Students turn out for Congress elections

**CARRIE TENNANT**

Campusbeat editor

With a total of 327 students casting ballots, it was a good day in the polls for Hope's annual Student Congress elections last Thursday and Friday.

Ryan Cook ('97), Student Congress President, cites changed 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 utmost 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 ballot stuffing happened all of the time in the past," 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.

"Representative campaigns are really never 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 printed 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 Nelson ('99), 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," - Eric Sevensma ('97)

Off Campus Rep

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**Media steps into spotlight at Critical Issues**

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Campusbeat editor

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 can think of no more important or relevant issue than the media," said Alfred Gonzalez, Assistant Professor.

"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."

"This year's event is 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 and six forum sessions, each focusing on a different aspect of the media.

Forum sessions will be led by student moderators, who will guide discussions on a variety of topics, including the role of the media in shaping public opinion, the impact of media on political campaigns, and the ethics of media manipulation.

The symposium will feature a range of speakers, including leading experts in the field of media studies, as well as local community leaders and media professionals.

The symposium aims to raise awareness about the critical role of the media in society and to encourage students to think critically about the messages they consume.
Students celebrate park dedication

JESSIE BICKNELL
staff reporter

Students stressing about life after Hope should know that help is just around the corner at Career Services.

Career Services office is located on the first floor of the Riverfront Center on 11th Street. The office provides help with the career planning process.

It is all too common that students try to make important decisions too late," said Luis Leguizamon ('97), career advisor. Career Services also plans recruitment programs to put students in touch with employers. This includes employers who come to campus to recruit, or information on job fairs off campus.

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Students can use the Career Library that contains books on career planning and workshops to do graduate programs, and other various career-related needs. Students can also access information files on non-profit or volunteer organizations, like summer camps.

This semester, a big focus of Career Services are Career Planning Workshops and Placement Services. These workshops, except for the senior orientation session, are open to all students regardless of what they are majoring in. They are open to all students regardless of what they are majoring in.

Senior Orientation Session is a thirty minute presentation of what services are available to students pursuing a teaching career. Students that have no idea what they want to do after college can attend.

ELECTION from 1-3:00 pm

"I want my kids to go here," said Eric Sevensma ('79), Off-Campus representative. "Over the past four years, things have happened that I don't exactly approve of. I would like a little more say in what goes on around here.

I offered that if the Department of Leisure and Cultural Services ever needed any help with volunteer activities, we would be able to come and help them out," said Courtney Welton ('97), who works at the Department.

The Milestone is available now at the Student Union Desk. A few extra copies may also be purchased.
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 on relevant issues, as well as setting up voter registration for students for the upcoming presidential election.

"It really has 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."

Voter apathy affects not only voters, but government as well. Citing 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.

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," Pihlaja said.

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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. While Enomoto thinks the students most about Michigan is the love people have for the outdoors. “Compared to Tokyo, (you) have a lot of nature, you can sit on the grass and it’s easy,” Enomoto said. The group had a picnic at Tunnel Park and went canoeing.

“When we were canoeing the nature was very quiet, paddling was hard,” Manami Nishida said.

Miki Moriya still questions whether or not Lake Michigan is indeed a lake. “I think Lake Michigan is not a lake because there are waves, big waves,” Moriya said. For Moriya, coming to Michigan gave her a chance to visit America and visit her Hope College friend Michelle Lynch (’99). The two met when Lynch was at the Meiji Gakuin University for May term this past spring. Moriya was assigned to Lynch as her buddy. Moriya answered Lynch’s questions and showed her Japanese culture.

Now it’s Lynch’s chance to return the favor. “I decided to house her in appreciation for what she did for me,” Lynch said. “It’s been a lot of fun having her here. I’m taking Japanese; she helps me with my homework.”

Lynch knows how hard it is to come to a foreign country without knowing how things will be. “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. They practice a lot.

Bushi Tadokoro was often frustrated that he couldn’t understand his hosts. He has vowed to study English harder when he goes back to Japan. They all take back to Japan their own unique memories.

“I’m going to talk about lakes and nature,” Aya Soto said. “It’s very comfortable to live for people.”

Tadokoro liked the loud music in America. “The worship service in the Pine Grove, I was impressed. In Japan it would never happen,” Tadokoro said. “The students sing together to be happy. It makes a church have power.”

Not all the memories are good. Nishida had a hard time understanding why Americans don’t care about foreign students. People were kind, but not always very sensitive.

Enomoto was introduced to the issues of race and discrimination for the first time.

Before I came here I never realized so much I was Asian or Japanese,” Enomoto said. “Some of the treatment I received, I wondered if they discriminated against me.”

The good did outweigh the bad, though.

Enomoto thinks the American college system is better than Japan’s. “I’m surprised by how much Hope students study,” she said. “In Japan the pressure is whether or not you will get into college. Once there the classes are easy. After 31 years of exchanging students with Meiji Gakuin University, the program is a success. The students attend Hope classes, special lectures, seminars, and field trips. A presentation in English comparing Japan and America is their biggest undertaking.

Etta Hesselink, Director of the program for the past seven years, claims it is a life-changing experience for the participants. “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. The program seeks to build good will between students.

If the friendship between Moriya and Lynch is any indication, it’s been successful. “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 Hope College GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES PRESENTS: The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

Encounter With Culture: Visiting Meiji Gakuin students Miki Moriya, Megumi Namik, Naomi Enomoto display traditional kimonos with their host students Mari Stephen (’99) and Michelle Lynch (’99) after Japan Night last Tuesday.

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 alumnus.

Hope’s only national co-ed fraternity is gearing up to welcome a new member, Bartuszewicz. “I’m much more appreciative of what I have,” Bartuszewicz said. “I enjoy helping people and knowing I don’t have to be just this person who has a career.”

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President Anne Bartuszewicz (’97) sees the projects as a chance to get to know yourself. “I’m much more appreciative of what I have,” Bartuszewicz said. “I enjoy helping people and knowing I don’t have to be just this person who has a career.”

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Congratulations to Bartuszewicz and others on their acceptance to the fraternity. It is a great group of people and is very active on and off campus.
Melissa Ooms

Intermission

The 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 recently this month by Peter Lang publishers. The book details the rise of women as a political force in Chile despite their inferiority in society.

Chilean women were expected in the household as a nurturing homemaker. Yet, financial situations made it impossible for some women not to work. An economic downturn caused many men to lose their jobs in the early 80’s, forcing these women to become both homemaker and chief breadwinner while still considered inferior under the law.

The situation worsened by changes made in social services and education that especially hurt the poor. The women, attempting to maintain their dual roles, felt the cuts the most.

Dandavati refers to this carrying of this weight by the female population as the “feminization of poverty.” The women of the nation or region, especially women voters opted for change.

In 1988 a vote was called to determine the future of the country. Two years later, in 1991 and 1994, accompanied the second time by two Hope students who were being used as a text for the comparative feminism course this fall. The book is a beneficial source for the course.

In 1991 the alliance of women was won. The situation now has created a cabinet-level ministry focusing on women’s issues. Since they were allowed into the political arena, the women have changed school curriculums to encompass human rights issues.

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Millet man: there is nothing to say other than you are overworked and under-loved.

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Snakebite: I can’t wait for the arrival of our mystery man. Wonder if he will be the same as last year.

CIS from 1

CIS—to help us understand all the decisions and how they relate to us on a personal level.

Gonzalez encourages all students to actively participate in the Critical Issues Symposium.

"If I had a plea for CIS, it’s that it’s a day in which they can engage the speakers and engage each other in a conversation about media and how media impacts each of their own lives, because it does."

The 17th annual Critical Issues Symposium begins Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel, and continues through Wednesday, Sept. 25. There are no classes on Sept. 25.

VANDALISM from 1

Jacobson 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."
Dutchmen soccer team awakens

TODD LUCAS
staff reporter

Perhaps the best mascot for the men’s soccer team would be the mighty grizzly bear. At first, the grizzly undergoes a lengthy hibernation, conserving its energy while it waits for right time to explode. Then, commanding the respect of everyone, the grizzly awakens to dominate its surroundings, manifesting all that are foolish enough to revolve with blow after blow.

On Friday, hosting the Wendy’s Classic soccer tournament, the Flying Dutchmen defeated a less than supreme squad from Bloomington in a powerhouse DePauw to salvage a 1-1 tie. (The term is that which comes to mind when describing the tempo of the game on behalf of the Dutchmen.)

A scoreless first half for both teams left the large and enthusiasm-covered crowd longing for a second half powder keg, as was the case last weekend against Wooster.

For the first time in the match, DePauw took a 1-0 lead on a defensive miscue, resulting in a Beirne’s slow roller which squeaked by goalie Darren Toohey ’99.

For much of the second half it looked as if DePauw would cling to their lead as they turned away a valiant Dutchmen offense on numerous occasions. Hope was able to even things up late in the game on a close range scramble in front of the DePauw goal. For the Dutchmen, it was their only conversion of the day, leaving them with a 1-1 tie and a rather disappointing showing. Chris Dombrowski ’98 was chosen as the tournament’s MVP.

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For much of the second half it looked as if DePauw would cling to their lead as they turned away a valiant Dutchmen offense on numerous occasions. Hope was able to even things up late in the game on a close range scramble in front of the DePauw goal. For the Dutchmen, it was their only conversion of the day, leaving them with a 1-1 tie and a rather disappointing showing. Chris Dombrowski ’98 was chosen as the tournament’s MVP.