GM employees strike in Michigan, nationwide

Evelyn Daniel
Editor-in-Chief

Just under 28,000 Michigan employees of General Motors Corp. walked away from their job sites Monday morning when the United Auto Workers and the company failed to reach an agreement by an 11 a.m. deadline. The nationwide strike is the first in 37 years and impacts 74,000 hourly GM employees in the United States, according to GM estimates.

In a press release, the UAW cited "job security, economic issues, benefits for active workers and winning investment in future products" as the primary causes of the strike. Evelyn Shreve, a retiree from the GM Metal Fabrication Plant in Grand Rapids, also named job security as a central concern.

"They want to ship our jobs overseas," Shreve said. "We just can’t let that happen. … The union is saying enough is enough."

The Grand Rapids plant employs approximately 2,000 workers, 1,700 of whom are on strike, according to the Muskegon Chronicle. The UAW pays see UAW, page 3

CIS to discuss US immigration

Jon Parrish
Guest Writer

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

These immortal words were written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 and inscribed upon the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. While her famous sonnet still symbolizes the hope and promise of America, the subject of immigration today is a highly debated issue.

"I cannot think of a topic more in need of critical examination by all Americans," said Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzalez, co-chair of next week’s Critical Issues Symposium (CIS). "We’ll discuss the issues of immigration are not new. Gonzalez argues that today it is more important than ever that we discuss how immigration is “shaping the fabric of our society.”

Only then can we determine how to bind together in a way that “all of us are united as Americans.”

In keeping with this important topic, the title of this year’s symposium is “Immigration: Shaping and Reshaping America.”

The format for this event will be very similar to years past. Prior to the CIS, sociologist Alejandro Portes from Princeton University and Jean Petit from the Hope College History Department will discuss the state of immigration in America. See CIS, page 10

Western Theological Seminary opens Friendship House on 13th and College

Kara Shetler
Guest Writer

The new Friendship House on the campus of Western Theological Seminary is an answer for two needs in the Holland community: safe, affordable housing for developmentally disabled adults and more residences for students at the seminary. However, the mission of the house is about more than just meeting those needs. It’s about giving people the opportunity to experience friendship and growth in ways they might not otherwise be able to.

The unique new residence hall on the corner of College Avenue and 13th Street has room for 17 seminary students and six adults with special needs from the community to live and learn together.

"It’s the first in the country like it," said Matthew Floding, dean of students at Western.

The house consists of six apartments that are modeled in a "pod concept," in which four residents share a common living area, kitchen and laundry room.

Amanda Kragt is one of the developmentally disabled adults, called "friend residents" or "friends," living in the house.

"I love it," Kragt said, as she took a break from class to show off her own bedroom and bathroom.

"It’s my first time moving out of my house. In addition to the opportunity of independent living, resident friends receive special education at the house. "One of the neat things that happens is that we have local and community-based instructors doing training here," Floding said.

These instructors are provided through the public school system in Ottawa County.

"I love living in this place. I’m a changed man now." – Seth Vanderbroek, resident

In the sports rink – Hope hockey season begins Sept. 29.
Kevin Soubly

On Sept. 29, Hope College’s 110th Pull will commence across Holland’s Black River. This year’s Even Year and Odd Year teams are preparing to win, and their bodies are already showing signs of wearing, including open sores on their hands and hot spots on their bodies. Despite physical discomforts, team morale is high and Pull fever is rampant.

Each team practices six days a week and always gives their all. The practices can be heard from blocks away with the teams’ chants, screams, and yells traveling through the air.

At first it’s indistinct, everyone’s voices clanging together, but upon approaching closer, the yelling grows louder and louder until eventually, the cries become dearer.

PIT 8 WANTS TO HEAVE! PIT 7 WANTS TO HEAVE! And so on. Every moraler and every puller is screaming at the top of their already strained and hoarse voice, squeezing out every last bit of air from their lungs.

Suddenly the pullers crash against the walls of their pits, their eyes crazed, their faces in agony, and the entire team springs straight in their pits, straining with all their might to pull the rope even an inch farther. And they love it. The moralers are certainly not without work—they must keep their puller hydrated, cool, and ready to work. They must work to maintain their puller’s constant strength and determination, even aiding their physical condition. They must constantly monitor the puller.

“Water,” a puller says, and the moraler grabs a water bottle and squirts water into the puller’s mouth and across his face.

“It’s been intense, and the ‘11 team is going to rip…’10. We’re gonna take them down! It’s been awhile since the freshman team has beaten the sophomores, but we have the determination. We’ve worked our butts off past the two weeks, and we plan to work even harder this last week,” Jeff DeYoung ’11 said.

The ‘07 Pull will begin at 3 p.m. this Saturday.

Pull team preparing for marathone tug

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“I thought, ‘let’s combine your need with our need,’” Floding said.

Since many upper-level seminary students already have residences that they lease, the seminary relied on incoming students as well as a few Hope students to fill the house.

“We decided from the beginning that we wanted to give special education opportunities to everyone,” said Floding.

Elizabeth Knappe and Hilary Doenges are two Hope seniors in the education department who are living in the house this year.

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First national UAW strike since 70s

Suspect arrested in Delaware State shooting

Shannon Craig

Newark, Del. — A Delaware State University freshman was arrested by police in the wake of a shooting at the school Thursday. Loyer Braden, 18, was arrested at approximately 3 a.m. Sept. 24 in his dorm room. According to court documents, he has been charged with attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment.

Bail was set for the teenager from East Orange, N.J. at $75,000. The justice of the peace, who set bail, also ordered Braden to avoid contact with the victim and Delaware State University. Authorities are unsure how Braden managed to return to campus and get back into his dorm room. Braden was escorted by four Dover police officers to court on the afternoon of Sept. 24 with his hands cuffed and legs shackled.

According to officials, the costs could prevent GM and other domestic companies from being competitive in an international market, thus forcing the company to downsize.

The Grand Rapids employees emphasized the crucial role that GM plays in the West Michigan economy. "All the money we make goes back into the community," said Macomber. "We work hard for what we’ve got. Now we’ve got to try to hang on to it."

For most workers, the sooner they can get back to work, the better. "I just hope this is over soon," said Robert Lopez, an 18-year employee at the Grand Rapids plant. "Nobody wins in a strike."

Wild fires burn 90,000 acres

Almost 90,000 acres of California have burned as a result of wild fires this year. The blazes are fueled by hot, dry winds that push the flames through the terrain, officials said.

In brief

TENSE AHMADINEJAD QUESTIONS 9/11, HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad defended Holocaust revisionists and raised questions about who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks in a tense showdown Monday at Columbia University, where the school’s head introduced the hard-line leader by calling him a “petty and cruel dictator.”

Ahmadinejad portrayed himself as an intellectual and argued that his administration respected reason and science. But the former engineering professor, appearing shaken and irate over what he called “insults” from his host, soon found himself drawn into the type of rhetoric that has alienated American audiences in the past.

WILD FIRES BURN 90,000 ACRES

While most of the fires are dry, a few fires have been left smoldering due to a fire threat.
Monks protest in Myanmar
Shannon Craig
Staff News Editor

In response to thousands of Buddhist monks and other protest- ers ignoring orders to refrain from political participation, the military government of Myanmar outlawed assemblies of more than five peo- ple and enforced curfews in Yang- on and Mandalay, Myanmar’s two largest cities, on Sept. 25.

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, is one of Asia’s poorest countries and is currently ruled by a military junta. One monk, speaking anony- mously, told the Associated Press, “The protest is not merely for the well-being of the people but also for monks struggling for democ- racy and for people to have an op- portunity to determine their own future. People do not tolerate the military government any longer.”

Fuel prices spark demonstration

Demonstration in Myanmar originally began on Aug. 19 follow- ing the sharp increase in fuel prices by the government. The BBC re- ported that petroleum and diesel doubled in price, while compressed gas, which is used to fuel the buses, increased by 500 percent. The fuel price increase caused higher costs for public transportation and indi- rectly for important goods, such as rice and cooking oil.

Monk participation in the pro- tests increased after alleged three monks were injured when soldiers representing the junta allegedly opened fire on the protesters during a demonstration in the Burmese town of Pakkoku on Sept. 5.

The junta was given a Sept. 17 deadline to apologize for the Sept. 5; however, they refused to apologize.

According to the Associated Press, the junta has attempted to put distance between itself and the incidents in Pakkoku. In response, protestors have met with demo- cracy activists, accusing them of using the protests to excite monks, students and others into an uprising similar to one that occurred in 1988.

The Alliance of All Burmese Buddhist Monks has stepped for- ward as a coordinator of the demo- strations. On Sept. 24, the alliance released a statement calling the military government “the en- emy of the people.”

Calling on the Burmese popula- tion to join with them, the alliance has pledged to continue protests un- til they had “wiped the military dic- torship from the land of Burma.”

On Sept. 24, 100,000 Burmese demonstrators gathered in Yangon to continue the protests, making current demon- strations the largest since the dem- ocratic uprising in 1988, during which the military fired into peace- ful crowds, killing thousands.

While Burmese authorities did not interfere with the protests on Sept. 24, Myanmar’s religious af- fairs minister Tint Tin, Gen. Thura Myint Maung suggested that though the protesting monks repre- sented only 2 percent of the coun- try’s population, if senior monks were not able to control them, the government would step in as re- quired by their own regulations. Maung did not explain in detail what this meant.

Monks protest

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Distinguished actress Linda Kelsey performed “The Belle of Amherst” this past weekend at Hope College. “The Belle of Amherst” is a one-woman play highlighting significant events in the life of celebrated 19th century American poet Emily Dickinson through the use of her work, diaries and letters.

Lyn Vanderson  
Guest Writer  

Editor’s note: The Following is a personal account of a living mannequin at Holland’s Gone Shopping event.

“We want to see her move!”

“They’re like those guards in England!”

“Those are just some of the sentences uttered by the people on the other side of the glass. When I agreed to be a human mannequin for Roxie’s Vintage store downtown, I wasn’t sure exactly what it would entail. Yes, I knew I’d be standing in a store front window for 90 minutes having people stare at me. I didn’t know how weird, yet surprisingly fun, it would be. Being stared at can be uncomfortable and getting used to it takes a little bit, but after about five minutes of discomfort, I really got into the posing.

Most of the people were fascinated. A few little kids didn’t think we were actually real. Then there were the college kids who thought we’d be funny and try to make us laugh. Some were discouraged when I didn’t crack. Usually they just tried harder. I was fortunate enough not to be in the window that was mooned.

Our faces were painted to look like scarecrows with red cheeks and drawn on eyelashes. We also wore bracelets and necklaces made of raffia to make it look as if we were made of hay. Even Stella, the store’s resident cat, walked around the front windows dressed in raffia.

It was difficult to keep my eyes in one spot because it was so tempting to look at the people’s faces and see their reactions. One little boy was stunned when we suddenly moved. His parents had been telling him we were real but he didn’t believe it until we moved. His parents had been telling him we were real but he didn’t believe it until we changed poses.

The hardest part about being a mannequin is losing feeling in your limbs after holding a pose too long.

Overall, it was one of the most unique experiences I’ve ever had. It gave a new meaning to the phrase “window shopping.”

Kelsey, a five-time Emmy and two-time Golden Globe nominee, said, “The play has enriched my life.”

Kelsey began performing the play six years ago at the recommendation of her friend, John Tammi, a professor in the Theatre Department at Hope.

After the play, an audience member commented, “It was an intimate and personal account of a life.”

The play is showing the award-winning film “Crossing Arizona,” which focuses on immigration this year.

The film has been seen at the Knickerbocker Theatre before and returns now as a sponsored event for the Hope College Critical Issues Symposium which focuses on immigration this year.

“Crossing Arizona” examines the crisis through the eyes of those directly affected by it. Frustrated ranchers go out day after day to repair cut fences and pick up the trash that endangers their livestock and livelihoods. Humanitarian groups place water stations in the desert in an attempt to save lives.

Political activists rally against anti-migrant ballot initiatives and try to counter rampant fear mongering. Farmers who depend on the illegal work force face each day with the fear that they may lose their workers to a border patrol sweep.

And now there are the Minutemen, an armed citizen patrol group taking border security into their own hands.

Tickets for the film are $6 for regular admission and $5 for students and senior citizens.

More information on the film is available at www.crossingaz.com.
Captive listener is the last one to turn on a song that is a difficult thing for an artist to accomplish. A Fine Frenzy has successfully done this. A Fine Frenzy is the haunting piano-based music of 22-year-old Alison Sudol. Born in Seattle, Sudol moved to L.A. with her mother when she was 5. Sudol developed a love for authors C.S. Lewis and Charles Dickens, as well as musicians Louis Armstrong and the Beatles.

A Fine Frenzy’s atmospheric and simplistic melodies are amazingly powerful. Her sound is a mix between British bands such as Aqualung, Coldplay and Keane and Icelandic bands such as Sigur Ros. Among her most influential albums, A Fine Frenzy lists Emiliana Torrini’s “Fish and Lemons” as one of her favorite artists.

Performers “are auditioned and are hired to perform specifically on those Thursday nights. They require a license as well,” said Patricia Fitzpatrick, Downtown Development Authority coordinator. Of the 60 people … have street performer permits and about 20 or so are rotated during the series,” Fitzpatrick said. After they have a street performer’s permit, performers have to follow a few rules. According to the street performance brochures, performers can perform from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the year for no longer than two hours and can only play in approved locations, among other things. There is also a street performer ordinance that all street performers must follow.

A fun fact about the guidelines for performing at Tulip Time: The brochure states that performers can perform up to one hour before and one hour after parades, but not during the parades. Also, performers are not allowed to perform during Klaipéda dance performances.

Hope College students 18 years or older interested in getting off their talents downtown should contact Patricia Fitzpatrick’s office at (616) 355-1050 for more information.
Doyou Think

The Pull

Is Sexist?

Meghan Fore

Guest Writer

According to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, an estimated 8 million Americans have an eating disorder – 7 million women and 1 million men. As many feel societal pressure to fit the ideal “thin” body type depicted throughout the media, a specific type of eating disorder known as exercise bulimia is becoming more prevalent. Rather than going through a process of binging and purging food, an exercise bulimic purges with exercise. The physical effects of exercise bulimia are different from classic bulimia. Purging can cause teeth enamel erosion, an irritated esophagus, muscle fatigue, dehydration and other serious medical problems.

Bodily Harm

According to WebMD, exercise bulimia can lead to overdose injuries, resulting in exercise amenorrhea, a condition which causes women to no longer have a period and produce much smaller amounts of estrogen. Estrogen helps in the development of bone and when levels drop, bone mass significantly decreases.

It is difficult to identify an exercise bulimic, simply because moderate amounts of exercise are very healthy and strongly encouraged. Thirty minutes of moderate exercise three to four times a week is healthy.

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“I’d say yes. The guys are doing the labor while the girls cheer,” Brandon Johoerena ’10

“No, I don’t think it’s sexist because they get the girls equally as involved as the guys,” Selma Paunna-Talu ’10

“No, it is not. It’s for both guys and girls. It’s not exactly sexist,” Paul Rice ’09

“I would say not necessarily because Nykerk is also available and they allow both boys and girls to get involved,” Cara Halan ’10

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“Not really. I’ve heard women try out if they want, but I’ve never had any desire to do it,” Tracy Perma ’09

“No. I’m not sure there are any girls who want to do it. I’m sure if a girl tried out and could pull as well as guys, they’d be happy to have her,” Kari Schaeferman ’08

“Not, really. I’ve heard women try out if they want, but I’ve never had any desire to do it,” Keegan Hartman ’03

“They aren’t able to think of themselves in positive ways. It makes the person feel that their self-esteem is hurting because they feel abnormal and deviant in their behavior,” she said.

Many women and men turn to eating disorders for a sense of control in their lives. It is easy to control the amount of food they eat and also the number of hours they exercise. With a perfectionist nature, many resort to these harmful actions.

Feelings of anxiety also arise: Leigh Wendland-O’Connor, a counselor at Hope’s Counseling Center, says that when someone mentions the idea of resting for a day, the person cannot handle the thought.

“The anxiety of (their disorder) comes with the suggestion of taking a day off,” O’Connor said.

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“We need to focus on what we do and how we are rather than our bodies and our appearance,” Gray said.

She also noted that people with eating disorders need to shift perspectives and embrace their talents instead of criticizing their weaknesses. Once they change that, they will have a much more positive outlook on life, and can learn to cope with addictions in different ways.

Identifying the cause of the eating disorder is also key in overcoming the problem.

“I treat it like an addiction,” Leigh Wendland-O’Connor, a counselor at Hope’s Counseling Center, said. “Let’s look at the triggers, where we see extremes, page 10

Eating Disorders and Men

25 percent of people who struggle with eating disorders are men.

For every four females that have anorexia, there is one male.

Binge eating usually exists almost exclusively between males and females.

An estimated 1 in 1000 American men have an eating disorder.

An estimated 10-15 percent of people with anorexia or bulimia are male.

40 percent of male football players dislocated some sort of disordered eating behavior.

0.4 percent of males report symptoms of bulimia in their first year of college.

Dieting is the most powerful eating disorder trigger for males.
Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On the Sept. 28, 2000, the former terrorist president of Israel Ariel Sharon made a pro- vocative visit to the Holy Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem in an effort to build the Jewish temple over it; escorted by thousands of Israeli soldiers and police officers he failed after all of the invading forces were faced by barrage of flying rocks, shoes and virtually anything that could be launched at them. Soon afterwards hell “broke loose” in the Holy Land and escalated into a violent whirlpool of bloodshed and devastation. Israeli F-16s frequently bombarded Palestinian infrastructure and heavily populated areas, committed state terrorism, violated every human rights law, aimed to destroy Christianity and Islam, invaded the West Bank and the Gaza Strip again and assassinated political leaders and our president.

Their tanks rolled in the streets and naval destroyers bombarded buildings, freedom fighters, men, children, women and elderly alike. They destroyed all businesses they could, and like terrorists they used children as human shields while shooting unarmed humans from the sane to the insane without any reason. Massacres were committed and houses were burned beyond count ... to say the least this is only the tip of the iceberg of Israeli terrorism supported blindly by the United States.

Palestinians did not stand idly by, but instead fought bravely in several mentionable battles, freed the Gaza Strip from enemy presence, successfully committed military attacks against targets, captured a Prisoners Of War, launched homemade missiles successfully and endlessly at Israeli target, en- gaged the enemy terrorist in several suicidal gas battles, committed a number of suicide attacks and launched thousands of rockets against the homeland. Palestinian infrastructure, econom- ical and cities were destroyed and rebuilt over the last seven years in such a scale that the U.S. Marshall Plan looks trivial next to what they had done.

Seven years have passed. I look back at it and see bloodshed, terrorism, suffering, human rights violations, massacres, crime wars and free weapons valued at millions and billions of tax dollars represent the mistake of the world. A people fighting for their lands against all odds, a people living against all odds, and a people striving for their own independent country, something which we are bound to accomplish for even now, after 59 years of resistance, we are confident we will gain our country back and that Palestine will be established on the 1967 borders with Jerusalem as its capital. Against all odds freedom and victory will be ours, for as long as there is one Palestinian on this earth, the dream will be accomplished.

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Voices

In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Papple

Have a heart-to-heart

Before you read any further, say these words aloud: Faith, politics, alcohol, chapel, sex, rape. Look around. Are people staring at you? If you are sitting alone in the Kletz or wandering unaccompanied through the Pine Grove, people probably are (they think you are crazy because you are talking to yourself). If you are sitting in your dorm room, cluster or living room, whoever is around is probably now directing a question in your direction regarding your sanity. Before you begin to defend yourself, stop for a moment and think. Think of these words: community, comradeship and conversation. Think of what these words mean to you. Think about why these things are important to you.

When you think about communities, think about what it means to be a part of a community. The network-of-support kind of community. Think about feeling needed by the community and needing the community.

When you think of comrades, think of your true friends. The it-takes-only-one-look-to-know-exactly-what-you’re-thinking-kind of friends. Think about conversations with your true friends. The it-takes-only-one-look-to-know-exactly-what-you’re-thinking-kind of talks. Think about the discussions you have had which made you feel as though you could see into another person’s soul. Now think about what it would be like to live in a community where you would be nervous to have true conversations with comrades. Does this statement apply to our community — the Hope College community?

Are you afraid of being judged for what you think, say or do?

Initiated by recent events regarding alcohol and alcohol-related conversations on campus have begun. They’re taking place in chapel, in classrooms and throughout campus. These discussions are good and will have positive outcomes.

The problem? They don’t spread to every corner of campus. One can’t expect you to talk about everything with everyone you come across. However, if you cannot say faith, politics, alcohol, chapel, sex, rape aloud in your living room or dorm room, it is evident that there are still problems.

It is not easy; in fact, conversations like these can be difficult, awkward and tough. But they’re important, because it is these — and only these — challenging conversations that help create comrades and communities; indeed, they provide meaning to life.

The Anchor looks for a walk and somewhere between here and there, in the in-between place, have a talk.

Emily was astonished this week when she learned that animal expert Jack Hanna and a flamingo got stuck in an airport turnstile in Columbus, Ohio. One Hanna wriggled free to get help, it took three firefighters to take the crated flamingo out of the turnstile.

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Letters to the Editor

Palestinians fight for freedom ‘against all odds’

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Yellow Wallpaper  
Rachel Lackey

Trip to the market  
Today I walked to the market with my friends—brightly colored apples and plums and blueberries all lined up in a row. I chose a stand at random and bought a bunch of grapes from that whole situation at Jena.

... but if you do need a reminder go back to the story on page four.

... Mychal Bell, the only defendant to have faced trial since being arrested in December 2006, saw a jury already set against him and had no witnesses on his behalf.

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... and New Jersey, university police have asserted that the investigation thus far has not led them to believe the shooting was not the result of a “turf battle.”

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**FBI steps into Jena controversy**

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items for the classroom ranging from craft supplies to dry erase markers, as well as household items such as hygiene products and laundry supplies.

The classroom items will supply the free preschool offered by CDS. Bonus Bucks-eligible and special needs families and the household items will be distributed to the parents via CDS’ Bonus Buck program.

Bonus Bucks are earned by parents who volunteer in different areas in the program such as attending training sessions, volunteering in the classroom, or helping with the care of children.

Sherron Dent-Farrrell, CDS health manager, felt that the drive was successful. The 20-foot-long school bus was filled with donated items by the end of the drive at 4 p.m., with the donations totaling $1135.50 in value.

“This was our very first year that we’ve done this (at Hope),” Dent-Farrrell said. “It was a success and we hope to build on it.”

Julia Defoe (’09) and Karla Helvie (’08), both members of the sorority Kappa Delta Chi, as well as former interns at CDS, helped coordinate the event.

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**Greek Life stuffs bus**

CIS to discuss U.S. immigration

**CIS, from page 1**

The locations and times for these and other CIS presentations can be found online at www.hope.edu/cis/.

The 2005 Palitzer Prizes for non-fiction. Born in Tijuana, Mexico, Mr. Urrea’s most recent book, “The Devil’s Highway,” is a non-fiction account of a group of Mexican immigrants lost in the Arizona desert.

CIS then continues Wednesday with speakers from all around the country as well as many Hope College departments. With day-class cancellations and other activities may choose from a series of concurrent sessions. Subjects range from illegal immigration in America to the immigration problems faced in the Netherlands, where the second-largest minority population, Rotterdammers, is comprised of approximately 50% immigrants.

Complimenting the CIS, the Knickerbocker Theatre will be playing the film “Crossing Arizona” from Sept. 20 - 27. This engaging documentary records the current immigration crisis in Arizona as immigrants attempt the long and desperate desert crossing.

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The Anchor

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Beard has been charged as a juvenile, which means the accusations brought against him are sealed.

On June 26, the first day of Bell’s trial, Walters agreed to reduce the charges to aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated second-degree battery. Bell was found guilty and faces up to 22 years in prison.

The case has been widely disputed. The jury in Bell’s trial was all-white. One jury member was a high school friend of the District Attorney and another was friends with the mother of the victim, Justin Barker. Bell’s public defender did not call a single witness.

By Sept. 14, 2007, the conspiracy to commit aggravated battery charge against Bell had been vacated, and the charges against Bailey, Jones and Shaw were reduced to second degree aggravated battery.

A state appeals court in Louisiana threw out the only remaining conviction against Bell, saying that he should not have been tried as an adult. Despite Bell’s conviction, the charges brought against the other four will not be altered since they were 17 at the time of the event.

On Sept. 20 LaSalle Parish District Judge J.P. Mauffray turned down the defense’s request for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Bell, a procedure meant to establish justification for his detention, in an attempt to release the now 17-year-old.

The defense’s request to have Mauffray recused from the case was denied by a second judge.

The FBI has now stepped in because of a website belonging to a white supremacist organization. The website allegedly lists the addresses of five of the boys from Jena with what amounts to a call for the boys’ lynching, according to a spokesperson from the FBI. It was first reported on CNN that the website also depicts a swastika, uses frequent racial slurs, a Runoake, Virginia, mailing address as well as the phone numbers of some of the teens’ families “in case anyone wants to deliver justice.”

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**Exercising extremes**

**Extremes, from page 7**

is this coming from, what are the sources, and look at some other ways of trying to cope in life.”

Other ways to cope with these addictions include reading, journaling, writing or painting.

“It’s hard because with any sort of addiction you’re trying to get rid of it,” a Hope College student who has recently struggled with bulimia said. “It’s a constant pressure in your mind. It’s changing to mindset, and it’s a lot easier to change a behavior than it is a mindset.”

Dock suggests confronting friends who may be struggling with eating disorders and to show concern and willingness to help.

“(Phone calls from friends) keep me in check,” said the student mentioned previously. “It just lets me know that they still care, and that just means a lot to me.”

**NEWS**

**September 26, 2007**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS GROUP**

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Starting Tuesday, September 18

**TUESDAY 11:00 am**

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Exercising extremes

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Every Sunday 6 p.m.

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All are welcome!
Athlete Profile: Senior Matt Rugenstein

All-American Hope College football player receives recognition from NFL teams

Gordie Fall
Sports Editor

In many years, the football media around the state does not usually pay much attention to Hope College. This year, however, Hope has been the subject of articles along with Michigan and Michigan State, largely due to defensive end Matt Rugenstein (‘08). Rugenstein, the defensive MVP of the NCAA last season, has also gotten attention from the highest level of football, the NFL. After last season, the Detroit Lions called Hope head coach Dean Kreps to talk about the possibility of Rugenstein playing in the NFL. Rugenstein, the defensive MVP of the NCAA last season, has also gotten attention from the highest level of football, the NFL. After last season, the Detroit Lions called Hope head coach Dean Kreps to talk about the possibility of Rugenstein playing in the NFL.

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"I broke my leg: tibia, fibula and growth plate," Rugenstein said. "I thought about quitting football and playing golf, but I stuck with football and am happy I did." Two years later, his team finished 8-1, but could not play in the state playoffs due to an ineligible player. Rugenstein adds that he "still views it as a successful season." After high school, Rugenstein came to Hope. Last year’s game against De Pauw elevated him to one of the top defensive ends in the country. "I had a career day with 4.5 sacks, and 7.5 tackles for loss. That was the point that I began to get some attention as far as double teams and media attention." Since then, Rugenstein has been given various awards by the football media, and Hope’s defense has been forced to account for double teams on Matt’s side. Outside of football, Rugenstein is an exercise science major and a member of the Emersonian fraternity. After he graduates this year, Rugenstein hopes to pursue a career in the NFL, but if that does not work out, he says that "coaching has always been a passion of mine, and I would love to teach some youngsters the game of football.”

This week Hope will open conference play against Albion on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Hope has tried to get newcomers to buy into the team's power-play lines separate from its penalty kill lines, de Jong explained. "We’ve been spending a lot of time in practice getting used to our new offensive lines," de Jong said. "We’re feeling pretty confident in our offensive chemistry right now, but I’m excited to see how we will perform in a game situation.”

Hope hockey to open season against Akron

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Students to compete in Korfball World Cup

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One woman’s curiosity and passion for a sport has given Hope College students a chance to compete at the international level and represent the United States.

Hope professor and softball coach Karla Wolters’ interest in korfball has spread through West Michigan. Wolters, who is a member of the International Korfball Federation, was introduced to the sport by her friend and now teaches korfball classes in Holland. After holding tryouts last year, Wolters has assembled a team of Hope students, alumni and others to compete this October in the 2007 Korfball World Cup played in the Czech Republic.

Korfball is played with teams of eight, with four on the offensive and four on defense. It is a mix of basketball and ultimate Frisbee in that no dribbling is allowed, and when a player receives the ball, they cannot move, only pass. Located at each end, baskets are 11 feet 6 inches tall with no backboards.

The Hope players have been able to practice in the Dow under the coaching of Ronald Buis. Buis was a national team member for the Dutch (Netherlands) and an experienced international referee.

“Without the full team at practice, Hope players have learned a lot through the experience and knowledge of Wolters and Buis. “The team chemistry is really pretty good,” Wolters said. “We have a good strong nucleus of guys and gals from Hope. We have a common focus, we like korfball and working hard.”

The Korfball World Cup will feature teams 16 teams from around the world who will be divided into four pools. The teams are placed in their pools by the IKF. During the first round of play, teams will play every team in its pool once. After each team plays all the teams within its pool they will play teams in other pools.

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