Students turn out for Congress elections

CARLIE TANNANT

With a total of 327 students casting ballots, it was a good day for the polls for Hope's annual Student Congress elections last Thursday and Friday. Ryan Cook ('97), Student Congress President, cites changing voting booth format as the reason for the turnout. Instead of having multiple ballot sites spread out over campus in a single day, a single voting booth circulated around campus over the two day period.

"I think that the turnout went very well, due to the two day voting period," Cook said. "In the past, booths were inside buildings. This year, we were located in really high-traffic areas, like outside the chapel on Friday morning and at the College Avenue crosswalk. We were right in the middle of everything." Polls were safeguarded for the first time with serious measures against ballot stuffing.

"I think that balloting happened all of the time it was open, in past years," Cook said. "Students would come up to representatives and tell them, 'I voted for you five or six times.'" The one booth format allowed for tighter control of voting, as one list of student names was kept, and those who voted had their names crossed out. In the past, when election workers simply marked the students' ID cards with permanent marker, students could rub off the marks and vote multiple numbers of times.

Campaigning seemed nonexistent on campus, with few visible signs that Election Day was drawing near. "Campaigning on campus is really not that heated," Cook said. "Campaigning is more in the way of going out and talking to people, mentioning that you are running."

However, Dykstra Hall candidates plastered the walls with signs and distributed letters to hall residents to boost their campaigns. "Especially because [Dykstra] is a freshman dorm, a lot of it is name recognition. I knew it was mostly getting my name out there," said Jessica Nelton ('96), Dykstra representative.

Some newly-elected representatives expressed heated opinions over the direction that the College has been heading the last few years. "I thought that Hope was an awesome school when I was a freshman, and now I wouldn't want my kids to go here," said Eric Sevensma ('97), Off Campus Rep.

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Media steps into spotlight at Critical Issues Symposium

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This week as Hope warms up for the Critical Issues Symposium, it prepares to combat one of the hottest issues of the year: the media and society.

"I think that can be no more important or relevant issue than the media," said Alfredo Gonzalez, Assistant Provost. "More than that, 1996, an election year, will be a year in which that, right or wrong, accurate or not, interesting or boring, the media will shape how we in America think and will respond during the Presidential election process."

"The event is even programmed around one basic question: Does the media shape us as a society or do we shape it?" Speakers will be both nationally recognized media experts and representatives from local print and TV media.

This variety, according to Gonzalez, will allow for exploration of a wider range of issues. This year's Critical Issues Symposium will be organized into four keynote addresses with four or five 'focus sessions' to follow each. The focus sessions following each keynote will bring on in many different ways, ranging from "What are the Children Watching?" Programming for Children in Television to "Televisions and the Media or Have I Learned to Act Like a White Man?" to "What Becomes of Truth?" These short sessions will challenge students to wrestle with important questions and personalize them.

Tuesday's 7 p.m. keynote, Mediating the Message: Influence That Shape Media Content, by Pamela Shoemaker, will examine factors that affect what American society sees and hears in the media. Wednesday morning will be opened by an other keynote address entitled Media in the American Political Process, by James Fallows, the Washington Editor of U.S. News and World Report. His address will study media action in political campaigns, especially Presidential campaigns.

Two more keynote addresses, Hard-Wired for News: The Effect of Biological and Cultural Evolution by Pamela Shoemaker, and Media Content, Social Values, and Freedoms of Expression by John Frohnmayer, are scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

"I think that incidences are fairly low when you consider the amount of materials that we have and the number that we circulate," said Kelly Jacobsma, Director of Student Services of Van Wylen Library.

"I think that some of the things that happen are due to the way that people perceive the library as a place to go to get something," said Jacobsma. "Instead of..."}

Frohnmayer is an attorney and former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. He contends that, if the United States had to once again pass the First Amendment, it would fail.

"He would suggest that the principle behind the First Amendment is in jeopardy," Gonzalez said.

He emphasized that students must inform themselves about this and other issues raised in the Symposium. We must develop a citizenship that is active, well-informed, and responsible for the well-being of society. That is the most basic aim for the Anchorn on 7
Students celebrate park dedication

CARRIE TENNANT

Although she came to Saturday's Park Dedication to volunteer, Mimi Do ('97) walked away with a free CD player.

"I totally wasn't expecting to win it," Do said. "I came here for a service project, and this sure is a bonus."

Do won the prize in the drawing held as part of the Park Dedication.

Hope students helped Holland celebrate the end of its 5-year Capital Improvement Program of its park system with a mass dedication last Saturday.

"This day is a celebration of all of Holland's new and improved parks which have been renovated in the last five years," said Kyle Lund, Youth and General Recreation Coordinator for the City of Holland's Department of Leisure and Cultural Services.

For some students, the day was a service project, while others came out to help in the promise of free food.

Twelve Delta Phi actives came to help run games for children, only to find that they had been cancelled due to the steady, cold drizzle.

Arika Weckwet ('99) and Jennifer Hendricks ('98) dressed up as Vince and Larry, the Crash Test Dummies, to talk about children seat belt safety, and Jessica Mixer ('98) donned a McGruff the Crime Dog suit.

"I offered that if the Department of Leisure and Cultural Services ever needed any help with volunteers, our actives could come and help them out," said Courtney Welton ('97), who works at the Department.

Several other Hope students also volunteered at the event.

"All things considered, everyone is having a great time with the prizes and carnival," said Allison Corts ('97), SIB active and volunteer.

"We're just all trying to stay warm." As a result of the nasty weather, the live DJ, the dunk tank, and all of the children's games were cancelled, but the American Legion Band proceeded to entertain the crowd with its traditional tunes.

"I came for the free food, but I had a lot of fun," said Mark LaChance ('98). "I really like the [American Legion Band]."

A small knot of Hope-ites came not only to consume hot dogs and pizza, but also to converse with the talkative community members that turned out for the event.

"The best thing about events like this is just the interaction with the community and meeting people," said Matthew Scholten ('98).

Holland Mayor Albert McGeehan and the City Council were present to kick off the celebration with an official dedication.

Holland spent nearly $4.5 million on the addition and renovation of its parks in the last five years. The project was funded by the City of Holland's Capital Improvement Budget, private donations, and State of Michigan grants, and incurred no outstanding debt.

Additions include the Matt Urban Sports & Recreation Complex on 32nd Street, with lighted ball diamonds, soccer field, and basketball courts, and the addition to the Window on the Waterfront on Lake Macatawa near Windmill Island. All City of Holland parks are open free to the public.

Campus Beat

park dedication

day, Sept. 15, 1996, at the victim's off-campus around 5 a.m. on Sunday. The Holland Police Department is currently investigating a charge of criminal sexual conduct.

The victim was examined and released from Holland Community Hospital.

The suspect was arrested Monday on charges third-degree criminal sexual contact.

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"[Walsworth] just didn't pay attention when they put the photos on, the pages," Perez said. "When you pay $30,000, it shouldn't be wrong.

You look sales cover about half of the cost of production. The other half is covered by the Milestone budget.

Milestones will be discounted off the cost of production.

The Milestone is available now at the Student Union Desk, where a few extra copies can also be purchased.

Mistakes here to stay

The 1996 Milestone will not be returned to the publisher for correction as originally planned, department chairman Joel Leguizamon ('97) said.

"The public probably won't really notice many of the mistakes," said Anthony Perez ('98), Milestone editor.

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Casting the ballot

Hope Democrats and Republicans fight voter apathy

DAVE CLAUSEN
infocus editor

"You need to vote before you can complain," said Kelly Jansen ('97), co-chair of the Hope Democrats.

As the presidential election approaches, the Hope Democrats and Republicans are making efforts at bringing campus voters from apathetic to active.

The two organizations are working towards informing students of relevant issues, as well as setting up voter registration for students for the upcoming presidential election.

"I really have important negative implications for young people," said Dr. David Ryden, Assistant Professor of Political Science. "The reality is that the government is going to address the concerns of those who vote."

The most immediate concerns for the younger generation are the issues of Social Security and Medicare, which, if they are not dealt with today are not likely to be around for future generations. It is predicted by economists that these systems will be bankrupt if changes are not made soon, Ryden said.

The problem is that senior citizens are very politically active in defending the present situation with Social Security and Medicare and few young people are becoming involved, causing generational tension, Ryden said. The government can only act on the concerns that have been raised, consequently, few changes will be made to the existing programs.

Voter apathy affects not only voters, but government as well. Cit- ing cynicism as a cause of low voter turnout, Ryden said that people who don't believe in the power of their vote often decide not to participate. Not surprisingly, the government is less likely to pay attention to their grievances. "People not voting detracts from the accountability of the government," Ryden said.

Stating that change starts with voting, Ryden said that the effort has to go beyond that. Voting is only one channel of political activism. "A bigger problem than providing the vote is that it is not organized. People have to be involved," Ryden added. In an effort to spur greater interest and participation by students in the political arena, the Hope political groups are working to set up political debates on campus. The Republicans and Democrats are attempting to bring the area State Senatorial candidates Jesse Dalman (R) and Becky Arenas (D) to campus. While the proposed debate is still in the works, Dalman is "interested" in the idea, Friedman said. "Another possibility raised by Friedman is a political debate between faculty members."

Both organizations have active participants to help represent their respective ideas through mudslings and phone networking.

The Democrats presently have 13 active members who participate through an internship class set up by the organization that provides credit in political science. The goal is to provide students with an opportunity to get involved in politics and learn how the government works.

The Republicans have been attempting to register specific organizations that have Democratic leanings such as the Women's Issues Organization and the Environmental Issues Group. The Democrats are also actively involved with the Ottawa County Democratic Office in organizing community registration of area minority groups and working the phone banks the day before the election to remind people to vote.

Hope Republicans, with a membership of some 150 students, are keeping their constituents informed through mailings that detail the relevant issues of the election. In addition to this, they have been making efforts to bring Presidential candidate Bob Dole to campus. They recently sent a letter to the Dole/Kemp campaign to achieve this goal as the candidate sweeps through Michigan, stopping in nearby Muskegon.

Hope Republicans may have an advantage in the person of Gary Koops, a Hope grad and present Assistant Press Secretary to Dole.

"The schedulers make the decision," Friedman said. "I hope the administration is easy enough that the assistant press secretary could have an influence on the scheduler."

The repercussions of voter apathy are clear and accessibility is now being made easier for students to make their collective voice heard in the polls. All that remains is to overcome cynicism.

"A lot of people think their vote doesn't count and that's simply not true," Phlaja said.

Get in on the action
Stand up and speak out.
Give these two a buzz if you want to be involved.

• Hope Republicans
• Hope Democrats

Do you plan on voting in the presidential election this fall?

"Yes, for Bob Dole because of proven leadership and character plays an important role."

—Jon DeWitte ('98)

"I'm voting for Clinton because I don't like Bob Dole."

—Amanda Sheehan ('97)

"I'm voting for Bill Clinton because Democrats are much more supportive of education in our country."

—J.D. Schreuder ('97)

"No, because I'm not legally permitted to vote. If I could I would vote for Bill Clinton for his political platform."

—Jacqueline Williams ('00)

"Yes, for Clinton because of his environmental politics. I'm a graduate biology major and my career depends upon the environment."

—Kevin Kalasz ('96)
Our voice.

What voice?

The reader gasped, looking at the white expanse on the Opinion page. "Look. They didn't put anything here. It must have been a mistake," she said.

It is a mistake. It's a fatal error in the conscience of this college campus that not one of the 2,849 students here or any of the some 270 faculty members felt the need to say anything regarding this community last week.

This must mean that everyone is perfectly content. This must mean that as a community we have no need to explore issues, to discuss topics, to entertain thought-provoking dialogue. Isn't it wonderful to live in such an ideal world?

The forum of the Opinion page is to provide an outlet for cross-campus discussion of whatever issues members of this community feel are important.

We could paste up a big ad in this white expanse, urging folks to recycle The Anchor. We could run a public service announcement about which no one really cares. But we refuse to mask the apathy that afflicts this campus. What ran this week under the heading “Your Voice” is nothing. And we aren’t going to pretend otherwise.

Student Congress elections were this week, and officials are excited at the above average turnout. A whopping 327 students turned up at the polls. Are we so disinterested in student politics that 12 percent voter turnout is something to cheer about?

In national elections for 1994, 17 percent of registered voters aged 18 to 20, and 22 percent of those 21 to 24 cast ballots. Our age group is characterized by the lowest voter rate of all age groups, coming in just ahead of the dead citizens. But perhaps that statement is unfair. To the dead citizens, of course.

Our collective failure to exercise our voice, be it in the form of writing letters to the editor or voting, shows us all to be dying of a lack of citizenship. In saying nothing, we say all that needs to be heard. We say, “We don’t have a voice, and you therefore are not accountable to us.”

We give away our right to be heard, to make an impact, to see to it that our needs are addressed. We give away ourselves.

Rest in peace, Hope College.
Big-hearted Hope impresses Japanese guests

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

Naomi Enomoto's first trip out of Japan was a big experience, literally.

"I thought everything was so big, building, food, road," Enomoto said.

Not to mention the big hearts of her Hope College hosts.

Enomoto is a sophomore at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo.

She came to Hope as part of the Hope College-Meiji Gakuin University exchange program.

From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 Enomoto and 14 other students from Meiji Gakuin University spent time in America.

Staying with students on campus gave Enomoto the opportunity to experience college life, American-style.

"Hope is very different from my university," Enomoto said. "Hope College is like a town. We don't have dormitories, Dow Center, and we don't have squirrels."

The environment here is more relaxed and casual than in Japan.

What stuck the students most about Michigan is the love people have for the outdoors.

"She had a lot of questions about what words mean and what to say in certain situations," Lynch said. "Her English has gotten better."

Enomoto has taken English for 8 years and Nishida for 9. It's not an easy language to learn. The two explain that not all Japanese students can speak English well.

"It's very exciting for many of them to see the educational system is very different," Hesselink said. "Studying can be fun, and studying prepares you for life. Many find that here." The Meiji Gakuin students are enthusiastic. It is a competitive program. Once students indicate an interest they have to be selected to participate in the program. The experience is educational, but they do not receive academic credit.

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The Meiji Gakuin students are social, they have date nights, formal and social outings.

President Anne Bartuszevige ('97) sees the projects as a chance to get to know yourself.

"I'm much more appreciative of what I have," Bartuszevige said. "I enjoy helping people and knowing I don't have to be just this person who has a career."

The 25 active members are required to complete 15 hours of community service per semester. Zwart admits that the hours go by so fast that almost all members go over the 15 hours. Racking up as many as 40 hours in one semester is nothing for Zwart.

At last count, 30 people came out to rush.

"If we feel everyone who rushed expressed an interest, then they're in," Bartuszevige said. "It's up to you. If you really want it you can be in if you complete the requirements."

True commitment is the biggest requirement.

The month-long pledging process starts pledges out slow, with 8 hours of community service. It also gives pledges and actives a chance to get to know each other.

"Over my 4 years I have seen the change in service and social activity," Zwart said. "People are more dedicated now.

KIM POWELL
spotlight editor

Not many people can say Bill Clinton is a brother, but the members of Alpha Phi Omega can. The President is an Alpha Phi Omega alumni.

Hope's only national co-ed fraternity is gearing up to welcome a fresh batch of brothers and sisters into the Phi O family.

"I joined because it was a good cause," said Karen Kowal ('97), "I'm much more aware of what goes on in the community and what part Hope plays in the community."

Alpha Phi Omega is the only fraternity or sorority to rush this fall, but the group takes a weekend to go north to Boy Scouts' Camp Gerber. The students are enthusiastic. It is a competitive program. Once students indicate an interest they have to be selected to participate in the program. The experience is educational, but they do not receive academic credit.

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"I do plan to keep in touch," said Lynch. "I'll miss having her here. I'll miss all the students, we got to know them so well."
The new book by political science professor Dr. Annie Dandavati reviews the role of the women of Chile in the country’s return to democracy in the late 1980’s. The book, “The Women’s Movement and the Transition to Democracy in Chile,” was released earlier this month by Peter Lang publishers. The book details the rise of women as a political force in Chile despite their inferiority under the law.

“This book is an examination of the interaction between the women’s movement in Chile and the political parties,” Dandavati said. “It was a recurring joke forever after…that’s how the movement started, in resistance against human rights violations.”

Dandavati’s interest in comparative research sparked a fourteen year quest into the democratic process of the country of Chile. The women of the nation or- dered the book. The book details the rise of women as a political force in Chile.

Dandavati hopes to return to Chile in two years to write a book about the women of the nation. The book is being used as a text for the comparative feminism course this fall. The book is being used as a text for the comparative feminism course, yet it may be growing more annoying to maintain this carrying of this system.

The country of Chile was held under authoritarian rule since 1973, after a military coup overthrew the democratically-elected government. The leader of the political movement, Pinochet, began killing and men in positions of power prior to the coup. Conditions in the household under this military government were expected to change.

In 1988 a vote was called to either continue the military regime or make the move back to democracy. The alliance of women was a major factor in the social and political change that was to hit Chile in the late ’80’s and continue to the present.

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Jacobsma said. "But one person can do so much damage.

Examples of library vandalism include ripping or razor-blading sections or articles out of journals, books or reference materials. Book mutilation is discovered by the stacks management staff, or by students who bring damaged materials to the attention of the library staff, or, as was the case last summer, when the theft detector sounds.

"Library vandalism is academic dishonesty, it is not fair to fellow students, and it is against the law." Jacobsma said. "I hope we don't experience any vandalism of library materials this year."
The Hope College volleyball team encountered something a little scary, strange, and partially unexpected in the championship game of the GLCA tournament this past weekend: a challenge.

After slipping their opponents silly all weekend, the 9-2 Flying Dutch were forced to downshift a bit when they faced the Ohio Wesleyan Bishops.

Despite a little bit of a hassle, Hope won in four games, 15-12, 14-16, 15-10, 15-11.

The Dutch knew they were into something big from the beginning of the first set, as their only lead was 3-2 off an Emily Bakker ('97) foiler just over the top of the net.

They did not regain the lead for quite some time, when they edged ahead 13-12.

The second game was played very much like the first, as the Bishops leaped ahead of the Dutch, 6-1.

The Dutch were not amused, and a Becky Schmidt ('98) kill put Hope ahead for the first time in the game, 7-6. Ohio Wesleyan tied the game at nine, and the Dutch played catch-up the rest of the game, finally succumbing in the end.

For the first time in the match, Hope took the early lead in the third game, 2-0 but the Bishops didn’t let it last very long at all.

Hope eventually regained the lead, 10-9. Then a pair of aces and a kill put the game away for Hope.

Unlike the first three, the fourth and clinching game was all Hope with Wesleyan struggling to keep up. The Dutch were up by as many as five at one point, but late the Bishops reminded the Dutch of their presence, as they took control briefly, 11-9. Then Hope scored five unanswered points and the Bishops just went away.

“It is pretty strange how spotty it was,” Coach Karla Wolters said. “We just had two evenly matched teams and the momentum constantly shifted. Really, it was a game of whoever had the ball last would win.”

Hope flew through the first three rounds of the tournament and didn’t look back in anger even once. Their first-round opponent was Albion, who they beat easily 15-8, 15-7, 15-10. Wooster wasn’t much of an opponent at all for the Dutch, as they crawled away with a 15-1, 15-2, 15-9 win.

In the semifinals, Hope defeated DePauw 15-9, 15-7, 15-2. Schmidt, a co-captain and one of the tournament MVP’s, truly did lead her team, as she had four blocks and 14 kills in the championship.

Chris Dombrowski ('98), the other MVP, finished the match with 50 assists.

Jean Keperger (‘98) had four aces in the championship match. Bakker was named as a member of all the tournament teams, thanks in part to her 16 aces in the first two rounds.

“It feels great to win the tournament on our home court,” Schmidt said.

“Whenever we fell behind in the game, we just kept our heads up and kept our confidence up. Volleyball is a game of momentum and team togetherness and we had that to win.”

The Flying Dutch will head for Indiana tomorrow to play St. Mary’s College, after which they will take part in an invitational at John Carroll University this weekend.