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In Brief

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, evers@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.

A Call to Men

Erin 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 Piers (’07), a founding member of Greek Men Take a Stand.

The organization is comprised of 150 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.

“Acknowledgement 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 stage a solidarity against violence.

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

Wells Program

Cuts Costs, Waistlines

Larissa Mariano
Guest 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

WTHS

Annika 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 Calhoun (’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,” Calhoun said of the old system.

“We have 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, Calhoun said, gives DJs

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Wonders

Kelly Sina (’08)

Eileen Sherwood, strives to gain fame in the limelight of the big apple. “Wonderful Town” runs Nov. 7-11 and curtain opens at 8 p.m. For more information, see Wonders, page 10
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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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 both the Senate and House.

Granholm, speaking at a victory party at Dimnent Chapel, said, “I want to thank you for your trust.”

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 Shia 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.


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 for life imprisonment and death sentences are automatic. The process consists of forwarding the case, along with documents from the prosecution and the defense, to an appellate court, which must then make a ruling. A court official expects this ruling to take three to four weeks once the documents are received from the prosecution and the defense, but there is no set time limit for the appellate court’s ruling.

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“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.” — Vitaya Wisethrat, a Muslim cleric

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 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.

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THE KNICK FEATURES FILM "WHY WE FIGHT"

The Knickerbocker Fall 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 seniors citizens.

GPS SHOWCASE: JACQUES THIBAUD TRIO

Internationally known Jacques Thibaud String Trio will visit Hope this week as part of the Great Performance Series. They will perform Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The “trio’s” three members—classical music the young men are known for the passion and energy they apply to their craft. Tickets are $16 for regular admission, $12 for senior citizens and $5 for students 18 and under.

STUDENTS FEATURED IN KRASL ART EXHIBIT

The Krasl 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 rail way is only a few blocks from the renovated factory that will serve as the site for the exhibit. The Krasl Art 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 4 p.m.

MARIACHI FRANCISCO (2001) — An Example of the haunting quality that Wittliff’s pinhole technique lends to seemingly everyday images.

Pinhole photo exhibit now showing

Ari Elami

An exhibition of photographs entitled “La Vida Branca” 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.

Images 2006: A Reflection of Cultures

Elizabeth 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 art.

Rana sees cultural activities as an experience in college. “We’re all so busy, students and faculty alike, that when you do a big project it’s tough to get it all done,” Lanes 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.

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Spotlight on the technical arts

Cortney Roberts

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, make-up, 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 hundreds of students working in technical arts. 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 back-stage 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 manning the concession stand at the Knick erbocker 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.

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Participants from last year’s Images showcase show off some traditional fashion styles from around the globe.

“I cannot expect people to get anything out of the experience, they either will or they won’t.” Kiko will be performing an African dance and enjoys being able to express and explore her culture through that.

To her, Images is more than just the audience, but still urges people to attend.

“The event is beautiful and they should come and experience it,” she said. Rana feels the same.

“Don’t miss it,” Rana said. “When you get a chance to see people from different cultures in a couple of hours, why would one miss it?”
BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ‘WONDERFUL TOWN’

Catherine Bennett

“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,” in the Dewitt Theater, plays at 8 p.m. through Saturday thusiastic crowds. The musical to what I know will be en-

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 attractive Chick Clark, played by Kristi Szczepanek ('07) and Kelly Sina ('08) play the memorable roles of two sisters, 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.

Irish officer Lonagan, played by Isaac Droscha ('08), the copy editing Bob Baker, played by Andrew Franks ('10), the landlady Mr. Appolopoulos, played by Lucas Leavenworth ('09), the sweetly nerdy Frank Lippencott, played by Jeremiah Vipond ('08), the football obsessed Wreck, played by ('08) Sam Miro 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 Adolfo 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 and quirky jazzy numbers, all of which are 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 Blazy ('08), John Bruinsma ('08), Isaac Bush ('09), Kate Finkbeiner ('07), Morgan Fett ('10), Ciera Forsyth ('10), Kate Goertzer ('07), Jared Graybiel ('10), Ross Green ('10), Joshua Headapol ('10), Nicole Potter ('10), Brandon Ruiter ('08), Candice Tindell ('10), Jocelyn Vammer ('08), and Laura Van Tassell ('09).

Director Dina Robbins 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 Denison Hall. Pedometers were issued to faculty who attended the meetings.

The Hope College jazz band chooses to have the insurance plan offered by Priority Health, they can earn 15 percent of their premium, up to $200 annually. An employee’s spouse must also be enrolled in the program if they are normally covered under the same insurance plan.

The program has four objectives that must be met during one year. To start the program, faculty must complete a health risk assessment and set a personal health goal. Then a re-evaluation of the original health assessment survey must be completed near the end of the year. Finally, faculty must visit with a primary care physician once every two years. If all these requirements are met, employees will receive a portion of their premium back.

The goal of the program is to assist in identifying health problems early in order to prevent higher cost insurance claims later.

Hope decided to implement this wellness program to prepare for health issues in the future and to reduce the cost of the health insurance programs that are offered. Hope has offered incentives for participation in the program, such as yoga and Pilates classes for employees and a decrease in price for meals at Phelps and Cook Hall. Pedometers were issued to faculty who attended the meetings.

The Jacques Thibaud String Trio Welcomes from Germany

Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. • Dimnchapel, Hope College with special guests Mihai Craioveanu and Richard Piippo

Their playing had authority as well as heat.” The Los Angeles Times

“This ensemble has already turned quite a few heads.” The New Yorker

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Restructured UCS sponsors explanatory mass

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.

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Shannon Craig

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

Hope pushes us onward when we feel like success is not in our reach. It calls us to step out of our comfort zone and reach for our place in the world. We wonder if our life will matter and where our hope will tune with what I cared about. I remember a time in 12 years. They also won a Democratic majority. 71 percent of the vote, and defeating Democratic challenger Kotton. In the race for the 30th district State Senate seat, Wayne Kuipers (R) defeated Scott Vanderstoep, a professor of psychology at Hope College, conceding the race around 11 p.m. He expressed gratitude for the support he received from the college community.

“So many people at Hope were wonderful 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 propositions. Proposal 1, which would protect conservation and recreation funds, was approved by two-thirds of voters, 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.

Proposal 1 — Conservation and recreation
Yes 72%
No 28%
Proposal 2 — Michigan Civil Rights Initiative
Yes 58%
No 42%
Proposal 3 — Hunting mourning doves
No 68%
Yes 32%
Proposal 4 — Limit eminent domain
Yes 80%
No 20%
Proposal 5 — Mandatory school funding
No 62%
Yes 38%

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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? Well, it’s difficult to explain. The 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 not as what we share with others or have 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 not to 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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Jenny Cencer
Campus Editor

WTHS
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and 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
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“It was frustrating because the
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and terrorist.”

Outraged Peacemakers asked Marquis,
the vice chair of the Leisure and Cultural
Services Commission, for her resignation
from City Council because of her
comments.

Marquis later sent an apology letter to
the Holland Sentinel, The Grand Rapids
Press and the Peacemakers, saying she
didn’t mean that the Holland Peacemakers
were “terrorists,” but rather “that the HPM
is a political organization of the left and
that the peace pole initiative is really about
politics.”

Marquis was no longer involved in
discussions of the peace pole or allowed to
vote on anything regarding it.

“It comes down to ethics; I don’t think
she has any ethics,” Friend said.

With the ongoing controversy of whether
this peace pole was equaling terrorism,
attention developed in different areas,
putting pressure on the city council. Holland
Peacemakers had to change the location of
the peace pole multiple times before finally
placing it in Smallenburg Park.

The Peace Pole was dedicated on Sept.
21, the International Day of Peace.
VIOLLENT FOOTWORK — Dan Tressler ('08) puts a move on an opponent. The Dutchmen won the MIAA and will continue their season in the NCAA Tournament Nov. 10.

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 about the sport and a visit by professional European korfball players. Many 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.”

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SPORTS

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 didn’t want to get our hopes up too high if they would continue on in the NCAA tournament. Coach Becky Schmidt walked in and said two simple words, “We’re in.”

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

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**FOOTBALL UNEMbEATED IN MIAA**

**Nick Hinkle**

*Sports Editor*

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.

“I knew we had a good team by the way they responded to the losses. There was not finger pointing or back biting,” Kreps said. “They kept working and stuck together.”

Hope’s remarkable turnaround was due to multiple factors including a win against Albion to begin conference play.

“We could have lain down, but they persevered. It was crucial to get the first league win versus Albion,” coach Kreps said. “They are a huge rival for us and it was a home game. That really was the turning point.”

After the win against Albion, Hope posted a series of wins but never got caught up with their success. The team always had its preseason goals in mind.

“We treat each game as a title game. No matter who we are playing we are playing for the MIAA championship,” defensive back Kevin Rosche (’07) said.

Currently, the team carries valuable lessons from the early season losses to advance further into the season.

“(Losses) taught us that no matter what happens in the non-conference you can still put yourself in a position to be a champion,” Rosche said. “We learned that we needed to take more steps than we were taking and needed more of everything.”

With their victory against Olivet Nov. 4, the team earned a spot in the NCAA playoffs.

Following their early season struggles, the Dutchmen have outscored their opponents by 77 points in conference play, winning six consecutive games, earning an MIAA title and receiving an invitation to the playoffs.

The Dutch will put their numbers on the line in their next home game against Wisconsin Lutheran on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m.

**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.

“Everyone who trains 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, 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.

“It’s really hard to run your own race. You have to learn to be patient and never give,” TerLouw said. “We just want everyone to give everything they have on the course. If that happens, we’ll be really pleased.”

**Men’s Swimming**

The men’s swim team had two victories over the past week, defeating Kalamazoo (170-118) and Carthage, Wis. (146.5-133.5). The team currently holds a 2-1 record.

**Women’s Swimming**

The women’s swim team are off to a 4-0 start following a weekend sweep of Kalamazoo (168.5-122.5) and Carthage, Wis. (148-108).

**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 regional's in Hanover, Ind.

**NCAA TOURNAMENT ACTION**

- **Volleyball**
  - Thursday vs. Ohio Northern 7 p.m. Calvin College
  - Men’s Soccer
  - Friday vs. Ohio Wesleyan 7 p.m. Delaware, Ohio.
  - Cross Country
  - Saturday
    - NCA Regional 11 a.m. Hanover, Ind.

**Men’s Swimming**

- **Pushing It In** — Ryan TerLouw (’07) sprints towards the finish against a Calvin runner Sep. 16.

- **8,000 meters: 25:08**
  - **4:40 mile pace**
  - **3,000 meters: 8:39.11**
  - **4:36 mile pace**
  - **5,000 meters: 14.31:29**
  - **4:50 mile pace**
  - **8,000 meters: 25:08**
  - **5:03 mile pace**

**NCAA Tournament Action**

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**Photos courtesy PS**

**BUSTING THROUGH** — Running back David Books (’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.