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In For the Score...

Hope College evened their grid record at 1-1 last Saturday as they defeated DePauw at home during the annual ‘Community Day’ game at the Holland Municipal Stadium.
Freshmen Class Largest in Hope history

By Kaylene Shannon
anchor Feature Editor

Students returning to Hope this fall were probably surprised to see so many unfamiliar faces; about 675 new faces to be exact. According to Registrar Jon Huisken, the entering class of 1991 is the largest ever in the college's 121-year history.

Subsequently, total enrollment has also reached an all-time high of 2,710. Due to the exorbitant number of freshmen this year, almost 100 more than last year, food, housing, and registration services have been pushed to their capacities.

Evidence of problems resulting from the high enrollment is perhaps most evident in the cafeteria. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m., students must wait in long lines to get their meal tickets punched before they even enter the dining hall, and often don't have enough time to eat. Food Service director Chuck Mechiori admits to having received several complaints about the chaos during that time period, but claims that the numbers have not affected the system too adversely.

"It only seems unusually busy this year because last year was so slow. We serve 700 people in 15 minutes during the peak lunch hour," said Mechiori. "40 percent of the boarders are freshmen who may not have figured out the best time to come yet. Things will eventually iron out."

Mechiori maintains that a small percentage of meal times are a problem. "We are doing everything physically possible," he stated.

Freshmen are living in four dorms on campus except for Van Vleck and Vorhees. Even with the new available housing this year, an additional three apartment complexes and five cottages, and every dorm filled to capacity, two freshmen are living in two cottages and two temporarily staying in the Albers Guest House because there is nowhere else to live. VanderWerff, Panhellenic Board president and Alpha Gamma Phi, Kady Harrel, independent, and Jeff Beed, Arcadian president), the group will, King said, "discuss all aspects of greek life including pledging, leadership development and each chapter's charter.

The administration has also decided to budget $10,000 for the greek system. "This includes the brutality in hazing, plummeting G.P.A.'s from some of the greek organizations, lack of service and a lack of outside sources other than partying and social activities in greek life," King elaborated.

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King's remarks prefaced a proliferation Tuesday, Sept. 15, to students on the Greek Council by Dave Westol, the assistant prosecutor for Kalamazoo County and a reference person for many national and local greek organizations around the United States. Westol spoke at Hope on the greek system last December.

Westol was at the beginning of the meeting told the students that he was "not here as a hired gun." His job, he said, was to explain what constituting hazing, how much risk is involved for greeks who haze, the degree of turn-over, how much risk is involved for greeks who haze, the degree of turnover, what constitutes hazing, how the administration's request for a "get tough" policy for the greek system was made, and what steps are taken to eliminate hazing.

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Several students disagreed with this. Carrie Oelke, a sophomore in Gamma Phi, said, "I think people think hazing is a lot worse than it really is. There's been so many changes since I pledged."

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Westol then stated that the members who scream the loudest, in his experience, usually "the worst examples of brothers and sisters."
Congress Holds First meeting After elections

Student Congress held its first meeting of the school year last Thursday night in the Maas Center. The three new elected representatives, along with the three executive officers, met for 45 minutes to introduce new members and organize various committees.

The first order of business was to fill two vacant seats of Congress. All members voted to elect sophomore Diane Packer and freshmen Danika Puente to fill the positions that had been left vacant by one off-campus and one vacant by one off-campus and one center.

The issue of a new parttime policy, still pending from last year, elicited discussion. The congress proposed a policy last spring that would basically abolish parking permits. The policy, which was voted upon yesterday, was not expected to pass.

Two new committees will play an important role in congress this year. The first will be a type of public relations committee, led by the Dean of Students, Phillip Beal. Beal, who was present at the meeting, commented, "I would like the committee to act as a sounding board and inform me of issues on campus that I am unaware of.

The second committee will strive to improve Public Safety's image. Congress president, Mary Baldwin said, "Public Safety provides the campus with many things. They are still seen in a bad light, though, and I would like to see that changed." Both new committees would include two or three students on each.

Members of Student Congress signed up to help run the inauguration of new Hope College President, John Jacobsen, on Oct. 9. All Student Congress president was able to attend the 1:30 p.m. event, will need a ticket to be admitted. The tickets, however, will be free of charge.

Before adjournment, the student congress voted to meet every Thursday at 9 p.m. "My biggest aspiration for the congress this year is for us to take the initiative rather than sit back and wait for people to bring their problems to us," Baldwin said.

Parking Fees Up

By Eric Sheehan
anchor News Editor

As most on-campus students want a car, the cost of parking has increased. Public Safety has raised the cost of student parking stickers from $30 to $40 this year. In addition, temporary parking stickers for visitors now cost 50 cents per day, whereas last year they were free.

Also, fines for parking without a sticker have jumped from three dollars to five dollars.

The increased cost for parking stickers is due, according to William Anderson, vice-president for Business and Finance, to the fact that the college paid somewhere in the neighborhood of $800,000 for new parking this year.

Lots purchased over the summer include the DePree, behind Lincoln Elementary School and the lots that went along with the various apartments which were also purchased this summer.

Dana Terpstra, assistant director of Public Safety, said the rate hike for temporary stickers came about for two reasons. "The stickers used to be free for two weeks, and then it got so that Siberia would get full of temporaries. Then we'd let people park in Dow and Siberia, and eventually those lots were both full. The 50 cents charge gives students the freedom to park in any lot they choose, but it gives them some incentive to get a regular sticker if they'll be there for long. Also, the charge gives Public Safety some money for upkeep.

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New Phone System installed over Summer

By Jim Monnett
anchor Staff Writer

In an effort to improve communications on a campus wide basis, Hope College's Technical Services replaced the entire phone system this summer.

According to Linda Seitz, director of Computer and Technical Services which runs the new system, the old system was installed GTE in June 1987 after an entire year of planning and organization. GTE installed the system and did the initial configuration programming. Later programming was performed by staff members of Computer and Technical Services.

The new system is an NEC 2400 MMG. The main component of the system is a phone switch housed in Graves Hall. The phone switch allows for all of the approximately 1800 telephones on campus to be used at one time as long as all of the calls are to phones on campus. The switch is connected to Michigan Bell's phone switch in Holland, and also to two computers on campus that monitor the system.

Local calls are routed to their destinations through the Michigan Bell switch, but long distance calls can take one of two routes. Credit card calls, collect calls, and international calls leave the Michigan Bell switch on one of four Hope outside lines. If the call is placed on the Hope long distance service, the call is transferred to Teledial, a company in Grand Rapids.

It came as a surprise to Seitz that more people didn't get the Hope long distance service. Currently, 810 credit card lines are being tied up during peak hours of use. Service is being increased to ten lines. "The four lines were a guess on my part," Seitz said, "if you use a credit card, you are charged 30 cents extra plus ten more cents for long distance." Her decision to use four lines was partially based on other campuses, those who get their largest number of calls from credit card use have 4 lines.

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One last point of interest. Those very same 1,000 faculty and staff stickers are free to college employees, while students pay a $40 fee for the exact same privileges. The entire deposit is refundable, and is used against unpaid phone bills. The two computers hooked up to the NEC 2400 MMG are used to keep statistics on phone use and to report billing and report information. One of the computers called the Maintenance Administration Terminal is used for reprogramming of the system.

Why the Problem With Parking

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Comedian Rondell Sheridan

Sheridan performs at Picnic

By Eric Shotwell
anchor News Editor

Comedian Rondell Sheridan put on a show last Tuesday, Sept. 15, at dinner that kept the crowed laughing between mouthfuls at his offbeat sense of humor.

Phelps Dining Hall was packed as Sheridan did his routine during the S.A.C. “picnic” inside due to the inclement weather.

But, even under less-than-perfect conditions, he was well received, particularly as he spoke about such things as Hope’s partielas policy, resident assistants, and even the black squirrels.

Sheridan, a comedian for nearly six years, has toured with such stars as Kool & the Gang and Ray Charles, and he performs at more than 70 colleges and universities a year.

He seems to have a special affection for college life, and a special eye for human nature.

“From what I see of it, Hope’s no different than any other school,” said Sheridan, smiling.

“Everyone thinks their school is just so unique, and really they’re all pretty much the same. But, that’s just the way we are. I can’t wait until we can go to other planets, because we think Earth is so unique, and we’re going to find out it’s probably pretty ordinary.”

Although he did not get to touch on the subject Tuesday, Sheridan’s favorite topic in his comedy, he said, is religion. “I don’t rip on it or anything,” he admonished. “I just like to poke a little fun.”

Sheridan claims he doesn’t really have a script for his comedy routines, though he does have a few favorite bits. “But I’m free-form. I may have some of the stuff verbatim, but I like to work the local color in,” he said.

Contrary to the class-clown image he presents on stage, in private Sheridan really has a dry sense of humor, and a down-to-earth philosophy.

“Kids in college have to realize that what they’re experiencing (now) is a very fake environment,” he explained.

“Real life can be a lot of fun, but it’s got a lot of surprises, where here you go through a daily ritual. Real life is scary. So enjoy the four years you’ve got here.”

And does comedy pay well for him? “Let’s just say I’m in the 50 percent tax bracket,” he noted, smiling again. “Most people say to me, ‘Yo made WHAT this year?’ and tax time rolls around and I say, ‘I have to pay WHAT this year?’”

Sheridan’s next stop is Grand Rapids Junior College, and then back to Manhattan, where he works from and lives. “But I’ll miss the black squirrels,” he confided.
Sometimes it Takes Unsuccessful to Become Successful

It has always been the belief in this corner that radical changes in the movies, both aesthetic and sociological, are triggered by and reflected in relatively low-budget films without big names attached to their productions.

For example, the enormous success of Russ Meyer's "Vixen" (1968), a low-budget sex film that was fun-loving enough to attract couples, paved the way for the sexual revolution in movies. Similarly, the surprising success of Melvin Van Peeble's extremely low-budget "Sweet Sweetback's Baadassss Song" (1971) prompted the wave of so-called "angry black films.

To put it another way, if a Barbara Streisand musical makes a ton of money, it influences no one and nothing because its success is expected. It's the unexpected success that draws imitations, as corporate Hollywood figures that: "Aha, that's what they want!"

All of this is a preamble to the discovery of a little movie called "Nowhere to Hide," which is surprisingly good and, if it is successful, may confirm a trend in the making: the willingness of audiences to accept women as credible heroines of action-adventure movies.

In "Coma" (1978), Genevieve Bujold broke fresh ground as a doctor who confronts her male bosses to find out who is killing the patients at a major hospital. Late in the movie, the scenes of Bujold aggressively clawing about in the Villains' home base, the Jefferson Institute, would normally be acted out by a man. But Bujold was equal to both the physical and emotional demands of her character and the story.

Even more imposing as a non-cartoonlike action hero was Sigourney Weaver in the sequel "Aliens" (1986), for which she won an unprecedented Oscar nomination.

In the original "Alien," Weaver was second-billed to Tom Skerritt, as just another member of the investigation team. In that film, she was more of a curiosity, a bit of clever casting along the lines of: "Why not have a woman on board?"

But now we have the fiery Amy Madigan top-billed in "Nowhere to Hide," a film with a modest print ad campaign that portrays her character as somewhat of a "Rambowette."

Says the ad copy, picturing Madigan in front of a helicopter and in front of four military men: "Every second counts. Every shadow is the enemy. Every step could be her last. Marine Lieutenant Barbara Cutter is caught in the crossfire of a military conspiracy and there's...nowhere to hide."

Sure it sounds funny, and walking into the movie one is naturally skeptical. And even though the script does strain credibility in the treatment of her son in the film, Madigan's performance is utterly believable.

She is shown in combat in the wilderness and on the run in the city. But even when she is under attack and on the defensive, she's a stronger character than, for example, Jamie Lee Curtis's screaming baby-sitter character in "Halloween," who only turns aggressive at the very end. And if you're thinking about Theresa Russell's superb villainess last year in "Black Widow," remember that role involved more indoor cunning than outdoor athleticism.

In "Nowhere to Hide," Madigan plays the wife of a Marine officer who is murdered after he learns of a military-industrial scandal involving the building of cheap, faulty aircraft parts for profit. Madigan's young son survives the attack and she has a double responsibility much like Weaver's in "Aliens": Wipe out the enemy but save the child.

That's no small point. Madigan is both mother and action-hero in "Nowhere to Hide." She is not simply a woman in a man's role.
By Ben J. Hanneman
anchor Sports Editor

The Hope volleyball squad took to the court again of a Wednesday against Kalamazoo and Lake Michigan College and emerged victorious in two exciting matches.

The first order of business was Kalamazoo. Coach Donna Eaton described the Hornets as a rather deceptive team.

"Kalamazoo is very deceiving because they don't have a lot of power to come at you, but they are really scrappy. They make up for it though on defense," she explained.

The lady Dutch overcame the first game's deception in the second game to take the match three games to one.

Game two seemed to be just the reverse. Hope played rather tentatively in comparison and the Hornets took a 15-9 victory. One bright spot for the Dutch in the contest was the front row play of senior captain Knoll.

"DeeAnn is by far our most dominating front row player," said Eaton. "What makes her so dominating is that the other team worries about her so much that it helps the other players play effectively," Eaton explained.

In games two and three - in the MIAA it's a best-of-five series - Hope relied primarily on the serving of Knoll, Gras, and Vandenberg against wins of 15-10 and 15-7 respectively to take the match three games to one.

In the interum of Hope's two matches, Kalamazoo looked strong against Lake Michigan College and perhaps took away some of the spark from the strong Lake Michigan offense. "Lake Michigan has the reputation of being a very competitive two-year school in volleyball," Eaton said. "They are by far the best team we've faced this season and they forced us to play our best game of the season to beat them."

Both squads exchanged side-outs without scoring in the opening game, much like two fighters trying to disclose the other's weakness. Vandenberg finally put the first four points on the board for the Dutch.

The key to the entire match," said Eaton, "was when we were down 8-13. We simply got things together, got more offensively minded, more aggressive, and we played better, and sharpened up on defense."

Coach Eaton also had high praise for the service of senior captain Giala who helped the Dutch back into the game several times.

"After not serving too well in the first match, she really came back and showed some confidence in her serve," Eaton said.

The Dutch also captured their third consecutive Great Lakes Collegiate Association championship this past weekend, as they downed Oberlin, Earlham and Denison in straight matches Friday.

In the championship round on Saturday against host Kenyon, Hope won the match 15-10, 15-12, 15-9.

The Flying Dutch are now 9-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MIAA. Next up for the Dutch is a tournament at Ohio Northern University this weekend, and then a match at Alma before returning to the Dow Center to face Olivet and Aquinas on Oct. 3.

Volleyballers Win GLCA Tourney For Third Year

By Ben J. Hanneman
anchor Sports Editor

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The Dutchmen were able to maintain their lead throughout the remainder of the game, scoring 23 unanswered points to ice the game. Rose's five receptions included touchdowns of 7, 53, 47, 37 and 20 yards.

Dutchmen Down DePauw 46-7 at Home

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**Football Strike Becomes a Reality**

"Hey Howie baby, good to see ya," yelled the cabbie. I smiled and climbed delicately into the back of his cab, one of New York's older models, so doubt intimately conversant with every pothole in the metropolitan area. I sat down, slammed the door, and the driver hit the meter. It read $1.15 and we hadn't moved an inch.

"So Howie, how about those football players, huh? They really gonna strike?"

It looks that way, my good man, I replied, and gave him my destination.

"Hey, Howie, what's their problem? I mean, if I made that kinda money, I wouldn't be complaining any.

I'm afraid it's not that simple, sir, I said quietly, as the cab lurched wildly and cut off a Hertz Penske truck with a half-inch to spare. I rubbed my left shoulder, which had been knocked against the door in the maneuver.

"Sure it is," he said. "Look, when you don't make enough money to live decently you go on strike. But when you make millions, what's the gripe? Hell, they can buy anything they want, those football players. I'm supposed to feel sorry for them? I work hard all year for lousy wages. If I made that kinda money, I'd be happy to play football." He slammed on the brakes to make a red light. I tentatively explored my neck, which had suffered a mild form of whiplash in the attempt to stop. The meter read $2.25. We had traveled two-and-a-half blocks.

Well sir, on the surface it looks like a question of money, I can see that, I yelled, over the roar of a Lexington Avenue bus, but there is more at stake than a salary, however large the salary may be.

"Oh yeah? Like what, Howie? More money for drugs? That's all those football players do, use their money to buy drugs."

I sighed. Some players do, yes. It's very sad, very unfortunate, not to mention illegal. But really, my good man, how people buy their money is not the issue here. No one has the right to tell people how to spend their money. The rights of union members are at stake here.

"Aw, don't give me that union stuff, Howie. What do they need a union for? What do you need a union for when you make that kinda money?" He made a sharp right turn at high speed and headed west toward Park Avenue. I massaged my other shoulder, which had taken a mean hit during the turn.

Perhaps you are not aware of the fact that the average playing life of a football player is a little over four years. Four years. That's not very long. How long have you been driving this cab? I asked.

"Thirty-five years."

You see the difference? And perhaps you have not considered the fact that injury can destroy a career overnight, the very first game of the season. Would you not agree then, that people in such a position need the protection of pensions, and compensation, and guaranteed contracts?

And what about the right to work for the employer of your choice? In sports, that's called free agency. How would you feel if I got into this cab and told you you could never, ever change the cab company you drive for. Would you like that? No. You'd go to your union -- you're a union man, correct? -- and ask the union to do something about it, wouldn't you? You'd want free agency, wouldn't you?"

"Well, but..."

But what?

"I love my football, Howie. I have a right to my football. I love football."

I looked at his face. Old, tired, wizened even. Balding, with maybe a few white hairs. His face. He was my age.

"Well, listen, Howie," he said. "I don't know if you're right. But that stuff you did, that second strike and all, and how we have to stick together, well, I'll think about it. I didn't think about it that way before. I'll think about it, OK?"

"Thanks," he said.

I nodded and climbed out. As I started to walk away, he called me back.

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"You do that, I said. Think about it... And think about it next Sunday."

I waved goodbye, and limped up Sixth Avenue, past ABC headquarters, where once I wore a sandwich board and picketed against ABC. It wasn't easy for me. I would rather have worked. I would have preferred to solve problems another way. But there was no other way. And so I wore my strike sign and talked to the man, all those years ago. Just like that cabby did. And just the same way the NFL players will, now that no agreement has been reached.
The 90th annual Pull tug-of-war between the men of the freshman and sophomore classes will be held this Friday, Sept. 25, beginning at 4 p.m. on the shores of the Black River.

The Pull is an annual Hope tradition that highlights the school year each fall. It involves 18 men and 18 women from both the freshman and sophomore classes.

The record rainfall that hit West Michigan last fall caused the Pull's postponement for one day. When pulling commenced the next day, the class of '89 (this year's junior class) won after the three-hour time limit by judges' decision. The sophomores pulled only five more feet of rope than the freshmen to be declared the winners. It was the second year in-a-row that the '89 team tasted victory.

In 1977, the Pull set a record for length and uniqueness. The freshmen and sophomores tugged for three hours, 51 minutes before the judges declared a tie due to darkness. New rules were implemented in 1978, limiting the length of time. The rules now allow for the judges to determine the winning class by measuring the amount of rope pulled from the other end of rope pulled from the other class by measuring the amount of rope pulled from the other end of rope pulled from the other.

99 yards and two touchdowns. Stewart passed for a total of 209 yards on the day. Half of those yards went to senior end Todd Ackermann, including one touchdown.

In the rushing department, Running back Joe Cossey led the Dutchmen with 90 yards and two touchdowns as the running back. Cossey had 10 carries, while sophomore running back Mike Tomovsky forged through for 24 yards, including his second touchdown in as many games.

In the remaining minutes of the opening game, the Spartans scored their final goal through a collection of field goals, culminating in the first goal of the game for the Dutchmen was Tim Stewart, who passed for a total of 90 yards and two touchdowns. Stewart passed from player to player, including Scott Quoss, who made the only touchdown after the first half. Freshman Scott Quoss made the only touchdown of the game.

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Lamie was credited with 13 tackles, seven of them solos, as the Flying Dutchmen defeated the State College 34-6. Lamie also recovered a fumble and had a quarterback sack.

Other nominees for the defensive player of the week include Hope sophomore Tim Shim. Shim made 11 tackles, five of them solos and returned an interception 21-yards for a touchdown in the Dutchmen win.
Lambert Gets to Tokyo

(Editors note: The following article is the third in a 12 part series which chronicles the exploits, adventures, and thoughts of David Lambert during his travels in Japan on the Japan May Term last spring.)

By David Lambert
anchor Writer

On Sunday, May 17, I prepared to leave Ioika after my last bath and breakfast at the inn. It was raining hard when our buses came to take us to the train station, but the rain had become a drizzle by the time we got to the station.

The Ioika train station was a small wooden structure festooned with large, colorful posters, most of which were close to the ceiling. A small grizzled man was in the train station, and I attempted to have a conversation with him.

The discussion began with an analysis of the features of some junior high girls who were sitting in the station. With the help of hand motions, broken Japanese, and the English I learned in Japan, I was able to ascertain the names of the junior high girls, that they were smart, and that the man was drunk, that he thought one of the girls in the group was my concubine, that he wanted to take the bus with me and go drinking and dancing and that some of the girls in the group were becoming more charming the longer he looked at them.

Two other things were also learned from him — one of them false. First, he told me I gave him "kimoche", which was correctly interpreted as meaning "a good feeling" by my translator. Secondly, he told me a finger circled around the ear was meant to mean, but means smart in Japanese. It took me most of the trip to track down the correct meaning of a finger circled around one's ear, but when I did, it turned out to mean crazy in Japanese also.

Since such depth can only be endured for so long, I drifted outside the station to the platform with some of the rest of the group. When the train came, we were off to see the city which would be our home for the next month.

On the train, I sat with my buddy Takayuki. The train ride was an occasion both for the viewing of rice fields and for a rather incendiary discussion Takayuki and I got into.

The conversation started with his recounting of the samurai days when different shogun's ruled different parts of Japan. Each shogun was trying to control as much land as possible, and thus war between the shoguns was more or less continuous.

From this situation, I pointed out, there developed a strong sense of belonging to a certain shogun's group, or uchi — literally, those within the house. This uchi mentality still exists in modern Japan, and explains much of the reason why those who are in the soto — those outside the house — are seen as inferior.

Of course, gaijin (foreigners) are in soto. I later learned that even the politeness which is displayed by the Japanese towards gaijin is a kind of cosedescension, because in Japanese the polite verb form is used only when one is talking to those in soto, not when one is speaking to those in his uchi.

I asked Takayuki how the uchi mentality affected Japanese culture. He said he didn't know, so I filled in the impending silence with a description of how our group mentality affected our culture. "When we think about groups," I said, working out the position as I talked, "we think about people and non-people, insiders and outsiders."

It was this kind of thinking which led us to kill off the Indians, and enslave black people. It continues to be the kind type noodle shops: to pay, you put the requisite amount of money in the coin slots and push a button corresponding to what you want. Takayuki guided me toward the tempura with noodles - basically fried stuff with noodles floating in a mystery sauce. It was quite good.

We arrived in Tokyo at a little past 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The streets are virtually deserted and the city is the ugliest city I've ever seen...

It's interesting that the adjective which I used most often to describe Tokyo after I came back to the states was "beautiful". My first impressions of the city — at least of the area around the station — were not as flattering.

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Freeze Frame:

Do you think Greekg Pledging Should be changed?

Karol Troupe Senior

"Yes, there is a need for change. But, I don't know if they (the Greeks and administration) could change it and still get the same effects."

Mark Bakker Senior

"Well, I guess I'm basically a traditional person. I believe that pledging for the Greek and administration could change it and still get the same effect."

Pete Stevens Sophomore

"Yes, I feel there needs to be changes. But, it should be up to those individuals within a group to organization to change their own program without outside interference."

Harry Coffill Junior

"No, I don't feel it's anyone's business except those members of a group and those who want to get into that group. The only people I see with complaints are the pledgers who haven't gone through it."

Katie Hudson Senior

"As an independent, I've never been bothered by pledging. I think pledging for the sororities and fraternities is good for those who want it."
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Part of the shock of arriving in Tokyo for the first time is that one is expecting to see beautiful buildings produced by a highly aesthetic culture. What one actually encounters is a lot of ugly, concrete buildings. They are ugly for several reasons: first, highly ornamented buildings would not be suitable for the city because of the frequent earthquakes which occur there; second, land is so expensive that considerable economies must be taken in construction to keep the costs down to a level at which mere mortals could afford to live or work there; and third, Japanese people tend to be more concerned about the beauty of the inside of their buildings than the outside. These factors work together to keep Tokyo's architecture fairly banal.

Later on Sunday evening, we went to Shinjuku. Shinjuku is Times Square exploded one hundred times. An inconceivable number of kilowatts flash from every direction. Most of the department stores are closed, but the restaurants, game rooms, porn shops, and geisha establishments are wide open. On Sunday nights, the streets of Shinjuku are closed to traffic. Tokyo is a city which mirrors the slogan of "The Japanese Times", a Japanese paper published in English. The slogan is: "All the news without fear or favor." Its a city without fear to a remarkable degree. No shady characters lurk in the shadows waiting to take your wallet or your life. The men in front of the high and low class porn places in Shinjuku are remarkably respectable looking.

Shinjuku's major distinction (besides the monomous number of lights) is the fact it boasts the world's largest Mr. Donut. This Mr. Donut is a blast from the mythic American past of the 1950's. The ceramic tile on the floor at the entrance is a checkerboard blue and white. The rounded glass doors at the front slide open automatically (a rather interesting contrast between new and old). There's a brass staircase, a narrow carousel which spans the two floors of the restaurant, and a reproduction of a jukebox stocked with fifties singles.

While I was at Mr. Donut, I talked with Tsutomu (call me Tom) Sato about the reasons behind the Japanese passion for the American 1950's. He suggested there might be no reason for the design of the Mr. Donut, and intimated it might not be a good thing to over-psychologize the construction of Mr. Donut. When I pressed him to guess about the reasons for the decor, he said the Japanese see the 1980's as an idyllic time in American history when the American dream came true.

After I took the train back from Shinjuku to Ochanomizu, a station which was also near the YMCA, I got lost for the first time in Tokyo — an experience which would not be my last.

After walking around for a while, and coming to the awful realization that I couldn't read any of the street signs, I asked a man who was getting out of a volvo if he could speak English, (ego ga wakarimaska?) and when he indicated he could, I asked him where the YMCA was. Embarrassingly enough, it turned out to be right around the corner.

Although I didn't know it then, I was being prepared to get really lost the next day. I did know, however, that I would getting up at 5:30 the next morning to see a fishmarket. Thus, partially informed, I went to sleep.

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Koehn Awarded Memorial Scholarship

Hope College junior Sue Koehn of Carson City has been named the first recipient of a full Michael N. Petrovich Memorial Scholarship, an endowed fund created by friends, colleagues, and students of the late member of the department of history.

Created to aid students who plan to spend a semester or year studying abroad, the scholarship is a memorial to long-time Hope history professor, Dr. Michael Petrovich. An East European specialist and creator of Hope's Yugoslavian May Term program, Petrovich, a native of Yugoslavia, died unexpectedly in 1986.

Koehn, a 1985 graduate of Carson City-Crystal High, will spend the this fall semester studying on the European Urban Term, a program organized through the Great Lakes Colleges Association and led this year by Dr. James Heilman, associate professor of economics at Hope. While living in Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, and England, Koehn will concentrate her studies on a comparison of the economic differences in the three countries. A business administration major with an English minor, she is also a Presidential scholar at Hope.

Koehn has studied abroad previously, travelling on Hope's Japan May Term and to Mexico on an exchange program in high school. She hopes to pursue a career in the field of international business administration upon graduation.

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Editorial

Pull Stretches On for Another Year

During the last few years, a number of students and professors have expressed their disapproval with the Pull, Hope's annual tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes.

The event is seen by many as sexist. Its critics point out that it portrays men as dominant, aggressive, and barbaric, while characterizing the women as passive, weak, and unintelligent. “It’s about huge brutes who enjoy pain and dumb blondes who enjoy cheerleading,” is the way one upperclassman summed up the Pull a few years ago.

And yet almost the opposite is true. This year's freshman team, the Class of '91, can hardly describe any of their 20-member team as full-fledged brutes. They look more like baseball players than men who'd hang on a rope for three hours.

The same goes for the Class of '90 team. While a few do seem to have “beefed” up over the summer, one doubts any of them spent the whole vacation training and conditioning for this traditional event.

For the women, passive, weak, and unintelligent are about as uncharacteristic of them as saying Holland was founded as a German settlement.

Anyone familiar with the Pull knows how dependent the puller is on his morale girl. Without her assistance, he cannot receive signals, drink water, or do anything else for that matter. They are not just cheerleaders — when was the last time you saw a pom pom girl pass the water bottle to the star quarterback?

Besides, if it is sexist, a lot of women must enjoy it. At the freshmen Pull Rally, for example, the women outnumbered the men by at least two to one.

The rewards of the Pull far outweigh any negative aspects connected with the three weeks of intense training both teams experience. Unity, setting goals, and believing in one's self are a few of the positive feelings invoked by the event. All are fundamental to successful careers and successful lives.

We all need to get the most out of our lives. How we go about it really does not matter. Pulling on a rope across a river is just one weird way to go about it.
The cost of both personal ads and subscriptions for the anchor, Hope's college newspaper, have been increased according to Brian Breen, editor of the weekly, student run paper.

Rates for personal and classified ads have been raised to 25 cents, up 20 cents from a year ago. Originally, the cost was five cents per ad.

"At our last staff meeting, the members voiced their support for raising the prices," said Breen. "The reasoning was for the time and effort, five cents was just too cheap."

Earlier in the year, the subscription price for the anchor was raised from $12 to $15 a year. "Basically, we hope to increase our average size of the paper each week," Breen said. "With the costs of everything up again this year, we felt it was necessary to go with the flow."

The anchor still remains free to students and faculty who pick the paper up on campus. Breen stated that right now only approximately 10 to 20 people will be affected by the subscription rate increase. "However, we hope to increase our number of subscribers in the future," added Breen.

Philosophers have spent a lot of time debating the underlying questions of existence—one of the foremost being "Does life have purpose?" Ultimately, the question is answered by each individual. If life has no purpose—then we're making the best of it whether we make millions, or go on welfare, earn doctorals and help eliminate suffering on Earth, or watch T.V. and kick dogs.

But if our lives have purpose, then it is because We give them one. Because doing "this" seems more fulfilling and worthwhile than doing "the other." So it goes with the Pull. Any purpose, any reason for doing it belongs to the Pullers. Whether anyone else thinks it's worthwhile or just plain stupid, it will always leave the Puller satisfied, knowing he's done his best—which may have been far beyond his expectations—and leave him deservably high on himself.

If they can find meaning in the ridiculous, wonder at what they find in life itself. So here's to those who do what we don't understand, and to all the pleasure it brings them.
PERSONALS

1990 Pull team, Sickness Pull team!
1990 Heave!

opopopipHey '90! Let's do it for Norman.
Becky and Ritz — Just exactly who is the slave and who is the master? 1990 Pull!
Get Psycho Sick! I Go '90!

1990 Morale Girls — kick a-morale girls!
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Hey Pullers! How do you feel the BEST! We love you! — The you two, 'cause 90 Pull needs you

We got spirit, we got guts... '90's gonna win.
The rope, the rope is on fire, we don't need no water, let '91 WIN, BURN '91, BURN! Go for it '90 Pull Team! BURN EM!
7 Ready — Janine is always ready for Brian! Go '90 Pull!
Tough and Mighty '90 Pull Team!
Kurtis, Craig, Todd and Mike — You guys are the best coaches ever — We love you! — 1990 Pull Team
1990 Pull Team, Number 1 Pull Team
Holly and Harold... awesome! Do it for '90!
Keep it up Pullers, Keep it up! — We love you! — Your '90 Morale Girls
1990 Morale Girls — Awesome Morale Girls!
Our coaches are the BEST coaches! We love you! — 1990 Pull Team
Claudine and Chris... do it up you two! Go '90!
A toast... to the 1990 Pull Team... and Todd's socks!
Heidi and Bill — Get sick! '90's gonna win!
Shawn and Doc — What more can anyone say? You guys are incredible! Go '90 Pull!
Katie and Pete... now that's living! Go for it you two! — Sophomores RULE!

Laura and Jim — with a pair like you, how can '90 lose? We can't!!
Harold and Ritz — It doesn't matter to us if you're odd or even year, we're all brothers and we're all ONE. Through thick and thin we'll win! Remember that! — The suspended ones
We're a lean, mean '90 psycho machine!

Tad, Do your Big, Bad, Boss '90 Puller, because I'll be by "your side" all the way. — Your '90 Morale Girls!!!

"L" Q "V" "E" — 1990 Pullers
1990 Win, Freshman Swim! Get Sick!
Who are we? '91 Pull! How do we Pull? As ONE!

'91 Girls — What do you wish? We Love you '91!
Friday! Black River! Freshman! Pull Team! Sophomores! All Wet!

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PETE: To my big brother and favorite '90 Pull Coach — "You ain't seen nothing yet..." — "I love you!"
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