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"Once I get on a committee all the ideas will start to flow. I'm interested to see what committee I'll get," said Manting.

Student Congress Vice President Bryan Rimanke ('05) feels that a good group of representatives were elected.

"I think they're an excellent group. Everybody we've contacted was in attendance tonight. A lot of people spoke up, even more so than at most first meetings and didn't seem shy, which is always a benefit. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of them," said Rimanke.

This Fall's elections were held a week later in the school year than they have been in the past.

"It was a little later this year, because we're really working hard on finding a good system to do on-line elections. We're working with computer science professor Ryan McFarl, who's done an excellent job, but we're trying to find a way to phase him out a little bit so we can run it by ourselves, so we don't have to ask a professor to help us out each time," said Rimanke.

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Chavez lecturer challenges apathy

Valde Garcia touts rewards of hard-fought battles

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Valde Garcia, Michigan state senator (R-St. Johns), knows all too well the challenges that face Hispanics aspiring to hold leadership positions. Prior to his first campaign for the state legislature, Garcia was told he had no chance of winning.

"People said, 'Valde, you can't win in this area.' It was rural, mostly white and very conservative. And what happened? I won. All I said is, 'This is what I am, and this is what I believe. And you can either join me or get out of my way.'" Garcia said.

Garcia represents Michigan's 26th district that includes Livingston, Shiawassee and Clinton counties. He is one of the first two Hispanics ever elected to the Michigan legislature.

Garcia was the keynote speaker of Wednesday night's fifth annual Cesar E. Chavez address. Garcia spoke about empowering Hispanic leadership and why Hispanics should aspire to lead.

"Why do you want to be a leader? Leaders get shot at all the time; verbally, everybody always criticizes them; they always work hard — why do you want to be a leader? Most of us have a built-in sense of justice. We want to make things right," Garcia said. "You can't do that from the sidelines. If you want to be a leader in your community, you have to be willing to step out and be willing to take those hits. If you don't help make the rules someone will make the rules for you."

In his speech, Garcia outlined two keys to leadership: knowledge and persistence. "I've been unemployed. I've had low-paying jobs. I started from the bottom and worked my way up. You never quit. That's how I empower Hispanic youth — no matter what color you are, you have the right to participate in the process, to have a voice in what goes on, and to be a leader," Garcia said.

Pull from 1

Vance, an '05 moraler, responded, "Heart. It's more heart than any kind of physical strength."

The joined commitment can form strong bonds.

"It's truthfully like nothing you've ever done before, and it's the hardest thing I've ever done. You create really, really close bonds with everyone involved in the team," said Adam Rodriguez, '05 Puller.

Pull alumni, also current students, act as coaches. The teams consist of members from the freshmen and sophomore classes, with experienced coaching freshmen and seniors coaching sophomores. The coaches can become more than commanding faces, however.

"They're more than just our coaches; they're role models and the parents of our Pull family," said John Hecksel, '05 Puller.

Other Pullers can vouch for the familial feeling.

"I'm closer with my Pull family than my actual family," said Mike DeYoung, '06 Puller.

Pullers often become close friends and spend time together outside of Pull activities. All classifications, dorms and other student activities (Pull) teaches you to work cooperatively with others in order to reach a common goal," said Mike Ross, '06 coach.

This year's Pull has been moved back an hour.

"We moved Pull from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. this year because the football team is playing Wheaton, Ill., at 1 p.m., and we want students to be able to attend both events," said Diana Breclaw, director of student activities.

This year's Pull will take place on Saturday, September 28 at 4 p.m. at the Black River.

Parking can be confusing, so spectators are encouraged to plan ahead.


**Wind Symphony and Symphonette present concerts**

Ensembles to perform first concerts of the season on Friday

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**ARTS EDITOR**

first concerts of the season will include a variety of music ranging from the Baroque to modern works. "It's a rewarding experience to be able to play with close colleagues of mine," Deller said. "I try to tell my friends about all of the concerts that we put on," Deller said. "I think it's a great pleasure to experience the music that you know and share your lives with performing such great music.

The Wind Symphony's concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in Dinken Chapel.

"This is the freshest we've had in this group," said Steve Wad, Wind Symphony conductor. They're playing really well and I think it's going to be a terrific concert.

The Wind Symphony will play five pieces for the concert, including "Commando March" by Samuel Barber, " Prelude Op. 34 No. 14" by Dmitry Shostakovich, "Slava!" By Leonard Bernstein, "Prelude, Sicilian Fantasy and Rondo" by Malcolm Arnold, and "In evening's stillness" by Joseph Swatwian.

"We're going to be doing some really exciting music for the concert which I think will be a lot of fun to listen to," Ward said. "There's a lot of variety in the pieces we are playing.

Jeremy Davis ('03), who is in his fourth year of playing bass and contrabass for the Wind Symphony, agrees.

The combination of classic and modern works that we play should give every audience member a new symphonic experience every concert," Davis said.

Admission is free and all are invited.

**VWS Season Begins**

Elizabeth Berg brings talent and life experience to her work

Maureen Yonovitz

**ARTS EDITOR**

Elizabeth Berg wasn't always a writer, but now, having completed five national bestsellers after winning a "Parents" magazine essay contest, she is taking her work to a new level, sharing it with the public.

She is one of the most successful authors of the last decade, having won numerous awards for her writing. Berg's novels grip readers with their appeal, in a good way, according to critics. They are witty, yet serious, and she is known for her ability to create memorable characters.

Berg's novels range from the story of life and marriage to the struggles of humanity, "Talk Before Sleep," one of her most touching and captivating books. It has been read by Berg's fans around the world.

Like in "Talk Before Sleep," a story about a woman's battle with breast cancer, and "Range of Motion," Berg's novels often deal with issues common to women, but have drawn a wide male audience as well.

"I am looking forward to hearing Berg's perception of the gender roles and complicated relationships between men and women in her novels," Waalkes said.

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A question and answer panel will be held that Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Maas Conference Room. There will also be a Salon discussion of the reading on Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Lubbers Loft.

**Theater faculty take to the stage**

Two-person play features work by Jean Bahle

Anjey Dykhuis

**Review Writer**

Those who have never seen a one or two-person show will get their chance when two theatre department faculty members take an original play as part of the Playwrights' New Works Festival this Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Lubbers Loft.

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Tell me about what you do

Overall, I don’t mind the Pull. I may think that it is silly, and people make too big of a deal out of it, but I know that I participate in many things that other people don’t understand or appreciate. What I do mind about the Pull, however, is some of the attitudes of participants.

Ask any Pull participant what it is like to be a part of this long-standing tradition, and you will get one response: “You just can’t understand it unless you are a part of it.” Now, I understand this argument completely. I would say that you cannot fully understand Nykerk or the Anchor if you are not directly involved in those activities either. But when somebody wants to get a better feeling of what these events are like, I do my best to give them an accurate picture. Why can’t this be done with the Pull? My negative opinion comes from a lack of knowledge about the event. If anyone is ever in change to view my things, then I must learn more about the Pull.

Another attitude that bothers me is the over reaction to any talk about the Pull that isn’t singing its praises. When you say something about the Pull beside how great it is, it is viewed as a negative opinion, and you are seen as an enemy to the organization. For example, last year, the Anchor ran an investigation of certain aspects of the Pull. After the article ran, one of the writers received a death threat from an anonymous e-mail account. Needless to say, experiences like this one have severely impacted my view of the Pull. I will be the first to say that it is completely possible that all of the Pull participants that I have spoken with do not represent the majority of those who take part in the event. If this is the case, then I hope that someone will one day be brave enough to step forward and address my criticisms. A conversation like that just might change my stance.

Staff member responds to student’s criticisms

To the Editor,

In response to James Plasman’s (’03) letter (Anchor 9/18), some questions I hope James and others will consider:

1. Why do we need to join the rest of the country (I’m assuming he’s mainly referring to colleges) in their viewpoints on homosexuality or other issues he feels Hope is perhaps backwards with?
2. Because everybody does it or believes a certain way, does that make it right or the best or what we should choose? My boys want to wear baggy jeans with no belts to school. My children are not allowed to wear jeans to school because we feel what you wear affects your study and work. When we asked why they want to wear these clothes it’s because “well, everybody does it and it’s no big deal.” Because everybody does and because they don’t see the effects, doesn’t make it right or the best. We’re trying to teach them being “popular” doesn’t make it “right.”

3. Hope’s a CHRISTIAN liberal arts college and therefore a certain number of students, faculty members, staff members, investors, etc., expect something different than a general liberal arts environment.

4. The Board, President Bulman, etc., have very strong convictions for their stances. They haven’t come by them lightly. They are very aware they aren’t necessarily the “popular” view but feel they must hold firm to these convictions.

5. Because it’s not the most popular or accepted viewpoint, does that make it wrong? Hitler’s viewpoint became very popular, did that make it right? Is there a chance that what the majority supports isn’t the best or the right choice? If you are a scholar of the Bible, did not God state many times you will be persecuted for your beliefs, that Christianity will not be necessarily the “popular” choice? Who is the Bible for? Christ’s stances were not popular at that time and yet look at the impact he made and is still making on the world.

6. Why must Hope join “contemporary thought”? Why is it important to be popular or part of the majority-accepted views?

7. I’ve heard the argument that Hope is “alienating many students and alumni and discouraging future contributions.” I’d like to see numbers, statistics to support this. I believe the lower contributions are mostly because of the state of the economy, not Hope’s viewpoints.

8. Is our goal to have the nation accept us, not see us as the laughing stock? Is our goal to please the greater or the smaller or stand firm to our convictions, even if they may affect us in numbers, contribution dollars, etc.?

9. Where would you like to see the President and Board of Directors lead us? Your way only and if not, they’re out. Just because they are leading in a direction you don’t agree with, does that make them poor leaders?

Just some questions I’ve wondered for a very long time and finally was convinced to address them.

Pamela Valkema, Religion Department Secretary
Exploring science through the eyes of children

Area elementary students spend their weekends learning about science

Nicole Lantz
Sept. 30, 2002

David Gutierrez

If you’re ever walking through Peale on a Saturday morning, it’s likely that you’ll find yourself in the midst of some very intelligent kids. Although the majority of Peale’s use goes to Hope students, these facilities are not reserved for Hope students alone. Many of the college’s professors and students take time to reach out to the kids of the community and around the United States. Known as the Little Science and Extreme Science Clubs, the basic tenets of these programs have been active at Hope for over 20 years. A former women’s basketball coach, Todd Gugino, chemistry lab director, has been behind these organizations around the same concepts as his summer camps.

“We have to summer basketball camps, now we just do those in the science arena,” Gugino said. “It’s not something I invented, I just borrowed ideas from other people.”

The organization provides science programs to get kids involved and enthusiastic about all different sciences from an early age.

“Getting them excited about science is probably the primary focus, and then exposing them to as broad a [science] background as we can is the second,” Gugino said. “We are continually offering different subjects, because if I only offered chemistry, chances are I’d have a much smaller population that would be excited about science than if I offer a broader background.”

During the summer we have kids from all over the place,” Gugino said. “We’ve had [students] from California, New York, Texas, Tennessee.”

Many of the kids love the programs and have been coming back for as many as five years. Because of this, the directors are continually coming up with new ideas and lesson plans.

“We try to keep the lesson plans from overlapping,” said Juliane Lenon ’03. “The Chemistry Club develops new programs and ideas for each session to keep the kids interested.”

While the sessions during the school year mainly consist of kids from the surrounding community, the summer sessions see a more diverse group of students.

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One aspect of the science programs that has recently seen expansion is the biology section. Students interested in biology can come for a tour in Hope’s animal museum, also known as the “Holland Zoo.”

“I first let the kids look around at the things in the cabinets, and then the bones, and the stuffed animals and the stuffed birds and then we start taking live animals out one by one,” said Lori Hertel, ex-

The age groups dictate each session’s level of technicality. Different age groups learn about different areas of biology. The most important thing, however, is that all kids get hands on experience.

“If it’s one of the few places around where kids can actually touch stuff rather than going to a zoo and looking at animals in a cage, here they can hold it,” Hertel said.

In chemistry, many different demonstrations are done for the kids; making liquid nitrogen, smashing a racquetball, turning air inside of a balloon into a liquid, and sounding a nail into a board with a banana are just a few.

“I’ve probably done [the demonstrations] a hundred times and I still enjoy it myself,” Gugino said.

One of the sections, the Extreme Science Club, hands on the more simple concepts and enables the students to go more in depth with projects like building robots and even crude microscopes.

Originally, the program started out small, but has been growing at a rapid pace.

“A lot of it started just with the kids’ ‘preschools,’” Hertel said. “We’ve had groups coming for a long time. It’s grown just by word of mouth among teachers. Last year I had over 1,800 visitors.”

The departments also use a num-

ber of advertisement tactics throughout the community to expand enrollment in the clubs.

“We make up brochures that get distributed in the schools, as well as mailing lists for kids who have come in the past,” Lenon said. “We also send out emails letting students know about the camps.”

So far, the response has been great. Students and professors alike love the program.

“It’s extremely fun spending time with kids who are excited about what you’re doing,” Gugino said.

With thousands of elementary students participating each year, the Little Science Club and Extreme Science Club look as though they may have a bright and fulfilling future here on the Hope College campus.

Lab Director

“The professors help with ideas and oversee the whole process,” Lenon said. “They guide us through and give ideas and suggestions for the upcoming sessions.”

Nineteen students like Julianne Lenon play a large part in the programs by assisting in the planning and implementation. Run in part by the Chemistry Club, various students involved with chemistry, biology, physics, and education participate in the classroom sessions.

“You don’t need to know a lot of science to help... it’s kind of open involvement,” Lenon said. “The program is also particularly helpful for training prospective teachers in how to run field trips and providing experience in writing lesson plans.”

Over the Line

Ready for a commitment... almost

Innocent Editor

“I vow that I am almost ready to spend what could be the rest of my life with you, unless something better comes along.”

Why would anyone feel the need to do these things of their significant other when all these thoughts and emotions could be summed up in a small, 300 karat “diamond”, or more fittingly in western Michigan, “pearl ring”?

“Making a commitment to possibly be engaged” phenomena that takes place in the Midwest is a concept that I don’t understand, or support. It’s a waste of time, energy, financial resources, and emotions that only set up a couple for disaster because they aren’t ready to fully commit. It’s merely a partner layaway program in ring form.

Although I wholeheartedly mock the ridiculous promises of promise rings and pearls, I wish I would have come up with the idea. It’s a great business endeavor that plays off of the delicate emotions that accompany young love. It’s as if the money-mongering jewelers of the world came together in secret to discuss new marketing techniques for the upcoming quarter, and this was the result. Much like the recent creation of Sweetest’s Day, October’s jealous response to Valentine’s Day, this is another dense American practice that drains money from the pockets of the naive.

And the problem I have with this is that it’s a pseudo-engagement is the underling purpose of the ring itself. To try to make it seem as though this “symbol of love” serves as a deterrent, perhaps a guilt mechanism for the recipient. If the wearer finds themselves in a situation where they need only lock down at the barely visible stone to suppress any thoughts that might lead them astray. This “gesture of commitment” becomes nothing more than a modern-day chaste belt for the insecure boyfriend.

What is this pseudo-engagement? Why these emotions and sentiments can be expressed through word or deed is truly disheartening. We have become so accustomed to expressing our feelings through materialistic mediums that we have forgotten [perhaps never learned] that telling your partner how you feel and showing them this through your daily interaction is a far greater gift than any piece of jewelry.

Whether it’s an issue of trust, insecurity, desperation, or naivity, I urge anyone who may find themselves in this precarious situation to take a moment and analyze their condition. If what I have written has no relevance to your situation, feel free to disregard what you have just read. However, if you find yourself asking questions, maybe you should rethink the circular application to a situation, feel free to disregard what you have just read. However, if you find yourself asking questions, maybe you should rethink the circular
Dance Marathon

Tuesday nights call Papa John’s and order a large pizza and mention Dance Marathon. 20% of the profits will go for Dance Marathon. Offer is good from now to Dance Marathon.

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FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES!!

Girls, wanna have guys make you signs and buy you candy? Wanna be part of one of Hope’s oldest traditions? Come to the women’s rally on Wednesday, October 9, at 8:30 p.m. in Phelps Cafeteria.

Spaghetti Night at the Kletz

Monday nights are spaghetti nights at the kletz! Starting at 6:00 try some meat or veggie spaghetti with fresh garlic bread and a soda for only $4.75! Still hungry? Come back for more! It’s all you can eat. Now that’s the kletz!

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V-ball dominates St. Mary's

October  25,  2002

SPORTS EDITOR

The Hope College women's soccer team improved to 2-0 in MIAA play and 3-5 overall by narrowly beating Kalamazoo College 2-1.

The Dutch will return to their home pitch to take on Albion College in an undefeated MIAA showdown Saturday. Kickoff is at noon.

The Dutch outplayed Hope in the first half and were able to take a 1-0 lead into the half on an unassisted goal by Emily Tyler.

In the second half, the Hornets knew they would have to step it up and play with emotion.

"It's totally up for grabs right now, we just have to make sure we show up mentally to every game," Ayres said.

"We're still in it, but we have to step it up and play with emotion. We're just going to play it one game at a time," Tyler said.

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Football team is back on track
Dutchmen score first
win in Platteville over Pioneers

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Better late than never, and especially when you're picked to win your conference. The Dutchmen football team was able to break their two-game losing streak last Saturday as they defeated new opponent Platteville (W) 32-20. "We both played hard, so it was really a nail-biter," said Dean Kreps, Head Coach. "We knew that we were going to have to score some points." The game was literally a passing shootout between Butler quarterback Tom Stetzer ('04) and Pioneer quarterback Tom Setzer. Butler's passing consisted of completing 34 of 55 passes for 441 yards, along with three touchdowns. Meanwhile, Setzer completed 34 of 62 passes for 427 yards and finishing with a six-yard score. With twenty minutes left in the game, and the score 26-20, it still appeared to be anyone's game.

Hope would seize the game for their next possession, with a one-yard run and failed to convert the point after regain a 13-12 lead. The Dutchmen managed to steal in one more score before the half, though, as they ran a two-minute drill that was capped off with a Joel Soloman ('03) touchdown reception, and a two-point conversion left. Hope with a 20-13 halftime lead. In the second half, the Dutchmen were able to draw the first score. Hope took an interception from their own two-yard line before the half, and Butler hit Devon Quinn ('04) on a 23-yard pass for the score, posting a 26-13 lead. The Pioneers would close the gap on their next possession, driving 64 yards and finishing with a six-yard score. With twenty minutes left in the game, and the score 26-20, it still appeared to be anyone's game.

But Hope would seize the game for their next possession, and Butler threw his third touchdown of the day, a 10-yarder to Quinn. Hope's defense would preserve the 26-20 lead for the remainder of the game, giving the Dutchmen their first victory of the season.

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Men's ultimate gains experience at sectionals

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It's a well known theory in sports that if a team wants to take their game to the next level, they must compete against better teams. The flying Dutchmen opened the tournament with a narrow loss to Ann Arbor United from the eastern side of the state, falling late in the game by a score of 13-11. High quickly rallied in the following game to defeat another club team, Grey Area. 13-9. The Dutchmen faced their toughest challenge of the day in the third game, Slippery.

Eric Barentsen catches the disc for a score.

Facing a team with more subs, greater organization, and more experience, Hope was defeated in short order, 13-3, and left to ponder the quick lesson from the game they had just played. "We need to be in those situations to the bitter end. When the dust settled, Hope could not convert on a late lead and multiple scoring opportunities, and ended up folding by a score of 15-14. In the last game of the day, the Dutchmen had a rematch against Grey Area. Although Hope easily defeated Grey Area earlier in the day, they were again unable to finish the job, falling short and losing 13-11.

"Hope College ultimate has a psychological barrier that it has yet to overcome this season. It has the tendency to lose games after being ahead late in the game," Shen said. "It's all due to our lack of experience." The team needs to look at its priorities and our goals for the season," Shen said.

This spring Dutchmen will be forced to compete with scores of Division I teams that have the facilities and committed players to practice everyday, all year round. "Vying for the same national qualifying spots are teams such as Ohio State, Michigan, Illinois, Michigan State, and Indiana. Each is one of the best teams in the country and no stranger to nationals. At the highest level of ultimate, it is uncommon to see teams with over 20 completely dedicated players, a luxury that Hope cannot currently afford.

"We need to practice more, and we especially need a commitment from 10 guys who will practice at least 4 times a week," Shen said. As the flying Dutchmen continue to reevaluate their goals and priorities and prepare for the Spring season, they are constantly teaching beginners the basics of the game and accepting new members to the team. In addition to practices that are open to anyone willing to play, casual pick-up games are held twice a week, on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

"We're always welcoming new players even if they don't have any experience," Shen said. "If you've got two legs and two arms, you can play this game."

Hope golf teams place at tourney

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The men's and women's golf teams entered separate MIAA tournaments on Saturday. The men's team, which holds the top spot in the conference standings was looking to hold on to their spot, while the women's team hoped to take the meet victory and be recognized as a contender for the MIAA title.

Playing at Calvin, the women's team was able to pull out a third place finish among the rest of the MIAA. Saint Mary's played well, followed closely by Albion and Hope.

The Dutch's top golfers on the day were Emily Colemanbrader ('03), and Brittany Philo ('06), who both shot an 86. The men's team was unable to come out victorious at their meet in Calvin. The Knights claimed their home tournament, shooting 308 as a team. Calvin was followed by Olivet with 307, Alma with 308, and Hope with 310.

Even with the fourth place finish, Hope still leads the conference by a slender two strokes over Calvin. Hope did manage to take the medalist honor, as Alden Hoksbergen ('06) shot a 71 to win the tournament. Hope was also led by Justin Spyker ('05), who recorded a 77, and Kody Taylor ('05) and Ryan Shedd ('05), who each recorded an 81.

The Dutchmen will compete at the Ohio Invitational on Saturday, while the Dutch will host the next MIAA tournament on Saturday at the Windin Creek Golf Course.

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Devin Quinn ('04), Matt Baumbach ('03), and Joel Vershueren ('04) celebrate a touchdown during Hope's 32-20 victory over Wisconsin-Platteville.