NEW ARRESTS IN ‘COLD CASE’

Shannon Craig
Investigative Reporter

After a 27-year wait, significant progress has been made in the investigation of the murder of Janet Chandler, a former Hope College student.

On Jan. 31, 1979, Chandler, a worker on the night shift at the Blue Mill Inn, was assaulted, raped and ultimately murdered. Her body was found the next day by a snow plow driver on Interstate 186 South, just north of the Covert exit in Van Buren County.

Since Feb. 8, 2006, six arrests have been made in the case. Police arrested Robert Lynch of Three Oaks in February. Last month, five more suspects were charged: Arthur Carlson Paiva of Muskegon; Anthony Eugene Williams of McFarland, Ws.; Laurie Ann Swank of Nesopek, Pa.; James Cleophas Nelson of Rand, W.Va.; and Freddie Bass Parker of Powelton, W.Va.

All the arrested are being held without bond and have been charged with first-degree premeditated murder, felony murder during a kidnapping and felony murder during a sexual assault.

Lynch, Paiva, Parker and Williams all worked for Wackenhut Security as guards.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER Shannon Craig

STUDENTS RECLAIM THE NIGHT

Students march in solidarity against sexual assault during Take Back the Night

James Raistin
Source Error

One hundred and nine years of tradition make The Pull what it is today. The result of this year’s Pull has raised questions concerning the safety of the century-old activity. On Sept. 23 two members of the 2010 Pull team lost consciousness during the competition.

“Large parts of what happened were not preventable despite our best efforts,” Even-Year Pull Representative Aaron Knighton (’08) said. “Our anchor locked his knees, which caused his eventual collapse. Dehydration was also a problem because the pullers had a false sense of hydration because of the cool weather and the rain. So in the future, we need to make sure the pullers are getting properly hydrated on Pull day.”

Blair Williams (’10) was one of the pullers who lost consciousness. He began having difficulty holding onto the rope and eventually collapsed into his pit. He was quickly removed from the pit, revived and taken to the hospital.

“I passed out mainly because of dehydration,” Williams said. “I also had bruised my ribs from practice, and my vest was too tight. On one of the Saturday practices, I had breathing problems while on the rope, but it was never a problem other than that day.”

Dean of Students Richard Frost was on hand at the event to assist in any way possible, as well as to represent the Hope administration. He made the decision to end the Pull after one hour and 35 minutes.

“Both teams were performing well and working in union, but when the anchor for the 10 team collapsed and they didn’t have a proper substitute, I began to be concerned about safety,” Frost said. “Then when another puller passed out, they really lost their cohesion. At that point, I began talking to the 10 pull representatives about the safety issue and the idea of stopping.”

Despite the evident physical problems at The Pull, many precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the pullers.

“The representatives did a great job of preparing this year’s event,” Frost said.

PULL: SAFETY FIRST

Jenny Cencer
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Women’s Issues Group partnered with Greek Men Take A Stand to sponsor Take Back the Night on Tuesday. More than 180 participants gathered with candles and walked in solidarity to locations on campus where sexual assault has occurred, recalling accounts of victimization.

Anika Carlson (’07) said, “We’re reaching a lot of new people that the Women’s Issues Organization hasn’t reached in the past.”

Testimonies of rape and abuse were shared that helped the crowd gather in the drum circle.

August Miller (’07) said, “When one part of the body hurts we all hurt, and we are in a place where we can be proactive about stopping it.”

Brandon Bacon (’08) said, “I think it’s terrible how people abuse power advantages. This raises so much awareness, how can you deal with being assaulted if no one is there to support you afterwards?”

As candles dimmed and several hugs were exchanged, words of empowerment and hopeful prayers for the future were spoken. Professor Rhoda Jarren said, “We have the power to communicate; to say yes and no and to say it clearly. It shouldn’t be just about grieving, it should be time to celebrate...celebrate yourselves for having the power to consent.”

A representative from the Center for Women in Transition also spoke at the event. Domestic violence is considered an issue of public health in Michigan. Opportunities are available in the community for education and protection including defense classes and rallies.

Christian Piers (’07) said, “If female students cannot trust their male peers to support them and protect them, then this is a problem without a solution.”
OSAMA BIN LADEN: DEAD OR ALIVE?

French newspaper reports Al-Qaeda leader may have died from typhoid; claims remain unconfirmed

Brian McLellan  

Early last week, "L'Est Republican," the daily newspaper in the Lorraine region of Eastern France, reported that al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden died in Pakistan of typhoid in late August. The paper cited a confidential French foreign intelligence report as its source.

"According to a reliable source, Saudi security services are now convinced that Osama bin Laden is dead," the intelligence report said.

Since the document continued to say that medical assistance for the al Qaeda leader was impossible because of his isolation, and that Saudi security services had received reports of bin Laden's death as early as Sept. 4, the author of the article in "L'Est Republican," Laid Sammani, is confident of the report's authenticity. He believes that Saudi officials will make a formal announcement once they have discovered bin Laden's grave.

However, world officials do not share his confidence. The French intelligence service Direction Generale des Services Extérieurs has verified that the document does exist but that its contents, most notably that Osama bin Laden is dead, cannot be confirmed. The DGSE also pointed out that the information came from a single source.

French President Jacques Chirac told reporters that the report was "not confirmed in any way." He also said that an investigation would be launched to determine the source of the leak of this confidential document.

A senior official in the Pakistani spy agency the Directorate of Inter-Service Intelligence stated that he had no information that could confirm bin Laden's death and that he believed the report might not be legitimate. Officials from the U.S. Embassies in Pakistan and Afghanistan were also not able to confirm the report.

"We believe this reporting to be unsubstantiated," a U.S. intelligence official said. Jamal Khalifa, the brother-in-law of bin Laden, has stated that he has received no report of al Qaeda leader's death. Khaled Batarfi, who is a family friend of bin Laden, also has heard nothing to confirm the report.

AFRICAN UNION TROOPS FACING NEW DEADLINE IN DARFUR

Chris Lewis  

Despite a failure to prevent escalations in violence in Darfur, Sudan, the African Union troops in charge of keeping peace in the troubled region had their mission extended to Dec. 31. Thousands of Sudanese civilians gathered before the U.S. embassy in Khartoum to protest against increasing U.N. presence in the area.

As the protests occurred, Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir arrived in New York to speak with U.N. members about the current condition of Darfur, where more than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced since rebels from Darfur's indigenous population revolted in 2003.

Al-Bashir called the situation in Darfur a "humanitarian disaster" and called for security help for Darfur, though not under U.N. control.

It appears that many of the citizens of Darfur share al-Bashir’s opinion, as demonstrated by Sudanese held signs, reading, “Bow, Down, U.S.A.” and “You will not rule us, CIA.”

"We send America this message: What you saw in Afghanistan, what you saw in Somalia, and what you saw in Lebanon was a picnic compared to what you will see in Sudan," Adnan Saleiman, a protest organizer, said.

The proposal to replace African Union troops with a U.N. peacekeeping force is likely to be revisited in the future. For now, the U.N. will just lend material and support to the African Union troops until the new deadline expires on Dec. 31.

LEARNING ABOUT RAMADAN — A Muslim woman speaks about the holy month at a San Francisco high school.

Larissa Mariano  

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Muslims consider this the most blessed and holiest month of the year. They believe Ramadan was the time during which the Quran was revealed. During Ramadan, Muslims pray extra, optional prayers, and in most mosques, the whole Quran is recited in the month.

"In my hotel there were arrows on the ceiling to show where Mecca was, and once there was a prayer rug on the back of the door," Miller said. Muslims traditionally face Mecca as they perform the five daily prayers prescribed by the Quran.

Most Muslims have a light meal, called Suhour, before sunrise. After sunset, families gather to eat a large dinner prepared by the women. The meal is normally eaten in the company of neighbors or extended family.

Jewish Holy Day

Yom Kipper, or the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year. The basic theme of the holyday is repentance and reconciliation, making it a very solemn day. Even secular Jews attend the temple, and the Torah is read on this day. Even secular Jews attend. The holiday wouldn't be a great environment if you don't account for your sins, Kat Ramsey ('06) is a recent Hope graduate who has become a member of the Chicago Or Chabad synagogue.

"Reconciling with others is a big part of (Yom Kippur) because if you don’t account for your sins, they will forever be with your name in the eyes of God."
KHAAN SHARES INDIAN CULTURE

Shafaatullah Khan, Indian classical musician, performs tonight at the Knick

Nicole Bennett
Swr Werre

Shafaatullah Khan will be performing at the Knickerbocker Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Khan is known for playing Indian classical music. He had his first performance in England when he was 11, and since then he has graced audiences around the world with his unique musical style. Khan’s ability to play the sitar, the surbahar and the tabla in a single recital is unmatched by almost all other musicians. Khan represents the eighth generation in a family whose musical history goes back more than 400 years.

The Washington Post said, “Shafaatullah Khan explored the rhythmic intricacies of percussive sound in a way that was both intellectual and poetic.” Khan has had much experience in televised performances. He also starred in the IMAX movie “Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey.”

According to Khan’s website, “His television credits include a program shared with Ray Charles on Bio-Bannhoff in Germany, several BBC programs, interviews on TV Asia’s “Face to Face,” Philadelphia’s FOX & WYBE networks, and many other telecasts worldwide.

Tickets for this performance are $5 for adults and free for children 18 and under. They may be reserved through the ticket office in the DeVos Fieldhouse. The ticket office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are also available at tickets@hope.edu.

Many talents, one ‘Wonderful Town’

Courtaney Roberts
Ari Robins

“Wonderful Town,” a musical written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green with music by Leonard Bernstein, will open the theatre department’s season Nov. 7–11 in DeVitt Theater. Set in the 1930s, the play chronicles the life of two sisters, Eileen and Ruth Sherwood, who move to New York City from Columbus, Ohio in search of love and fortune, one as a writer and one as an actress. Khan’s production of “Wonderful Town” includes a large cast with 26 students and one professor. Working with Director Dan Robins are Professors Brian Coyle, Linda Dykstra and Dorrell Martin. Also working with Robins is Kerri Daab, a choir teacher from Holland High School.

Coyle conducts the Jazz Ensemble that is working with soloists, while Daab is working with the larger choral numbers. Finally, Martin is choreographing the show. The cast and production crew consist of students with different majors who are involved in all aspects of the show’s production. The calling cast for “Wonderful Town” was open to the student body. The department encourages students from all majors to audition for future theater productions.

“There are scientists who are gifted musicians and artists, just as there are actors who are gifted in math,” Robins said. Although it received critical success and won Tony awards during its premier Broadway run in the 1940s, “Wonderful Town” is not a well-known work outside of musical circles. There has been only one revival of the play, in 2003, and while it is a light-hearted work of Leonard Bernstein, it is also considered more intricate and is generally performed less often.

Robins believes that students will enjoy “Wonderful Town” because it embodies the American spirit.

“It will speak to students because it is a fun piece. They (Eileen and Ruth) are not shrinking violets and are making something of their lives,” Robins said.

Tickets for “Wonderful Town” should go on sale two weeks prior to the Nov. 7 opening night. Contact DeVos ticket office at (616) 395-7800 or tickets@hope.edu for more information.

Shins & Needles

Swing and Knitting clubs available for interested students

Katie Bennett
Swr Werre

On Hope’s campus, most students are aware of organizations like The Pall, the Nykerk Compeition and the Student Activities Committee. But there are literally dozens of other less publicized clubs and organizations on campus for the curious student.

For example: Hope has a swing club and a knitting club; both are student organizations.

SAC - Swing and Knitting clubs available for interested students

Swing Club President Emily McConnelly ’09. Events Coordinator Megan Pitts ’09 and Membership and Advertising Coordinator Rosie Buxford ’07 serve as officers this year.

The swing club meets on the third Friday of every month in Snow Auditorium in the Nykerk building.

“Each dance begins with a half-hour lesson.” McConnelly said. “No dancing experience is necessary.”

For more information, see SU Clubs, Page 6.
A tornado warning was issued for Ottawa and Allegan counties on Friday, Sept. 29, from 11:20 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. People in the Holland area were urged to seek shelter. Hope classes were interrupted as faculty, staff, and students were herded into basements.

Multiple waterspouts were spotted on Lake Michigan between South Haven and Grand Haven. As intact waterspouts touched down on land, and no damage was reported.

"A waterspout has basically the same structure as a tornado, though it is not as violent," said Professor Edward Hansen from Hope's department of geological and environmental science.

In response to the tornado warning, Campus Safety initiated the Campus Emergency Phone Tree, a process of relaying information quickly. The phone tree spread the warning to campus buildings and instructed inhabitants to find the nearest designated shelter.

The tornado warning was lifted at 4 p.m. when the waterspouts were no longer a threat. There were no confirmed touchdowns on land, and no damage was reported.

"We've done this—whether people think it's good or bad, appropriate or inappropriate. Janet Chandler in the belief that her murder calls out for justice. Somebody literally get away with murder. Anything we can do to further bring the killer to justice is what we ought to do," said Schools, a former professor of communications at Hope College, in a Hope press release from January 2004.

A cold case investigation was opened in April 2004. Holland Police Detective Sgt. Roger VanLopik and Officer Rob Borowski teamed up with Michigan State Police-forensic David Van Lopik and Trooper Mike Jafri to run the cold case, team formed.

"The bottom line, of whether a case is open or not, is the solvability factors. The documentary was part of it, but it was not the only reason. ("Who killed Janet Chandler?") made it the best time for us to open it," Messer said. According Messer, the two-and-a-half year investigation has included more than 400 interviews in more than 25 states.

**Documents detail crime**

The investigation led to an increased knowledge of what happened to Chandler. VanLopik detailed the events from 1979 in an affidavit filed with the 58th District Court on Sept. 19.

This affidavit formed the basis for a Court TV Crime Library report by Chuck Hustmyre on Sept. 27. According to this report, Van Lopik stated in his affidavit that "some of the guards became intimate with the motel manager, other desk clerks and housekeeping staff... Many of these relationships were sexual and non-monogamous in nature."

Allegedly, jealousy occurred and guards and motel employees sought to teach Chandler a lesson as the strike at Chemtron approached its end. The Court TV report quotes Van Lopik's affidavit, "Janet was going to be taken to a guest house where she would be beaten and sexually assaulted. It was understood that Janet was not going to be coming back from this location, and that she was going to be killed."

Reportedly, shortly after midnight on Jan. 31, 1979, Nelson and Lynch approached Chandler at a surprise party at Paiva's house. Van Lopik's affidavit, according to Court TV, states that Nelson and Lynch handcuffed Chandler after she came out from behind the inn's front desk. After taking Chandler to the guest house, Nelson and Lynch returned to the motel. Allegedly, around 2 a.m. Lynch called the police to report a robbery and reported Chandler missing when they arrived.

Court TV says that according to investigators, there were at least 15 to 20 people at Paiva's house, with almost all of them participating in or witnessing Chandler's beating, rape, and strangulation murder. Witnesses reportedly told investigators that Parker's belt was wrapped around Chandler's neck and used to choke her while she was beaten and raped.

"Ultimately Janet Chandler died at the hands of Robert Michael Lynch, through his own admission, as well as those reports by others present."

Witneses were allegedly threatened by Paiva to keep quiet. The Grand Rapids Press reported that Paiva had saved photos from the 1979 incident.

"There was information received during the investigation that there were pictures of the party where Janet was killed," Messer said, explaining that the photos were "reportedly given to Paiva."

Authorities are continuing the investigation into Chandler's death.

"The case will probably close when we feel like we've investigated it to its fullest and made arrests based on the information we have," Messer said.

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**Upcoming shows at Lemonjello's**

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ADMISSIONS WORKS TO INCREASE MINORITY RECRUITMENT:

Evelyn Daniel 
Features Editor

According to the Registrar’s factbook data, in the fall 2005 semester, only 0.6 percent of registered Hope students—19 people—were black males. Black women were represented slightly more—they comprised 1.24 percent of the student body with 39 students enrolled. Overall, approximately 93 percent of Hope students labeled themselves as white, non-Hispanic, while 7 percent placed themselves in minority groups: black, Hispanic, Asian and Pacific islander, native American or resident alien.

Year after year, the lack of ethnic diversity is cited as a concern among Hope students and admissions staff alike.

We don’t have a large enough critical mass of American minority students to satisfy us at admissions, and that’s probably the outlook of most of the rest of campus as well,” James Bekkering, vice president for admissions, said. “We’re not all satisfied with the status quo.”

To improve the number of minority students at Hope, admissions is taking an active role in recruitment through visitation programs, mail, e-mail and phone campaigns.

Current students, committed to improving multicultural life, make phone calls to prospective minority students to share their experiences at Hope and invite the prospective students to visit campus.

Admissions representatives encourage students to bring friends to the campus visitation programs and other aspects of multicultural life at Hope.

In addition, admissions representatives are attentive of where they recruit from and strive for an applicant pool that does not come from a single ethnic or socioeconomic background.

“We visit high schools with diverse populations, areas like urban Detroit or urban Chicago,” said Garrett Knuth, senior associate director for admissions. “We could easily focus only on high-end, wealthy neighborhoods if we wanted to, but we go to some upper-class, suburban high schools and some more blue-collar, working-class areas. We visit a lot of small towns.”

When striving for diversity, Knuth said, the initiative goes beyond race alone.

“If you get a college that’s all wealthy, you’re not doing your job,” Knuth said.

Admissions representatives encourage students to come visit Hope for a day or overnight to get an idea of the atmosphere.

Improving minority recruitment, Bekkering said, is necessary labor-intensive, at least at first.

“It’s like inertia, like the example of an old-fashioned steam engine,” Bekkering said. “It takes an enormous amount of energy to get started. Once the engine picks up momentum, it doesn’t take nearly as much energy to keep moving.”

Admissions also informs prospective students about programs in which they can get involved on campus that address multicultural issues, whether it is by joining the Black Student Union, HAPA (Hope’s Asian Perspective Association) or La Raza Unda, or simply by thinking globally through a group like Amnesty International. Even programs like the Jack Bell Writing Series or Great Performance Series present many opportunities throughout the year to gain multicultural perspectives.

“We have to look at what we have at Hope and see how we can make that attractive to high school students,” Bekkering said. “We invite them to explore all of the opportunities available to them at Hope College—not just multicultural, but academic, religious and extracurricular activities as well. We want the Hope College experience to be a fulfillment of what they anticipated before they got here.”

When exploring options for potential colleges, the level of diversity is often a question high school students pose to their recruiters.

“We get the diversity question from both minority and majority students,” Knuth said. “This is an issue of importance not just for members of underrepresented groups, but for Caucasian students as well.”

Prospective students of all ethnic backgrounds frequently wonder whether or not they will feel comfortable at Hope.

“For just about every student of color, it’s a question they carry whether they ask it or not,” Bekkering said.

The college will be satisfied with its recruitment efforts, Bekkering said, when minority students feel that they fit in ethnically and culturally in the same way that Caucasian students do.

In a study of the Hope students enrolling in the fall of 1999, according to the Registrar’s Office data, approximately 75 percent of white students had graduated or re-registered. Other minority groups, including Hispanic and international students, had higher retention rates than white students.

“If we recruit over false pretenses and large numbers leave, we haven’t accomplished anything,” Bekkering said. “Working with integrity is very important in all that we do.”

Ultimately, Bekkering said, the attitudes and actions of the Hope community will make the largest difference in improving diversity statistics.

“It takes more than the admissions staff making phone calls,” Bekkering said. “What can the Hope College community do, students, faculty and staff, to make this appear to be, and in actual fact be, a more welcoming community?”

PROVOST GONZALES NAMED FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEAN

Nicole Bennett
Staff Writer

Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzales has been promoted to Dean for International and Multicultural Education in their previously established goals and to help Hope establish more positive relations across different cultures.

His responsibilities include Women’s Studies, International Education and Multicultural Education, but more departments may be added later this year.

The purpose of this new position is to emphasize the importance of international and multicultural education.

“I hope to continue the legacy of Hope in respect to international education,” Gonzales said. “I’m looking forward to this opportunity to work with faculty and students to reaffirm our mission and enhance Hope’s presence in the world and at home.”

Gonzales stated that he plans to achieve these goals two ways. First, he plans to affirm study abroad opportunities for students to experience different cultures. Secondly, he will continue to bring international students and scholars to Hope in order to spark discussion about international topics and to provide students with various world views.

Gonzales’ main goals for this year are to support multicultural and international education in their previously established goals and to help Hope establish more positive relations across different cultures.

In 1979 as the director of the Upward Bound program. Throughout his career, he has assumed many other roles that include director of Minority Student Affairs, assistant dean of Multicultural Life and assistant provost.

While at Hope, Gonzales has been recognized several times for his outstanding contributions to society. In 1998 he received the “Michigan Outstanding Hispanic Advocate of the Year” award, and in 2004 he was given the “Vanderbush-Weller Development Fund” award.
**Antiphon**

**A gift of rest**

**Mackenzie Smith**

Everywhere I’ve gone on campus this week, I hear the same refrain: “I was up late studying, I have a test today and I need a break!”

We all do. There are two more days until Fall Break and believe me, I am counting the hours and minutes.

Fall Break is a gift of rest. It is given to us five weeks into this wonderful, crazy, hectic school year just as we approach the point of burnout. But rest is a word so antithetical to American culture, it’s easy to forget what it means.

In music, a rest is an interval of silence. Our lovely definition explains rest as “silence which fits into a rhythm pattern.”

In a piece of music, silence may at first seem superfluous—music is about sound, right? Yet, the rest holds as much weight as a played note. It separates before from after. It establishes space to appreciate and anticipate.

Lenten feet are integral to life in the sanyang. I have to be honest with you—I’ve been hypotrical in this column. I have advocated balance, engagement with the world and living physically, emotionally and spiritually.

I need this break as much as I’m guessing you do.

**Clubs**

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needed to come and have fun at the dances.

After the 30-minute instructional period swing club members enjoy swing music and refreshments, all provided by the club.

“Here is really no better deal for Friday night entertainment,” McConley said.

The next swing dance will take place on Oct. 20 and will feature a Halloween costume contest with prizes for the winners.

Another student organization slightly less physical is the Hope Knitting Club. Members of the club take a few hours once a week to knit together. Anyone can come to Knitting Club meetings, as the members teach newcomers how to knit. Some people also come to meetings to crochet.

Knitting Club President Wanda Turner (’09) prepares group projects for the club and reserves rooms for meetings.

“I love everyone stopping everything they are doing and just coming to knit and relax,” Turner said. “It is great that there are other people on campus that are as passionate as I am about knitting.”

The Knitting Club does more than relax. Members can also get involved with service projects through their passion.

“Last year we participated in the Mitten Tree at Trendway. This year I would like to knit winter sets and send them out to Rosebud Indian Reservation out in South Dakota, go to an area nursing home and knit with the residents and possibly donate items to Holland Hospital,” Turner said.

The Swing Club and the Knitting Club make up two of the array of organizations on campus. The student organizations’ page on KnolHope makes one thing obvious: there are organizations to fit almost any interest imaginable. For students who still cannot find their niche, the Office of Student Activities can answer questions and help with getting new organizations approved.

**“Gay? Fine by me” campaign comes to Hope**

To the Editor:

On Friday, Sept. 29, 100 students voiced their opinion by wearing "I'm gay, I'm proud" t-shirts with the statement, "Gay/Fine by me." The shirt campaign was sponsored by The Sexuality Roundtable, a forum for gay and straight students.

The purpose of the campaign was to enable students to express their opinions regarding homosexuality.

The "Gay/Fine by me" campaign started in the spring of 2003 at Duke University by students who were concerned about Duke's ranking as one of the top 10 most-homophobic campuses in the Princeton Review. Duke's basketball team donned the shirts, sparking interest in the issue from students and the university president who also wore a shirt. Since then, the campaign has distributed over 35,000 shirts across the U.S.

The shirts have been seen Boston College, Notre Dame and Albion. Even more recently, Augustana College in Illinois rang in the school year by having 800 students wear the shirts.

Last year, an anti-gay incident occurred on Augustana's campus and students decided to send a clear message that homophobia would not be tolerated.

There are numerous student organizations at Hope that allow students to be active in various issues they feel passionate about. As one of these organizations, The Sexuality Roundtable encourages conversations between students supportive of and opposed to homosexuality. Given that Hope is a fairly conservative campus, the goal of the t-shirt campaign was to give students who want to advocate for homosexual rights a means to unite on this position and voice their opinion in a group setting.

We are striving to become a non-activist organization that does not hinder the ability for people from both sides of the spectrum to voice their opinion in our meetings and discussions. As presidents of the organization, we are concerned with how the organization is perceived on campus and by various leaders at Hope. We are aware of our actions and words garner attention, and we know that we must act in the utmost professional manner.

Considering the issue of homosexuality is a very taboo subject to chat about, with even friends, our goal in bringing this campaign to Hope was to enable students from all sides of the issue to talk about these sometimes "uncomfortable" issues.

Currently, approximately 100 Hope students and faculty own one of these shirts. In the near future, we plan to order additional shirts, to continue the promotion of a safe atmosphere. There will also be another designated day during the semester when students and faculty will be invited to don their shirts and voice their opinions. Please contact any one of us to learn more about how to get a shirt or about the date of when the next organized t-shirt day will be.

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Hebrews 6:13-20

In the fall of 1846, Albertus C. Van Raalte boarded a ship in Rotterdam with hundreds of his followers. The ship swayed in the waves of the Atlantic for seven months before landing on the shores of New York. Van Raalte and his clan then traversed the rough terrain by ox cart to Michigan and settled in the Holland area. Van Raalte quoted this verse of Hebrews as he founded our school in 1866 as a missionary hub of education for the world. Van Raalte was a courageous innovator. He believed that with our souls anchored firmly in God’s hope, our minds may set sail for the innovation of tomorrow. Creation is at the core of God’s being and therefore is woven deep within what it means to be human. Innovation is an act of worship.

Hope’s Innovations

The world economic landscape is rapidly shifting. If America is to succeed in this new highly competitive playing field, we must offer something new. The Industrial Age in America has come and gone. Michigan has learned this the hard way with a limp manufacturing-based economy stuck in the past. The new age is an age of information, ideas and innovation. Instead of seeking to revive a dead industrial revolution, we must charge forward and create the next great wave. Hope, Michigan and America can lead in today’s reality. Hope College is primed for innovation. We are blessed with resources of finance, intellect, faith and productivity. I challenge you to take advantage of these resources, take charge and take on the problems of today through innovation.

Student Congress is eager to equip you for innovation. Student innovation is what sets Hope apart, and student innovation is what propels Hope forward. We are ready to plant your ideas and nurture them to fruition.

The problems you can engage can start small, such as a campus problem you bring to Student Congress. The problems you can engage can be large, such as forming an organization to fight world poverty or disease. No matter what problem you engage, engage it with a creative mind, anchored soul and unwavering strength. It is this volatile combination that leads to explosive realization: dangerous, life changing, earth shifting.

Brad Matson is a senior at Hope and is serving as president of Student Congress. He is from Traverse City and majors in business management.

Women’s athletics deserve Hope support

To the Editor:

Last Christmas, I had the bright idea to buy an inspirational running movie for my sister. I knew there are plenty of good movies about male runners, but I wanted something for women. As female athletes, I thought we could relate a little better to those kind of movies. I was disappointed by the limited selection. Then, I realized that women could be pre-med.

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ROPE

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What does it mean to be a Democrat?

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RUN, SWIM, WALK IS OCT. 14

Emily Westrate
Sports Writer

As part of Hope College’s Homecoming Weekend, the 29th annual Run-Swim-Walk will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14. Open to anyone, the event will be based at the DeVos Fieldhouse for the first time. The portion from past years will not be included in the 2006 festivities.

Participants will complete a 5K run, a 1-mile swim and a 10-mile Island Run beginning at 10 a.m. The competitors will be placed into age groups with medals awarded for each age group. The swimming events will be held in the Dow Center. The competition will be separated into two different types of races. The first, for ages 14 and younger, will be a 400-meter (1/4-mile) race against the clock beginning at 8:30 a.m. Participants age 15 and older will compete in traditional races, broken up by age. These 800-meter (1/2-mile) swims will begin at 9:15 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., the 3,200-meter (2-mile) prediction walk will start at DeVos and continue through the Boys Athletic Complex. The 10 closest predictions of the competitor’s walking time will receive metals.

WATER SKI CLUB SHOWS PROMISE

Nick Hinkle
Copy Editor

Who wants to go slaloming, jumping, wakeboarding or tricking? Participants of the Hope water skiing team compete in these events on a weekly basis. The team, which was recognized as an official club by Hope College last spring, competes in weekly tournaments and has seen the competitions.

Tournaments include men’s and women’s individual events which count towards a team score. The fall season consists of mainly team tournaments, whereas the spring concentrations on individual competitions.

Eagen has competed in many tournaments and has seen the team grow over the past few years. Eagen encourages people of any skill level to come out and practice with the team on Green or Indian Lake.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

MEN’S SOCCER

The men’s soccer team has won three straight victories leading to a 3-1 record in the MIAA. Craig Root (’07) won MIAA defensive player of the week and helped lead the Dutchmen to a 2-0 victory over Alma. The Dutchmen will host rival Calvin Oct. 4.

WOMEN’S GOLF

The women’s golf team hosted an MIAA Jamboree Oct. 5. The Dutch finished sixth in the tournament and are currently in sixth place in the MIAA.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team went 3-1 en route to a third place finish at the Mount St. Joseph Fall Classic Sept. 29 and 30. The Dutch hold a 12-6 overall record.

HOCKEY

The hockey team won its first two games of the season. They defeated Dayton 8-4 and Alpena 10-4.

FOOTBALL

The football team had a come-from-behind victory Sept. 30 in league play against Albion. A field goal by kicker/punter Chris Bowen (’08) was the deciding factor in the 24-21 victory. Bowen was honored with the MIAA special players of the week.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team defeated North Central Ill. 3-1 and tied Alma (1-3) in this week’s action. Kendall Alliber (’07) earned the MIAA defensive player of the week.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

The women’s cross country team competed at the Lansing Invitational Sept. 30. The men’s team finished third out of 13 teams, and the women finished fourth out of 11.

Throughout the Run-Swim-Walk, a health fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the DeVos gymnasion. Information will be available about diet and nutrition, stress management and exercise. People can also have their body fat, blood pressure, flexibility and muscle strength calculated.

Registration forms are available at DeVos. There is an $8 registration fee for each event. The fee is waived for Hope students. Hope students, faculty and staff must pay $4 to receive a registration. Registrations will be accepted the day of the event at 8 a.m. at DeVos.

GOLF FINISHING STRONG

Nick Hinkle
Copy Editor

The Dutch won their sixth conference tournament on Friday, Sept. 29, to extend their conference lead to 39 strokes. Hope will host the final MIAA tournament Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Waukowaham Players Club, which will contribute to the MIAA title.

This season the team hopes to duplicate and improve on last year’s 17th place finish at nationals.

"We feel with all five of the starters back from last year’s national team, the only place to go is up," Ryan Sheets (’08) said. With a solid performance at Waukowaham the Dutchmen can increase their chances for an invitation to the national tournament in the spring.

“Our goal is to have a comfortable lead going into that day and then go out with a good showing at our home course and earn our automatic bid to nationals," Sheets said.