Hope enters political fray as Bush visits

During his campaign stop in Holland, the president gave a speech at Ottawa County Fairgrounds, and though the speech itself was brief, the response was enormous. "I think his visit is incredibly exciting," says Joel Toppen, professor of political science. "It gets us to focus on some issues that political science professors focus on a lot, but others don't always."

Hope students helped with the preparation of the site by painting signs for the rally attenders and working on crowd management. "People just don't realize how much goes into having the President here, even if it's just for an hour," Matthew Adkins ('07) told the Holland Sentinel.

Campus Safety deals with bike thefts, assaults

"This will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome except victory," said President George W. Bush on Monday afternoon. More than 12,000 people anxiously awaited his arrival, though not all of them were fans.

With the prevalence of this type of crime and the lack of preventive methods from surrounding authorities, it is left to the students to ensure that their bikes are properly secured. There are numerous bike racks located around campus, and most dorms have bike rooms where students can further secure their bikes. Wolters suggests making use of all of these resources as well as extra locks when routes differ beyond the Hyphen: Identity in the Age of Multiculturalism. This event will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Knickerbocker Theater.

Enrollment record set this fall

Campus population is up from 3,068 students last year to 3,112 students this fall. Of the students present, 1,195 are men and 1,917 are women. The entering freshman class is the largest class with 806 students, followed by 803 sophomores, 784 seniors, 643 juniors, and 76 special students. This is the third consecutive year that Hope has had record enrollment levels.
Any student who has attended The Gathering on Sunday or chapel during the week has seen the campus ministries team in action. However, there is more to their work than students see from the pews. According to campus ministries, a behind-the-scenes crew is working around the clock to provide Hope students with a unique spiritual experience this year and beyond.

Johnson was selected during the past spring. "He's really intense and very passionate about what he does." Students may not know how to take him, but he wants to be involved in students' lives outside of chapel. He has a lot of great ideas, and he really challenges people to think outside the box," Hansen said.

"He's really ardent and an athlete as well, and I think his passion will connect with almost anyone. I think he'll really take campus ministries to another level. I think Hope is very blessed to have him coming."

What is campus ministries doing until Johnson arrives? Plenty!

"We have a great staff this year, so until the new dean arrives but the Old Testament will remain strong at least until then. We're really focusing on the Old Testament. We're really focused on the Old Testament," said Paul Boersma, chaplain. According to Boersma, the focus of the ministry team in Fall is to "hang in there" when the new dean arrives but the Old Testament will remain strong at least until then. A new ministry partnership is also being formed. Hope will be teaming with Jubilee Ministries to complete an "Extreme Home Makeover" in the Holland community. The goal of the partnership is to encourage students to serve in the community and live out their Christian faith.

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—Trudi Hansen, counseling department

Student Congress hall reps chosen

"The school year is now in full swing, and Student Congress has hit the ground running. On September 8 and 9, students voted to delegate for Student Congress from each of the residence halls on campus.

The results are in and the new officers will begin their duties on Tuesday at the first Student Congress meeting of the year. Most of their work occurs behind the scenes, but Student Congress does play an important role at Hope. Congress acts as an intermediary between the student body and the administration and also appropriates money from the Student Activity Fund to all the campus clubs and activities.

"I wanted to see what (Student Congress) was like," said Mike Lashus ('08). Phelps Hall representative, about why he wanted to be involved. "I'm a political science major and I want to go into politics, so I think this will help me get a feel for what it's like."

With a new year come new goals. While Student Congress accomplished many things this summer such as increasing student parking spaces and placing the DVD machine in Phelps Hall near the cafeteria, this year their goals are slightly different. "We really would like to improve our communication with students and students with us this year," said Jen Yamaoka ('05), vice president of Student Congress.

"We have some goals in place already, but the best ideas we don't know yet because they will come from students," Yamaoka said.

The best way to contact Student Congress is by email at studentcong@hope.edu or at the representatives' individual emails, which can be found on Know Hope.

BUSH from 1

Other Hope students attended the speech with a different purpose: come to attend to show their support of the president, while others displayed their disagreement of Bush's policies. Protesters lined the street outside of the football gate, waving banners and pointing phrases of disdain.

"I respect him being here, but obviously, I'm just trying to get my voice heard," said Brianna D'Salvado ('05). "I don't believe in anything Bush stands for, especially civil rights and I don't think we should have ever gone to war in Iraq."

"Protestors have an opinion, but they seemed very uneducated. They didn't have suggestions or solutions, only problems," said Mandy Schwantz ('08).

The President's speech lasted approximately 20 minutes. It was his third visit to Michigan this election year, and his message focused on job opportunities. Michigan has had the highest number of jobs lost as well as the highest percentage of jobs lost in all fifty states. Since the year 2000, more than 300,000 jobs have been lost in Michigan alone, making it a primary topic for Michigan residents.

"As a future educator, the No Child Left Behind policy is disrupting schools across the nation, including... public schools in all communities," Glickman said.

Hope students also helped with security, working with the FBI and local police to create a safe environment for the speech. The Holland and Zeeland police forces combined with the Ottawa County Sheriff's department and lined the streets.

Bush's visit was exciting for Republicans and Democrats alike. "It was nice to see him," Schwantz said. "I think it's amazing that he came to a college town, and he came to be with the people."

SAFETY from 1

Having a bike stolen is often a frustrating experience for college students who may not have cars. "Anyone who steals a bike is committing a crime against the environment," said Fordy VandeBunte ('05). This past week has also brought up issues regarding student attacks. Last Saturday, four Hope students were victims of an assault. "What began as a verbal exchange escalated into the assault," said Wolters. Wolters said. This serves as a reminder for students to not provoke a situation that could precipitate into potential danger.

"If something like this happens, just be a good witness. Don't be provocateur, and get good information," Wolters said. The crime is still being investigated by HPD, but there are no leads. Wolters also added that students should be reminded that ticketing for parking violations will begin this week, and cars should not be parked on the grass.

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SAC brings Musician Ari Hest to Hope

**Popular Musician performs as part of “Up and Coming Artist Series”**

Evelyn Daniel

Holland’s Knickerbocker Theater and the Arts Office are quite excited about their move up to Madison Square Garden. It doesn’t pack in headliners of screaming fans like Chicago’s United Center or New York Coliseum do.

Although musician Ari Hest is not filling stadiums yet, he is moving in that direction. Hest is performing this Saturday as a part of the Social Activity Committee’s (SAC’s) “Up and Coming Artist Series” and the designation could not fit him better.

Ari Hest is a New York-based singer-songwriter and musician. He rose to prominence with the release of his debut album, “Nervous” in 2003, which earned him critical acclaim and a dedicated fan base. His music career has continued to grow, with multiple albums and tours under his belt.

Hest is currently scheduled to perform at the Hope College Knickerbocker Theater on September 18th. His set will include a mix of his own compositions and covers, showcasing his unique blend of folk and indie rock.

Tickets for the event are available at the Hope College Box Office or online through the university’s official website. For more information, please visit the official Hope College Arts Office website or contact the office directly.

**Distinguished Artists Awards concert to showcase new talent**

Amanda Zoratti

The Distinguished Artists Awards is an annual event where the recipients of the award are given the opportunity to showcase their works and share their perspectives on the arts. This year’s concert promises to be a special one, featuring a range of artists from different disciplines, including music, dance, and visual arts.

The concert will take place on Saturday, September 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dimnent Chapel. Tickets are available at the Hope College Box Office or online through the university’s official website. For more information, please visit the official Hope College Arts Office website or contact the office directly.

**Nai-Ni Chen Dance Group to perform as part of GPS events**

Amanda Zoratti

The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is a renowned dance company originating from New Jersey, USA. Founded in 1988 by Nai-Ni Chen, the company has been widely acclaimed for its blend of traditional Chinese folkloric dance with modern dance techniques.

The company’s unique approach to dance has earned it critical acclaim and recognition across the globe. In addition to its performances, the company is also dedicated to education and community outreach, offering workshops, residencies, and tours to schools, colleges, and community centers.

The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Group will be performing at the Hope College Knickerbocker Theater on September 18th. Their performance will feature a fusion of traditional Chinese dance movements with modern dance elements, offering audiences a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of China.

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Amnesty chapter on campus strives to promote human rights

SPOTLIGHT

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While injustices spread through the nations of the world, the members of Hope's Amnesty International chapter are battling for human rights, one letter at a time. Founded in 2001, Amnesty became an official student organization on campus in 2002.

"Amnesty is a human rights organization. We send human rights observers all over the world and organize grassroots campaigns to protest torture and unfair imprisonment, protest executions, and push for things like fair trials," said Carol Guess '05, member of Hope's Amnesty chapter.

Amnesty International takes an interesting stance as an activist grassroots organization; they do research and take action against the abuse of people's mental and physical integrity. Members also work worldwide to promote freedom of conscience and expression and freedom from discrimination.

The primary method used to affect change is writing action letters to political leaders. Every two weeks, the Hope chapter receives an Urgent Action letter detailing human rights violations.

"These letters list people in trouble, describe the situation, describe the background information, list what we should say, so the context isn't misinterpreted, and give us addresses (to send the letters to)," Guess said.

Some of Urgent Actions deal with people who, according to Amnesty, have been wrongly imprisoned, often for voicing dissenting political opinions.

These victims are referred to as "prisoners of conscience" within the organization. Letters sent about this issue may broach such topics as unjust treatment and torture of prisoners, as well as protest against unfulfilled arrests.

"Besides our letter-writing meetings, we hold the occasional petition drive outside of Philips, send Christmas cards to 'prisoners of conscience' and sponsor a focus week where we pick an issue or two and try to get the campus involved," Guess said.

For many members of Amnesty, standing up for human rights is not a hobby but rather a duty and possibly even a calling. Amnesty International was founded by Peter Benenson, a British lawyer. Benenson was inspired to take action by the horror he felt when he heard of two Portuguese students who were sentenced to prison for giving a toast to freedom.

The organization has grown to include over 1.8 million members in 150 countries across the world. These members promote freedom of conscience and sponsorship of "prisoners of conscience" within the organization. Letters sent about this issue may broach such topics as unjust treatment and torture of prisoners, as well as protest against unfulfilled arrests.

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September 15, 2004

Heritage from

Both women's photo collections reflect the lives, experiences and memories of the Mexican people. This exhibit opens on Sept. 24 and will run through Oct. 22.

A piano recital will be given by Deborah de la Torre, professor of interdisciplinary studies, in the Knickerbocker Theatre at 2 p.m. on September 25.

This is not the first time de la Torre has played a recital during this month of celebration.

Four years ago, another piano recital raised awareness of Hispanic contributions to the arts in the Holland community. It led to the eventual creation of Holland's annual Hispanic Art and Film Festival called Tulipanes. Tulipanes is currently headed by Deborah de la Torre.

"Almost all events are free so no one is prohibited from attending a film (or other activity)," said Miguel de la Torre, a presessor and board member of Tulipanes. The festival aims to honor Latino culture through arts and film. This year's festival will run from September 24 through October 3.

"A Taste of Tulipanes" is one activity during the festival that does charge for admission. It is a Hispanic culinary exhibit featuring live entertainment.

The exhibit will be hosted at the Holiday Inn (located on 650 E 24th St.) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 2, and the cost is $15 per person.

Miguel De La Torre will present a lecture as part of the month's awareness activities. His subject is "Santeria: The Beliefs & Rituals of a Growing Religion in America," and the lecture will be held in Maas Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on September 30.

Other events, dates and times can be found by accessing the Tulipanes website at www.tulipanes.org/schedule.php.

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—Pat Stack (’05)

"It was a little over the top, but...it was kind of convincing of how we show the world who Jesus is through our actions.”

—Andrea Nomina (’07)

"I didn’t think it was a very good movie.”

—Drew Vandersburg (’08)

"It made a lot of good points without being preachy and without making the decision for you.”

—Emily Schwartz (’05)
Student political groups gear up for election season

**INFOCUS**

**Holly Beckerman**

_Staff Reporter_

With a presidential election approaching, the Hope Democrats and Republicans found their first meetings of the year packed. “We anticipated a larger crowd of about 35 students, but were surprised when around 100 showed up,” said Ryan Lincoln (’07), president of the Hope Republicans. “The room was so cramped we had to look for a larger room for future meetings.”

The Hope Republicans meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. in Winants Auditorium in Graves Hall. The Hope Democrats also had a record turnout, nearing 50 students. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9:15 p.m. on the first floor of Lubbers. Both groups plan to educate students at their weekly meetings, drive registering students to vote and absentee ballot information available for all the states.

The parties on campus will also hold an open debate at the end of October. Lincoln said they plan to have three students representing each side of the presidential ticket. The debate will be judged by the International Relations Club and Pre-Law Club.

Leaders of both party organizations on campus agree that the upcoming activities are geared to help educate the student body and encourage students to vote. “Our goal is to inform and educate voters in a highly volatile election year,” Brown said.

Jodi Toppen, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the Hope Democrats, said it has never been easier for college students to gain quality information and have the ability and time to investigate issues like these. “Some of the best ways students can educate themselves and become an engaged citizen is to read a quality newspaper daily,” Toppen said. “For those who want to know basic information about the two candidates go to the nonpartisan website, vote-smart.org or npr.org. Those are the least biased.”

Jack Holmes, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the Hope Republicans, said to check out the National Journal at the library or C-SPAN for neutral coverage. He also said to check out each of the candidate’s websites where one can look at both sides to find a medium. While the media is available to educate students, the interactive organizations on campus join students together hoping to inspire them to vote and participate in society. “Civic participation is a part of the liberal arts project,” Toppen said. “We aren’t trying to learn about the world in order to be isolated from it, but rather to be more fully engaged in it.”

Lincoln came to Hope as a freshman ready to meet and make new friends. Early in his freshman year he met Bethany VanderSluis (’07) and Jystina Zienda (’07) who were also freshmen at the time. Each had their own set of ideologies and morals that made up their identity. As the year progressed and the presidential campaign commenced these new friends soon found out each other’s political opinions. “We caught on quickly that I was a Republican when the debates came on and I would talk about them or when I went to the Bush rallies,” Lincoln said. Yet Lincoln and his friends didn’t let their ideologies ruin the friendship. “We respect each other enough not to fight it out or let things get too intense,” Lincoln said. “Everything we do is all in humor.”

Lincoln bought Zienda’s roommate a Bush sign to put in their room because he knew her roommate was a Republican and it would bother her. “We joke back and forth, but we would never let it get too intense,” Lincoln said. “We support each other in our activities. They got excited when I got to see Bush, because they know what it means to me and I encourage them to get involved with the Hope Democrats.”

Political differences proved to add character and deepen the friendship of these three students. “The whole person is not just their political views, but you treat each other with respect, the friendship will work and grow. Ryan and I are perfect examples of this,” VanderSluis said.

“Friendship doesn’t revolve around the individual’s ideologies, but rather around respect. It’s just one of those things that you agree to disagree on. It’s kind of like having a Muslim friend — you respect each other’s beliefs and ideals enough to know not to try to convert each other,” Lincoln said. “In a way politics and religion are similar. You shouldn’t belittle others for their beliefs but instead respect and embrace them for believing and being active.”

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During my Spanish lectures, whenever my professor asks a question and no one answers, he will often say, "I feel like John the Baptist preaching alone in the wilderness." John the Baptist is probably best known for his preaching to the people about the coming of the Messiah. He wasn't alone then, but where were the people before this time? Most likely at home or working in the fields, taking care of their families and their own personal affairs. Much of the rest of the time John the Baptist probably was alone in the wilderness.

As both the editor of the student newspaper and a student at a small, isolated Christian college, I sometimes feel like John the Baptist preaching alone in the wilderness. Are we truly interested in what is going on in the world all the time, or do we pay attention only when something good comes up?

knows, the President of the United States came to Holland this past Monday. President Bush’s visit was a main topic of conversation among many of the students and professors I encountered throughout the day. Whether they were going to protest, listen attentively to the President’s every word, or simply watch from afar, almost everyone had something to say about it.

But where is this spirit every other day? Are we truly interested in what is going on in the world all the time, or do we pay attention only when something good comes up?

Before I went to Wyoming this summer, my research group was given a safety lecture. One of the topics discussed was making sure we were drinking enough water while working out in the heat all day. We were warned that we would often become so busy with our work that we might forget to drink any water and become dehydrated. After that there was a running joke between us that no matter where we were or what we were doing, if someone started “zoning out,” as we called it, we would tell the person to drink some water. A lot of times we get so busy trying to get things done that we start to zone out without even realizing it. We’re so used to the sugarcoated stuff that is handed to us that we don’t pay attention to what is really good for us. It is at these times that we have to step back, take a break, and drink some water. And we might just be able to see things a little more clearly.

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Dutchmen pull off big win over John Carroll

Hope grabs its first victory since '93 in a season-opening thriller.

Shannon Mee
Staff Reporter

The Flying Dutchmen earned their first season-opening victory since 1993 on Saturday, defeating the John Carroll Blue Streaks 21-20 in an exhilarating game seen by 3,410 roaring fans. Head Coach Greg Kreps was pleased with the way the team played.

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Dutchmen have impressive race at Bowling Green Inv.

Men finish runner-up, and women turn in a third place finish.

David Yetter and Brad Vanderberg
Staff Reporters

The Flying Dutchmen couldn't catch the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio, in the Division III field of the Mel Brodt Invitational on Saturday. The meet, held at Bowling Green University, saw the Jackets cruise to a 29-point finish, ahead of the Dutchmen's 21-20 in an exhilarating game seen by 3,410 roaring fans. Head Coach Greg Kreps was pleased with the way the team played.

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Men's soccer goes 1-1 at tourney

Team overlooks second opponent and learns from loss.

Travis Ransome
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team came away with a split this weekend at the Alma College Bergsma Memorial Tournament. They eliminated Washburn on Friday by a score of 5-1, but lost on Saturday to Otterbein in a 1-0 heartbreaker. The loss was the team's first at home since the 2001 season.

The tournament, held at Hope, is dedicated to Carl Bergsma, who died in a tragic car accident on July 7, 2001. A plaque was presented to the Bergsma family at halftime on Saturday, honoring a dedicated father, husband, and coach.

Saturday's game turned into a battle for both teams both physically and mentally, as neither squad could score for the first 89 minutes. Hope again cut shot-its opponents, this time 20-10, but it would not be enough as Otterbein's Drew Pitzer scored a goal in the game's final minutes.

With prospects still high, even after the hard loss against Otterbein, the team's goal is to win their league one game at a time.

The Dutchmen had plenty to be excited about after a thrilling 21-20 victory over John Carroll, Ohio. The win marked the football team's first season-opening win since 1993.

The men's team sprints through the course at last Saturday's meet.