CIS engages students in global health discussion

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Hope College's Critical Issues Symposium is now in its 26th year, and the 2008 session is themed "Global Health: From Catastrophe to Cure." The event began with a keynote address on Tuesday, and workshops run all day Wednesday.

According to Hope's website, the annual symposium was founded in 1980 by Dr. Gordon Van Wylen, former president of Hope College. The symposium is now headed by co-chairs Alfredo Gonzalez, Hope's associate provost, and Derek Emerson, Alfredo Gonzales, Hope's associate provost, and Derek Emerson, Hope's arts coordinator, and a board of selected faculty and student advisors.

"You cannot be a world citizen unless you are also grappling with one of the major issues of our time," Gonzales said, reflecting the essence behind Hope's official mission statement of "educating students for lives of leadership and service in a global society through academic and co-curricular programs of recognized excellence in the liberal arts and in the context of the historic Christian faith:"

"Students need to understand that it is their responsibility to be educated about things like this," Gonzales said. "And I hope that they are then moved in some way to take their Hope education and make a difference in the world."

The process of topic selection begins with Hope's students themselves nominating different topics, which the CIS committee chooses and combines to fit wider topics and include more issues. Operating on a modest budget of near $30,000, Gonzales and the rest of the CIS committee works most of the year to quickly establish a topic and then research and locate possible speakers.

"A lot of CIS planning happens really early. Because the speakers book so far in advance, we have to plan far in advance. Next year's topic will probably be decided by the end of this semester," said Carolyn Courtade ('09), one of the few student advisors on this year's CIS committee.

"The board is very open and allows us to throw ideas around and talk about speakers we've seen or heard," Courtade said. "It's a great sounding board of faculty and staff – they really just want to know what students want to learn about!"

This year's keynote speakers include Laurie Garrett, Pulitzer Prize winning medical and biologist writer from New York, who is the only person to ever have been awarded all three of the major awards for journalism: the Peabody, the Pulitzer, and the Polk, which she won twice.

"Very few institutions can do what we do," Courtade said. "There are exciting events and activities every year, rather than it being just a free day where they can stay up really late on Tuesday and sleep in on Wednesday," Courtade said. "You really don't have to think about anything else. You can go and listen just for the sake of learning about stuff that occurs in our world today – this isn't just something that is theoretical – these are things that are really going on right now!"

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Social justice groups collaborate

Matt Oosterhouse
Gow Erouz

For the past two years, several Hope College registered student organizations (RSOs) have been meeting together to plan a social justice alliance within the Hope community. These RSOs include Acting on Aids, Amnesty International, Engineers Without Borders, Environmental Issues Organization, Habitat for Humanity, Hope for the Nations, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Justice League and the Women's Issues Organization.

This year, two years of hard work and research have resulted in a series of programs and events co-hosted by the RSOs that have an emphasis in social justice. With some of the events coinciding with and in the vicinity of Critical Issues Symposium, this new collaboration of RSOs is using the month of October as its kickoff time and emphasis month for social justice awareness and AIDS outreach.

One of the reasons behind this collaborative effort was to create a network for the social justice RSOs that cross-pollinate attendance and ideas, said Curt Wilson, Hope's InterVarsity Staff member.

“This is an attempt to put all social justice RSOs under one umbrella rather than have them scattered around,” Wilson said.

Another goal is to broadcast a central social justice voice and emphasis, while also maintaining the groups’ own distinct aspects and viewpoints of world events and situations. A resultant purpose is bringing physical and spiritual needs together, Wilson said.

“Some organizations tend to emphasize spiritual needs, whereas other organizations tend to emphasize the physical needs,” Wilson said. “When it comes to social justice issues, you need to focus on spiritual needs as well as the physical needs.”

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FORUM ON FAITH AND POLITICS

Harderwyk Ministries will host a forum on faith and politics Saturday, Oct. 4 from 4-6 p.m. at the DeWitt Campus Center. Participants include U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, Michigan Rep. Bill Huizenga, Dr. David Ryden of Hope College, and RCA Coordinator of Social Justice Earl James.

The event will include a complimentary continental breakfast. Visit www.harderwyk.com for more information.

Gina Holder
Gradve Erouz

On Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Kletz, Hope Democrats hosted a visit from singer Will.i.am and actress Tatyana Ali this week to promote presidential candidate Barack Obama.

The Obama campaign is sending surrogates to colleges around the country to talk to students about voter registration. Will.i.am and Ali have recently been travelling through western Michigan, making stops at Grand Valley State University and the Grand Rapids Eastown festival, aiming to register voters and help boost support for Obama.

When word of this spread to Hope Democrats’ President Shannon Craig ('08), she arranged for Hope to be one of the stops. Craig was impressed with the message they broadcasted and the enthusiasm it generated.

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Hope Democrats promote the vote

At President Obama’s request that they “tell others,” the New Voters Project of Hope Democrats are promoting the vote following Monday after the rope stretch in Pull. However, not all Hope students believe that telling others is their responsibility. Despite the strenuous nature of the training, the Pullers and Moralers report that the experience is worth well the strain. “It’s a pure adrenaline rush,” one Odd year Moraler said.

As one Puller stated, “For me, Pull is a family. It’s the best three weeks of your life.”
United Nations discusses addressing African aid

Rob Guimond

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appealed for increased aid for Africa during a U.N. meeting in New York Sept. 22. He asked for countries to band together in order to raise an additional $78 billion in aid toward Africa by 2015. This proposal comes as the world’s economies struggle. Congress is debating a $700 billion financial bailout and other countries are laboring with related economic misfortune.

The secretary general insisted his appeal was small considering the $267 billion that countries paid in agricultural subsidies. “The cost of solving the food crisis, addressing global warming and pulling millions out of extreme poverty in Africa looks like good value.”

The U.N. is trying to reach the goals established in 2000, when the Millennium Declaration was adopted. This is a pledge by the international community to “spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty.”

With this pledge, a set of eight goals were adopted, the Millennium Development Goals, to be achieved by 2015. Africa is not on track to reach these goals, according to Ban, but the goals “remain achievable.”

The Millennium Development Goals Report published by the U.N. showed Africa’s progress:

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. With increasing food prices and failing crops “little progress was made in reducing extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.” It’s estimated that higher food prices will increase as much as 100 million into absolute poverty, as sub-Saharan Africa is already “making the least progress in reducing child malnutrition.”

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education. Enrollment in developing countries has dropped 90 percent. The only exception is in sub-Saharan Africa, where it’s reached 71 percent. And “substantially more children of secondary school age attend primary rather than secondary school.”

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women. On average in developing countries, 55 percent of the out-of-school population is girls. Along with Oceanias and Western Asia, sub-Saharan Africa has “the largest gender gap(s) in primary enrollment.” In “Western and Central Africa,” the country has food shortages, armed conflict.

South Africa names new president

Amanda Germenz

The political situation in South Africa does not seem to be improving as of late. The president resigned on Sept. 21, and he is being replaced with another member of the ruling political party of the country, the African National Congress. President Thabo Mbeki was asked to resign from the office he has held for the last 10 years by members of the ANC, the political party he has been affiliated with since he was 14 years old. This marks the end of an era, as Mbeki was the second president elected democratically in South Africa’s history. Nelson Mandela was the first.

Mbeki’s forced resignation ends the long-running battle between him and his chief political rival, Jacob Zuma. Zuma brought up on fraud charges in 2005, but they were dismissed. Then, in the summer of 2007, Zuma again faced the same charges, and they were dismissed earlier this time. This time, the judge blamed Mbeki’s government for political interference, which started the ball rolling with the ANC trying to force him out of office. The secretary-general of the ANC, Gwede Mantashe, admits that they asked him to leave the presidency before his term was up.

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In Japan, the prime minister is elected by the lower and upper houses of the Diet, the House of Representatives, and the House of Councillors respectively. Both houses hold an internal election to put forth nominations for the position, if the houses nominate different people; a joint committee of the Diet is called to select the prime minister.

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Aso is certainly a character, politically speaking. He has been called a charismatic leader who reaches out to and is attractive to younger citizens – Manga comics are some of his favorite reading material. He is Japan’s first Catholic prime minister, and a former Olympic sharp shooter. Politically he is staunch conservative, being a strong supporter of the nation’s defense against North Korea. He is known for verbal misgivings, he recently compared an opposition party to the Nazis according to CNN.

He may need this exuberance to maintain the Liberal Democratic Party’s political dynasty, which stretches back to 1955, with only one three-year interruption in the mid nineties. Aso has assumed the helm of a country that is going through an economic down turn, and the helm of a party that is having internal strife and whose popularity is under 50 percent. Already, Aso has had one of his major officials resign. The minister of transportation was removed from the cabinet after he called the nation’s largest teachers union “a cancer,” according to the International Herald Tribune. The finance minister said that the incident will give an impression that the new administration is already in disarray.

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UN secretary general urges member states to address Millennium Development Goals

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poverty, lack of birth registration, child labor, and HIV and AIDS... prove to be especially devastating for girls.”

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality. Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest child mortality rates among all developing regions, accounting for “half the deaths of children under five in the developing world.”

Goal 5: Improve maternal health. Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia accounted for 86 percent of the 500,000 women that died in 2005 during childbirth or in the six weeks after delivery. “Little progress has been made in saving mothers’ lives” and “accelerated improvements in all dimensions of reproductive health care... are required to achieve the goal.”

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Nearly 1.4 million people still die of AIDS in Africa each year. The increased insecticide-treated net production has increased from 30 million to 90 million which has increased protection against malaria, but “overall insecticide-treated net use falls short of global targets.”

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability. Although improvements have been made the “number of species threatened with extinction is rising rapidly” and “fish stocks require improved fisheries management to reduce depletion.” And in general, “the African region overall seems(s) to be especially vulnerable because of their high exposure to the effects of climate change.”

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development. “Development assistance will have to increase substantially to double aid to Africa by 2010.”

Sha Zukang, the U.N.’s undersecretary general for Economic and Social Affairs, says “a single intervention is unlikely to be sufficient.” Instead, he calls for action from all levels of government across the world.

The MDGR shows that increased effort is needed to achieve all of the goals—anything from building schools to administering medicine to funding insecticide-treated nets can help.

Ban states in the MDGR that, “We have wasted opportunities and face additional challenges, making the tasks ahead more difficult.” Countries need to work together to “make up lost ground.” But Ban is optimistic that the goals are achievable.
**Music instructor honored**

Steve Talaga, an instructor of music at Hope College, has been named Jazz Musician of the Year by the West Michigan Jazz Society.

In a feature in its May 2008 newsletter, the society described him as “The Bruce Lee of The Piano,” noting that “his hands are like musical weapons.” They honored him with a banquet at Aquinas College where he is an adjunct member of the music faculty.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1999, he teaches jazz piano, applied composition and various jazz studies courses. In June, Talaga, faculty colleague Brian Coyle and the student members of the college’s Jazz Chamber Ensemble represented Hope as participants in “The Big Hope,” a global youth congress held at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, England, during which he and Coyle taught a jazz course. The students read as warm and personal, offering a human connection between the viewer and the person depicted. The traveling exhibition was first discovered by professor Chuck Green of the psychology department, who then recommended that the Art Center arrange to display the traveling exhibition as an integral component of the annual Anishabeek Nodin Traditional Pow Wow hosted by the Student Native Organization. “My understanding is that these portraits are a deliberate echo of the late-19th, early-20th century images in which Indians posed for formal photo portraits,” Green said. “The photographer wanted to recapture that format, but with modern people and modern regalia.”

Green has been living in Holland for over 20 years, and has worked with a variety of local and regional organizations dedicated to cross-cultural learning and interaction. Even so, he remained largely unaware of the current affairs of the area’s Native American population until recently. “There is in fact a very large, very active, but very hidden network of Native Americans in Michigan,” Green says. “Their cultural practices are rich and extensive—during the summer season, there are pow wows hosted in the region nearly every weekend! But I simply didn’t know about them until three years ago, when Hope first started hosting these pow wows.”

Green is currently preparing for the fourth annual pow wow to be held at Hope. The event began in 2005 on the initiative of Dan Cornelissen, a local Potowatomi leader who approached the college on behalf of several local Native American tribes including the Pokagun band of Potowatomi, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wi, the Ojibwe and the Odawa.

“He told me that they would like to offer this pow wow as receiving Holland as a gift of reconciliation,” Green said. “I think of this pow wow as receiving that gift, offered by the Native peoples of the area.”

Asked whether he has seen signs of the community benefiting from the event, Green replies, “More and more every year! I’ve seen Hope and Holland break down those barriers between ‘our’ networks and the Native communities. This occurs at the grassroots level where people make contacts. Every time our social interactions begin to overlap in little ways it’s a step in the right direction.”

Meanwhile the art department is excited to be offering an exhibition that connects so intimately with these community-building efforts.

The reception will be held in the De Peere Art Center Oct. 1 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. In Maas Auditorium, Lorraine Shananaque, who holds the traditional elder’s title of Water Bundle Carrier, will be presenting on this year’s theme, “Honoring Water.” All are welcome. Admission is free.

**Tap Jam takes dancing to a whole new level**

Anna Pilott  
 **Staff Writer**

Hope College dance got involved in the community by holding Holland’s first ever Tap Jam on Sept. 19. Hope’s own Resident Director and Tap dance instructor, Rosanne Barton-DeVries organized the event. Dancers started off small, but soon a great majority were jiving in eagerly, creating rhythms and dancing with the drummer.

Perception illusionist and artist, Andrew Snyder, spoke to the group about the roots of rhythm and their differences in various music genres. DeVries added her insight by stressed that the group was continuing a tradition born from tap’s roots in the street. She told the group how lucky they were to be a part of this historic world-renowned tradition. Starting simply, the group formed a circle and began to improvise one at a time. With onlookers keeping time by clapping, the rhythms being passed around became more and more enveloping.

“It’s so exciting to be in such an exuberant atmosphere of sound.” —KARI BURKE (’09)

The group was so excited to be in such an exuberant atmosphere of sound, they decided to try rhythm set by Snyder. Articulating complex rhythms with her feet and exuding “cool,” DeVries stepped in, a perfect demonstration of why the tap program at Hope is so special.

She looks at tap in a different way than expectant freshmen: “I came as a freshman. She incorporates not only the feet but also the rest of your body into the rhythm.” —LINDSEY ROBERTS (’09)

Two more Tap Jams will be on the third Fridays of October and November at 6 p.m. at the Hope Bowl Arts Council.

**In Brief**

**‘UNSIGNED’ CD ARTISTS IN CONCERT OCT. 2**

The underground music scene in Holland is exploding, and a considerable amount of Hope students and alumni have their hand in the honey pot. On Thursday, Oct. 2nd, a concert at Park Theater will showcase local groups featured on the recently released compilation CD, “Unsigned.” The CD is a mix of unsigned lakershore artists chosen by local businesses and student. Steve VanDammen of the vinyl and CD shop, Full Circle, and Bob Schulze of the hip optical and accessory store, Zebco Design and Vision, “We wanted to give artists a venue to get their music out and to be current Hope student, Travis Ogles. "People in general, whether that is artists or businesses," said Schulze.

The concert will feature the largely popular indie-folk group, They Were Thieves, which includes Hope alumna, Jonah Ogles (’07) and Jonathon DeHaan (’07). Also playing at the concert will be current Hope student, Travis Kingma (’09). Other artists to play from the compilation will include Wallace Collective and Jon Fogel. Each artist or group will be playing three to four songs each.

“It’s always good for artists to gain exposure of their music, but this event is good for the community, too," said Ogles. "People are going to be surprised at the number of quality groups in the Holland area, I know us."

Doors for the show open at 7 p.m., bands begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost of admission is $5 with Hope College ID, regular admission is $6. Park Theater is located on 248 S. River Avenue.

**This Week In Art**

**Wednesday**

Oct. 1  
“Pow Wow Portraits”  
Photo exhibit at De Pree Art Gallery  9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Braddock Concert**

In conjunction with the CIS Student Worker 7:30 p.m.  
Public: $5, Hope Community: $5

**Thursday**

Oct. 2  
“Second Class”  
Play by that Douglas  
Also playing on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Wednesday-Saturday Oct 8-11  
Main Center of DeVries Center Oct. 2, 3, 5, 6.

**Friday**

Oct. 3  
Orchestra and Symphonette  
Dimnent Chapel 7:30 p.m.

SAC Music “Wall-E”  
Vander Weer 102 8:00 & 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

Oct. 4  
Wind Symphonic  
electrical orchestra  
Dimnent Chapel 7:30 p.m.

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**Monday**

Oct. 6  
Wind Symphonic  
electrical orchestra  
Dimnent Chapel 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Oct. 7  
Jazz Ensemble  
Dimnent Chapel 7:30 p.m.
The 111th Pull
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Behind the electoral college: what you need to know about voting

Brittany Adams
Features Editor

If you’re home on election day, you can register at your home address. Go to www.rockthevote.com and click on “Register to Vote.” However, if you’re not home, you still have a few options. One of them is to register at your school address and vote in Ottawa County, Michigan. Contact Hope Democrats (democrats@hope.edu) or Hope Republicans (republicans@hope.edu) for more information. However, if you still want to vote as a citizen of your hometown, you can either vote early, in person, or use an absentee ballot, by mail. Only some states allow the option to vote early, so if you are interested in this, go to www.canvote.org and click on “Make Your Vote Count: Absentee and Early Voting.” To request an absentee ballot, see https://www.overseasvotingfoundation.org/overseas/vote.html for more information. If you are not sure if you are already registered, see www.canvote.org to check.

The deadline to register to vote in Michigan is Oct. 6. Check out http://www.rockthevote.com/electioncenter/ to find out your state’s deadline.

There is no excuse not to make your voice heard!

Brittany Adams
Features Editor

Currently, the election of the president of the United States is like 51 individual elections, with one taking place in each state. On election day, voters select not only whom they support to win Washington, but also whom they wish to elect them: the electors. Electors for each state are nominated by their state parties and their names also appear on the ballot. They then decide which candidates get the electoral votes from their state. Although not dictated by the Constitution, some electors have requirements, either by the state or specific pledges, that they honor their party or the popular vote in who receives their state’s votes. This is the case in Michigan, along with 10 other states and the District of Columbia.

Each state has a determined amount of electoral votes up for grabs on election day. The number of electoral votes each state gets is equal to the number of electors for that state but also to the number of representatives that state has in Congress. Maine and Nebraska are the only states that divide up their votes; the rest simply give the winning candidate all of theirs. A candidate must attain 270 out of 538 electoral votes to win the presidential election; Michigan has 17 of those. For the past four elections, Michigan’s votes have gone to the Democratic candidate. Between 1988 and 1992, however, Michigan went to the Republicans. Interestingly, 60% of the time in the last 10 elections, the candidate Michigan selected has gone on to win the presidential race. It is currently a swing state, meaning its outcome for this election is undecided. Right now McCain and Obama are head to head, and it will likely come down to the swing states. Therefore, we really do have the power to make ourselves heard by voting for candidates and electors. The Electoral College is a subject of controversy itself. Some feel that it is outdated and that the results should be based on the popular vote, while others think that since it has worked all these years, it should stay in place. However, the way it is set up allows for the possibility that one candidate wins the popular vote while another candidate wins the electoral vote and therefore takes the presidency. This raises the question of the Electoral College’s ability to make the people heard.

There is no excuse not for making your voice heard.

There are more than two candidates for president this fall. In addition to the Democratic and Republican candidates, there is the Libertarian candidate, the Alaskan Independence candidate, the Green candidate, various Independent candidates, and, of course, the option of writing in a candidate. For Michigan, Oct. 6 is the last day you can register to vote. Visit rockthevote.com to find out your state’s deadline and to register.

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**ROCK THE VOTE**

**October 1, 2008**

**Features**

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**Plains to use competition to keep costs low in private healthcare systems chosen by individual families (nationwide, across state lines, and transferable from job to job). They will be given a tax cut to make it affordable.**

**Proposes a plan that will strengthen employer coverage while making insurance companies accountable and ensures patients the choice of doctor and care without government interference.**

**Believes programs need to be transformed to emphasize patient choice with a main focus on the truly needy, with cost-saving incentives.**

**Proposes a comprehensive economic plan that will create millions of good American jobs, ensure our nation’s energy security, and watch the government’s spending.**

**Proposes middle class American tax relief and a promise to provide $50 billion to jumpstart the economy and prevent 1 million Americans from losing their jobs.**

**Proposes to commit America to expanding domestic oil to break the nation’s dependence on foreign energies by producing more power, pushing technology that ensures Americans have dependable energy sources and addressing climate change.**

**Believes it is highly important for the United States to support the government of Iraq to become self-dependent and secure through a stable, prosperous, and democratic state in Iraq. Only when Iraqi forces can safeguard their own country can American troops return home.**

**Has disagreed with the Iraq war from the beginning. In 2002 he stated that Saddam Hussein posed no imminent threat to the United States and that invasion would lead to an occupation of undetermined length, at undetermined cost, with undetermined consequences. Obama plans an immediate withdrawal at the point of inauguration.**

**Pushes for a comprehensive national energy policy and has introduced a number of bills to attain the goal of energy independence specifically through renewable fuels and clean coal.**

**Suggests that the government should eliminate restrictions that inhibit energy production, as well as all special privileges for the production of politically favored fuels, such as ethanol.**

**Suggests that public education should be defined through public support for a child’s education in the school a parent chooses. The school is charged with the responsibility of educating the child and being equipped with the resources and management authority to do such.**

**Committed to strengthening public schools, both rural and urban, with the support and resources they need to provide disadvantaged students with an opportunity to reach their full potential.**

**Proposes abolition of the Department of Education, federal grants and regulations, and moving power back to the states and local communities so that public schools would be managed locally with increased parental involvement. States should consider tax credits or deductions for parents who home school or send their children to private schools.**
There’s something strange and wonderful about the way the world looks at us college students. We get into college and suddenly find ourselves receiving a steady stream of homemade cookies, care packages and dinners where there were none before. Parents want to take us to lunch, moms want to take us cookies. The adults around us look at us with a sort of misty-eyed approval and give us our extra furniture. (This last one has happened to my roommates and me quite a few years now that we have enough extra furniture to furnish a large apartment). It’s the last phase in our entire lives when we will be universally encouraged to live up to it. It’s only the phase in our entire lives when it’s actually cool to be poor. Stories that start with “back in my college days” are now considered pejorative—much like the names autumn, these two words have become part of our vocabulary of overused words and phrases will be less and less meaningful as the names go on.

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Change for tradition’s sake

You’re holding a piece of art, maybe a painting, maybe a sculpture, maybe a piece of jewelry. You’re holding it, and you’re wondering, “What’s this worth?”

Lindsay Freede, associate editor

Myths, tricks, and train wrecks

In life we wear many hats. We also find ourselves with many people, sometimes just for a season, sometimes by choice, and sometimes it just happens. The strange thing is what these hats say about us and who we surround ourselves with. And while there are some hats we only wear for other people, some of the most interesting ones are the ones we wear for ourselves, and sometimes, you begin to live up to your label. The father’s point was this: be careful what mirrors you trust to tell you who you are; you may just become the person you see in the mirror.

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Letters to the Editor

Freshwater is clearly an issue

To the Editors:

I have been asked to respond to the recent Anchor article on water insecurities and consumption. I feel that the article was very appropriate in mentioning the concerns of water, which are not so much felt by many of the Midwest natives. Living in the Great Lakes region, freshwater is all we know. The thing to consider, however, is that our water usage effects even those that are not just a stone’s throw away from a seemingly endless supply of usable water. Although we may not be as water supply only make life that much more difficult for those that already struggle to get water.

With that in mind, I feel that freshwater issues should continue to be addressed. As a member of the Phelps Scholars Program I have also joined up with the Holland Pow Wow Committee, which is stressing the concerns of water insecurities and consumption this year.

The theme this year for the pow wow is “Honoring the Water.” This means that the Pow Wow Committee, led by Gary Lee, the Michigan State Conservationist, and information and displays by local conservation agencies all day.

The thing to consider, however, is that perhaps financial inviduality (paying rent, bills, food, recreation, all on a limited pay-check) voting responsibility? Having options available? Making decisions on more than a whim? I know a whole lot of significantly aged people that haven’t met these criteria. Must be something else.

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Defining adulthood as more than age

To the Editors:

I was pondering Amanda Gernentz’s thought on adulthood (0/17 “Looking at the Inside Out”). I sense the phrase “being an adult” has a lot of connotations. Pursuing it requires that we know what it is.

Perhaps adulthood is defined as an age. Not likely. We all know some folks grew up way before that, and some way after it. Perhaps financial inviduality (paying rent, bills, food, recreation, all on a limited pay-check) voting responsibility? Having options available? Making decisions on more than a whim? I know a whole lot of significantly aged people that haven’t met these criteria. Must be something else.

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Shuttle bus love

To the Editors:

As the semester picks up and everyone is starting to feel more time crunches, there is a belief that to catch up on time we have to do things we only do when we’re bored. Since it is finals week, I thought I would write a letter to the Editor.

One thing I have been doing is taking the shuttle bus around campus. I have found a few different routes that I enjoy. One of the most enjoyable routes is through the Holland Historic District. This route takes you around the downtown area and provides a great view of the city. It is a perfect way to see the beauty of Holland without having to drive yourself.

I have found that the shuttle bus is a great way to get around campus. It is convenient, affordable, and environmentally friendly. I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for a way to explore campus.

Chris Lewis
Senior Staff Writer

Summer Dream Job

As I watched the live production of one of The Golf Channel’s most popular shows, “The Golf Central,” I began to shake my head in disbelief. How was I an intern at The Golf Channel, one of the most watched cable sports networks in the world? What have I done to deserve such an honor? Was this actually happening or was I dreaming? Should I just pinch myself to wake up from such a crazy dream? However, this was not a dream, even though I look back on my experiences from this past summer and still have trouble believing what I did.

Even in the beginning of high school I knew there was one goal I wanted to accomplish in my life—to work for a major golf company. When I came to college, I began to realize that I could reach my goal with a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck. Last December, I began to research for summer internships; I had just completed a marketing internship in downtown Chicago and I felt very confident about my ability to secure a internship with a large organization.

After watching The Golf Channel one night during the Christmas break, I began to think to myself, “if there is one job you could have, what would it be? If there is one place you could work for, would it be?” Immediately, I knew the answer—The Golf Channel! The Golf Channel is my favorite cable television network and has been a company that I have wanted to work for the past five years. I made myself a promise that night that I would eventually have some sort of job with The Golf Channel before I died. Now that I made the promise, I knew I could not break it. If I did, was the point of the promise to begin with?

The next day I filled out an internship application form for The Golf Channel for the summer of 2008. I emailed my resume to The Golf Channel’s human resources department. And then…nothing. Not a thing. I waited for one month and then two months. Finally, in March, I received an e-mail from The Golf Channel asking if I was still interested in the internship.

Was I interested? Of course I was interested. This was one of my life goals after all. A week later I had an interview with The Golf Channel’s promotions manager. You would think that this interview was the most nerve-racking experience of my life. But it wasn’t. In fact, exactly the opposite is true. The interview went relatively normal and lasted for over an hour, which is unheard of for phone interviews. I knew that the interview went well, but I had to remember the facts: hundreds upon hundreds of college students from around the country were applying for the internship. Many of the students attended Ivy League schools and had no trouble getting internships.

In the middle of May I was very disappointed. I did not have an internship, let alone a job and I was beginning to freak out. I needed to find something to do during the summer! One day I decided I was going to drive around the Metro Detroit area in search of internships. I woke up early that morning to prepare for the day of driving. However, when I opened my Hope mail account, I found an e-mail from acceptance from The Golf Channel. I, Chris Lewis, a student at Hope College, was chosen to intern in the marketing department of The Golf Channel’s world headquarters in Orlando, Florida!! I was chosen out of hundreds of students? Me? I could not believe my dream had come true.

My summer at The Golf Channel will always be one of the most memorable summers of my life. Orlando is bustling with activity all day and every day, as it is known as the “Tourist Capital of the World.” Not only was I able to experience life in one of the largest cities in the nation, I was also able to live out my dream at The Golf Channel. The Golf Channel provided me with opportunities that I could not have anywhere else. I was able to watch the live production of some of The Golf Channel’s television shows and also write articles that were published on golfchannel.com. Looking back I do not have any regrets about my summer whatsoever, but I do have advice for everyone at Hope.

Follow your dreams. Do not let any obstacle get in your way. If you believe you can accomplish something, you will. Do not let other people’s words drag you down. Keep your head high and continue to aim toward your goals. What is it that you truly want to do with your life? What, above all else, is your true passion? Follow your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

Chris is excited for his last year of college, but is a little unsure of what will happen once he leaves Hope. Who isn’t though?
**Sports**

**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

**Wednesday**

Women’s Soccer
vs. Trine at 4 p.m.

**Friday**

Women’s Volleyball
vs. Olivet at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

Football
vs. Trine at 3 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
St. Mary’s at Noon

Men’s Soccer
vs. Adrian at 2 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Women’s Golf
Hope Invitational at 1 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
vs. Olivet at 4 p.m.

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**In Brief**

**MEN’S GOLF**

The men’s golf team has maintained a steady hold for second place in the MIAA. In their last two tournaments, they have placed third and second, respectively. Steve Strock (’10) was a medalist after tying the Zoller GC record of 68 strokes at the fifth MIAA Jamboree. With three conference tournaments left in the season, the Flying Dutchmen are looking to catch front-runner Olivet and claim their sixth consecutive conference championship.

**WOMEN’S GOLF**

The women’s golf team holds third place in the MIAA, trailing second place Saint Mary’s College by a single stroke. The team took third in an MIAA Jamboree on Sept. 20 led by Megan Schol-... (content continues)

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**Football**

The football team looks to obtain their first win of the 2008 season as they take on Trine in their homecoming game this Sat-... (content continues)

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**Women hit stride after rough start**

Karen Patterson
October 1, 2008

After a rough start to the season, the women’s soccer team has bounced back, going 5-1 in their last six games. Almost halfway through the 2008 season, the team is 6-4 with the MIAA season ahead of them.

The team opened the MIAA season against conference rival Calvin College, but was unable to keep their winning streak alive, falling 5-0. The team will next face Trine and St. Mary’s, two teams that they previously defeated in pre-conference play.

While some would choose to focus on the loss to Calvin, the Flying Dutch are moving forward, looking to dominate in the conference.

“Games against Calvin are always big, but every conference game is big,” Head coach Leigh Seabrook said. “Beating Calvin means nothing if we can’t beat the other teams in the MIAA.”

One advantage that the team will have as they move into the second part of the season is experience and depth. “A great thing about our team is how talented our players are,” Kaufmann said. “We have a deep bench, so we can pull players off and put in others, knowing that they’ll play tough and smart.”

The following week Allison Van Beek (’09) was named as the Offensive Player of the Week after scoring three goals in two victories.

Now that the team has moved into conference play, each game becomes key in moving one step closer to an MIAA championship. With two upcoming home games, the Flying Dutch hope to move forward in the standings and lead the conference.

**Men remain undefeated through eight games**

James Raiston
October 1, 2008

As the men’s soccer team heads toward the second half of the season they continue to uphold their winning standards. After eight games the team remains undefeated, and with the MIAA season underway they hope to continue the trend.

“The team continues to build upon every game,” John Herbert (’10) said. “If we continue to come out strong we will continue to improve.”

The team is currently ranked 20th in the nation according to NCAA.com. They faced two MIAA opponents last week. On Sept. 20 they defeated Kalamaazo in their first game of the MIAA season. Trailing late in the second half they came up with two quick goals to capture the win 2-1. Herbert believes that the focus and drive that they have been working on were key to wins like Kalamaazo.

“The coaches have been emphasizing giving that extra little bit,” Herbert said. “We have been delivering by staying tough through the whole game.”

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**Through the server’s eyes**

**AIMING HIGH— Hope varsity volleyball player Cassidy Bulthuis (’11) lines up a serve against Trine University. The team is currently ranked 14th in the nation and has a record of 16-3. This past weekend they went 4-0 in Iowa, bringing their winning streak to 10 straight matches, including a win over fifth ranked Carthage in three sets.**

**Runners aim for national stage**

Karen Patterson
October 1, 2008

The men’s and women’s cross country teams have been working hard all season and have been giving top performances at meets throughout the season this year. Over the weekend both teams took second place at the MIAA Jamboree behind Calvin College.

On the men’s side, Calvin showed that there is a reason that they’re ranked second in the country, but Hope also showed that Calvin isn’t the only strong team in the conference.

“I think we showed that we are a dominant second team in the conference,” Paul Vandervele (’09) said. “We didn’t run as well as we can; I think that we are a better team than the meet showed and that we can be a lot closer to Calvin in the future.”

Even though the team was not as happy with their overall performance, one key stand out was Kevin Hagan (’11). “Kevin had a great day,” Rob Bailey (’09) said. “Some of our front guys struggled and Kevin was able to help make up that difference. It really makes it a difference to have people like that who step up when it’s needed.”

One thing that the team members mentioned as an area for improvement was staying moving faster as a pack. Another aspect was staying focused and strong throughout a race, not just the first and last mile.

As the team looks to the coming weekend, they have the Pre-National Invitational in Hanover, Ind. There will be multiple nationally ranked teams at the meet and the Dutchmen are confident that they have what it takes to prove themselves.

“I believe that we’re really helping of many of them and showing the selection committee that we are a national-caliber team,” Vandervele said.

Sentiments were similar on the women’s side. As with the men, Calvin won by a large margin, but Hope gave a strong second place performance.

“I think for the conditions that we had in that race we did our best,” Kate Freedour (’09) said. “We women also have similar long-term goals for their team: try to break up Calvin’s pack and run together as a united team. Another advantage that the Flying Dutch will have headed into the weekend is a full team.”

“We were missing some important runners and others really helped to fill their spaces,” Sarah Multer (’09) said.

“We’re a young team and a lot of the top five are freshmen, so it’s definitely a sign of things to come,” Multer added. “Calvin has showed their strength and we realize that they’ll be difficult to knock off, but we’re a solid team, too.”

Each team has been giving strong performances and looks to continue as they move into the second half of the season. As the season turns a corner, the cross country teams hope to power ahead and show the region that they are a strong force and will not be pushed aside.