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Communing Together

Hope College and the Holland area celebrate relations at 34th annual Community Day picnic at Windmill Island

MELANIE LOQUIST

This year's Community Day was another successful demonstration of the great relationship between Holland and Hope College.

On Saturday, September 11, Hope College and the city of Holland held the 34th annual Community Day celebration. Holland citizens, Hope students, and out-of-town visitors were able to attend a variety of activities throughout the day.

"Whenever we can get together with Hope and the community, it's always a win-win situation," said Richard Fretz, Dean of Students.

President James Baltman and his wife, Martin, were also found mingling with students and community members on Saturday. They enjoyed the day and liked the fact that one low-price ticket was good for football and food.

"It's a wonderful day. So much goodwill and happiness," Baltman said. "It's interesting how many people make this an annual event. For all of Dutch, it's a really good deal!"

Four Hope athletic teams competed in Community Day matches.

The women's volleyball team hosted a five-team tournament and took third place. The men's soccer team played Wabash College, winning 4-1, while the women's soccer team hosted Augustana College, defeating the Flying Dutchmen 34-32, in overtime.

The Jordi Boldo art exhibit continued this Saturday at the DePree Art Center. Boldo is an abstract painter from the Autonomous University of Queretaro, Mexico and the exhibit is a three-hour tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes over the Black River. The object isn't to gain the most rope, but for a team to move the center of the rope closer to their shore.

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The winners aren't necessarily the ones who are strongest. They're the ones who can work best as a team.

"Being a Puller isn't about strength," Vanderwel said. "It's about being able to be a part of a team and leaving everything you have on the rope."

Practice for both teams began this past Monday, with running and calisthenics.

"Your basic get in shape stuff," said Justin Savara ('01), odd-year Pull coach.

"We've been really happy with the numbers at the rally," said Anne Vanderwel ('01), odd-year Pull Coach.

"I'm excited about the numbers at the first two days of practice."

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The beef on protein diets

DANA LAMERS

The days of Hope's campus lives

JULIE GREEN, CARRIE ARNOLD

campusbeat co-editors

Editor's note: The first in a series of articles examining Hope's past, present, and future as the college enters the year 2000.

Freshmen moving in, Bible studies, Anchor, Cosmos and Fraters: they are from both the Hope of yesterday and the one from 100 years ago.

While student life has undergone many drastic changes over the past century, the heart of Hope's campus beat forever linked to the campus.

Tying it together: 102nd Pull

CARRIE ARNOLD, JULIE GREEN

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It's that time of year when freshmen and sophomores stop worrying about getting hit by flying frisbees and start worrying about making it through the next Pull practice. After 102 years, the Pull tradition, like the rope, is still going strong with the Class of 2003.

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Even year also has the challenge of recruiting and training first-time pullers.

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Held every year in October, the Pull is a three-hour tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes over the Black River.

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Even Kopchick is still feeling the excitement of Pull, after two years of being in the pits and going into his second year as a coach.

"Freshman year you do it. You just do it. You go to the rally and meet so many people," he said. "Sophomore year you continue. We won our freshman year, and that was so much incentive to go back."

Vanderwel agrees. "It's unexplainable. Completely unexplainable," she said. "You have to experience it to know."

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Aiming high: small group goes for large goals

W. HADANEK
staff reporter

With a small group of dedicated students leading the way, Alcohol (AIM) at Hope College has had a positive effect on campus this year by educating students about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Andrea Douglas (’01), president of AIM, said she is often frustrated by fellow students’ attitudes toward alcohol.

“Around campus, like in the cafeteria for example: people are always talking about who got drunk recently. It’s just constantly thrown at us and often we wonder how can we make a difference. We can.”

In the fall, AIM began to more actively educate students about alcohol-related issues.

“We also lose a number of our members to burnout,” Douglas said. “With alcohol issues, people tend to go over like they’re not listening when we’re giving information that could someday save them or their friend’s life.”

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President of AIM

AIM has recently had to deal with dealing with membership despite facing an ever-present problem of alcohol abuse on Hope College campuses.

AIM had 30 members when Douglas joined as a freshman, but many juniors and seniors become too busy to stay involved.”

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AIM has five members, which limits what activities they are able to take on.

“We can’t take on as much, which is sad, but knowing that what we do really makes a difference makes it worthwhile,” Douglas said.

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September 15, 1999 Visiting writer blends poetry with emotion

MATT COOK copy editor Diane Ackerman considers her greatest challenge as a writer to be expressing emotion through human-made language. She finds herself intrigued by everything from technology to human nature and is able to use such common themes as a way to speak to a universal audience. Students will be able to listen as Ackerman weaves metaphors and images with personal experience and imagination when she kicks off the Visiting Writer's Series on Thursday, Sept. 23.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre and is preceded by live music from the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Ackerman, whose works include both poetry and nonfiction, combines her fascination with science and her love of nature to create her stories.

"I've never been able to decide which I prefer, the humanities or the sciences," she said. "I don't believe that the world is knowable from only one perspective. I'm fascinated by all the universe and I have that word literally, 'one verse.' Ackerman looks at nature as not only a source of subject matter, but also as a source of inspiration.

"Every day I make time to go biking through the countryside," she said. "This clears my mind enough so that when I return I am ready to have it filled up again with new ideas.

Series coordinator Heather Selles, professor of English, explained how this unique style of writing influenced her decision to invite Ackerman to Hope.

"Creative writing is now experienced in several literary journals, and she has also published more than a dozen books of both poetry and nonfiction. Among these are "A Natural History of Love," "A Slender Thread," "The Rarest of Rare: Vanishing Animals, Timeless Werths," "A Natural History of the Senses," and her latest work, "Deep Play."

Ackerman feels poetry has an important place in society.

"Poetry reflects the heart and soul of the people," she said. "It helps us understand the human condition better, our relationships with others, and the panorama of emotions that we have inherited."

Ackerman's awards include the John Burroughs Nature Award and the Lavan Poetry Prize. She has taught at Columbia, Cornell, New York, and Washington Universities and received an M.A., M.F.A., and Ph.D. from Cornell University. Currently she lives in New York.

Knick flicks aim to entertain

JANE BAST staff reporter The Knickerbocker Fall Film Series will open Nov. 2 with the French farce, "Le Diner de Cons," and the American comedy, "Good Burger.

Critically acclaimed movies such as "Bian Lian" ("King of Masks"); "La Vida et Bella" ("Life is Beautiful"); and the Cuban jazz documentary "Buena Vista Social Club" will be shown throughout the semester. "Le Diner de Cons," literally, "The Dinner of Fools," is a comedy from writer-director Francis Veber. Verber's last comic hit, "La Cage aux Folles," was remade as "The Birdcage.

The action of "The Dinner Game" centers around a group of yuppies Northside Parisians who throw each other dinner parties with a unique twist; each must invite one guest, the person they feel is the biggest idiot he has ever met. The idiotic guests provide both entertainment and competition for their hosts, and the man with the stupidest guest wins.

The film centers on the apartment of Pierre Brochant (Thierry Lhermitte), the host of the evening's game. Brochant is convinced his friend, Francois Pignon (Jacques Villeret), will take the prize. Unfortunately, Pierre injures his back and is forced to leave the party in Francois' hands. To make matters worse, Pierre's wife leaves an answering machine message announcing her intentions to divorce him. Francois, a divorcee himself, attempts to "fix" Pierre's personal life, thus making a bad situation worse.


The film centers around a street performer who knows the ancient secret of mask making, and realizes he has no heir to inherit the gift. So he adopts a young boy to be his apprentice. The performer's Wang (Zhu Xun), names his new son Doggie (Zhou Ren-yin), but is shocked to discover he has adopted a boy, not a boy, but a girl. Despite Wang's misgivings, Doggie proves her worth and loyalty.

Perhaps the most famous film of the series is the triple Oscar winner, "La Vida et Bella.

Director-writer-actor Roberto Benigni became the first non-English speaking actor to win the Best Actor Academy Award for his portrayal of Guido. Troubles arise for Guido, who is Jewish, as he struggles to protect his son from the horrors of fascist Italy. "La Vida et Bella" opens Nov. 26.

The final film of the series is a jazz documentary entitled "Buena Vista Social Club," opens Dec. 3. Director Wim Wenders follows By Cooler through the clubs of Havana, where the legends of jazz still play, despite years of communist oppression.

Tickets for the Fall Film Series are available to Hope students for $3 each, or $4 for non-students. The Knickerbocker offers daily showings at 7 and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call the Knickerbocker at 495-1400.
Opinion

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GLOBE offers faculty contacts

To the Editor:

Do you know of a friend who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their sexuality? Are you? GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Equality) wants you to know what we have to offer Hope students that are.

Knowing that this issue is a delicate one, there are strict confidentiality codes upheld at our meetings. This enables people to address and discuss issues frankly and openly. GLOBE is a supportive group. We do not think of ourselves as a support group in which the ultimate goal is to change an unwanted behavior. It is through support, understanding and respect of each other that the group functions. We offer you the opportunity to be supported as well as to support others.

We also try to establish contacts within the community, recognizing that this is not an issue that is solely dealt with on our campus. Speakers provide a unique perspective about life beyond Hope’s campus.

Concern to popular belief, there are many roles we have in life that do not involve our sexuality, i.e. Work friendships, fraternities/sororities, family ties, etc. GLOBE enables one to put into perspective what sexuality is and how it does and does not influence life. While GLOBE may not be the group for you, you still have an important role to play as a student at Hope. Your role is to respect all people regardless of race, religion, physical or mental disability, cultural background, or sexual orientation. While differences do exist, it is important that we respect and attempt to understand each other.

If you are interested in joining the group or want to find out more information about us, we invite you to e-mail us at glocalhope@hotmail.com or contact any of the staff or faculty listed below:


In closing, I would encourage you to take part in an experience of multiculturalism. Take a step outside your comfort zone. everyone is not around people who look like we do, we as minorities are out of our comfort zones on this campus. We are expected to adapt. We can only ask that you try it for yourself. It’s scary but at first, I guarantee that by the end of your experience, you will be amazed at all the fun you will have. Attend a meeting. Take part in a discussion panel. Attend a social dance. Make your college experience worthwhile by stepping out of your comfort zone. So challenge you, the student body, to experience Black Coalition. The Anchor will accept guest columns from different student organizations through out the fall semester. For information on how to submit a guest column, call the Anchor at 755-3877 or e-mail ANCHORS@hope.edu.

the Anchor
Strapping Young Men

There comes a time in every young man's life when childhood lies behind and he takes those first fateful steps down the road to being a man, when the days of innocent games with Transformers or Star Wars action figures are laid aside for pursuits of age and sport, when he first must don the glorious badge of manhood: the jockstrap.

Or so my middle school gym teacher wanted us to believe.

His name was Mr. Kaufman, and everything about him was male. He looked male, thought male, smelled male, and probably sweated male.

His image of manhood was boosted by his massive amount of body hair. He was beyond the "sweater at the beach" description. Mr. Kaufman was the "goat sat at the beach." The man was swimming in hair. It was he who told the lot of us, on a fatale fall day, about the jockstrap requirements.

It was fine for most of the boys, who had already worn "protection," as it were, in pee wee football or Little League. Frankly, I couldn't see what kind of protection a jockstrap gave them, and it's value is still very, very cloudy now.

That little cloth and elastic number couldn't stop a knee or a baseball, and I'm nearly positive it would be useless against the real "fear items" of manhood: lawn darts, sharp objects, and mower blades.

But the requirement was there, and it had to be met, although I didn't know who would want to check and see that the policy was being followed to the letter.

So I was skinny kid who was more concerned with what was happening in the world of books than baseball, was forced to go through growth probably one of the more torturous and embarassing affairs of my life.

Buying a jockstrap?

Women seem to have more stories than men about the horrors of growing bodies; those awkward moments with more spent in the "small" or "boys" sizes. Both boys go through those same awkward moments, standing in the athletic supporter aisle, staring at the rows of boxes, and more frighteningly, the different sizes. No one wanted to go to the register with the "small" or "boys" sizes.

All of this was compounded for me at least, because just like the women's stories, my mom was standing right there with me.

The only thing worse than handing the cashier the "boys" size jockstrap was having your mom hand it to the cashier for you.

"Here, this is for my little tiger," she said. "He's all grown up now."

Thanks mom. Thanks a lot. I'll remember this when it comes time to put you in a home.

So I obtained it in the Holy Grail of growing up, the one item that meant I was no longer a child. And to tell you the truth, I never wore it once.

Mercifully, Mr. Kaufman never did any spot checks while I was running laps, doing sit-ups, or being called a "sissy" when dodgeballs brought rivers of blood from my nostrils.

But I did find a use for it.

With a little modification, it makes an excellent slingshot for potting your little sister with crab-apples. And really, isn't that what being a man is all about?

Andrew Lotz

Spotlight

What Hope Wears Under There

Andrew Lotz

Unique Job Opportunity!

The Anchor

Bayside Inn

Casual Elegance - downtown on the water

Now hiring at the Bayside Inn, located in beautiful downtown Saugatuck overlooking the harbor. Innkeepers needed both full and part-time. Positions include greeting guests, reservations, baking, and helping with ther hospitality and entertainment during those wonderful events. We work around your class schedule mostly evenings and weekends. Full-time is available for homework during the off season. If interested in finding out more, call Julie or Karl at 857-4321.

What style of underwear do you prefer?

"I wear silk underwear because it's soft. But cotton is a must when you run. Silk goes up your rear."

—Nicole Reynolds ('01)

"I'm in the nursing program, so when we need to wear those nice white pants, you make sure that you have white underwear on. Otherwise everyone knows what color you're wearing."

—Melissa Nienhuis ('00)

"I always wear plain colors. The print ones are so second grade. They might as well have the names of the days of the week on them."

—Brooke Peterson ('02)

"I like to be free."

—Tim Engen ('01)

"I like boxers, but I hate boxers with buttons. I love the window."

—Jesse McKay ('01)

"I'm never going to put on a panty again."

—Ryan Kroll ('01)
Cold Turkey

In eighth grade I quit eating meat cold turkey. It was a political, ethical or even a health-oriented decision. I had simply grown tired of the stuff. I could say my parents influenced my choice, after all my dad has a PETA sign hanging next to our grill. PETA. People for Eating Tasty Animals. Years of being force-fed scared animal flesh finally took its toll, so I put an end to the butchery and began my life as a vegetarian.

I lasted nearly four years. During my “phase,” as my parents called it, I infuriated them with my demands for meat-free dinners. When they refused, I lived on rice, Rice-A-Roni and frozen peas. My father would occasionally work me in front of friends and family, calling me his “junkfoodarian.” He was right. My lifestyle change led to a fifteen pound weight gain. As a result, my parents decided to go back to eating small portions. I say I do it because I don’t believe in killing animals to eat when there are plenty of other options. Blackwell said. “I did it partly for health. I just tried it for awhile,” she said. "I eat about 20 grams of carbohydrates per day, but no sugars or sweets, except for sugar-free jelly,” Vancouver said. “I’ll only do this for a few weeks and then begin to gradually add carbohydrates to my diet again.”

In past years, meatless diets have become increasingly popular, especially among young people. Reasons for choosing this lifestyle vary from health benefits and animal rights reasons, to concerns about world hunger.

“I would say I do it because I don’t believe in killing animals to eat when there are plenty of other options,” Blackwell said. “I eat vegetarian at camp when I was a counselor,” said Kelly Bawulda (’01), who recently decided to go back to eating small portions. “I just tried it for awhile,” she said. “I didn’t find it for purely health. I stuck with it for a year and a half!”

People are generally accommodating to vegetarians, but non-vegetarians often have a smaller selection when eating out. The same can hold true while eating in Phelps or Cook Dining Hall. “If your parents aren’t vegetarians, your diet can become very boring,” said Bob Wiley. “The important thing is to do what’s right for you. If you have serious problems with meat, don’t eat it, but make sure you don’t sacrifice your health as a result.”

Now every day and then, I get a craving for the beans and lentils lifestyle! I love falafel pangs and think, maybe this time I can make it. But my experience as a vegetarian taught me something about myself, namely, I don’t have what it takes. Before you join the bandwagon, be sure you do.

My two best friends from high school are also vegetarians. Unlike me, their decision to go vegetarian was primarily health-based. They investigated special diets, complex proteins and vitamins, and also unlike me, became more healthy as a result. Whether you choose vegetarianism for ethical or health reasons, or because steak right at Phelps makes you sick to your stomach, it’s important to understand what your getting into.

It is fundamental to develop a diet, complete with complex proteins, that works for you. This may mean research. The Internet is a good place to start, as is a college nutritionist, and there are books, cookbooks, and health food stores chock-full of diet information for the prospective vegetarian.

The important thing is to do what’s right for you. If you have serious problems with meat, don’t eat it, but make sure you don’t sacrifice your health as a result.

BEEF from

- **Partial vegetarians exclude some but not all foods of animal origin.**
- **Ovolactovegetarians consume milk products, but do not eat eggs or meat.**
- **Vegans exclude all animal products—vegetables, fruits, grains, and legumes.**

You might be a vegetarian if...

- *Partially excluding some special bribe for September 19: free pizza following the service!*

Looking for a place to worship?

Ride the Double-Decker Bus to the BreakAway worship celebration at Community Reformed Church!

Bus departs from Phelps at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Bus service begins September 19.

BreakAway is a non-traditional worship service featuring a praise band, drama, and practical teaching from the Bible. We don’t think you’ll just come once! Certainly not enough to supply the vitamins and minerals you need. Cut calories are based on energy needs, and are little different from the weight-loss phase of the diet. Atkins themselves have started to pinpoint because vegetarians are trying to meet this challenge, but we are not unapproachable.

Wiley encourages vegetarians to talk to doctors or at least interview them to see if they are well-balanced, which is healthy and are likely to be healthy. His sister was a vegetarian and was having some problems, so I began thinking of giving his meat for protein.” Bawulda said.

Bawulda, a dancer and weight lifter, can make immediate results in her power and strength as she began to eat meat again.

Vegetarian diets tend to be richer in fiber and lower in saturated fat and cholesterol compared to the typical American diet. Other health benefits include lower rates of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure and coronary artery disease, lower rates of some cancer, and possibly lower rate of adult-onset diabetes.

The exact benefits can be difficult to pinpoint because vegetarians tend to practice other healthy habits, such as being physically active, maintain a healthy weight and are less likely to smoke.

Blackwell said she isn’t interested in converting others to vegetarian lifestyles. “It doesn’t bother me when other people eat meat. I would love it if everyone was a vegetarian, but it doesn’t offend me that everyone isn’t,” she said.

Jane Bast

WELCOME BACK HOPE STUDENTS & CLASS OF 2003

from the staff of the Hope College Health Clinic

Student comments on the care they received at the Hope College Health Clinic:

- "Great, fast, professional assessment and good professional treatment. I was satisfied!"
- "Friendly service and an interest in me (my physical needs and me as a person)."
- "Almost no waiting. Knowledgeable staff, very friendly."

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Augustana tops Hope in OT

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Saturday’s football game hinged on one play as Hope College went for a two-point conversion and the win in the second overtime against Augustana.

Unfortunately for head coach Dean Kreps and the Flying Dutchmen, it didn’t work. In overtime, Augustana was the one to go for two, and did, ending the game with a 22-20 victory.

Despite the outcome of the play, Kreps was impressed by how Augustana was moving the football.

“From what I saw, we’re at home, and we’re going for the win,” Kreps said.

Kreps also stated it was a call he made, but when both teams scored, based upon how tired his team was and how easily Augustana was moving the football.

“I think it was the same play we scored on and we decided to run it because we were on the one-yard line and a hash mark. They made a great play there,” Kreps said.

As one of the big plays of the game, Augustana got the ball back Jeff Braun (‘00), to give the Vikings the 34-33 victory.

Injuries key early season struggles for volleyball

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Head volleyball coach Maureen Odland-Dunn figured her team would have a little trouble getting out of the blocks this season.

The Hope College volleyball team has stumbled to a 2-7 start, and will have an uphill battle if it is going to claim a fourth consecutive league title.

“I expected to have some losses because I set up a really tough schedule for this year,” Odland-Dunn said. “When I set up the schedule last year, I purposely made it difficult.”

Odland-Dunn, now in her third year as coach, had anticipated having three juniors and a senior in her starting lineup. But an ankle injury to all-region setter Kim Groothuis (‘01) and a season-ending knee injury to Amy Brower (‘01), left Hope looking for contributions from younger team members.

“We have two freshmen in the middle which is hurting us, but they’re doing the best job they can and improving,” Odland-Dunn said.

And our tough schedule is good because the players can see the pace we are going to set.”

Injuries have forced the team to start Martha Ludens (‘03), Laura Hahnfeld (‘03), and Kara Van Assen (‘03). While Odland-Dunn sees improvement in the team, the Flying Dutchmen have had early season struggles.

Hope has won the past three Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament championships, and last season finished with a 33-4 overall record.

At last weekend’s Hope Tournament, the team finished third with an overall record of 2-2, behind finals victor Calvin and Hillsdale. On Saturday, Hope defeated Aquinas 15-11, 15-0, 16-14, but fell in its next match to Calvin, 7-15, 13-15, 16-18.

Returning all-conference first team member Heather Veling (‘00) made the all-tournament team.

“We were looking to get over some mental errors that we’ve been having and for the most part that happened,” Odland-Dunn said. “One thing I like about this team, it is that they will improve and I can see that already.”

A Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament will be introduced this season. The conference tournament champion will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III tournament.

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Men’s soccer starts new season strong

The Hope College men’s soccer team has started strong, winning three of its first five games, after a season that saw the finish under .500 for the first time under head coach Steve Smith.

Last year, the team finished with a record of 5-11-1 and second in sixth place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

This season, Hope is being coached by Lee Schopp, as Smith is recovering from back surgery.

Hope improved to 3-2 on the season with a weekend sweep of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (4-1) and Hanover (3-0).

The Flying Dutchmen return three players who earned all-conference honors last season. All-MIAA second team honoree Ben Bacon (‘01) led the team in scoring last year with nine goals.

“Our passing game is really good and we also have a really good defense and strong senior leadership,” Bacon said.

Bacon and Greg Kilby (’01) lead the team in scoring so far this year with two goals each.

Also returning are all-MIAA first team member Rob Allio (‘01) and all-MIAA second team member Matt VandenNout (‘01). Matt Hasseltink (’00) was second on the team in scoring with five goals and six assists.

For the first time this season, the Flying Dutchmen will play in a conference tournament, with the winner earning an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III tournament.

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