted down like an animal and shot to death for no reason other than the color of his skin. The nonchalant, cold, and supremacist attitude of this prejudiced and racist organization is expressed by Gary as he explains the hunt to Phillips, “It’s your first killing. It’s just a nigger - don’t make too much out of this.” The fact that there are people in the U.S. today who place absolutely no value on the lives of blacks and Jews is highly concerning.

As the movie progresses it is apparent that Phillips is in way too deep. The more ZOG trusts her, the more the FBI pushes her to dig deeper and deeper. But Phillips is in way too deep. The FBI and ZOG. After killing a member of ZOG, a FBI agent states “I felt like I just wiped something off my shoes.” With statements like this, is makes us stop and ask, just who are the good guys anyway?

It is very rare when a movie dares to explore an issue so shocking and upsetting as in “Betrayed.” With the combination of excellent acting by Winger, and a gutsy presentation of an unexplored subject matter in the U.S., “Betrayed” is a powerful movie that every American should see.

Madden-Roth to sing folk songs in Kletz

A talented and popular Michigan guitarist and singer will be on the Hope College campus Saturday, September 11 to perform a concert at 8 p.m. in the DeVitt Center Kletz.

Pat Madden-Roth will bring her distinctive folk music to Hope in an event sponsored by the Women’s Issues Organization. Admission is free.

Madden-Roth has been singing and playing guitar professionally for over 10 years in Michigan and North Carolina churches, clubs, coffeehouses, and concert settings. A few of her performances have taken her to Adrian College, Kalamazoo College, Western Michigan University, The Ten Pound Fiddle in East Lansing, and the Jackson Peace Network. She has performed solo, in duets, and even with a jazz trio.

Now coming into her own as a songwriter as well, her original material often elicits strong responses from her audience. Many of Madden-Roth’s songs emphasize personal relationships and experiences on global issues. Whether it’s the touching tribute to her grandmother, “Trudy’s House,” or her witty treatise on children’s commercial television, “Saturday Morning Rapture,” audiences are sure to be engaged.

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In the Crease
by Bill Meengs

Gooooooood Morning Hope College! Okay, so it’s probably not still morning. I thought it’d be a good, attention grabbing opening line. I suppose the first thing I should do is introduce myself, since many of you wouldn’t know me from Greg Stefan (‘Who’s Greg Stefan?,’ many of you are asking. My point exactly.) I am a sophomore. (“Who’s Greg Stefan?,” wouldn’t know me from Greg myself, since many of you those of you who thought that many of you are asking. My point on campus. When I’m not at home. It’s like up in the Great Hope, I call Petoskey, Michigan Sept. 7, 1988. That’s my usual position is goalie, and the area in front of the goal can. My usual position is goalie, and the goal crease. Therefore when you play goal, you are In The Crease. Very good; I see you’re catching on. There will be more hockey lessons in future columns (not many though, so you people who don’t like hockey, — if such a person exists — don’t need to worry).

The last thing I’d like to say is that this column will contain my own opinions. I don’t expect you to agree with me all of the time. ’99 percent of the time will be fine, but I do hope you at least take the time to read it. I’ll try and make it entertaining and worth your time. Also, if you have any comments, leave them in the Anchor office, or send them to me at Bell Cottage. I am interested in what you think. See you next week... In The Crease!

Smith optimistic for football team

By Bill Meengs

For two years in a row, Hope College has had the number one football team in the MIAA. This year they go for number three. Three in a row seems to be the stumbling block for MIAA teams, you have to go back to 1964-66 when Albion won three consecutive titles to find the last team to accomplish that feat.

Hope was picked to win the conference title in a poll with MIAA coaches, however. And since Head Coach Ray Smith has won nine conference championships in the 18 years he’s been at Hope, the season looks promising.

Coach Smith himself says that the team is approaching the season with “cautious optimism.” He says that there are twelve returning starters, but five new players are needed on offense and defense.

Smith expects the toughest competition inside the conference to come from Albion and Adrian. Non-conference, he indicated that “we always have trouble with Wabash and Depauw.” He indicated that Wabash, more than Depauw, is the cause of any non-conference problems Hope might have.

Smith also noted that Michigan Tech is also on the schedule for a first time meeting. It should be an interesting match up, since Tech is division two and Hope is one of the best division three programs.

Smith ended in saying he is “excited about the season,” and considering Hope’s tradition, the

One of Hope’s new quarterbacks demonstrates his abilities in last Saturday’s Blue-White scrimmage. returning players, and the schedule, it looks like he should be:

Scores available

Scores and results of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) contests will be available 24 hours a day beginning in the 1988-1989 school year, according to League Commissioner Albert Deal.

Results of league contests in all sports will be updated daily and available on a telephone sports hotline, Deal said.

“With the growing interest among alumni and other followers of the MIAA,” Deal noted, “this hotline will allow them to call from anywhere in the nation to gain the results of their favorite men’s and women’s teams.”

Field hockey starts Sept. 9

Holland — The Hope College field hockey team steps right into league play when the Flying Dutch open their season Friday, Sept. 9 at Albion College.

A year ago defenses helped the Flying Dutch move up to third place in the MIAA standings under new coach Karla Wolters. The team posted an overall 9-6-2 mark and was 8-3-1 in the MIAA.

Calvin is again favored in the MIAA with Alma and Hope expected to be their toughest challengers.

The team’s home opener will be Sept. 20. also against Albion.

Home games are played at the Boys Athletic Field north of Holland Municipal Stadium.

ANCHOR STAFF MEETINGS are Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Hathaway Room, Phelps Hall, and Sunday at 7 p.m. in the anchor office, DeWitt Center. All current staff members and prospective staffers are requested to attend the meeting on August 31 at 5 p.m.
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