Students join together to take back the night

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Guest Writer

"Sexual violence is forcing or coercing an individual to engage in any non-consensual sexual contact," says the Michigan government website. Hope College is not exempt from these acts. The event "Take Back the Night" aims to increase awareness and education among Hope students.

Take Back the Night will occur on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. starting in the Pine Grove. Students are encouraged to attend and walk around campus to visit many different locations in which sexual violence or abuse have occurred at Hope. This event takes place in locations across the country.

"Some events are more of a candlelight vigil, while others are along the lines of a march," said Rachel Anderson (‘11), a leader in Women’s Issues Organization.

At each location, speakers tell a story, read a poem or other piece of literature, or express something related in some way to sexual violence or abuse. According to English and Women’s Studies professor Julie Kipp, it is “different than any other event on campus because it is an event that is more like a performance.”

---PROFESSOR JULIE KIPP---

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Hope College’s Sexuality Roundtable’s request to host Hollywood screenwriter Dustin Lance Black as a speaker on campus has been denied by the college administration. According to the Sexuality Roundtable, Hope cited two reasons for its decision: “Black’s advocacy would be too strong for campus,” and “Black would ‘polarize’ the campus.”

Black is a screenwriter, director, and producer. He has won two Writers Guild of America awards and the 2009 Best Original Screenplay Academy Award for “Milk.” “Milk” is a biography about the first openly gay elected American politician, Harvey Milk. Black is also an advocate for gay rights. He is directing a movie filmed primarily in Holland.

“Take Back the Night provides an impactful opportunity to address the issue of sexual violence. In this way, Take Back the Night will provide an opportunity to become a part of a movement,” said Professor Julie Kipp.

This event was created with the intention of generating positive discussion about the issue of homosexuality and the importance of advocates for change like that of Harvey Milk,” said Seth Carlson (’10), one of the Roundtable’s representatives. “It is OK to disagree. It’s OK to ask questions. Without questions or dissent, there is no discussion, and with no discussion, there is no room for change.”

The Sexuality Roundtable’s disagreement in the administration’s decision is that while it is not permitted to host Black as a speaker, other academic departments have received permission. The English department will be bringing Black to campus to speak with students about the screenwriting process.

"They have a class that deals with screenwriting, and so there’s a natural tie in what he would talk about in terms of the process," said Dean of Students Richard Frost. "That would be an appropriate thing to talk about. For example, if there’s a political science class about elections, or politics, or how you do grassroots movements, how you do political organizing, how you do political campaigns, (that) would be a great thing for him to talk about because (‘Milk’) has parts of those things in it.”

Timothy Brandt (’10), another representative of the Sexuality Roundtable, stressed the nature of the Roundtable’s proposed event. He said, “The event was absolutely intended to be academic, explicitly structured so as to minimize unhealthy argument over personal opinions concerning the issue of homosexuality in the church and society, and instead focus on facilitating a reasonable, healthy inquiry into how discussion of these issues should take place.”

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Black to visit Holland’s Park Theatre

‘Take Back the Night’ event tonight

It’s good to be green.
President Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize

Decision by Nobel committee comes as great surprise to many, including the Obama administration

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Early morning Friday, Oct. 9, the Nobel Committee stunned many with the announcement that President Barack Obama had won the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nobel Committee cited Obama’s extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples, as the reasons for his receiving the award.

The announcement was met with mixed reactions, including an admission of shock by the president during his acceptance speech. Obama, along with other famous world leaders to have received the award, including Mikhail Gorbachev and Nelson Mandela, were present.

Obama also became the third prominent Democrat to win the prize, joining Jimmy Carter and Al Gore.

Several explanations have been given for why the Nobel Committee selected Obama as the recipient, despite the fact that neither the Obama administration nor the crowd attending the announcement in Oslo expected it.

Chiefamong the explanations were Obama’s efforts for nuclear disarmament, his commitment to multilateral approaches to international problems, and his outreach to the Muslim world. Other observers feel that the Nobel Committee may have been making a statement about the foreign policy of President George W. Bush.

The award ceremony is set for Dec. 10 in Oslo, and the members of the White House have already announced that they will attend. They have also announced that the president intends to donate the prize money of about $1.4 million to a charity yet to be specified.

Some see the award as a victory for Obama after the rejection of his appeal for the Olympics to take place in Chicago in 2016, which was viewed by some as a major international rejection suffered by the Obama administration. The significance of the award will also be marked by the negative reactions that have already been expressed.

A number of Republican leaders were quick to interpret the award as evidence that Obama has international star power but little else. Others criticized the Nobel Committee for bestowing the award on someone who has only been in office for nine months and has yet to make significant headway into international relations issues left to him by the previous administration.

Hope College political science professor, Jack Holmes, shared his opinion on the award saying, “It is too soon to evaluate whether President Obama deserves it.”

—Jack Holmes, Hope College Political Science Professor

In the highly controversial case U.S. v. Stevens, the Supreme Court will determine whether a law meant to halt child pornography as the only specific forms of speech the court has classified as unworthy of protection under the First Amendment.

Another controversial case is Salazar v. Buono. The case centers on a cross-shaped Veterans of Foreign Wars war memorial erected in the Mojave Desert in 1934. The cross stands in the Mojave National Preserve. A former National Park Service employee, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, sued the government for violating the Establishment Clause and endorsing Christianity by allowing the cross to stand on government property. Congress then attempted unsuccessfully to transfer the small plot of land back to the private ownership of the VFW.

While Justice Samuel Alito said that the land transfer solution was “sensible,” the plaintiff’s lawyer maintained that “the government had favored one party to come on, contrary to the government’s own regulations, and erect a permanent symbol while not allowing others.”

The court’s complete docket for the October session can be found on the U.S. Supreme Court website.

The Supreme Court opens by welcoming a new justice to the bench to face a contentious docket of cases

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Senior Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court began its latest session on Oct. 6. Notably, this will be the first session for Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first justice appointed by a Democratic president in 15 years, who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate last month. At hand include sentencing for juvenile offenders, gun control, campaign finance and freedom of speech and religion.

Sullivan v. Florida involves the case of a 13-year-old boy who raped an elderly woman. The question before the justices is whether or not a life sentence without parole constitutes cruel and unusual punishment in the case of a juvenile offender.

National Rifle Association v. Seattle has to do with the issue of state and local gun control laws. The court struck down a ban on handgun sales in Washington last year, and the NRA is hoping that it will make a similar decision in the case.

Unusually, the court will be hearing a second round of arguments on Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission, a case from the last term. Citizens United is challenging a 2002 law meant to inhibit the flow of corporate dollars into the campaign process. The law prevented the organization from distributing a documentary critical of Hillary Clinton within 30 days of the 2008 presidential primary election. At the heart of the case is the question of whether speech that government is justified in restricting corporate political speech.

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Federal government looks to fund all student loans

House passes bill that will not require students to seek loans from the private sector

The world doesn’t know how to save the federal government from itself. As the bill moves into the Senate, there are still plenty of experts and lawmakers who opposed the bill that passed with a 253 to 171 vote.

ABC News reported that several senators opposed to the bill believe that the bill is a prime example of more government expansion under the Obama administration.

In addition, however, bill opponents are also stating that the bill will hurt the economy as it takes away the jobs of people who are working in the private sector of the student loan industry.

“We have unemployement that’s at 9.7 percent. I’m sure it’s going to go over 10 percent. More than 30,000 private sector jobs are directly affected by you going to do… I don’t understand at a time of economic difficulty you want to do something that’s going to put more people out of work,” Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said to ABC News after the House passed the bill.

One of the many reasons Republicans opposed the bill will be that the bill will shoulder the entire system of loans on the Department of Education which runs the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) as well as the Direct Loan Program. Reuters News Service reports these programs also have performance issues due to the 2007 FLEP loaning scandal and unstable loaning funds in 2008.

Even so, bill proponents with the backing of President Obama believe this program not only save the federal government money, but also help students.

— Danette Lerner on NASA’s recent mission to launch an exploding rocket into the moon in search of water below the surface.

“Those judges are doubly mad! In the first place, because they are politically m ad, and in the second place because they are mad anyway.”

— Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi after hearing that he has been granted immunity from prosecution while he is on trial for tax evasion.

“The children don’t know, so they call them zebras and they are happy to see something new.”

— Guorwoman, who was once used password among 10,000 hacked Microsoft Hotmail account. Ten thousand passwords and user names for Hotmail, MSN and Live.com accounts were posted on the site, and they are thought to have been obtained from phishing attacks.

“123456...” is the most commonly used password...

— The Daily Telegraph, London, UK

“The person that we’re trying to help here is the person who’s on the brink.”

— Chris Lindstrom of U.S. PIRG, a district-based public interest advocacy group, told the Washington Post.

“These are folks who are one car or an extra CD away from not being able to go to school.”

— Strong advocates of the bill are worried that their constituents will be unable to afford college.

October is domestic abuse awareness month

Perspectives

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Lydia Cacho, a journalist, author, feminist and human rights activist, recently gave the Wallerberg Lecture on Oct. 8 at the University of Michigan. In 2005, her book “Los Demonios del Eden” ("Demons of Eden") accused a prominent business executive in Mexico of raping an underaged child pornography. Her subsequent illegal arrest, where she was abused and beaten, was based on the crime of defamation. She spoke before the Mexican Senate for a vote on a bill that would protect women from abuse.

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“She is not well known at all, and to say that she was a teacher, that’s a lie,” Cacho said.

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“I don't have to dress like a man to demonstrate that I am intelligent,” she said. “I am a woman. I dress like I want. If they have a problem with my attractiveness, with my sexuality, that's their problem.”

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Halloween costumes you can make without your mom

**Annelise Belmonte**

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**Vampire**

For the most simple version of this all you need is a trench coat or emo-ish clothing and red lipstick. You can make it look like the lipstick is blood dripping down your mouth or put fake holes in the side of your neck. Black eye shadow or eyeliner may be needed to make the holes look a little more realistic.

**Grecer**


**Trucker**

Come on. It's Michigan. I'm sure you have flannel and crappy jeans — maybe a hat. Some hiking boots might be nice too.

**Lady Gaga**

Although you might have to buy a blonde wig, just find a leotard and go out with curly blonde hair and funky sunglasses. Angular ones would probably work best. You might try to remake her "bubble" outfit by using clear balloons attached to a nude leotard, but chances are you're going to be popping all night.

**White Trash**

Once again, that handy-dandy trash bag is the saving grace of all poor college students. Cut a slit in the bottom to poke your legs out and tie the strings around neck like a halter or fasten in back for straps. Congratulations, you're white trash. Please wear some clothes underneath, you hillbilly.

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To create your own costume, all you need is a few basic items:

- **Sailor**
  - Hat or a red scarf-like thing to come up with a fake sailor's hat
  - White or leave it. As long as you face, you can either paint it
  - Two puffy layers on your legs. Slit open the bottom of another
  - Get a bunch of white trash
  - Please wear some clothes

- **Mummy**
  - Lots of makeup, lots of hairspray. That's about it. Maybe some funky clothes. Use your own common sense. If someone has their Guitar Hero or Rock Band equipment, it might make a nice photo op. Michael Jackson would be a fairly easy costume. Just find a leather jacket (preferably red), semi-tight pants and a glove. You might get requests and have to speak an octave higher, but it should be interesting all the same. You can also go as a tuxedo, like The Beatles, KISS, or Daft Punk.
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- **Ghost**
  - Yes, if you don't mind cutting holes in old sheets, this one's perfect! Eye holes are the only real thing you need for this one.
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**Robert R. Fieldhouse**

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**Arts Editor**

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**Toga**

The easiest costume ever. You can take a sheet and wrap it up around you. Use safety pins if necessary. It can be tied at the waist or crossing the shoulders.

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**Stay Puft marshmallow man**

Get a bunch of white trash bags. Secure two around your feet and tie or tape off to create fluffy layers on your legs. Slit open the bottom of another bag and step through, securing the strings around your neck (safely). Have a friend help you with the bag and step through, securing the strings around your neck (safely). Have a friend help you.

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**The Anchor**

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**This Week in Art**

**Wednesday**

- Oct. 14
- GPS Features Storioni Trio
- Dimon Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

- Oct. 15
- Through the Lens, Through the Years
- Armstrong Gallery, Holland Area Arts Council

**Saturday**

- Oct. 17
- Lent Skies, The Overheaters, and Aviator
- Lemenijoki's, 7:30 p.m.
- GrooveWalk: Great night of live music
- Downtown Holland, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Admission: $7 Advance, $10 Door

**Monday**

- Oct. 19
- Knick Film Series: The Class
- Knickerbocker, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

- Oct. 20
- Knick Film Series: The Class
- Knickerbocker, 7:30 p.m.

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**In Brief**

**MUSICAL COMEDY AT HOLLAND CIVIC THEATRE**

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a musical comedy that is starting its second week of performances at the Holland Civic Theatre. Performances start at 8 p.m. and the show runs on Oct. 15–18 as well as Oct. 22–24. Inspired by the farces of ancient Roman playwrights, this musical comedy tells the story of a slave, Pseudolus, and his attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master win the heart of the girl who lives next door. Many classic elements of farce are displayed throughout the comedy, including puns, cases of mistaken identity, and satirical comments on social class. Ticket prices range from $10 - $18. Tickets can be purchased on the Holland Civic Theatre Website.

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**BLUE DAHLIA TO PRESENT LIVE SOUNDTRACK FOR "NOSFERATU"**

On Friday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m., the Knickerbocker will feature Blue Dahlia and its performance to the 1922 classic silent film "Nosferatu," a vampire film starring Max Schreck. Blue Dahlia's work takes on a modern approach to film scoring. Using a mix of instrumentation and style, Blue Dahlia has developed a unique repertoire of scores for live performance. Tickets are $8 for regular admission and $6 for students and senior citizens. Purchase tickets at the door or in advance at the ticket office located in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

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We all can fit into the differing opinions regarding parietals.

Perhaps you had to go to bed early because you had an exam at 8 a.m., but your roommate’s girlfriend just won’t stop giving him slobbery, annoying kisses. “PLEAAAASE. It’s 12:30 a.m.; just get out,” you’re thinking.

Or maybe your boyfriend (from out-of-state, I might add) drives the 10 hours to see you but has no place to stay. “Um, sorry, Sweetie. You’re going to have to stay with, uh, actually ... let’s find an ATM. You can afford Haworth, right?”

Some students are just apathetic all-around. “We’re adults now. Ask your roommate if it’s OK. Communicate. But, please, just don’t make out on my bed.”

Let’s see what the administration had to say ... Ayanfe interviewed Residential Life for some answers.

This is always a very important topic during the orientation weekend. It’s that sensitive topic that every Hope College student needs to know about whether they agree with it or not. And once you know your opinion, communicate it.

“The correct term is ‘visitation hours,’” Sara Dickey, the associate director of Residential Life and Housing, says, setting us straight. “The intent of the policy is to provide a safe, quiet and private environment for residents,” Dickey said.

She explained that visitation hours are put in place so that during certain hours students can sleep, study, walk to the restroom, etc. without running into guests of the opposite sex. They aren’t meant to be restrictive to visitors, but visitation hours provide privacy for the residents in their living area.

Visitation hours have always been a part of Hope College’s history. There have been alterations over the years, but unlike what most students think about this policy being a form of restriction, the college is solely interested in the safety of their students, according to Dickey.
After surveying 30 Hope students, a pattern emerges of why students choose what they do regarding visitation hours.

But my boyfriend doesn’t go here ...
I can even attest to this one. When your significant other (or even sibling of the opposite gender) comes for the weekend, he or she needs a place to stay. Some students that were surveyed felt rude asking their guest to sleep in a same-sex neighbor’s room. Andrea Eddy (‘10) said, “My boyfriend (and my brother, at times) needed somewhere to stay. He didn’t know anyone up here and wasn’t comfortable staying with a random dude; plus, the guys I asked to house him didn’t seem comfortable either.” Visitation hours are broken just because it’s the most convenient (and comfortable) decision to make.

Dorms vs. Cottages
In surveys I perused, most people said they followed parietals while living on a campus dorm, but ignored the regulation after moving into a cottage or apartment. Perhaps when you’re in a dorm, there are more people to please. But once people move, they are usually living with their close friends or other people they chose. Ronald Moore (‘10) comments: “I think they are silly rules that have little to no place in a college setting. Having someone of the opposite sex in your living quarters should be a decision made by those who live there.” Moore’s suggestion is more feasible when living in a cottage with five of your closest girlfriends.

So, you want to know my conclusions?
~ Make an opinion and stick to it. Don’t be afraid to speak up and communicate.
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~ If you choose to break them and get caught, don’t get angry. Take responsibility for the choice you’ve made.

We’re just hanging out; what’s the deal?
Maybe your girlfriend goes to Hope. Or maybe we all just like to hang out with people of the opposite sex. “It’s good for some purposes, but I don’t like being told that my boyfriend has to leave at 2 a.m. when the movie we are watching isn’t going to be quite done until 2:15 a.m., you know?” Catherine Hoitenga (‘10) said. It’s not like you’re doing anything suggestive or being unnecessarily noisy. Why get punished for watching a movie past 2 a.m. on a Friday night! Matt Day (‘10) sums it up pretty well in his approach: “If there is a group of underage girls being disorderly from alcohol, then you have an issue: breaking the law. But unless there is that X factor — the “x” standing for illicitness — there should be no punishment. Especially for piggling out and spooning past 2 a.m. while watching ‘Penguins of Madagascar.’ I am a big fan of that one.”

AH! Why is a boy here?! I’m in my towel!
Girls appreciate the “no members of the opposite sex in before 10 a.m.” regulation more than males. There’s a great reassurance in knowing that they could walk down the hall to the bathroom in just a towel, and a guy wouldn’t see them. Everyone likes their privacy. Visitation hours are just regulated privacy hours that are especially effective when you need your time without having to worry about impressing/offending someone of the opposite sex.

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But if you have the power to enforce, don’t go crazy.

"I was busted for an infraction off 11 minutes … as we were walking out of the room with coats in hand," Julian Hinson (‘10) said. Another situation happened in Dykstra Hall during an anonymous ‘11 girl’s freshman year. “The third night on campus, there were about five girls and four guys standing and talking in a room with the door open. Four or five minutes after 12 a.m., the RA came by and wrote us up,” she explained. “We did not intend to break the rules, but we submitted our IDs and each received a letter from the college a few weeks later indicating that the situation had been documented.” Perhaps students would see visitation hours as a more positive thing if those in power weren’t so rash to condemn those who were actually trying to follow them.

And make sure you address them as visitation hours. Andrea Eddy (‘10) said that maybe “parietals” has a negative connotation because it focuses on when people have to leave. “Visitation hours” has a more positive connotation because the term focuses on when people visit. And honestly, isn’t focusing on the positive better for everyone involved?
Parentheticalities

Karen Patterson
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Finding yourself

There are two main reasons for one to Google oneself: first, curiosity; second, prodigious boredom.

As both of these human inherentacies seem to float within the relatively stuffy dorms of Hope College just about as often as in those of any other higher learning institution, I would say that about 99 percent of everyone with access to the Internet has, at some point, done this.

In itself, this subtle hint at an appetite for recognition isn’t terribly fascinating at all. We all want some recognition, yes? It’s rather pleasing to type your name into a little rectangular box to rediscover that you were on your high school’s junior varsity soccer team and that you are a 53 financial officer of a mysterious multimedia company in Texas. It’s comforting, really.

Like all things, however, the comfort only lasts until competition comes into play. In this day and age with the Internets and the Internet and whatnot, we as a society of liberated and bored individuals strive to be as noticeable to the world as possible. We post videos of ourselves smashing bicycles into trees and we emote into little overly CSS-ed LiveJournal pages. We even submit letters to the editor with the unconscious hope that our snippet of opinion might pop up on the newspaper website! And all for what? Well, perhaps another “result” on our very own page of Google links -- off of which to base the worth of our existence.

It has been several times, in fact, that I have stumbled across pairs of dawdling due-tomorrow-paper-writers sitting side by side at their respective computers with their pages of little blue links displayed indifferently across the screens. “I take up the first page and a half,” one has said (to which the other replied most amiably), “Oh yes, okay. I don’t see your personal essay out there for display anywhere. My work’s out there; you are merely the secondary link to several hundred of your friends’ Facebooks”.

Well, it was something along those lines.

Truly, though, space in Google is relatively dear amongst… everyone. It has become a source of pride — and by those I mean street names, Yorkshire terriers, one-time movie actors, and incessant bloggers. In the one-in-one-thousandth chance that a complete stranger would type in my name, he would see me! The article about my impressive Grade A senior year! Even my picture shows up in Google Images!

That is what we strive for so today I urge you to make the most of your Internet. Be daring enough to let yourself out with your namesake on it. Perhaps you’re a small, scenic city in beautiful southern Western China. Who knows? With title and dedication, maybe someday you can do yourself justice.

Karen Patterson still has mixed feelings about the Nobel Peace Prize and thinks everybody should check out the article about it in the Ranchos, October 28!
Windows or Mac?

That is usually the first question you ask yourself when buying a new computer. Most people’s biggest factor in making the decision to choose one over the other is price. Macs cost too much. Yes, it’s true. Macs cost more than most computers. The cheapest Mac laptop available right now on Apple’s website is $999. The most expensive Mac laptop starts at $2,499. I’m pretty sure you couldn’t find a Windows laptop that costs $2,499.

So, Windows people may have a point; if you don’t have one $1,000 and you want to buy a laptop, go with Windows. But do Windows people ever consider why they think that Macs are more expensive just because, or do they think that there is a legitimate reason for them being priced higher than most Windows computers?

Working at CIT as a student technician, I can tell you there is a very good reason for the price difference. Macs work better than Windows computers, plain and simple. The only real argument for Windows computers being better than Macs is for gaming. Windows computers are better for gaming. Yet, people who own Macs really have no need to purchase any kind of anti-virus software whatsoever. Windows people should have one anti-virus program installed and other programs to assist that program.

A vast majority of the computers that come in need to be fixed are Windows computers. There are two likely explanations. First, the majority of people on campus own Windows computers, so it would make sense if more Windows computers had problems. Second, Mac people are less of a hassle because they don’t have as many problems as Windows computers. I tend to lean toward the latter explanation.

I am a Windows person. I used to think that Macs were a waste of money and weren’t really worth it. I used to think that only rich people owned Macs and the only reason they bought them was to show off their status. I used to think of things that I don’t anymore.

I still have Windows and don’t have any problems with it. This may be attributed to the fact that I can fix all of my own problems and know ways to prevent others. I have no serious complaints about Vista, though it seems like a lot of other people do. I have tried Windows 7 and it seems to be smoother and less troublesome than Vista. Windows is catching up to Mac a little, but boy do they have a long way to go. Even Windows’ commercials are worse than Mac’s. There are a handful of different Windows advertisements that all have the same basic theme: you can buy a better, faster, more powerful PC for less money than for a Mac. My only problem with these advertisements is the amount of money each person is given in each ad. Some people get $1,500; some get $2,000. If Windows wanted to prove something with their ads they probably should have given each person the same amount of money. If somebody gave me $1,500 to buy a laptop, I would get a MacBook for $1,299 and then buy other things to go with it.

At least Mac commercials are funny. They may be a little harsher on Windows in their commercials than Windows is on Mac in theirs, but at least they are more accurate. Mac has the upper hand and they know it; even their commercials prove it.

My main piece of advice: if you have enough money to buy a Mac, do it. They may be more expensive than Windows, but they are worth it. I understand that a lot of people don’t want to spend thousands of dollars on a laptop, and to them I say buy a PC. If you do, just take care of it; for the most part computers only do what they are told to do. If you don’t believe me, just ask yourself this question: How many unsatisfied Mac owners do you know?

James encourages you to buy a Mac; it’s worth the buck!
Tammi agrees that it’s great to be able to see Flauto again. “I figure this is our sixth production together. Our scenic designer Richard Smith is on sabbatical, so we took advantage of it and nabbed him.”

“Having him just makes it easier. Joe and I have never had a production experience where we’ve batted heads. He’s sometimes challenged me to do something a lot different than I thought we would be doing. For example, when we did “Harvey,” I sort of traditionally envisioned this Victorian home setting, and Joe came up with this very radical idea based on Magritte, where a lot of his images have a light blue sky, and that was Joe’s inspiration, and that had nothing to do with Victorian sensibilities.

“Everything was light blue, very little furniture, and I trusted him, and I found wonderful ways of doing that play that I never would have thought of. There’s no contention or discord between our ideas.”

“There’s plenty of room for strangeness in ‘Skin of Our Teeth,’ especially since it was created as an unconventional play,” continues Tammi. “He challenged the illusionistic theater that came out of the period of realism in the 19th century. Wilder was inspired by what was going on in Germany and in Japan. He was taking the American version of theater and experimenting with it. It was difficult way back when, it came out around 1942. ‘Skin of Our Teeth’ won the Pulitzer prize, but it wasn’t a hands-down huge runaway success. People have struggled with this play in different ways ever since. But it’s alluring.”

When asked about the ending, Flauto says, “Lots of times human beings think there’s a happy solution to events but there isn’t. We fought World War I to end all wars and a hundred years later there was another one.”

But Tammi claims that Wilder is an unabashed optimist. “That theme or spirit comes out through the play.” Thorton Wilder wrote “Skin” at the end of World War II, looking forward to the end of the war. He even makes a reference to getting “through the depression, by the skin of our teeth.”

“Skin of Our Teeth” will open on Oct. 23 in DeWitt. Tammi says, “If humanity has survived Ice age, wars, and floods, we can survive this play. We’ll look back on this as a good experience. We’re learning.”
Men’s golf hopes to finish season with MIAA crown

James Nichols
Winston

The Hope College men’s golf team is one win away from capturing the MIAA crown this season.

The Flying Dutchmen will wrap up division play Wednesday after rain on Sept. 28 and poor weather on Oct. 12 forced the MIAA season to be prolonged.

What would have been the sixth MIAA jamboree of the season will become the eighth and final tournament and will allow the Flying Dutchmen to win the MIAA title on their home course, Wuskowhan Players Club, if they can maintain any part of their 29 stroke lead.

“Last year was the first time Hope hasn’t won the MIAA in five years,” said Coach Bob Ebels Monday as he practiced for the crucial event. “Winning the MIAA will get us back.”

The Flying Dutchmen have a total of 2,102 strokes so far this season, beating out rival Calvin College who has 2,131.

Following Calvin are Trine University, Albion College, Adrian College, Olivet College, Alma College, and Kalamazoo College with stroke totals of 2,143, 2,149, 2,151, 2,173, 2,223, and 2,247 respectively.

If the Flying Dutchmen can capture the MIAA championship, it will mark the sixth title in the past seven years and ninth since 1999.

“It doesn’t have a whole lot to do with us asking about his team’s recent success. He attributes it more to team chemistry, recruiting and good students.”

Third place has been the worst finish for the Flying Dutchmen in a MIAA jamboree this year. Finishing second or first in almost every event makes it hard for any other team to win the MIAA, although Calvin has been right on Hope’s tail almost the whole season.

Hope also has three of the top four scoring leaders in the MIAA this season. Charlie Olson (’13) led all MIAA players with an average score of 73.8 strokes. Captain Steve Strock and Nick Campbell (’12) are tied for third overall in the MIAA with an average score of 74.3. Caucasian students.

“The next few meets are big for the team,” said Ebels of Charlie Olson. “He is the future of Hope golf for the next four years, somebody who could be excellent on a team around.”

Hope golfers have finished first overall at four of the seven MIAA jamborees so far and have had at least one player in the top three at all but one tournament this year.

Campbell, Strock and Olson are the three Flying Dutchmen to frequent the leaderboards the most. Each has won a tournament throughout the year with Strock winning two tournaments, one of which was a tie for first place with Olson.

The MIAA jamboree at Kalamazoo is the site of Hope’s best finish this season with a team score of 293 strokes, a course record.

Each team takes the four highest scores every tournament so a team score of 293 equals an average of 73.25 strokes for each Hope player. A stroke average like that would land a player on the MIAA leader board this season.

By winning the MIAA championship the Flying Dutchmen will be automatically qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship. The four-day event will be held May 11-14 in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Elizabethtown College, in partnership with the Hershey Golf Collection, will be hosting the event.

“If we qualify for the National Championships I would like to finish above previous finishes,” said Ebels. Hope’s men’s golf team has qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship four times under Ebels: in 1999, 2005, 2006 and 2007. They finished in 17th place in 1999 and 2005 and 18th place in 2006 and 2007.

Ebels has a positive outlook on next year’s season as well. “We have heard some of Steve Strock’s ability to replace him,” said Ebels. But he optimistic on the situation saying that they will probably be able to.

Ebels is also excited to play at Wuskowhan Players Club again. “It is the envy of all players and coaches in the MIAA,” said Ebels. “It is the most beautiful golf course in West Michigan. Every player begs his coach to be able to play at the tournament hosted by Hope.”

The choice for another MIAA title begins next August when new recruits showcase their skills and the Flying Dutchmen stroll onto the course for the 20th time under Coach Bob Ebels.

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Fischer said. “Not only are they performing really well in meets, but also they’ve been great at stepping up to college-level competition.”

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Hope football victorious against Albion at Homecoming

Chris Ray
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Every year, the Flying Dutchmen football players of yesterday hop into their time machines and travel back to their glory days of donning the blue and orange on Saturday afternoons. Families pack the stands of Holland Municipal Stadium to see the Flying Dutchmen players of today take the field for the annual Homecoming game, and whether the team wins or loses, the atmosphere is always a bit more crazy.

Yet, with all the Homecoming festivities surrounding much of the weekend, wide receiver Scott Snyder ('10) says the team doesn’t get caught up with the busy week.

“Our practices do not change based on Homecoming week,” Snyder said. “We try not to get caught up with all of the activities so that we can focus on the upcoming game and pulling out a win.”

Up to this point in the season, however, pulling out the win hasn’t come easy for the Dutchmen. Heading into Homecoming weekend, the team was 0-5, losing four of those games by a touchdown or less, including one in overtime. Nevertheless, the team put on a show for the alumni and beat the Albion Britons on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The game was a defensive battle, as the game was tied at 1-1 at halftime. The game stayed that way for the remaining 30 minutes, giving the Dutchmen their first win of the season. Although their current record of 1-5 shows the limited success, the team still believes that they are playing well at times.

“We have played well at some points, and I would say most of the time we play well, but we have played very poorly at crucial times in some of our games, which have determined our overall record,” Snyder said.

The fact remains that the team has four remaining games on their schedule, for a potential turnaround in the upcoming weeks. And, with all of the remaining games being MIAA conference games, the team can show that they belong among the top in the conference.

Because the team is more familiar with their conference foes, optimism is right around the corner for the Flying Dutchmen. “I would say that we are staying optimistic, which has, of course, been tough, based on our first five games,” Snyder said.

Every year we believe that we can compete with every team in our conference, so it is exciting to see how we will step up to the challenge against these teams that we are more familiar with.”

At the beginning of the year, the team set goals for the season. While some goals dealt with success on the field, other goals were set that related to how the team goes about their business off the field.

“As seniors, we wanted to emphasize team chemistry, having fun while performing at a high level, staying positive following any shortcomings endured during the season, setting the beginning of each week and trusting ourselves, our teammates and our coaches,” Snyder said.

Regardless of the team record, wide receiver Kyle Dietrich ('11) knows that the team can have more days over so many things. With that said, the team’s mindset for the rest of the season is important to the potential of the team.

“Our mindset for the remainder of the season is to just control what we can control,” Dietrich said. “That means not worrying about the games in the past and just focusing on what’s in front of us. Getting the cards fall they do.”

With four conference games remaining on the schedule, the team knows that keeping the right attitude is important. If the Flying Dutchmen can wipe the defeats from their memories and keep the fresh success in their minds, the cards will indeed fall in a way that could have the team trumping the rest of their opponents.

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Saab Schwiebert ('10) said “The stadium is a symbol of the support the soccer program continues to receive from the school.” Kristen Schwenk ('11) said. “It’s a blessing that the school cares enough about the soccer program to build us such a beautiful facility.”

Dedication for Van Andel Stadium will feature several top players

Jake Bajema
Guest Writer

After months of work, construction on Hope College’s soccer stadium has come to an end. The new $5.3 million facility will catapult Hope College soccer into a new era thanks to donors, family, tradition where the students and faculty are excited for their opportunity to play in the state-of-the-art facility.

The stadium will help the team’s atmosphere. “We have great potential on the field with the addition of field lights,” said Herbert. “There is just something about being able to play at night which creates a new level of excitement for the team.” Herbert said.

The people of Hope College and the community are excited to celebrate Van Andel Stadium with a dedication ceremony this Saturday, Oct. 17. The day is full of events starting with youth soccer games beginning at 11 a.m. The day also includes the women’s and men’s teams playing at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. Between games a dedication ceremony and community picnic will take place.

The day’s events also include many special guest speakers. Two-time Olympic gold medalist Lindsay Tarpley will be present as well as former soccer player and current coach, Mia Hamm. Hope College Men’s coach John Herbert is looking forward to the event.

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Saab Schwiebert ('10) said that the new Van Andel Stadium ranks second to none. “It is the best facility in D3 soccer and probably one of the best college stadiums for just soccer in the whole country,” Schwiebert said. “Stadium is a great progression and addition to the Hope College soccer tradition.”

The players are excited about the new stadium for a variety of reasons. Men’s co-captain John Herbert ('10) is looking forward to putting Hope on the soccer map to the whole country, “Schwiebert said. “We are hoping to create a great atmosphere. We are hoping to put Hope on the soccer map for generations to come.”

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