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DEFENSE IN THE DARK

Campus Safety is now offering self-defense workshops for Hope students and staff.

Increased defense techniques and awareness are imperative in fighting growing concerns of sexual assault. Current statistics state that one out of every eight college women will be raped.

In 2004, Holland recorded over 97 rape crimes, more than Grand Rapids or even national averages based on a ratio per 100,000 people.

Campus Safety advises students to park in well lit areas, pay close attention to your surroundings, and always keep your hands free and keys ready when walking through vacant areas.

The defense class discusses how to handle potentially dangerous scenarios, trains students to escape various holds and details how to always remain conscious of your surroundings. To learn more, contact Campus Safety patrol officer, Mike Everse, everse@hope.edu.

REDUCE TRASH, WIN A PRIZE

The Environmental Issues Group will be sponsoring a recycling competition between residence halls Nov. 11-17. Physical Plant staff will monitor how much material each residence hall recycles during the week. The hall with the highest percentage of recycled material per person will be rewarded with a trophy to display in their dorm lounge.

WTHS

Amnika Carlson
Staff Writer

This winter, Hope’s student-run radio station, WTHS, is making a comeback. With new facilities in the Martha Miller Center, the station hopes to increase its audience, reach new community members and become more active in on-campus events.

WTHS, known as “the Voice of Hope College,” has been broadcasting for more than 50 years from Hope. The transmitting tower has a 20-mile radius, bringing the Voice of Hope to most of the Holland community.

It has historically included music and talk show content, and now features advertisements from local businesses.

This semester, WTHS has been primarily broadcasting its auto-play library, which functions similarly to digital music libraries on personal computers. This winter, after the organization finalizes its new strategic plan, student DJs and specialty shows will be added to the lineup.

“We’re moving toward a progressive grand opening,” said Cash about the station’s plans to expand its programming and involvement on campus.

Though WTHS is now broadcasting from its new location, the final organizational changes will be celebrated in January.

Cash and other student leaders are modeling WTHS after “The Impact,” a student-run radio station at Michigan State University. According to Cash, Hope’s new facilities rival those of large universities, which is uncommon for a small college.

Cash is working to “push the station in a new direction to find out what it really means to be the Voice of Hope College,” fulfilling the station’s motto.

“We’re going back to the basics,” Cash said.

The station plans to run Hope event coverage, news and related programming during the day and continue broadcasting student radio shows in the evening.

According to Monica Calhoon (’09), one of three music directors for the station, the biggest factor in WTHS’s rebirth is the new technology that came with their move from DeWitt to Martha Miller.

“You used to have to hunt through an actual music library,” Calhoon said of the old system.

“With the new technology, it’s basically a computer system that holds all (the station’s) music.”

Better technology also fits into the station’s plans to become more active on campus. The digital system, Calhoon said, gives DJs

OPENS

The new plan includes a reorganization of the station’s student leadership. The station is monitored by the 10-member executive board which reflects the emphasis of the station.

Jason Cash (’07) is the current general manager of WTHS and has been heavily involved in the station’s transition into Martha Miller.

150 stand in solidarity to end violence against women

‘A CALL TO MEN’

Erie Lattin
Guest Writer

Approximately 150 Hope students and community members congregated in Maas Auditorium on Oct. 16 to participate in “A Call to Men: A Conversation with Men in the Presence of Women,” concerning violence against women.

Tony Porter, the meeting’s speaker, co-founded the organization “A Call to Men: National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women.”

Porter challenged men to examine how society has socialized them to think about women and to consider how those assumptions contribute to sexism and to gender violence.

The DELTA Project of Ottawa County, Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Hope College Counseling Center, and Greek Men Take a Stand cosponsored the event.

“We love to challenge men to take a stand,” Porter said. He added that today’s men have been socialized to think of women as having less value, as objects and as property.

The vision of Porter’s organization is “to shift social norms defining manhood in our culture.” Porter calls “well meaning men,” or men who generally do not see themselves as part of the problem, to get involved and play a large role in addressing the problem.

“We are here for our pleasure,” Porter said, stressing the problem of the commonly held and often subconscious belief: “Silence and permission are synonymous.”

“It’s a question of value,” said Christian Pier (’07), a founding member of Greek Men Take a Stand.

The organization is comprised of 120 male students from various fraternities who have committed to combat sexual violence.

Piers encouraged men to hold each other accountable for what happens to women in situations where alcohol is involved.

“Accountability is more important. In the morning, we can worry about our friendship,” Piers said.

Leslie Coghill, social worker and coordinator of the DELTA Project, a violence prevention program, was the first speaker. She said that attendance more than doubled last year’s turnout.

Porter ended the evening by inviting men to the front of the room to make a commitment and walk in solidarity against violence.

“We need to be our allies,” Coghill said to the men standing in front at the close of the event.

Wellness program cuts costs, waistlines

Larissa Marian
Staff Writer

Hope has kicked off the Health and Wellness Program for faculty and staff due to the rise in cost of health care. Hope is creating ways to ensure that money spent on health care benefits does the most possible for its employees.

Hope College has 720 full-time and part-time employees; more than 500 of those employees are eligible for full health care benefits (as well as 150 retirees).

Hope is offering a Health by Choice program that is affiliated with Priority Health’s Consumer Engaged Healthcare Portfolio. The program is set up to help individuals lead a healthier lifestyle.

According to Priority Health’s website, “Every day, your choices affect your health: how you manage stress, whether you exercise, whether you smoke, and what you eat. According to the program, when employees see HEALTH, page 4
NEWS

ELECTION NIGHT 2006: RESULTS ARE IN
Granholm defeats DeVos, Stabenow defeats Bouchard; Democratic success stretches across nation

CAMPAIGN TO VICTORY — Gov. Jennifer Granholm spoke to a full house at Dimnent Chapel on Oct. 28, in her only West Michigan campus appearance. Granholm won a second term Tuesday, with 54 percent of the vote.

OTTAWA COUNTY FAVORITE — Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, speaking at Dewitt Theatre on Oct. 30, earned 42 percent of the vote statewide on Tuesday, but carried 65 percent in Ottawa County.

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COURT SENTENCES SADDAM TO DEATH
Brian McLellan
Staff Writer
On Nov. 5, the Iraqi High Tribunal found Saddam Hussein, the former president of Iraq, guilty of commanding the executions of nearly 150 Iraqi men from the town of Dujail in 1982, following an attempt on his life in Dujail. Accompanying this guilty verdict was a sentence: death by hanging.

In the Iraqi system, appeals and the defense, but there is no time limit for the appellate court. There is no ruling. Thus, the court is able to rule on the appeal and the defense, to an appellate court, in the end, the judge in a court of law with ordinary citizens bearing witness," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said, after the verdict was announced. Other officials responded with a more cautious optimism. "The judicial process is an important settlement with the past, but the big challenge for Iraq's people is the future and the big compromises required for maintained freedom, secured peace and sustainable reconciliation," Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said.

Despite a full curfew requiring both people and vehicles in Iraq to remain immobile, Iraqis poured out of their homes, both in support and in protest of the ruling. In Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, people rallied to protest the ruling of the court. However, in Shiite areas such as Sadr City, Najaf and the Wasit province, people gathered to celebrate Hussein's sentence, some carrying posters of a cleric killed by Hussein in the 1980s.

Individual reactions to the ruling were mixed. Hussein himself was greatly angered by the verdict and the sentence, arguing with the lead judge and shouting in a continuation of his frequent interruptions during the trial. In the end, the judge ordered Hussein removed from the courtroom. "The hanging of Saddam Hussein will turn to hell for the Americans," said Vitaya Wisethrat, a Muslim cleric. "The Saddam case is not a Muslim problem but the problem of America and its domestic politics. The Americans are about to vote in a midterm election, so maybe Bush will use this case to tell the voters that Saddam is dead and that the Americans are safe. But actually the American people will be in more danger with the death of Saddam." However, officials in the United States and its allies were more optimistic. "A former dictator feared by millions, who killed his own citizens without mercy or justice, who waged wars against neighboring countries, has been brought to trial in his own country — held accountable in a court of law with ordinary citizens hearing witness," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said, after the verdict was announced. Other officials responded with a more cautious optimism. "The judicial process is an important settlement with the past, but the big challenge for Iraq's people is the future and the big compromises required for maintained freedom, secured peace and sustainable reconciliation," Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said.

MacKenzie Smith
Editor in Chief
The long, tense election battle drew to a close in Michigan Tuesday evening. Polling stations across the state closed at 8 p.m. and candidates, campaigners and citizens waited anxiously for ballots to be tallied and results to be reported.

In Michigan, it turned out to be a night for incumbents, both Democrat and Republican. Across the nation, however, the Democratic party was the big winner.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D) and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D) both held onto their positions with solid majorities. Granholm, despite a struggling state economy and approval rating below 50 percent, defeated challenger Dick DeVos 55 percent to 42 percent. Exit polls indicated that Michigan voters trust Granholm over DeVos to handle issues of economic recovery.

The governor's race was heated—and expensive. By the middle of October, the two candidates had spent $56 million, with DeVos contributing $35 million from his personal savings.

In Michigan’s Senate race, Stabenow handily defeated her challenger, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, with a total of 56 percent of the votes.

"Tomorrow I intend to suit up and go back to work on your behalf," said Stabenow, who serves as the Democratic Senate Caucus secretary and will now return to Washington, D.C. for a second term. At a victory party in Detroit, Stabenow declared Tuesday “a night of celebration.”

Democratic celebration was not limited to Michigan. The party also saw a net gain of six governorships and over 25 House seats, giving the Democrats control of Congress.

Despite both Democrat and Republican candidates spending a record amount, the governor's race was not a Muslim problem but the problem of America and its domestic politics. The Americans are about to vote in a midterm election, so maybe Bush will use this case to tell the voters that Saddam is dead and that the Americans are safe. But actually the American people will be in more danger with the death of Saddam." However, officials in the United States and its allies were more optimistic. "A former dictator feared by millions, who killed his own citizens without mercy or justice, who waged wars against neighboring countries, has been brought to trial in his own country — held accountable in a court of law with ordinary citizens hearing witness," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said, after the verdict was announced. Other officials responded with a more cautious optimism. "The judicial process is an important settlement with the past, but the big challenge for Iraq's people is the future and the big compromises required for maintained freedom, secured peace and sustainable reconciliation," Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said.
**THE KNICK FEATURES FILM “WHY WE FIGHT”**

The Knickerbocker Film Series will begin this week with “Why We Fight.” Showings will be at 7 and 9 p.m. nightly until Nov. 10. In the movie, filmmaker Eugene Jarecki examines the history of war in America during the last half-century, and the reasons behind it. Inspired by Dwight Eisenhower’s farewell speech on the military industrial complex, the film won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Tickets are $6 for regular admission and $5 for students and senior citizens.

**STUDENT FEATURES IN KRASL ART EXHIBIT**

The Knick Art Center in St. Joseph will feature the work of 15 current Hope studio art students and alumni, in an exhibit beginning Thursday, Nov. 9.

The exhibit’s title “Down the Tracks” refers to the rail connection between Holland and St. Joseph. A stop on the railway is only a few blocks from the renovated factory that will serve as the site for the exhibit. The Knickerbocker Film Center emphasizes offering gallery experience to students. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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**Images 2006: A Reflection of Cultures**

**Elizbeth Orlando**

Students and community members from different cultural backgrounds and nationalities will come together on Saturday, Nov. 11 for Images: A Reflection of Cultures. Images is an annual cultural event that consists of a dinner, an international bazaar and a showcase. It also marks the start of International Education Week, whose theme this year is “Peace and Justice.”

Images begins with a dinner in Phelps Dining Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. featuring foods from all over the world. This international cuisine is also available to the public for $5 at the door. The international bazaar will be going on at the same time, where Hope’s international students will be showing items from their homes that represent something important to them.

The showcase is the last portion of the evening. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre. Students and members of the community have put together representations of their countries and cultures, including songs, dances, fashion, poetry and skills.

To her, Images is more than a showcase of 10 to 15 different cultures in a couple of hours, “It’s a great way to showcase the children’s television show filmed in Chicago.

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**Pinhole photo exhibit now showing**

**Ario Elami**

An exhibition of photographs entitled “La Vida Brina,” by Bill Wittliff, is running through Friday, Nov. 17 at the DePree Art Center. The gallery is the first location outside of Texas to house the exhibit.

Bill Wittliff was born in south Texas, and is known for his work on the screenplays of movies such as “Legends of the Fall” and “The Perfect Storm.”

He is a self-taught photographer and has been creating and displaying pieces for decades. Wittliff’s interest in the format resulted after looking through a photography book that compelled him to make a pinhole camera, creating a shutter by placing a piece of tape over a hole in a pin tin.

Despite the primitive construction of the cameras used, Wittliff’s photographs have garnered praise for their unique lighting and atmosphere.

The collection includes photographs of children, old men, landscapes, and architecture. The DePree Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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**Spotlight on the technical arts**

**Courtney Roberts**

**ARTS editor**

Since the period of the ancient Greek civilization, theater has captivated audiences transporting them from the real world to a world of drama, tragedy or comedy. Today the success of a production depends on more than the actors’ theatrical prowess. Set design, makeup, sound effects and lighting all work together to create the desired effect.

The performing arts technical staff, led by Perry Landes and Erik Alberg, is a group of technical artists. While many of them are connected to Hope College’s performing arts departments, some simply worked in the high school theaters and wanted to continue the experience in college.

As a part of the staff, students work backstage for various productions put on by the performing arts departments, as well as for concerts and shows like the recent Switchfoot concert. This summer, students had the opportunity to work on “Come On Over,” the children’s television show filmed in Martha Miller.

The crew performs tasks ranging from mangling the concession stand at the Knickbocker to operating the light and sound boards during various productions. According to Perry Landes, an associate theater professor, the most challenging aspect of the job is finding time for everything.

“We’re all so busy, students and faculty alike, that when you do a big project it’s tough to get it all done,” Landes said.

In addition to teaching theater courses, Landes is also the light and sound director in residence and the facilities manager of the DeWitt theater and working closely with students is one of the things that he likes best.

“When you’ve got a student that’s growing and learning and excited about what he or she is doing is one of the greatest rewards,” he said.

“Small Town” is a great example of faculty student collaboration.
Theater Review:
BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ‘WONDERFUL TOWN’

Catherine Bennett
Staff Writer

“Wonderful Town” opens this week to what I know will be enthusiastic crowds. The musical plays at 8 p.m. through Saturday in the Dewitt Theater. Set somewhere in the 1930’s or ‘40’s (think “Guys n Dolls,” only cooler) “Wonderful Town” follows the story of Ruth and Eileen Sherwood as they try to make it big in New York, along with a thousand other aspiring nobodies.

Kristi Szczepanek (‘07) and Kelly Sina (‘08) play the memorable roles of two sisters, one humorously brassy, the other quite beautiful. Through Ruth’s persistence and Eileen’s attractiveness, they find themselves quickly surrounded by a stage full of colorful characters.

The slightly less than appropriate Chick Clark, played by Justin Barigian (‘09), the very Irish officer Lonagan, played by Isaac Drosha (‘08), the copy editing Bob Baker, played by Lucas Leavenworth (‘09), the sweetly nerdy Frank Lippe, and his intended Helen, played by Rachel Wells (‘08), all help to make the musical action packed.

The Hope College jazz band plays the score for the musical, which was written by Leonard Bernstein. Famous for conducting the New York Philharmonic as well as composing, Bernstein’s other musicals include “Candide,” “Peter Pan” and “West Side Story.”

Lyrics for “Wonderful Town” were written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, a writing team that is probably most famous for its work “Singing in the Rain.” You can expect to hear both the singable ballads which are the guts of all musicals and quirky jazz numbers which are pure fun to listen to.

The musical is full of dance numbers, all of which are done well and will keep the audience interested. Only a highly skilled chorus could pull off the dance moves that fill “Wonderful Town.”

Chorus members include Jennifer Blaz (‘08), John Bruinsma (‘08), Isaac Bush (‘09), Kate Finkbeiner (‘07), Morgan Fett (‘10), Ciarra Forsyth (‘10), Kate Goetzinger (‘07), Jared Graybiel (‘10), Ross Green (‘10), Joshua Headapol (‘10), Nicole Potter (‘10), Brandon Ruitter (‘08), Candice Tindell (‘10), Jocelyn Vammer (‘08), and Laura Van Tassell (‘09).

Director Daina Robins has struck gold with “Wonderful Town.” It is interesting, artistic and genuinely funny. Tickets are $7 for regular admission and $4 for Hope students and senior citizens and are sold at the box office in DeVos Fieldhouse and at Devos show offices before performances at 8 p.m.

Joe Vasko
Staff Writer

On Nov. 5, The Union of Catholic Students sponsored an on-campus explanatory mass in Maas Auditorium. Open to everyone, it was held to help educate people about the practices associated with the Mass and also to address any misconceptions anyone may have.

The event was attended by more than 70 people, the largest showing ever, and was a much welcomed sight for UCS leaders, who had to set up extra chairs at the last minute to accommodate the large gathering.

UCS has been a part of Hope College’s religiously diverse atmosphere for nearly five years and has aimed to provide Catholics on campus with spiritual community and social encouragement.

“Coming as a freshman it was important to me to have a group of people with whom I had something in common with. This made my transition a lot easier and I’ve made a lot of friends through UCS,” said Robin Litscher (’10) an active UCS member.

According to recent registrar’s enrollment statistics, students who identify themselves as Roman Catholics make up nearly 12 percent of denominational Christians at Hope; only slightly more numerous are Dutch Reformed at 18 percent.

With Hope’s religiously diverse enrollment, UCS tries to provide students with fun, informative and unique opportunities to learn about and interact with the Catholic faith.

Non-Catholic students and professors can participate in a number of UCS-sponsored activities, including on-campus masses, daily rosaries, a retreat designed to strengthen community and personal faith, barbecues, service activities and an on-campus explanatory mass, scheduled once a semester.

One of the reasons why UCS has been able to provide all of these activities to students is in part because of its student leadership, increased membership and a recent restructuring that the leaders undertook at the beginning of this year in order to help the organization more effectively reach out to students and faculty.

The restructuring included a leader reassignment, adoption of a wider variety of events as well as the discontinuation of other events, putting a greater emphasis on the uniqueness of Catholic prayer and devotion, and building a stronger connection to other campus organizations such as La Raza Unida.

“The reason this is a transition year for UCS, we are trying to solidify the group for future leaders, so they can better serve Hope students,” said UCS President Will Ponkowski (’07).

Ponkowski has been the president of UCS for four years and “feeling,” but we do intense study. There’s no fluff. Maybe a mix of laid back and scholarly. There’s some spiritual element in the prayers, but it’s primarily a Bible study.”

Group Leader: Samantha Miller (’08)

They study: “This semester we have been following ‘Life Together’ by Dietrich Bonhoeffer together with a number of other groups on campus. Next semester it will be a book of the Bible, done manuscript style. Manuscript is an inductive form for digging deep into the text and mining the treasures and is discussion-oriented in small group settings. We talk and catch up with everyone for the first fifteen minutes or so. Then we’ll pray and dive into the text for the night. It’s primarily discussion-based. We talk about what we saw in the text and what questions we had, and everyone contributes to answering those questions. We pray again at the end, usually for a slightly more substantial amount of time. There are usually also a few people left just hanging out to talk for another hour after we officially end.”

Group “feel”: “We’re pretty laid back in ‘feeling’ but we do intense study. There’s no fluff. Maybe a mix of laid back and scholarly. There’s some spiritual element in the prayers, but it’s primarily a Bible study.”

Group Leader: Nathan Heit (’09)

What they study: “Once a week, myself and six other guys meet in a small group. We have been informally focusing our studying on the book of Proverbs. We are looking at one chapter a week. This gives us the ability to really study and focus on the specific chapter and really learn and know it. Rather than just reading it once, we try to read and study it every day and let it envelop every part of our life and become part of our routine. We don’t really focus on one specific thing during the times we meet. We talk about what happened in our lives, what we are struggling with, and what God has done in/through our lives.”

Group “feel”: “I think our group would be classified as not only spiritual, but also laid back, or even philosophical. Our group is a place that we can come and discuss our lives and be honest about our relationship with Christ. I wouldn’t classify it as an accountability group, but we do help each other as much as we can through our struggles with all aspects of life.”

To become involved with any Bible study, contact the individual group leader or Campus Ministries.

Spanish voices join in new worship service

Katie Bennett
Staff Writer

This year, Hope’s Spanish department is bursting the Hope bubble, or at least expanding it to encompass the rest of Holland.

The college is hosting a chapel service to help students learn more about the worship and service opportunities in the Hispanic community. The service is non-denominational and takes place Thursdays in Martha Miller Center room 239 from 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

It is open to faculty and the community as well, but students make up the bulk of attendance so far. Guest pastors from Spanish-speaking churches in Holland will be invited this semester to speak at the services about their congregations. Daniel Woolsey, Hope Spanish professor, otherwise leads the worship in Spanish.

Woolsey was raised in Chile, where his parents did missionary work. He began teaching Spanish and linguistics at Hope in 2005.

“As an important objective of chapel is to prepare students for participation in Spanish-speaking services, be they locally or abroad,” Woolsey said. “We hope that by singing songs, praying, and listening to teaching, students will be better equipped when they do have opportunities to serve Spanish-speaking churches.”

The services usually include a reading of a La Palabra de Dios (the Word of God) and singing of Spanish hymns, including songs like “Abre mis Ojos” (Open my Eyes) and “Alabaré” (I Will Praise). The songs’ lyrics, along with impromptu recordings, are available online for students who would like to practice ahead of time.

With a steady turnout of 20 to 30 students each week, the service is already a success. This week’s Spanish Chapel, “Capilla de Español,” will be led by the Rev. Charlie Brown of St. Francis de Sales Parish on Thurs. Nov. 9.

For a schedule of speakers and worship days, visit http://faculty.hope.edu/dml/woolsey/spanish_chapel/index.html.
To be pushed, called and allowed to stand by hope is to put ourselves out on a limb. It is to risk our safety and to step courageously out of our comfort zone. It is always easier to just believe, want and wish for change. Just sitting and wishing, doesn’t require sacrificing time with family. It doesn’t require worrying about what co-workers and friends think. It doesn’t require having to risk leaving a job you love. It doesn’t require investing time, money and emotion into six months of hard work with the large risk of losing. In party politics, it would be just as easy to stay home and only concern ourselves with voting on Election Day. Hope—little “h” not big “H”—wouldn’t even allow you to give your time to make even the smallest difference. Hope allows us to stand before a world that tells me I can’t succeed. It calls us to lead us. Will we have the courage to hope even when things around us seem grim? Will we have the audacity to rise to step out of our comfort zone and reach for all that we hope will lead us. When I was in kindergarten, I wanted to be a teacher. Until my senior year in high school, I wanted to be a teacher. My senior year, something changed. I became more aware of the world around me and more in tune with what I cared about. I remember a close family friend telling me, and others, that I was going to enter politics though I didn’t “know it yet.”

As I entered college, I began to feel God calling me out of my comfort zone. Suddenly for me being a teacher became something safe, rather than a calling. My hope in the future and the world I lived in was more uncertain. It is the audacity of hope that calls us to stand up despite all that tells us to sit down.

Shannon Craig

‘The Audacity of Hope’

Shannon Craig

Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) often speaks of the audacity of hope: “Hope—in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope! In the end, that is God’s greatest gift to us.”

I stand in hope to face times of difficulty. Hope in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope! In the face of difficulty. Hope in the face of reality, it would just be easier to sit quietly wishing, doesn’t require sacrificing time, money and emotion into six months of hard work with the large risk of losing. In party politics, it would be just as easy to stay home and only concern ourselves with voting on Election Day. Hope—little “h” not big “H”—wouldn’t let Scott VanderStoep, a psychology professor, just sit at home. His hope and yearning for change, pushed him to run for state senate in an area that hasn’t gone to a Democratic presidential candidate since about 1864. He ran a race in which success wasn’t winning, but doing better than those who had gone before him and maybe—just maybe—getting people to begin an earnest discussion of more than just who has an “R” and who has a “D” next to their name.

As college students, we are searching for our place in the world. We wonder if our life will matter and where our hope will lead us. Will we have the courage to hope even when things around us seem grim? Will we have the audacity and the boldness to step out of our comfort zone and reach for all that we hope will lead us. When I was in kindergarten, I wanted to be a teacher. Until my senior year in high school, I wanted to be a teacher. My senior year, something changed. I became more aware of the world around me and more in tune with what I cared about. I remember a close family friend telling me, and others, that I was going to enter politics though I didn’t “know it yet.”

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Election

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The House majority for the first time in 12 years. They also gained four Senate seats, with the two races in Montana and Virginia too close to call at print time. If both seats go Democratic, each party will control 49 Senate seats, with the final two filled by independent candidates.

Hope students Lauren Peters (’07) and Larissa Mariano (’07) both attended the Detroit victory party, and are excited about the Democratic gains.

“It’ll be a nice change, at least having one part of Congress with a Democratic majority,” Peters said. “There will be changes in the way of handling Iraq, immigration, and health care, and in bringing some other issues to the table.”

Local Results

In local elections, it was the Republican incumbents who had cause to celebrate. U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R) garnered 66 percent of the vote, and defeating Democratic challenger Kimon Kotos.

In the race for the 30th district State Senate seat, Wayne Kuipers (R) defeated Scott VanderStoep (D), garnering 71 percent of the vote to Vanderstoep’s 27 percent. Vanderstoep, a professor of psychology at Hope College, conceded the race around 11 p.m. He expressed gratitude for the support he received from the college community.

“So many people at Hope welcomed in their support,” Vanderstoep said. “I am grateful for their generosity.”

Republicans also held onto several state offices. Terry Lynn Land (R) will serve a second term as secretary of state, earning 56 percent of the vote. Mike Cox (R) retained his seat as attorney general by a similar margin, winning 54 percent of the vote.

Proposal Decisions

The Michigan ballot included more than just candidate choices: voters also decided five proposals. Proposal 1, which would protect conservation and recreation funds, and Proposal 4, which would limit eminent domain, were both approved by overwhelming majorities. The controversial Proposal 2, titled the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, which would ban affirmative action programs in the state, was passed 58 to 42 percent. Voters turned down Proposal 3, which would establish a hunting season for mourning doves, and Proposal 5, which would set mandatory school funding levels, by margins of more than 20 percent.
Crossing Cultures

Muntu: A new concept for community

Danielle Revers

The English language has no word for the Bantu word muntu. Not only is it a foreign word, it’s a foreign concept as well. It’s meaning is similar to the English word person… only it means more. Muntu is not just one person, but people as a whole, too. And by people, it doesn’t just refer to those people alive now. It refers to everyone; alive, dead, not yet born. It is life; or the energy which gives life. It’s a beautiful concept, really. But it is certainly something that we are lacking.

In the broader scope, we lack muntu as Americans. So often we define ourselves in common with the rest of humankind, but as what make us different from them. While it is understandable that most everyone wants to be seen as an individual who is unique and one of a kind, this constant need to set ourselves apart from both one another and the rest of the world causes us to fabricate divisions and judgments of one another.

We also do this, on a different scale of course, here at Hope College. We lack a solidarity and togetherness. We often set up walls around our comfort zones and do not bother to venture out of them. We see “the world” (read: Hope College) through divisions such as Greek and non-Greek, athletes and non-athletes, chapel goers and non-chapel goers, etc. While the activities and scholastic ventures that we commit ourselves to may say something about us, they certainly don’t say everything.

Most of us possess enough depth and variety to supersede these boundaries and find common ground with one another. Perhaps I may not be Greek, but I still like to participate in “extra-curricular activities”… of the Greek variety. Perhaps I may not go to chapel, but I have a pretty good understanding of religion and can understand and appreciate why people choose to go. The list of scenarios is endless. We should take a lesson from the African concept of muntu and try to think of one another not by what we aren’t or how we’re different, but by what we have in common.

Living abroad taught me to not let first impressions and/or social groupings affect how I think about people. Thus, on my semester abroad I stumbled upon the most random spattering of friends… from sorority girls, to an atheist stoner, to a very conservative and opinionated politics and religion student, to a theatre junkie who works at a “gentleman’s club.” All so very different, both from me and each other, yet all were friends because our commonalities were more important than any differences (and there were a lot!).

And on a similar note, I found that sometimes the people whom I should must get along with, those who hold similar beliefs and/or interests, I actually dislike. The point is this: people, if you give them the chance, will surprise you. You will find friendships where you never thought you would and have some of the best times of your life.

So, I encourage all of us (myself included), as the school year continues, to try and break down some of these boundaries and view Hope College in a new light. Think of your classmates as muntu dictates; part of something collective and shared. Be open to new people and possibilities, and you’ll be pleasantly surprised at what you happen to stumble upon.

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Everyone aspires to work at a dream job. Whether fantastical longings prod a person to receive a degree in jelly bean taste testing or play in the NBA, reality usually crashes in to cause such dreams to succumb to the same notions that these occupations are not for the common man or woman.

One Hope College student, however, has succeeded in working in an environment that many would give their left arm for. He spends countless hours with the “greats” of the MLB leagues. On the fields, the dugout and clubhouse, he appears to have free reign of the ballpark. It would be any baseball fanatic’s dream job; however, a clubhouse boy must be a fan under restraint.

Joseph Rinkinen ('10) and his two brothers worked in the Tiger’s clubhouse this season. Clubhouse boys work game-day hours from approximately noon to midnight and will camp out in the locker room during a long series. The clubhouse crew feeds the team before practices and launders 35 jerseys (game and practice) and 200 towels. To some, these menial tasks may appear to be only slave labor. The beauty of the job is that clubhouse boys see what other fans will never get to witness. Although “what happens in the clubhouse stays in the clubhouse” is the time honored saying of major leaguers, the crew receives jerseys and first-rate seats by the dugout. This is a place of some honor since, as each slugger jogs home after a home run, the clubhouse boys are the first to receive a high five.

Security doesn’t seem to bat an eye when the crew walk through the gates of Comerica Park. Although a fan will occasionally ask the boys for autographs, they are not allowed to request them from their team’s athletes.

In crisp jerseys, without names or numbers, the clubhouse boys live a baseball fan’s dream each time they go to work.

For a peacemaking organization, the representatives speaking for the Holland Peacemakers to a Hope College print media class on Tuesday, Oct. 24, told a story surprisingly full of controversy. The two representatives, Sara Leland and Al Friend, discussed opposition to their peace pole proposal from Carolyn Marquis of the Holland City Council.

“She is where the controversy really started,” Leland said.

The idea of refurbishing the original peace pole began with the death of Jon den Herderin, a long-time member, in Feb. 2005. Rosa Parks Green has a peace pole begun in 1986, hidden by the now overgrown bushes.

As a recognition to den Herderin’s memory, the Peacemakers created a new peace pole in 16 languages displaying the words, “May Peace Prevail on Earth.”

The pole stands eight feet tall and weighs 140 pounds. It follows the policy created by the city council by having historical value and not displaying the Holland Peacemakers logo.

When the Holland City Council turned the proposal to install the pole down, the student leaders “freedom to leave the studio,” which means WTHS can broadcast from a wider range of Hope events. Plans to broadcast sporting events, chapel addresses and the Gathering are being considered.

To promote its new image, the station is sponsoring giveaways and on-campus quizzes. Last week, WTHS gave away free tickets to the Switchfoot concert, in order to raise student awareness of the station and its relationship to other music-related activities on campus. In addition to the station’s broadcasts, WTHS partners with the Hope College Concert Series to bring bands to campus.

Other music-related student groups are excited about the reintroduction of WTHS.

“The new image could revitalize the stagnant music scene at Hope,” said Paris TerKeurst ('08), president of the Independent Music Club and former WTHS DJ. TerKeurst discontinued her radio show after a year on the air. “The new image could revitalize the stagnant music scene at Hope...I hope the changes to the station increase WTHS’s presence on campus.”

“It was frustrating because the listenership was so low,” TerKeurst said. “I hope the changes to the station increase WTHS’s presence on campus. I’m in favor of anything that gets people to listen to new music.”
ON TO THE NCAA PLAYOFFS

Two fall sports receive a bid to play in the NCAA National Tournament

VOLLEYBALL

James Ralston
Sports Editor

The members of Hope’s volleyball team crowded into their captain’s home Nov. 5 awaiting word on whether their season was over, or if they would continue on in the NCAA tournament. Coach Becky Schmidt walked in and said two simple words, “We’re in.”

“Last year we went undefeated and didn’t get into the NCAA tournament, so we didn’t want to get our hopes up too high this year,” Jill Immink ('09) said. “We were all shocked and really excited when we found out.”

The volleyball team had a strong showing in the MIAA tournament finishing second behind nationally ranked Calvin. They concluded the season with a 24-9 record and a second place overall finish in the MIAA. On the individual side, three Hope players were given All-MIAA honors. Captains Deena VanAssen (’07) and Amber Hocree ('07) were named first team All-MIAA. Nora Slenk ('09) was named second team All-MIAA. Receiving honorable mention was Stephanie Poll ('07).

The Dutch will face Ohio Northern in the first round of the NCAA tournament at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Calvin.

MEN’S SOCCER

James Ralston
Sports Editor

The men’s soccer team capped off the MIAA season with a victory over Adrian 4-0 on Nov. 4. Goals were scored by Chris Harrison (‘10), James Trichick ('09), Ben Rosema ('09) and Daniel Chesney ('09). The win solidified their place atop the MIAA. They finished 12-1-1 in league play and 14-4-1 overall.

“It was a great feeling to see our hard work pay off,” Justin Bailey ('10) said.

Goalkeeper Mike Amerman earned MIAA defensive player of the week after shutting out Tri-State 7-0 on Nov. 1. He had eight shutouts over the course of the season and allowed only eight goals in the entire season.

Along with being MIAA champions, the team also earned a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

“Our abilities can carry us all the way in the tournament if we play to our potential,” AuSable Schwiebert ('10) said. “We need to play hard and not be intimidated by the other teams’ records or rankings.”

The Dutchmen travel to Delaware, Ohio for their first round game against Ohio Wesleyan (13-0-4) on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

WORLD CUP KORFBALL AT HOPE

Tryouts for the U.S. Korfball team this weekend in DeVos

James Ralston
Sports Editor

The best athletes in the U.S. will be at Hope this weekend for the U.S. Korfball team tryouts. Korfball was introduced to the Hope community in 2005 by Karla Wolters, a professor of kinesiology. Her interest in the sport developed into a course offered at Hope.

Korfball enthusiasts also made a trip to Europe over the summer to continue to improve upon their skills. On this trip they participated in clinics and games.

An article from the International Korfball Federation stated this about Hope’s progress on the trip:

“For the American participants this was definitely the best game of the week. However the difference in the final score confirmed this. During the game there was a lot of good technical and tactical play and there were many spectacular goals. The 200 spectators were excited by the play and the final result: a very spectacular 27-17 in favour of the Europeans.”

Players from all over the country will join Hope students and alumni for the tryouts Nov. 10-11. It is not known how many people will attend the tryouts, or how many people will make the team.

“We brought 16 to the Netherlands so I would guess they’ll keep somewhere around that number for the U.S. team,” Aaron Kenemer ('07) said.

Included in the weekend’s events will be training and practices on Nov. 10, and games on Nov. 11. Games will be in DeVos Fieldhouse at 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The U.S. team will be announced following the games. The players chosen on the team will represent the U.S. in the Korfball World Cup in Brno, Czech Republic in October 2007.

“We learned a lot in the Netherlands at a very rapid pace,” Kenemer said. “So if we can get some solid teaching on the technical side and put in a lot of hard work I think we will be able to compete very well in the World Cup.”

The International Korfball Federation concluded their article with this statement:

“Now it is up to the U.S. Korfball Federation to get really well on the road to Brno.”
FOOTBALL UNDEFEATED IN MIAA

Nick Hinkle, Correspondent

After being outscored by 34 points against their opponents and losing three straight games, the Hope football team started a season with a record far from perfect. However, on Sept. 30 the team still had a chance to open conference play with a win. The Dutch not only responded with a win in that game, but continued to a series of six straight wins and an MIAA title.

Hope’s first three losses were against highly talented non-conference teams that have all posted winning records this season.

“We knew we were playing great teams in the non-conference portion of the schedule and we would have to get quickly to compete with them,” coach Dean Kreps said. “Those teams are for real. Central, DePauw and Wheaton have a combined record of 20-4 at this point in the season.”

Even after the three opening losses, the team never lost hope or confidence in their abilities. Instead, the Dutch united and remained focused on accomplishing preseason goals.

“Tt’s really hard to run your course. If that happens, we’ll be working hard and finishing their numbers on the line in their next game,” Roschek said. “We just want everyone to give everything they have on the course. If that happens, we’ll be really pleased.”

BUSTING THROUGH — Running back David Booke (’08) rushes through a large hole created by the Hope offensive line. The Dutchmen won the MIAA title with a victory over Olivet Nov. 4.

ATHLETE PROFILE: RYAN TERLOUW

Senior cross country captain leads the pack through the trails, on the track and in the classroom

Emily Westrate, Staff Writer

Ryan TerLouw (’07) grew up in the small town of Pella, Iowa. It was there he first became interested in running.

“My grandfather was a track coach, and his interest sparked my own,” TerLouw said.

Beginning in fifth grade, TerLouw continued to run in high school and his time at Hope College. Throughout his four years, he has participated on both Hope’s cross country and track teams. The lessons he has learned over that time are countless.

“Every time I train smart, to avoid injuries, to race well and to calm my nerves before big races,” TerLouw said.

With a personal best of 25:08 for the 8K, TerLouw is an All-American for the 1,500 meter race.

All of this success is the product of hard work and dedication. With the cross country team, TerLouw usually trains six to seven days a week, averaging 60 to 70 miles each week.

TerLouw puts just as much effort into his studies. Majoring in chemistry and minoring in neuroscience and mathematics, he strives for the best education possible.

“Hope’s reputation for the sciences as well as the opportunity to run was a pretty unique combination,” he said.

Teamwork and encouragement are also vital to good performance.

“I love the team aspect of cross country. Most people who run cross country also come out for track so our big group of distance runners sticks together and has a good time all year round,” TerLouw said. “Track isn’t as team-oriented, but it’s still a good time.”

At the MIAA Championship, the cross country team placed second, and TerLouw placed fourth against tough competition.

“We raced really well as a team, and I was proud of how well everyone ran,” TerLouw said. “I was able to run with Calvin’s best guys, some of the best in the country, so it was encouraging to place well against them.”

With NCAA regions on the horizon, the entire team is working hard and finishing their training to improve upon last year’s ninth place finish.

TERLOUW IN THE RECORD BOOKS

1,500 meters: 3:50.59 - school record

• Two-time NCAA All-American

3,000 meters: 8:39.11 - school record

• 4:07 mile equivalent

5,000 meters: 14:31.29 - school record

• 4:38 mile pace

8,000 meters: 25:08 - school record

• 5:03 mile pace

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CROSS COUNTRY

The men and women’s cross country teams finished second in the MIAA. Pacing the men was Ryan TerLouw (’07) with a fourth place finish. Leslie Tableman (’07) led the way for the women with an 11th place overall finish. They compete Nov. 11 at NCAA regionals in Hanover, Ind.

NCAA TOURNAMENT ACTION

Volleyball

Thur., Nov. 9
vs. Ohio Northern
6 p.m. Calvin College

Men’s Soccer

Friday, Nov. 10
7 p.m. Delaware, Ohio.

Cross Country

Saturday, Nov. 11
NCAA Regional
22 m. Hanover, Ind.