Faculty divided over word use

Some offended by the term “exotic,” used to announce a concert

Matt Cook
Canvas Beat Editor

There is currently a debate among the faculty and staff of Hope College concerning the use of the term “exotic,” because some find the word offensive to minorities.

The discussion was sparked on Monday, September 18, when Paula Savaglio, instructor for world music, sent out a notice over the Campusmail e-mail distribution system inviting faculty and staff to last week’s performance of Zimbabwean mbira music at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Savaglio used the word exotic once, in the beginning of her message.

“All interested in exotic music: On Thursday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m. At the Knickerbocker Theatre, Erica Azim will present a lecture-demonstration of Zimbabwean mbira music,” said Savaglio in her invitation.

After she was alerted by another faculty member that the word could be offensive, Savaglio sent out an apology over Campusmail.

Some faculty members thought that she didn’t need to apologize, and that opinion was voiced over Campusmail, which provoked responses from people of different opinions. It grew into a full-scale e-mail discussion.

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Free to speak

Members of the campus community are up in arms over the use of the word "exotic" in combination with ethnic music, and more broadly ethnic groups in general. Some people are claiming that the term is offensive, a word that is assigned by those in power to those who are not in power. Others defend the choice of the word as a person's expression, and maintain that no apology was necessary for the use of the word.

Compounding the issue is the fact that both sides of the argument have valid points. Those who feel the word is slandering to themselves or others have every right to feel this way. The people who used the word also have the right to express themselves in the way that they feel, and if they stand by their usage of the word exotic, they have the right to speak the way that they do. Both sides are entirely entitled to their opinions—thank the First Amendment for that.

The freedom of speech is a wonderful right, one that many people around this world do not enjoy. But in the community of a college, or any other place where multiple viewpoints are represented, these very freedoms can lead to unrest. In the case of the word exotic, it seems that each side is respecting its own freedom of speech, but not respecting the other side's freedom.

Those who feel that exotic was wrong seem to be unwilling to allow others in the Hope community to feel that the use of the word is okay. Similarly, those who feel that the word exotic was rightfully expressed may be failing to at least understand that others may take offense to a word that they themselves find offensive. Both sides are free to express themselves, but they are forgetting that for them to have the freedom to feel the way they do, the other side must have that freedom as well. Like all arguments, it takes some simple understanding of each other's point of view before a resolution can be reached. But this understanding is something that seems to be in short supply at Hope College. Almost all the big issues that have hit campus in recent years, from homosexuality to pluralism, have suffered from the same syndrome: lack of understanding, and staff can be blind to the reasoning of the people they disagree with.

Fortunately, this understanding problem is not present in all of the people at Hope. Many people already do make a conscious effort to be understanding of others. With luck, the virus of close-mindedness to opposing viewpoints will be cured and replaced with an ethic of understanding others. If so, Hope will be a better place for everyone to feel comfortable expressing who they are and knowing that they will be at least listened to. If not, then we can expect "exotic" debates to crop up again and again.

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Student opposes previous letter room reservations

To The Editor:

I would like to start by congratulating Eric Bruns on making a complete fool of himself with his letter to the editor in last week’s issue. If you are going to insult someone (or a group of people) it’s always best to get the facts straight or learn proper procedure.

First and foremost, if you are going to ask to borrow the Juliana room, you should go to the right person. That person being the stage manager, not whoever you talked to in the theatre office. It is the stage manager’s duty to know when rehearsal is, and when we will be in the Juliana room, not the secretary of the department.

Next, you say that in the past 2 years we’ve never been in the department programs that, surprisingly, are not doing what the politicians promised they would. There are candidates out there taking real issues.

I have chosen this campaign season to promote the candidacy of Harry Browne. Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party seek to abolish the income tax, thereby destroying the IRS, reduce the size and the role of government, and the detrimental War on Drugs, and give the people the power to make decisions for themselves. The United States flourished for over a hundred years without any income tax and by staying within the confines of the constitution.

The politicians we see and hear everyday do not follow the restrictions of the constitution. They feel that it is their right to take 47% of our income, lose much of it in the growing size of bureaucracy, and give it back to the few. In the words of Harry Browne, “the government likes to break your legs and then you cry a croch_saying ‘see, what would you do without me?’” The Libertarian Party is the third largest party in the United States. There are already 300 libertarians serving in public office today and party membership has grown 21/2 times since Harry Browne ran in 1996. Harry is on the ballot in all 50 states. In the latest Zogby poll issued he had a 1% lead over Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

I grew up in a middle-class Republican home. Personally, I am not in total agreement with everything Harry advocates, but I wholeheartedly believe that his ideas and principles need to be heard. Neither of the major party candidates are advocating reducing any specific government programs. They are not planning on cutting anything, just adding more programs that won’t live up to the promises they are making. Setting for the lesser of two evils was not the design of our democracy when the framers formed it. Take a stand. If you have any questions about the Libertarian Party or would like to help out, please feel free to give me a call or check out www.HarryBrowne2000.org.

Most of all get out and vote. You can make a difference.

John McDonald ’01

Hope Democrat objects to Republicans’ table tents

To The Editor:

Please, indulge me for a paragraph or two. Picture a quiet weekend day at Hope College. The theatre is silent and the sun is shining. I am enjoying a quiet break in the Pine Grove when I start to hear a quiet, but sharp noise. Over the next few minutes it gets louder, stronger. What is this sound, I wonder? Then it comes to me! This sound, like the gentle scratching of a blackboard, is the collective whining of the Hope Republicans.

During my previous three years at Hope College, I have often felt held back by certain policies of both the college itself and the student body as a whole. However, as I am not someone provoked very easily, I have often fought the silent battle. As a member of the Hope Democrats for three years, I was insulted when I sat down and read a table tent that seemingly boasted me personally. Belonging to a group that is involved with not only campaign-making comments to friends rather than in a public form. On October 2, this all changed during what I hoped to be an uneventful lunch in Phelps Hall.

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Rash of automotive vandalism hits Hope's lots

19 broken windshields in three days

Angela Zemla

Besides parking fees, and searching for an elusive parking space, Hope students with cars have another problem on their hands — vandalism.

Between Thursday, September 21 and Sunday, September 24, there were 19 reports of broken windshields and damaged side view mirrors that start with an "S". This will put them in touch with Public Safety.

There is no way to directly reach Central Dispatch from cell phones. According to Mike Lafata, Public Safety patrol sergeant, anyone on campus dialing 9-1-1 will go to an operator at Public Safety. The operator then immediately dispatches a Public Safety officer to the scene.

If additional help is needed, such as an ambulance or a fire truck, the fire department is automatically called before the officer arrives on the scene. However, if it is a false alarm, the officer will arrive on time to assess the scene and cancel the alarm before the fire trucks arrive.

According to Lafata, this is the safest way to do things, because although a fire truck is always called, false alarms are fairly common and a Public Safety officer can tell that to the fire department. Leasing the chance of a truck being diverted from a real fire.

Fee from 1

Last year, over $300,000 was requested by student organizations, however, only $232,000 was available. Because of the difference, the Student Congress Appropriations Committee, Morrison, approached Student Congress last week to request that the Student Activities Budget PULL from 1

Practices began three weeks ago and included many hours on the rope during the two Saturdays before the Pull to prepare for the competition. "Put all the hard work in for three weeks, and to see them feel the win, it's better than actually feeling it yourself," said Morrison.

Although there is no way to reach Central Dispatch from campus, Lafata said that it makes no difference in the response time to an emergency.

"It has never been a problem in the past," said Lafata. "It has never been an issue as far as time." However, that is only because it is a high stress situation.

If someone is in distress and needs their eyes put to a point of submission, Mike Lafata, Public Safety patrol sergeant, said he has never seen so many in the eleven years he has worked at Public Safety.

The vandalism appears to have been committed sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Lafata said that when Public Safety went out to investigate a broken windshield, they discovered that other cars had also been damaged. One of the cars damaged last week belonged to Brian Manning (03). When Manning left his 1992 Sports Coupe parked at 11 p.m. Wednesday night, it was fine. By 9 a.m. Thursday morning, the passenger side mirror had been completely broken off.

"How could someone be so stupid?" Manning said. "They just wanted to do something, and decided to take it out on the cars." Public Safety officers then reported to continue in the next three days as students discovered their damaged vehicles. Kate Twinklek (02) received a call from her roommate Friday afternoon, informing her that the driver's side mirror of her Hyundai Accent was hanging off the side of the car.

"Way to reach us or to [park here] and this stuff still happens. It's frustrating because there is no way to find out who did this," Twinklek said. "There's no where else to park my car, yet I don't feel safe."

Public Safety increased patrols of the parking lots immediately after discovering the vandalism. One of the officers spent quite a while on the phone, including from extensions should dial 911 from any campus phone, including from extensions that start with an "S". This will put them in touch with Public Safety.

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Fee be raised to $50.00 per semester in the 2001-2002 school year. "We don't want to drastically increase the fees, but we do want to provide financial improvement for the budget. For the current situation, this will remedy the problem we have," Morrison said.

There were five new student organizations that started during the 1999-2000 school year. Although there are three more on the way this year that will need funds as well.

"This is one area of campus that we can control, yet there is currently a need for more money," said Morrison.

right to decide what they are called.

"What we're saying is this is not the word we want to use describing our people," De La Torre said. According to La De La Torre, "exotic" is an offensive term because it comes from the colonial period, ascribing a female body and sexual identity to the colonists view of a native people, therefore putting the native people in a position of submission. The one that names the one that has the power," De La Torre said. "The dominant culture wants to retain the power of naming us."

As of yesterday, there were over 53 postings on the DISCUS site from minority and non-minority faculty and staff members arguing the issue from both sides. Some of the postings argue De La Torre and his supporters are being overly sensitive. However, De La Torre is frustrated because he feels the debate was settled in academic circles over 30 years ago.

I'm trying to hold my colleagues to the same scholastic rigor that is expected of me," De La Torre said. De La Torre spoke on the topic at a RISE meeting on Monday. Many Hope College faculty and students were in attendance to debate the topic. According to one of the DISCUS postings that De La Torre read at the RISE meeting, some minority faculty members were not participating on the discussion board, but were participating by exploring their options for employment at other institutions.

"This is a very sad commentary," De La Torre said. "We're trying to have diversity, but at the same time we're creating a very hostile environment."
Odd Year Pull team captures the win and 36-feet-8-inches of rope at the 103rd Pull!

Jane Bast and Rand Arwady

The cold murky waters of the Black River were a welcome baptism for the victorious members of the '03 Pull Team. After a bitter defeat as freshmen, the team returned to the river bank with one goal: to become the ultimate Pull team.

"[The '03 Pull Team] knew their dream and they made it come true," said Megan Brax (03), '03 Morale Coach. "They knew they had all our hopes. They knew we were proud of them already, and what we told them today was to come out here and make us proud of themselves."

"The road to victory began with a call to selfishness," said Jon Plummer ('01), '03 Pull Coach. "Get greedy." The team took Plummer's words seriously, owning the rope throughout the entire Pull. In the end, '03 took 36-feet-8-inches of rope from the Even Year team, an unusually large margin of victory.

"I'm just proud of every guy on this team," said Nate Moore (03). "They all pulled their hearts out and I don't think they could have done any more. We won by over 36 feet, which is one of the biggest wins I've ever heard of."

During the three-hour event spectators and fans surrounded the cheerers, watching the Pullers and their Moraletes. Among the crowd were Mary VandenBerg, whose son J.B. coached the '03 team.

"We found out that three generations of our family have done the Pull," said Mary VandenBerg ('69). "Rick and I met through the Pull. I was a moraler back when they were called 'morale girls.' I think I'm more nervous now with J.B. doing things the way he did it."

When time was called, '03 Pull coaches gathered in a huddle before turning to the team to announce the verdict. When the team heard coach Joel Neckers ('01) call to reel in the rope, they knew they had won.

"It was the best three weeks, three hours of my life," said Liz Knooihuizen ('03). "It's pretty bad when at nineteen, you think you've hit the highlight of your life and that from here on out it's never going to be the same."

After receiving hugs, cheers and high-fives from teammates and spectators, the '03 Pull Team took the traditional victory dip in the Black River. From the middle of the river, which had separated the two teams for the past three hours, Odd Year shouted "Odd Pull Team, Absolutely Pull Team."

The team went on to celebrate its victory with a poem:

"We came together! We win together! We play together! We love each other! We pull together! We pull together! This year, most of the Odd Year team took advantage of the face paint."

WARRIOR FACE: In preparation for the battle ahead, puller Josh Egedy ('03) painted the left half of his face black. This year, most of the Odd Year team took advantage of the face paint.

SNACK TIME: Moraler Elizabeth Bos ('03) feeds puller Tim Folkert ('03) an orange between heaves. One of the jobs of a moraler is to hydrate their puller, as well as relay calls and keep the puller focused.
103rd Pull
03 Victory

'03 PULL TEAM'S GONNA GET WET:
Odd year takes the traditional swim in the Black River.

FRONT LINE:
Odd year coaches Jon Plummer ('01), Jeremy VanDenBerg ('01), Justin Savara ('01) and Bill Serrano ('01) watch as Joel Neckers ('01) gives the strain call.

LOOK: Noah Weiss ('03) closely to be certain.

WAR: Mike Dolislager ('03) pours out everything he has while moraler Kristen Shoehan ('03) is ready for anything.

Rock Solid: Nate Moore ('03) odd year anchor holds up his team with the help of Sasha Snapp ('03).

HEAVE: Chad Sampson ('03) and moraler Emily Selden ('03) fight to gain rope.

FEMINIST MOVEMENT: Elizabeth Tyndell ('04) fourth woman ever to pull, holds the line.
KILL THE PAIN: Rob Ondra ('04) holds the rope with everything he has as Liz Tyndell ('04) relays the calls.

INCH UP: Chris Ledtke ('03) and Kelly Cleland hold the rope as odd year readys to heave.

THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE: After a long battle Even year stands at the side of the Black River.

SEVEN-TEEN UP: Donald Hart ('04) stands, giving the anchor a chance to re-tie his knot. Rachel Peckenaugh ('04) his moraler makes sure that he doesn't fall.

TONGUE ACTION: James Manojlovich ('04) lets it loose on the rope.

STRAIN: Aron Devos ('02) gives the strain call, warning that odd year is about to heave.
EMOTIONAL ROLLER-COASTER:
Above: Moraler Mary Beth D'Agosta ('04) encourages puller Ross Dieleman ('04) during the final minutes of the Pull. Right: Puller Elizabeth DeGraaf ('04) heaves while moraler Anne Slaughter ('04) cheers her on.

HANGING TOUGH: Anchor Matt Clouse ('04) receives support from his moraler Katie Van Dam ('04).

TRENCH WARFARE: The Even Year team fights a losing battle on the south side of the Black River.

Even Year tastes the agony of defeat as they lose to Odd Year

Andrew Kleczek
Staff Reporter

For a few seconds all that could be heard on the Even Year ('04) side of the Black River was the quiet dragging of the rope as it rubbed against the pits. Following tradition, the winning year was reeling in the rope. Odd Year ('03) had won the 103rd Pull.

For Even Year coaches, the loss was difficult but the pullers had to be told of their defeat.

"We're very proud of you for everything you did today. But unfortunately, Odd Year has more rope," said Aaron DeVos ('02), '04 Pull coach.

After the announcement, pullers wept and hugged. Later, Even Year pullers, coaches, and alumni gathered in front of the first pit to congratulate Odd Year.

"'03 Pull team, awesome Pull team," chanted the pullers. Odd Year then returned the favor.

Using a new, thinner rope, Odd Year out-gained Even Year by 36 feet 8 inches.

Despite the sadness, Even Year Pull coaches were still able to cheer for their team.

"'04, you pulled very hard today. You put your heart and soul into this," DeVos told the pullers while they were still gathered in the pits, arms empty of the two and a half inch rope.

It was a long way to this end for Even Year anchor, Matt Clouse ('04), who struggled to keep consciousness throughout the Pull. To keep him on his feet and keep him going, he was given smelling salts as well as some back support by Pull coaches, moralers and college officials.

After a couple of hours of strenuous pulling, Clouse was fighting hard and had to be held up entirely by Pull coaches and moralers.

"Didn't expect to feel the way I did... terrible," Clouse said.

Despite his struggles, Pull coaches knew Clouse would be all right.

"You always worry about them," said Jen Peeks ('02), '04 Morale coach. "But I had faith in him. I had seen him in practice the last three weeks, and I knew he could hold his own."

The crowd also fell into supporting Clouse, chanting "Anchor," to boost his spirits.

"It helped a lot," Clouse said. "I could hear it when they chanted... sometimes."

In one day, Clouse and others found the Pull to be one of the most demanding events of their lives.

"It was unbelievable - the most intense thing I've ever done, and most emotional. I'm just in a trance," said Donny Hart ('04).

Through everything, even loss, the pullers of Even Year bonded and developed a sense of unity.

"It's what they say '04 Pull team, Family Pull team," said Mary Beth D'Agosta ('04), reciting a chant. "You spend so much time building a family with these people, you know it means as much to them as it does to you."
Jazz Ensemble gets groove on

Emily Moellman and Kyle Delhagen
Art Editor and Staff Reporter

Hope’s Jazz Ensemble has a lot in store this year, including its first performance this Tuesday, October 4 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

Directed by Brian Coyle, professor of jazz studies, Jazz Ensemble is comprised of Hope student musicians in each class.

“The Jazz Ensemble is looking forward to the possibility of going on a joint tour with the Winds Symphony sometime later this year,” Coyle said.

This year’s Jazz Ensemble will play a wide variety of music at its concerts. They are currently working on some standard swing tunes like “Queen Bee” and “Willow Weep for Me.”

For the upcoming concert, Coyle has selected other recognizable jazz favorites such as Charles Mingus’ “Haitian Fight Song” and Bill Holman’s Grammy award-winning piece “A View from the Side.”

Holman is probably the most important jazz composer in the last thirty years,” Coyle said. “It’s early yet, but we have some promising freshmen.”

Paul Wesselink (‘04) is a newcomer to the ensemble, but it is not his first time playing in a jazz ensemble. He has been playing the trombone in jazz bands for eight years and finds that being in the jazz band at Hope is quite different than being in a high school jazz band.

“They are a more mature ensemble,” said Wesselink. “Students want to take care of business and they want to be here. They practice and it shows.”

Coyle himself has quite a passion for directing the Jazz Ensemble and music.”

The cast, a combination of Hope theater professor Andrea Cleary and Emily Moellman, from its original start, the first the-

cy was a resounding testament to the bravery and dedication of the women who went to serve on Vietnam,” said Tammi. “It’s also, on more universal level, a powerful anti-war statement.”

The cast, a combination of Hope students and alumni, has been immersed in the play from the very beginning of rehearsals, as the ex-

periences of their characters are intense. Tammi brought in three Viet-

nam veterans, a former nurse and two infantry men to speak to the ac-

tors on the war.

“Whenever we’re doing a play that confronts or taken on a critical issue, we try to inform the experi-

ence that the student actors have in rehearsal by putting them in con-

tact with people that can speak to the issue at hand from a personal experience,” Tammi said.

The cast was also prepared for their roles by viewing a documen-

tary on Vietnam relating to the story. “It brought tears to my eyes to think that this character I am por-

traying went through all of these things,” said cast member Jeannette Austin (‘04).

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acter can become another character that is necessary to tell the story at any given moment.

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“Since I’ve never been in a play before, it’s been a good learning experience,” said Bruggers. “It’s hard trying to think of ways to keep each character different and I have gained a lot more respect for actors who have to learn lines on such a short notice.”

“A Piece of My Heart” is running at the Dewitt Studio Theater October 13, 18, 19, 27, and 28 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $4.00 for students, $5.00 for faculty/staff, and $7.00 for adults. The box office is currently open in the lobby of Dewitt Theater and seats are available.

The cast is confident and ready for the opening.

“Not only do we rehearse every day, but we also put in a lot of time and energy outside of practice,” Austin said. “This drama needs the kind of intensity to bring life to the job on the page. This show has come to our life.”

Nightlife:


Howlin’ Moon Saloon: Contemporary country nights with line-


Soul Centre Cafe: Sat. gathering next to CentrePoint Church. 209 W. Michigan St. 270-3074.

Art at Hope:

SAC movie watching “Keeping the Faith”: Grapes. $2. Fri. & Sat. 7-9 & 11pm. Sun. 3pm.

Saco coffee house: Weds. Sept. 27, 9-11 p.m. in the Kletz. Coffee and non-cof-

fee drinks.

Jazz Nite at the Kletz. Every Thursday 7:30-9.

Play “A Piece of My Heart” in Dewitt Studio Theatre Opens Weds., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. $4 stu-

dents/$5 Faculty

Concerts:

10-5 Molly. Rush Street. Musikgon


First play of season full of heart

Emily Moellman, Andrea Glerry and Lauren Pike
Art Editor and Staff Reporters

After being postponed a week from its original start, the first the-

ater production of the year on Hope’s campus, “A Piece of My Heart”, will finally open in Dewitt’s Studio Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. Performances will con-

inue through October.

Written by Shirley Lauro and di-

rected by Hope theater professor John Tammi, “A Piece of My Heart”, is the story of six women who have to learn lines on such a short notice.

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Classified

03 Pull is a machine. Sweet day on Saturday.

Seth Palmer... I want your body!

Warboss Nick- When will we clash again? My daemons wait to slay your puny ores.

Mr.- You are in no way like Jeff. You have a great future. And you don’t talk like Johnny Carson, either. Hi-yo.

To Amanda: You look familiar...

Free Mumia!

Vanderprov- Check out our newly updated website at http://vanderprov.knowhope.org. It’s better than magic pants that allow you to walk through walls.

Jane- I miss you. Andrew

President Bultman- Happy birthday.

Arianna- sorry for the mislabeled pictures. I appreciate your work. -Matt

Dangermouse- you rock, thanks for saving all my custards, I appreciate the service greatly.

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ari, kt, calster: al gore on thursday? let’s take a little trip, maybe he’ll grab our hoohahs.

manda: let’s end this long-distance relationship.

dyk, d, and king: Syringes are frightening.

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Painting an accurate picture of Hope College

The Admissions staff seeks to recruit students while telling the truth about life at Hope.

Julie Green, Senior Admissions Counselor

With a record enrollment of 2015, some would say that Hope's Admissions is doing its job. But some question whether new students are given an accurate description of Hope College before they enroll. "The administration staff aren't students so they won't have the same perspectives—but I know they are still aware of the seal," said Rachel Gazda ('02).

Gazda didn't feel Hope was misrepresented to her, but she did find some things here that she didn't expect and wasn't prepared for. "I feel prepared to be a certain type of Christian at Hope," Gazda said. "Perhaps everyone does not realize the full extent of the atmosphere it can be to someone who does not fit the mold of the 'Hope Christian'."

Carrie Arnold

The day before I left for Scotland, I was informed that Coca-Cola had finally surpassed tea as the most popular beverage in the U.K. My heart sank to my naval as I envisioned my next semester: it was going to be like home. America would follow me where I went, like that piece of toilet paper that decides it wants to have a long-lasting relationship with the bottom of your shoe.

 Armed with a bottle opener and two jars of peanut butter, I disembarked in Edinburgh, whereupon my fears were abruptly confirmed.

No sooner had my shoe touched the ground (though thankfully free of CTP) than I was greeted with those two familiar golden arches and a quasimadan standing under them in a red wig.

If McDonald's had become the national cuisine and Ronald the national hero (as opposed to a kilted Aussie paid $1 million to yell "Freedom!" in an American movie about Scotland that was filmed in Ireland), I was going to be in for quite a long semester.

When I arrived in the city of Aberdeen, the multitude of grey houses in the "Granite City" matched my predictions that I had traveled halfway around the world only to arrive back in Seattle. The city even had a number of Starbucks coffee houses.

Once I began my exploration of Aberdeen, I almost immediately perceived something different in the atmosphere. While I was pondering this new development, I was almost knocked down by a golf cart... err, car, (the two are approximately the same size, so you really must forgive me the error) that was driving on the other side of the road.

Anglophiles, please note: I did not refer to the British driving on the "wrong" side of the road, although that was, in fact, precisely what they were doing. This was the first discrepancy between Scotland and the US to which I was informed.

The second was that being an American meant that I could not speak English. I must confess that being forced to be overcharged on a bus fare when everyone else speaks to the driver is... "Huh!"

I have similarly endeavored to pick up the slang here, a move that is less costly than dealing with bus drivers, yet less embarrassing than sticking your foot so far in your mouth you are gnawing on your knee. Churchillian precision, after all, is not something Scotland is known for. Scottish girls on my floor asked me how I managed to pack so light. I responded by telling her that I had packed my pants on the assumption that I could wear each pair two or three times. See... not all pants are for all trousers. I informed my entire floor that I would be wearing the same pair of underwear for many days. That was bad.

As well, when one of my friends told me to turn around and "look at the cute guy in the jumper. I whirled around expecting a transvestite. It was a man in a sweater.

But over these past few weeks, it is the differences that I have fallen in love with here. I've discovered ruined castles, men in kilts, pub grub, and bagpipes.

"We try to give [prospective students] the actual feel of dorm and college life," said student host Josh Rumpsa ('08). "We have fun, introduce them to other people and make them feel welcome with an extra fan base.

"To become a host, Hope students must first apply for the position with the admissions staff and then go through a series of interviews. "It's a pretty rigorous experience," said student host Emily Manakee ('03). Once student hosts were hired, they attended an informal training session that prepared them to be hosts.

"We talked about how to handle different situations, like students who don't talk much or ask a lot of questions," Rumpsa said. The admissions staff believes in giving student hosts the freedom to answer potential student questions by using their own knowledge and judgment of the college.

"We do not give [hosts] any kind of script," said Assistant Director of Admissions, Bob Muehle. "We do not tell them how they should answer questions."

"Part of the host's job is to network potential students with Hope students who share the same interests, majors or hobbies. It's difficult to know how what it takes to make people feel comfortable," Manakee said. "We try to introduce [potential students] to a lot of different people who can answer questions."

Since many potential students may find college life unfamiliar or intimidating, host students become an important resource in the college decision process.

"I've gotten positive reactions because of the personal, one-on-one treatment we give to students," Manakee said. "It makes a difference."

Rumpsa feels that the program benefits both incoming students and the Hope students who host them.

"We like to share with people how cool college life is and how excited we are to have them here," Rumpsa said.

Why are these children social outcasts? They've visited the Vanderpump website! Don't be a loser. Check it out, vanderpumpknowhope.org
Calling all presidents

I'm using my power of the press to cordially invite both President Bultman and soon-to-be President AI Gore to the 6:30 volleyball game Thursday night in the Dow Center. The winner of the match between the Hope College Flying Dutch and the Calvin College Knights will be in the driver's seat for the MIAA championship. Both teams are coming into the match with seven wins and only one loss in the conference. Calvin's loss came against Hope early in the season, when the Dutch swept the Knights in three games. Hope's one loss on the season came as a surprise, losing to Alma in three straight sets.

I think this should be a great way for President Bultman to celebrate his birthday on Thursday. What gift would be better for the president of Hope than a victory over Calvin?

I understand that it might not be as easy to sell Gore on coming to Hope for the game, but I'm going to give him three reasons why he should make it to the game Thursday night.

First off, it would be easy for him to make the 20 minute drive from Grand Rapids (where he's speaking that afternoon) to beautiful Holland, Michigan.

Second, the team has tulips lining the streets, we still have a massive wooden stork across from the Steak and Shake on U.S. 31, and you know Gore's got to give that props.

The second reason Gore should come to Holland is that it would help his chances of winning the state of Michigan. I have learned in my time at Hope College that Holland is a very Republican community.

So, where else could Gore meet in many minds that he wants to change speaks to or is looking for a position in Holland? Besides, I promise that if Gore comes to this volleyball game I will plug Gore to win hands down, and believe me, people love to follow "Arwady's picks."

The third and most important reason Gore should come to Hope is that it would give him a great opportunity to show how cool he is to college students. Who from Holland wouldn't want the next president to be a man that painted "GO HOPE" in blue and orange letters on his chest at the Hope/Calvin Volleyball game? You'd think he was just one of the guys.

This is a game that not only these two men should attend, but every Hope student. Who doesn't need to take a break from studying or, if you're like me, wake up from that nap? If you do decide to come, you need to wear anything in your closet (or else from that large pile in the corner of your room) that's either blue or orange.

If you do decide to come, you won't be disappointed by the play of the Dutch. Hope's volleyball team is the hottest it's been all year. Last weekend the team traveled to Ohio Wesleyan for a tournament. The Dutch dropped their first match to Anderson, Ind., but turned it around and won the rest of their matches, including the championship match against Anderson, avenging their loss earlier in the tournament.

I am proposing that Hope students should begin showing up at the Dow around 6:15 to start saving seats. If you have a Dew Crew T-shirt from last year's basketball season, please wear it. If not, as is said above, any blue or orange will be fine. Freshmen, this message is specifically for you. You could use this volleyball game as a way of preparing for the Dew Crew in the winter.

I hope to see all of you at the game at 6:15, ready to cheer the Dutch on to victory. Don't worry Mr. Gore, if you don't have anything blue or orange, I'll be there with your very own Dew Crew T-shirt with "THE PREZ" embroidered on the back. That is, if you think the painted chest idea is a little too much.

Rand Arwady
Sports Editor

Percentage of voters favoring Gore is 'most important reason' to come to Hope

For the first time as the head football coach of Hope College, Dean Kreps was able to go to bed Saturday night with an overall winning record for his Dutchmen.

Kreps coached his team to a 24-16 victory over the Owosso Worrley in the opening game of the 1986 season. The Dutchmen's offense turned to the running game to help their chances of winning the game.

The Dutchmen have a much better record than their opponents. Hope is currently 3-1 going into league play.

The Dutchmen's offense turned to the running game Saturday, and tail back Adam Tvlagers ('01) led the way with 25 carries for a career-high 164 yards, scoring twice for Hope on carries of 4 and 6 yards respectively. However he was quick to give credit to his young offensive line. "The linemen were opening up just crazy holes for me," said Magers. "It's been a long time since I've seen a hole that big." Magers was awarded the MIAA offensive player of the week for his performance in Saturday's game. This was Magers second game in a row rushing for over 100 yards, and he has only lost yardage once in his last 55 attempts.

There was a lot of concern about the offensive line after Ihe Valparaiso game. However after Saturday's game the line seemed to have everything together.

"We're really coming together as an offensive line," said center Josh Rumpsa ('01) as an offensive line, "we'll keep it up coming into league play."

Both fullbacks, Scott Langlois ('01) and Landon Matthews ('01) scored for Hope with rushes of 1 and 5 yards respectively. Quarterback J D. Graves turned in another stellar performance for the Dutchmen with 12-17 passing for 163 yards, including a touchdown run from the 10. Backup quarterback Jason Helfin ('04) hit wide receiver Ryan Overmeyer ('03) on a 25 yard TD pass with less than 4 minutes to go in the game.

Hope's defense continued its great year on Saturday, holding Wisconsin Lutheran to only 55 yards on the ground. The defense also caused 4 turnovers. Interception passes for Hope were Geno Peterson ('02), Brian Fishauer ('04), and Kevin Kudej ('01), who returned his interception 10 yards for the touchdown, recovering a fumble for Hope was Steve Mosea ('04).

The Dutchmen have much needed bye week this weekend. Before the team travels to Kalamazoo to face the Hornets on October 7th, kicking off Hope's MIAA season.

"It's key to have the bye week now," Magers said. "We'll be able to get some injured guys back in time for league play."

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