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Hope College
111th Pull conquered by 2011 team

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Sixty-seven minutes, 71 feet of rope and the odd year Pull team achieved their 40th victory in Pull history.

On Saturday, Hope parents, alumni and students swarmed both banks of the Black River to watch the 111th Pull.

The Pull is an event filled with tradition. The first Pull on record was held in 1898, 110 years ago. At that time, Hope College was also a high school. The Pull that year was more about giving the sophomore class and a combination of the freshman class and the high school seniors—or “A’s.”

Over the next few years, the Pull evolved from a simple tug of war into the intense tradition it has become. By 1910, the Pull, which was then called the Tug, was very similar to Hope’s modern Pull.

The Anchor described the Pull in 1910: “Complete preparations had been previously made, and when the tug started no one would venture any opinion as to the outcome...When the signal was given the Freshmen gave a united pull, but their experienced opponents had established themselves so firmly that one of the knots in the rope gave way. When the rope had again been tied the tug was renewed. Neither side would yield. Each man had fortified himself to the utmost, only to find his strength equally matched. Finally, after a long and continued pull, the Freshmen through united efforts brought the Sophs foot by foot.”

Over the next century, the sophomore class won 63 pulls compared to the freshmen’s 30. Odd year boasts 40 victories to even year’s 53. There have been six ties and four cancellations, due to war and even a flu epidemic in 1957.

After a Pull that lasted three hours and 51 minutes. The Pull was called a tie.

Odd-year Pullers celebrate victory— The 2011 pull team jumps into the Black River to celebrate their second consecutive win. See full picture spread on pages 6-7.

CIS engages students in global health discussion

Kevin Soubly
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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, Hope’s arts coordinator, and a board of selected faculty and staff advisors.

“You cannot be a world citizen unless you are also grappling with one of the major issues of our time,” Gonzalez 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,” Gonzalez 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 we talk about speakers we’ve seen or heard,” Courtade said. “It’s a forum where they can try to move towards something that students are excited about every year, rather than just being it 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!”

What sets Hope College’s CIS apart from similar programs at other institutions, such as Calvin College’s January Series or the Nobel Peace Prize Forum at other Midwest colleges, is that Hope has a clear schedule for the entire day—there are no classes, faculty or student meetings. “Very few institutions can take off an entire academic day—this is a program solidly aimed at engaging students. Some other institutions have sponsors because they want to bring business in, recruit students or a variety of other reasons. But the only reason we do it is because we want to be able to provide the students an opportunity to engage on this issue,” Gonzalez said.

Occurring across campus, the Hope College Critical Issues Symposium is open to any and all, free of charge and without any required registration.

Social justice groups collaborate

Matt Oosterhouse  
Core Editor

For the past two years, several Hope College registered student organizations (RSOs) have been meeting together to plan a social justice alliance within the 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 reached fruition resulting 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 kick-off 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-pollicitate 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.”

The social justice RSOs are planning several events for October that focus on social awareness and AIDS outreach. The play “On the Edge of the Knife, Rape as a Tactic of War in the DRC” will take place on Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Martha Miller Center Fried Hemenway Auditorium. Although admission is free, a $5 donation is recommended. All proceeds will go to the Panzi Hospital.

Hope Democrats promote the vote

CELEBRITIES SUPPORT OBAMA—Tatyana Ali (left) speaks to an eager crowd of Hope College students about political activism. Will.i.am (above left) poses for a picture with Hope student RJ Casey (’09) after endorsing Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

Gina Holder  
Gaines Editor

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 traveling 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 to students. The two spoke briefly on the importance of registering to vote and voting, then challenged students to register at least five of their friends to vote.

The Hope Democrats are hoping this event will be an efficient means of increasing voter awareness, but there’s no real way to tell as of now.

“It’s actually rather difficult to judge if we were effective in accomplishing what we wanted because there’s really no way for us to know who actually votes on Nov. 4,” Craig said. “However, there was lots of excitement immediately after the event and we did register 71 voters on campus and in downtown Holland after Will.i.am and Tatyana Ali spoke.”

Hope College is replacing the HCTA (Hope College Teaching Assessment) with a new form SALT (Student Assessment of Learning and Teaching). The new, improved form will include questions about how each course contributes to the overall curriculum of Hope. Currently only about 25 percent of students fill out teaching assessments for their professors. Administration needs at least 75 percent in order to obtain reliable data, so students are highly encouraged to fill out the new SALT form at the end of their courses.

Even and odd battle for rope over the river

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This year’s Pull, however, was without complication. Even though it was 67 minutes in length, it was not the shortest Pull on record. In 1956, the Pull lasted only two minutes and forty seconds. Still, Saturday’s Pull lasted 80 minutes and was clear in just over an hour.

The Pull is a tradition unique to Hope College. One Moraler admitted that the Pull was one of the things that originally drew her to Hope. However, not all Hope students are aware of the Pull before experiencing it for the first time.

“My freshman year I was a little freaked out,” one Even Year supporter said. “I mean, I came out to watch and had no idea why there were a whole bunch of guys lying in pits pulling on a rope.”

The Pull may be an unusual tradition but one that most of Hope college takes great pride in. Hope college students have participated in Pull, taking part in its progression from the standing tug of war it started as into what it has become. In Saturday’s Pull, eighteen Pullers lay in pits on both banks of the Black River and eighteen Moralers knelt next to the pits and passed on commands to their Pullers.

Despite the strenuous nature of the training, the Pullers and Moralers report that the experience is well worth the strain. “It’s a pure adrenaline rush,” one Odd year Moraler said.

With 40 teammates working together, the Pull gives participants a sense of community. During their three weeks of training, the Pull teams spend almost all of their free time together from their seventy-five hours of training to eating meals together in Phelps.

As one Puller stated, “For me, Pull is a family. It’s the best three weeks of your life.”
Japanese Prime Minister elected after resignation

Alex Quick

A NEW LEADER— Japa-

ese Prime Minister Taro Aso

speaks to the media follow-

ing a meeting in New York on

Sept. 25.

houses of the Diet, the House of

Representatives, and the House

of Councilors respectively. Both

houses hold an internal election

to forth nominations for the

position, if the houses nominate
different people; a joint commit-
tee of the Diet is called to select
the prime minister.

This latter procedure was
invoked when the House of

Representatives, dominated by

the center-right Liberal Demo-
cratic Party, put forth Taro Aso;

while the House of Councilors,

controlled by the socially lib-

eral Democratic Party of Japan,

nominated Ichiro Ozawa. Aso

won after three rounds of vot-
ing.

Aso is certainly a charac-
ter, 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

a staunch conservative, being a

member of the Liberal Demo-
cratic Party of Japan, and a for-
der Olympic athlete in the

1984 Winter Olympics. Politically

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ic prime minister.

He may need this exuberance
to maintain the Liberal Demo-
crat's political dynasty, which

stretches back to 1955, with only

a three-year interruption in the

mid nineties. Aso has assumed

the helm of a country that is go-
ing through an economic down-
turn, and the helm of a party

that is having internal strife and

whose popular support 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 larg-
est teachers union "a cancer," accord-
ing to the International Herald

Tribune. The finance minister

said that the incident will give an

impression that the government

is already in disarray. Aso will

have to work hard and quick to

win over the Japa-

nese people if he does not want

one of his first acts to be calling

the election that ushers him out

of power... and he is already fac-

ing pressure to do so.

South Africa names new president

Amanda Gernentz

Assistant National News Editor

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 po-

itical party he has belonged to

since he was 14 years old. This

marks the end of an era, as Mbek-
i was only the second president

elected democratically in South

Africa's history. Nelson Man-
dela was the first.

Mbeki's forced resignation

ends the long-running battle be-

 tween him and his chief political

rival, Jacob Zuma. Zuma has

been 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 month.

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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-treat ed 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. under-secretary 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 task ahead more difficult.” Countries need to work together to “make up lost ground.” But Ban is optimistic in 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 Societ.

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 Beat,” a global youth congress held at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, England, during which he and Coyle taught a jazz styles and history class each day. For the past several years he has performed with the outstanding jazz quartet Mind’s Eye.

Talaga has appeared with numerous jazz groups and as a solo artist at jazz festivals and clubs internationally, including a performance with Mind’s Eye at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. He has also performed professionally with such jazz luminaries as Claudia Rodditt, Bobby Shaw, Maria Schneider, Dennis Di Blazio, Marvin Smarr, Gunnar Moshblad, Clay Jenkins and many more talented musicians.

Tap Jam takes dancing to a whole new level

Anna Pilott

Hope College dance got in- volved in the community by holding Holland’s first ever Tap Jam on Sept. 19. Hope’s own Res- ident Director of Tap and dance in-structors, Rosanne Barton-DeVr- ies organized the event. Dancers started off softly, but soon a great majority were jumping in eagerly, creating rhythms and dancing with the drummer.

Percussionist and artist, An- drew Snyder, spoke to the group about the roots of rhythm and their differences in various mu- sic genres. DeVries added her in- sight by stressed that the group was continuing a tradition born from tap roots in the street. She told the group how lucky they were to be a part of this histor- ic world-renowned tradition.

Starting simply, the group formed a circle and began to improvise on a theme. With on-lookers keeping time by clapping, the rhythms being passed around became more and more evocating.

“It’s so exciting to be in such an exuberant atmosphere of sound,” Kari Burke (’09) said. This enthusiasm verged on chaos as the entire group moved on to a game of “call and re- sponse” with percussionist Snyder. The group struggled while trying to tap the rhythm set by Snyder. Articulating complex rhythms with her feet and exud- ing “cool,” DeVv- ies stepped in, a perfect demon- stration of why the tap program at Hope is so special.

“She looks at tap in a different way then what I can see as a freshman. She incorporates not only the feet but also the rest of your body into the rhythm,” Lindsay Roberts (’09) said. Two more Tap Jams will be on the third Fridays of October and November at 6 p.m. at the Hope Hall Arts Council.

IN BRIEF

‘UNSIGNIFIED’ 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.

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The concert will feature the locally popular indie-folk group, They Were Thieves, which includes Hope alumni, Jonah Ogles (’07) and Jonathan 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 Felg. Each artist or group will be playing three to four songs each.

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THE 111TH PULL
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.oceansavesfoundation.org/overseas/nass.htm 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/election-center/ 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 which they received 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 candidates. 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 for not 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
Your personal guide to the issues:
Featuring Republican John McCain, Democrat Barack Obama and Libertarian Bob Barr

Magdalene Reishus
Assistant Features Editor

Plans 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.

Plans to drastically reduce spending by limiting federal outlays to only the government’s legitimate functions, as stated in the United States Constitution.

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.

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.

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.

Layout by Gina Holder
Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan, these two words have become the words "bailout" and "sub-prime." This list of overused words and phrases will be financial institutions of American Insurance Association have provided bailouts to the failing Corporation has company, and while there is some some of the most interesting ones are the ones we are for ourselves, and sometimes, you begin to live up to the label. The father’s point was this: be careful what mirrors you trust to tell you who you are; you may just become the lies that you see.

If the mirror idea is true, which one do we go to? Who tells you what is in fashion about yourself? It seems silly to have to tell some- one to abandon gossip for truth or vice versa? Sometimes falsehood is attractive, but can’t the truth be stranger than fiction?

There’s something beautiful about fall fashion magazines. Not only are the clothing styles different but the scenery and colors change in them as well. As the weather changes, things get just a bit cooler and a lit- tle less flashy. Some call it introspective, as if with the cool wind of autumn people have more time to think. But maybe that’s when it happens. The right breeze comes along, and the next thing you know one of the hats you’ve been balancing has blown off. Then you look in the mirror and who do you see? Maybe you.

Erika English loves hats, as all the wom- en in her family do, but she would like to thank her father for the inspiration for this column.

Advice for the day: Trust God to meet your financial needs (George Meuller, anyone?). Enter Gandalf the Grey. Gandalf, in Lord of the Rings, adamantly refused great power and strength when he refused to take the One Ring from Frodo, for Gandalf real- ized that he would initially use the ring for good, but he foresaw that he would eventu- ally and ultimately use the ring for evil (as he would slowly succumb to the evil imbedded in it).

From such a wise character of Gandalf, we can definitively learn some things about greed. First, we must realize greed’s ca- pability to infiltrate our lives in the most direct and ultimately use the ring for evil (as he would slowly succumb to the evil imbedded in it).

Street. It is a critical time for our country and we need leaders who are willing to not let the excessive greed of others ruin mil- lions of lives.

Therefore, when you vote, it would be prudent for you to choose the candidate who has the character and willingness to talk tough to the money grubbing self-serv- ing politicians, to the covetous irresponsi- ble CEOs of the financial sector, and to the blood-thristy gunnerspines at the sub-prime financial institutions who are inat- able in their lust for wealth and pleasure. It is highly important that you vote for the can- didate who is not afraid to stand up when others are standing down and tackle greed when he sees it. Maybe, just maybe, tuck- sting greed in our own lives and in the financi- al sectors will help get America back to where she was before. I say this because I care, and so should you.

Come Nov. 4 (or earlier if you are ab- sentee balloting), Matt challenges you to be informed, prepared and ready to vote. Advice for the day: Trust God to meet your needs so that you can avoid greed.

Matt Oosterhouse, student editor, explains his love for hats.

The mirrors around them perpetuate insecurities, abuses of relationships and cliques until the person holds onto the hat they are told to wear, even if deep down they know it is not who they really are.

Because I care

Matt Oosterhouse

Where has greed gotten us?

On Jan. 2, 2009, I can just about guar- antee you that two of the words making Lake Superior State University’s annual list of overused words and phrases will be the words “bailout” and “sub-prime.” This autumn, these two words have become household terms—much like the names Paris Hilton, Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan have been for the past year or two. Over the past month, the U.S. govern- ment has provided bailouts to the failing financial institutions of American Insurance Association, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. On the surface, the companies failed due to bad bets with mortgages and bad loans; the underlying surface, the companies es- sentially failed because they were greedy and desired more wealth.

This is where greed has gotten us: the economic situation of our country is in a downturn partly due to the risky, bad loans. The jobless rates are increasing steadily. The dollar no longer commands the strength overseas as it once did. Oil prices are higher than they should be. The list goes on.

This summer, I was asked by my mother whether I would like to be really wealthy someday. My initial answer was yes, because I would like to be able to give lien-lessly to the needy. But when thought about it more, I decided that I would not want such a burden as wealth, for it has the potential to lead to greed. Greed and care- less spending can corrupt even the most sin- cere hearts, for greed is a voracious animal with a bottomless stomach and an over- stimulated hypothalamus (the part of the brain that controls hunger). Money never satisfies. Only God can, and I trust him to always meet my financial needs (George Meuller, anyone?).

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The great college love affair

Katie Bennett, co-editor-in-chief, explains her love for hats.

Like traditional love affairs, the great college love affair is long lasting and deep. But it has its downs and generally lacking cash.

What about those phases? To those of you seniors reading this, I call for a refusal to fall into the “college days” trap to which so many of us have succumbed. We’re still in it, so we can acknowledge honestly that college isn’t a vast promised land of perfection with free beer. College is just like life at the time—full of ups and downs and generally lacking cash.

To those of you who are underclass- men, I urge you to enjoy it! It’s a great time. But it’s not the best time life has to offer. The best is still to come.

College is, however, the best time life has to offer for free food. So take advantage of that while you can.

It’s amazing how many hats you can wear. Some call it introspective, as if with the cool wind of autumn people have more time to think. But maybe that’s when it happens. The right breeze comes along, and the next thing you know one of the hats you’ve been balancing has blown off. Then you look in the mirror and who do you see? Maybe you.

Erika English loves hats, as all the wom- en in her family do, but she would like to thank her father for the inspiration for this column.

Advice for the day: Trust God to meet your financial needs (George Meuller, anyone?). Enter Gandalf the Grey. Gandalf, in Lord of the Rings, adamantly refused great power and strength when he refused to take the One Ring from Frodo, for Gandalf real- ized that he would initially use the ring for good, but he foresaw that he would eventu- ally and ultimately use the ring for evil (as he would slowly succumb to the evil imbedded in it).

From such a wise character of Gandalf, we can definitively learn some things about greed. First, we must realize greed’s ca- pability to infiltrate our lives in the most direct and ultimately use the ring for evil (as he would slowly succumb to the evil imbedded in it).

Street. It is a critical time for our country and we need leaders who are willing to not let the excessive greed of others ruin mil- lions of lives.

Therefore, when you vote, it would be prudent for you to choose the candidate who has the character and willingness to talk tough to the money grubbing self-serv- ing politicians, to the covetous irresponsi- ble CEOs of the financial sector, and to the blood-thirsty gunnerspines at the sub-prime financial institutions who are inat- able in their lust for wealth and pleasure. It is highly important that you vote for the can- didate who is not afraid to stand up when others are standing down and tackle greed when he sees it. Maybe, just maybe, tuck- st
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 a historically unprecedented dream job? Should I just pinch myself to wake up from such a crazy dream? However, this was not a dream, even though I looked back on my experiences from this past summer and still have trouble believing what I did.

Even before 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 really 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 down in-town Chicago and I felt very confident about my ability to secure an 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 I could have, what would it be? If there is one place you could work for, where would it be? Immediately, I knew the answer— The Golf Channel! The Golf Channel is my favorite cable television network and has always been a company that I have wanted to work for the past few years. I made myself a promise that night that I would eventually have some sort of job with the 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 word. I waited for a 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 felt natural and lasted for over an hour, which was 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 top-notch universities so I had no clue what I thought.

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 (which is where I live) 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 of 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 Hope 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?
Women's Soccer: mid-season success

**James Raiston**

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 Kalamazoo in their first game of the MIAA season. Trailering 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 Kalamazoo. “The coaches have been emphasizing giving that extra little bit,” Herbert said. “We have been delivering by staying tough through the whole game.”

Over the weekend the team continued their winning ways defeating Olivet 2-1 on Sept. 27. The wins have put Hope on top of the MIAA standings. Key to last weeks wins was Jack Abe (’09) who was named MIAA player of the week with a goal in each of last week’s games. Abe attributes the team's success to a collaborative effort.

“Our team knows that each foot on the field has been stepping up,” Abe said. “It is our team as a whole that is bringing the success, everyone is on the same page and working hard.”

**Runners aim for national stage**

**Karen Patterson**

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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 Vandervelde (’09) said. “We did not 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 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 have a collaborative effort of beating many of them and showing the selection committee that we are a national-caliber team,” Vandervelde said.

Sentiments were similar on the women's side. As with the men, Calvin won by a large margin, but Hope gave a second place performance. “I think for the conditions that we had in that race we did our best,” Kate Fredsour (’09) said. The 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.