Dem. Party Chair Howard Dean to discuss faith, politics at Hope

Alex Quick

On Monday, Oct. 29, Hope College Democrats will welcome Howard Dean, the former Vermont Gov. and presidential candidate, and current chairman of the Democratic Party, to campus. Dean will be giving a talk in the Haworth Inn and Conference Center about the Democratic Party, faith and politics.

"Governor Dean's visit is an exciting opportunity for the college and the Holland community," said Scott Vander-Steeg, faculty advisor to the Hope Democrats. "Many students in the Hope Democrats feel called by their faith to address issues like the environment, poverty and tax policy. I hope this visit will raise awareness that many people in both political parties have their politics informed by their Christian commitment." The Democratic Party has failed to appeal to evangelical voters for the past two decades, but that may change with the 2008 elections. After a very poor evangelical turnout for Democrats in the 2004 presidential elections, where, according to a Time magazine article, about 17 percent voted for John Kerry, the Democrats are starting to turn an ear to the religious community. Also working in their favor is a two-fold dilemma for the GOP: an increasingly socially minded evangelical community and a lack of appealing presidential candidates.

Jeremy Carter, Democratic presidential candidate from 1977-1981, is widely cited as being the president responsible for bringing personal faith to the Oval Office, publicly stating that he was "born-again Christian," reports Time magazine. According to the same Time article, despite his personal admissions, the party moved in a more secular direction that most evangelicals favored to go. As the party began to develop progressive policies that were more supportive of abortion and same sex marriages and more restrictive of public displays of religi, evangelicals turned to the Republicans in record numbers.

During the 2004 elections, the Democrats began to bring evangelicals back into the fold, by talking about faith at more events and meeting with high-profile Christian leaders.

Ashley DeVecht

ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

Hundreds of white paper bags lined the track at the Dow Center on Friday night, illuminating the path for this year’s Relay For Life. The illuminated bags, or "luminarias," stood as a memorial to people who had battled cancer.

The names on the luminarias were not faceless statistics, but rather mothers, grandfathers and childhood friends. Some were survivors; some were not so lucky. Students crowded around the bags of their loved ones, shedding tears of grief; others passed by in silent reflection.

Relay For Life is a team event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society. The event is in its fifth year here at Hope College. Erica Viegelahn ’04 started planning the first event at Hope in the spring of 2003 in honor of her mother, who had been diagnosed with cancer.

This was a record-setting year for Relay For Life at Hope College; more than 700 students raised $52,426 — more than any other year. The money raised will be used for cancer research, education and patient services.

Survivors share stories

The evening began with an opening ceremony in which survivors shared their stories. Proudly wearing their purple “Survivor” shirts, about 30 cancer survivors walked the first lap around the track cheered on by the Hope College students below.

One survivor, Perry Greene ’09, was diagnosed with a pre-malignant form of cancer at the age of 5. He is now cancer-free and joined the activities on Friday night.

"I’m not someone to voluntarily stay up all night, but it was a blast. People were there for a cause. They weren’t just walking to walk, they were there for all those people who have suffered from the disease. It was pretty amazing to finish off the last lap and realize the $53,000 will go to some form of cancer research, in hopes of finding a cure," Greene said.

Students, who were part of more than 40 teams, took turns walking through the night. When students were not walking, the Relay For Life Committee kept participants active with food, prizes and entertainment.

About 15 committee members helped plan Relay For Life this year. Krista Ho- makesie ’09 was part of the entertainment committee and spent the course of four weeks scheduling bands and games, attending meetings and setting up LIFE, page 2

PLAying for a Cause— On Saturday, several bands performed for Relay For Life. Pictured is The High Dive Practice, with band members Ryan Blake, left, Peter Nyberg ’08, on drums, and Johnny Burtrum, right.

Campus OxyContin use reported

Laura Stritzke

SUN WRITER

On Oct. 1, the Hope College administration, in conjunction with Campus Safety, released a safety alert which stated that they had become aware of use on Hope’s campus of the drug OxyContin without a prescription.

However, the overall use of illegal drugs on Hope’s campus is relatively low compared to national averages. An anonymous survey of Hope students, administered by the Frost Research Center in November 2006, revealed that 1.1 percent of Hope students reported that they used illegal drugs, other than marijuana, since the beginning of the academic year.

In contrast, 18.5 percent of college students surveyed reported using illegal drugs, other than marijuana, in the previous year, according to the 2005 Monitoring the Future survey conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In addition, 2.1 percent of college students in the survey reported using OxyContin.

Both at Hope and nationally, marijuana is the most frequently used illegal drug. On an annual basis, 33.3 percent of college student nationally reported using the drug. At Hope, however, only 5.6 percent of students reported using marijuana since the start of the academic year.

When asked about drugs and substance abuse on Hope’s campus, Director of Residential Life John Johnson said, "Drug use is such an infrequent thing, that when it does happen we know about it and we do something." He also said that if indeed Hope does follow the national trend, its percentages are significantly smaller.

"Hope is different because we do fall outside of that national norm," said Johnson. "That’s not to say that it doesn’t happen on Hope’s campus, but..."

Dean of Students Richard Frost cited the OxyContin issue as one area in which the college, after learning about a problem, could do something to prevent harm to students.

"I think that when I become aware of certain things, I have an obligation to speak up, as it re- lates to the health of the community, and (in the case of OxyContin on campus) things came to my attention and therefore I share them with the community," Frost said. "The community has the right to be informed.

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Alcohol poisoning cases per semester almost zero

When it does it is an exception and not the rule.”

Dr. Anthony Kooiker, a gifted professor emeritus at Hope College music faculty after a 37-year career at the college, died on Thursday, Oct. 18, at age 87.

Kooiker, who was living in Orange City, Iowa, was a member of the Hope faculty from 1950 until retiring in 1987. His service to the college’s music program included helping to build the department of music and developing the holdings of the college’s music program.

In 1951, with colleague Jantina Holleman, he helped reorganize the college’s Christmas Vespers program, which had started in 1941, into the form in which it continues today as one of the college’s most beloved and popular traditional events. This year’s Vespers services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

There was a funeral service for Dr. Kooiker on Monday, Oct. 22, at 1:30 p.m., at the First Reformed Church Chapel in Orange City, Iowa, was a member of the college’s most beloved and popular traditional events. This year’s Vespers services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

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To assist visitors to the campus for the trick-or-treating, Dance Marathon will be hosting an information tent on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the corner of Columbia Avenue at 12th Street. The students will also be selling hot chocolate to help raise funds for Dance Marathon.

The participating halls are Cook, Dykstra, Gilmore, Kollen, Lichy, Phelps, Scott, Van Vleck, Voorhees and Wyckoff. In addition, selected cottage housing units, those with porch lights on, will also be hosting trick-or-treaters.

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Laura Strltzke

On Oct. 8 the Off-Campus Study Fair was held in Maas auditorium. All of the study abroad options were displayed with neatly decorated poster boards and appealing photo slide shows. For some, the brochures and pictures are fun to flip through but they do not actually consider going abroad. However, studying abroad for a semester or year in an international or domestic program is a reality for one-third of each graduating class, and it can be a reality for anyone who chooses to make it.

The Fried International Center, located in the first floor offices of the Martha Miller Center, is dedicated to providing off-campus study opportunities for all students. There are more than 100 off-campus options for Hope students in more than 60 countries on six continents. There are programs for students wishing to improve fluency in a foreign language, or those who want to spend time in another country while still speaking English.

Chelsea Vandlen ('09) is spending the semester in Aberdeen, Scotland. Vandlen said the experience has been really rewarding so far, but also challenging. When asked what was most surprising for her, Vandlen said, "I am surprised at how welcoming students here are of other cultures. We sat and chatted in Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, German and Spanish as an everyday occurrence."

For example, the second week here, some of the girls from the Christian Union invited me over for tea that ended up being a three-course meal! There wasn’t a sense of hurriedness that often prevails in American culture; we sat and chatted for a couple of hours, and it was really refreshing!"

These types of stories are the reason that the Fried International Center promotes studying abroad so strongly. According to their mission statement, they desire to “provide the Hope College community with learning opportunities that promote global understanding in the classroom and beyond.” This could mean an experience in Aberdeen, Scotland, like Vandlen or one of the many other opportunities that are available.

For those wanting to learn more about their personal options for studying abroad, you can visit the Fried International Center during academic hours. They have books, brochures, and also peer study abroad advisors to help you explore all of the possibilities.

Hope in High Places— President James Bultman ('63) stands with Matt Scogin, '02

Hope graduate, who is now the senior advisor to the under secretary for domestic finance. Since graduating from Hope, Scogin has also worked as a senior fiscal policy advisor for Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts. While at Hope, Scogin studied economics and political science. He earned a master’s degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Music industry sues illegal downloaders

David Moore

Eighteen-year-old Shawn Fanning founded Napster, an online music file-sharing service, in 1999 at Northeastern University, music downloading has become a cultural addiction specifically around high school and college campuses.

Seven years after, students now battle for the right for the free exchange of music. The Recording Industry Association of America goes to court to protect its artists.

Will the music file sharing be a freedom or will it be cast into a “future of digital feudalism,” said Zachary McCune, a student at Brown University, to New York Times correspondent Rachel Aviv.

The RIAA’s strategy combines presentation, education, and even lawsuits to fight online piracy of music. This perceived hard-line approach issues convicted students with potential fines of $750 to $150,000. Many students react negatively to this deterrent and immediately fight this hardship brought upon them.

On the other hand, students who understand the RIAA’s perspective and/or are musicians themselves take another approach.

Michael DeVries ('10) said, "If a band is successful, then I won’t support that and I’ll download the music, but if a band is just starting then I’ll support them by not downloading their music.”

Fanning’s Napster brought the underground file-sharing capability to the public attention. Napster’s free file-sharing service shut down due to several lawsuits in February 2001.

In June 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case MGM v. Grokster Inc. (maker of Morpheus) that file-sharing software companies could be held liable for copyright infringement. This comes with holding individuals liable for participating or using such software. The RIAA refers this ability in its Online Piracy clause promoting a website打造成 a subpoena, which is outside the control of college networks. Assistant Director of Computing and Technology at Hope College, Jeff Pestun says, “Don’t break the law, since you agree with the law or see MUSIC, PAGE 6"
Capt. Pate fixes Iraqi prison in Abu Ghraib

Kevin Freking
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)—House Democrats were unable Oct. 18 to override President Bush’s veto of their pre-election year effort to expand a popular government health insurance program to cover 10 million children.

The bill had bipartisan support but the 273-167 roll call was 13 votes short of the two-thirds that majority supporters needed to enact the bill into law over Bush’s objections. The bill had passed the Senate with a veto-proof margin.

The State Children’s Health Insurance Program now subsidizes health care insurance coverage for about 6 million children at a cost of about $5 billion a year. The vetoed bill would have added 4 million more children, most of them from low-income families, to the program, at an added cost of $7 billion annually.

To pay for the increase, the bill would have raised the federal tax on cigarettes from 39 cents to $1 a pack.

“This is not about an issue. It’s about a value,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said just before the vote. “For the cost of less than 40 days in Iraq, we can provide SCHIP coverage for 10 million children for one year.”

Forty-four Republicans voted to kill the bill — one fewer than GOP members who voted Sept. 25 to pass the bill.

Only two Democrats voted to sustain Bush’s veto compared with six who had voted against the bill. The two were Reps. Jim Marshall of Georgia and Gene Taylor of Mississippi.

Bush, anticipating that his veto would stand, has assigned three top advisers to try to negotiate a new deal with Congress. One of them, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said: “It’s now time for us to get to the hard work of finding a solution and get SCHIP reauthorized. We also have a larger task, to provide every American with the means of having an insurance policy.”

Republican opponents said the bill would encourage too many middle-income families to substitute government-subsidized insurance for their private insurance.

The bill gives states financial incentives to cover families with incomes up to three times the federal poverty level — $61,950 for a family of four.

“That’s not low-income. That’s a majority of households in America,” said Rep. Wally Herger, R-Calif.

The bill specifically states that illegal immigrants would remain ineligible for the children’s program, but Republicans seized on a section that would allow families to provide insurance for their private insurance.

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Bush vetoed the bill because he opposed SCHIP's provisions that would have extended eligibility for children to certain low-income families.

The president said his veto gives him a chance to weigh in on the future of the program. “Sometimes the legislative branch wants to go on without the president, pass pieces of legislation and the president can then use the veto to make sure he’s a part of the process,” Bush said.

Supporters of the bill said they already had compromised in winning passage of the bill last month in both houses. The House originally had proposed a $5 billion increase over five years.

The bill is bipartisan, and the Senate has shown it could override a veto. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has replied with an emphatic “no” when asked if he would seek a compromise with the administration.

An online survey of the state children’s health insurance program to cover 10 million children.

President Bush has vetoed the bill, saying it was a form of health care for illegal immigrants.

Bush veto of child health care bill upheld

The president’s veto was upheld by Congress, which was unable to override it.

“The hardest part was teaching them to be kind to our enemies.” — Capt. David Pate (’05)

Pate explained that the Iraqi Army and the soldiers under him, Pate slept between the guards and the prisoners whenever he felt the detainees were in jeopardy.

Pate also sought to make the living conditions more livable for the detainees as well as bring them up to what is accorded by the Geneva Convention. He secured an approximately $262,000 contract to improve the prison. When he arrived at the prison, Pate found that the building had a metal roof. The detainees were fed twice a day and were allowed to shower about once a month. However, with the contract Pate was able to build 10 showers, sinks and toilets. He was also able to install hot water heaters and replace the metal roof with an insulated roof. Pate acquired an air conditioning system as well as a septic system. The detainees were provided with three hot meals a day. He also secured a contract that provided bottled water and acquired uniforms, laundry detergent, soap and towels for the detainees.

Pate assumes the innocence of the detainees until they are proven guilty and feels as such that they all deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

“Punishment (is) not deter- mine[d] by the Army ... punishment is determined by a judge. Our job is to track them down.” Pate said of his unit’s role in Iraq.

Q&A with Prof. Julie Kipp

Why is SCHIP important?
A. I think health care is an enormously important issue. I know that more than one million people in Michigan are without health care. The program is about expanding coverage to poor children and families that have healthy children. But they don’t have health care.

Why were you protesting the veto?
A. I was there because I think it’s important, and I hoped to voice my concern that my congressmen voted against the bill. I hope to change his mind.

Why should Hope students care?
A. I think students need to recognize that their voices matter and that together their voices can make a huge impact. Hope students, in particular, need to see this as an ethical issue. We need to figure out how we as a society are going to allocate our money and how we are going to define ourselves.
The De Pree Art Gallery is hosting a new exhibit entitled “New Works.” The exhibit features artists Erin Carney and Jim Cogswell.

Carney’s works are entitled “At and Just Below,” and according to a plaque adorning the wall of the De Pree Gallery, Carney’s “current paintings explore the ideas of visual perception by re-envisioning the area at and just below the ocean surface from an aerial and often imagined perspective.” Carney plays with many colors in her oil works in the “At and Just Below” series.

Carney said in a Hope College Press Release, “I see abstraction in printmaking, dancing the line between the traditional role of art and the untraditional materials emerging in art today.

Cogswell’s works are called “O Reader.” In a statement featured on a plaque in the gallery, Cogswell said that “the works in this exhibit—rubber stamps, cut paper, oil paintings, ceramic tiles—are all based on an anthropomorphic alphabet. The tension between reading them as letters and seeing them is not easily resolved and is meant to hold the viewer in place, an invitation to thoughtfully experience the nature of seeing.”

“My project is influenced by a childhood growing up in Japan,” Cogswell said, according to a Hope College press release.

Laura Imbroke (’11) said that she thought that “Cogswell’s printmaking was very skilled and detailed.” The exhibit runs from Oct. 19 to Nov. 16.

According to the Hope College website, there will be an artist’s reception on Oct. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cogswell will give a gallery talk on Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. and Carney will give a gallery talk on Nov. 1 at 4 p.m.

Rachel Syens
Guest Writer

The De Pree Art Gallery exhibits “New Works” in an exhibition titled “At and Just Below,” and in the area at and just below the surface of water. Cogswell, who specializes in printmaking, dances the line between the traditional role of art and the untraditional materials emerging in art today.

DePree gallery exhibits “New Works”
Democrats ‘reaching out to religious humility’

leaders. However, Time reports that when candidates talked about faith, they came across to many people as very uncomfortable and in some instances, inarticulate. The Democratic Party seems to have a hard road ahead of it before it can shake its secular image.

According to Newsweek, evangelical Christianity has in the past been at the forefront of many social changes, such as the abolition of slavery and women’s suffrage. The future may prove no exception with a newer, younger wave of progressive leaders making headway within the movement.

Pastors like Bill Hybels and Rob Bell of Willow Creek and Mars Hill churches, respectively, seem less concerned about moral policies such as same-sex marriage and keeping the Ten Commandments.

The GOP will have to find a way to incorporate this rising bloc of evangelicals if they hope to keep their support.

“The Presidential race has mass-problems. Four years after 2004, all three major Democratic Candidates are people of faith, and are comfortable with talking about it and are making an effort to reach out. The four Republican front runner are not,” said Eric Sapp, a senior partner at Common Good Strategies, a faith-based Democratic consulting firm.

Many evangelicals are having a hard time finding a place within the Republican ranks and a few could cross the aisle. The current slate of Presidential front-runners leave them with a sense of uneasiness. Rudy Giuliani, although noted for his strong stance on national defense, is friendly toward social liberals being in favor of abortion, loosened drug laws, and same sex marriages. Even less appealing for evangelicals is his personal life, which is littered with failed marriages and affairs. Another front runner, Mitt Romney, is stellar by comparison, but some speculate his Mormon faith will turn off more fundamental voters reported Time Magazine.

“Democrats are reaching out to religious humility (by incorporating moderate and other groups), while the Republicans are running into their religious arrogance by making faith a wedge issue.”

Students fight back against downloading law

whether you don’t agree with the law... we don’t want anyone to get in trouble.

Some students are fighting back and have started an organization called FreeCulture.org that promotes copyright deregulation and the loosening of intellectual property rights. McCune, Brown student, victim of fines from the RIAA, and founder of the organization, encourages students through Free Culture’s Manifesto to take action against “repressive legislation, which threatens our civil liberties and stifles innovation.”

The question remains for everyone, especially students, to be aware of the consequences and to decide whether this is an ethical choice or “repressive legislation” that demands activism. But overall, it is important to realize that what is law is law and we are called as citizens to follow that law, until changed.

Sounds of Japan fill Nykerk Hall

Kodi Iwazaki is also a master of the koto, while Chieko Iwazaki specializes in the koto and shamisen. The koto is a 13-stringed instrument that is played with a pick. The performer can manipulate the instrument with his or her hands to achieve different colors and sounds.

The shamisen, a banjo-like instrument is, “plucked with an ivory plectrum. The shamisen primarily accompanies the voice, which sings the songs about half a beat in front of the melody played by the shamisen,” said Gould.

The three noted musicians played both solo performances and together as an ensemble at Monday night’s concert.

Monday night’s concert. A contemplative audience exited Snow after the concert. “We thought it was amazing. It was really natural,” said Jackie Bartley.

“This idea of music is so different from what we’re used to. So much of it is improvisation — and we are called as citizens to follow that law, until changed.”

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Contact Amy at 394-4225
Rachel Lackey
Guest Writer

At any time of night or day, music wafting from Dimnent Memorial Chapel is a common fixture. Worship at Hope College has become central to the spiritual lives of many on Hope’s campus. Each week in Chapel and the Gathering, the student body is greeted by a group of students eager and ready to allow God to use them in the spirit of worship.

Members of the Chapel Band are passionate about what they do and reasons that they participate.

“When we play together we are offering up sweet incense to God; we are using the gifts that God has bestowed on us, and hopefully leading the student body to the inner sanctuary, at the foot of God’s throne,” Samantha Pedigo ('08) said. “And, we are a family of cool people with real hearts, cool attitudes, and crazy talent. Who doesn’t want to take part in that?”

Josh Banner, Hope’s minister of music and art, works with a committed group of about 25 students who volunteer to be a part of student body worship.

For Banner, coming to Hope has necessarily been easy but I just like

the students a lot. It’s what makes any ministry job or teaching job — the people.”

Long before students arrive on campus, the Chapel Band, under Banner’s leadership, is preparing. They kick off the year with a weekend retreat to get to know each other and establish goals and a vision for the school year.

Banner has a solid group of seniors on which he relies for leadership. The band is divided into two teams who play on a rotating schedule, trading off between Chapels and Gatherings.

Charlie Marcus ('08) has been playing with the band for three years.

“We practice for Gathering on Wednesday nights from 8-10:30ish. I would consider it a part-time job,” Marcus said.

With the time commitment spanning at least 12 hours a week just to get things done, these students are dedicated to using their gifts to minister to the Hope community each week.

Leading worship is something these students take very seriously. Jeremy Kingma ('09) has formed a new perspective of worship by joining the Chapel Band this year.

“Not only do I get to participate in the music, I also get to see and feel the energy of hundreds of students worshiping Jesus Christ,” he said. “It’s great to see the results of each week’s preparation during Chapels and Gatherings. I don’t think people know how much prayer goes into this aspect of ministry; we’re constantly seeking to give glory to God through all that we do.”

The freshmen who have shown interest in the band this year have given Banner an opportunity to use his one-on-one coffees to get to know them, spend time with them and learn about their heart for ministry before they would even audition in the spring.

Banner hopes the relationships the band is building will positively affect the campus community.

“There is something beautiful that happens when people get to know each other,” Banner said.

Along with maintaining four services a week for Hope, Banner can be seen frequenting the local coffee shops getting to know students.

“It’s something I’m doing a lot more of this year which is great — probably my favorite thing about my job,” he said.

Banner has enjoyed getting to know students on a personal level outside of the realm of worship.

“It makes more sense to use your gifts in a community you know well,” Banner said.

Auditions are held every year to keep new people rotating into the mix, with upperclassmen being the focus.

“We don’t want to use the chapel for an advertisement so we put the information on the slides and on Know Hope,” Banner said. “We don’t recruit freshman because we want them to have a year to get settled because it’s such a high demanding thing.”

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Banner will be teaching a new course in the spring focused on worship as a part of the ministry minor. For any information on the Chapel Band, auditioning, the ministry class or just a cup of coffee, contact Josh Banner at bannerj@hope.edu.
In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Voice of dissent

Imagine a discussion with a close friend. Your friend is explaining the rationale behind a deeply held political belief that he or she holds. Although you see the strength of your friend’s argument, you disagree on a number of points. Do you argue your case?

A few weeks ago, one of my professors attempted to explain the concept of self-censorship to our class. He gave an example: He knew what President Bultman’s position was on certain issues, he said. As a result, if my professor wanted to keep his job, he knew better than to say things in class that drastically contradict the administration’s view.

Of course, the statement itself is contradictory — it is quite likely that President Bultman and the rest of the administration disagree with my professor’s statement on self-censorship. The college professor prides himself on ensuring academic freedom. With the exception of statements that are slanderous, libelous, inaccurate or illegal (i.e., threats), the college has an explicit policy of non-interference. If this policy is on the books, are we as a college community taking advantage of it or are we censoring ourselves?

The short answer to this is yes — we are constantly implementing self-censorship. Self-censorship, after all, has effects that are positive as well as negative.

For example, the confluence of the majority keeps people with racist or hateful views from expressing them in public on our campus. It also maintains social order, reaffirming the moral and ethical values that we as a community have come to cherish.

On the other hand, self-censorship can prevent dissenting views from ever receiving a fair hearing. At a Christian college like Hope, it is unlikely that the arguments of atheists will ever be discussed, except to discount them. Similarly, it would be rare for a Hope professor to teach the benefits of non-mainstream political systems like socialism or anarchism, even if he or she believed in it strongly.

The problems with self-censorship on a college campus are readily apparent. As educated people, we cannot blindly follow the belief systems into which we were born. With our educational opportunity comes a responsibility to consciously make choices about the beliefs that we use to define ourselves. To make an educated decision or to have an educated discussion, we need as much information as possible on both sides of the argument.

In a setting in which there is widespread agreement on political, social, or cultural issues, it is easy to remain silent, following the majority. Conversely, when we hear a minority opinion that we disagree with, it is easy to simply complain and plug our ears. By failing to fully listen to our opponents’ arguments, however, it becomes impossible to successfully create a case against them.

I will admit to frequently taking the easy way out in the case I mentioned above. Even when I passionately disagree with those around me — and especially with those close to me — I often stay silent.

In an institution that strives to foster both intellectual and spiritual growth, it becomes crucial for all students, faculty and administrators to allow all sides to be heard. Censorship, whether from within or from without, is the antithesis of education. And so, administrators and faculty, encourage the voice of dissent. If you disagree, listen first; then, make an argument against it. Students, raise your hand in class. Write a letter to the editor(s). We’ll print it. After all, your voice will never be heard if you don’t speak up.

Evelyn was happy to celebrate Relay For Life this week with the news that the rate of deaths from cancer is declining rapidly. According to the New York Times, the number of deaths is dropping at an average rate of 2.1 percent per year. The Times reported that each 1 percent drop in the death rate represents 5,000 people who are surviving.

Response to Rumpleweeds

To Jeremy:

I read your Oct. 10 Rumpleweeds column. A few thoughts...

You mentioned a grammatical error. Saying “... will include — an — encounter with the ...” sounds awkward to speak of only one comprehensive encounter, but I don’t think it’s a grammatical error. Consider the author’s intent. Maybe they weren’t talking about lots of encounters. If they wrote “...will include — an — encounter with the ...”, that might erroneously imply the single encounter they had in mind, not the one you were after.

As a parallel analogy, think of “fulfillment after sampling experiences,” rather than “fulfillments after experiences.” A singular noun works fine.

Regarding cultural diversity, you missed a few important words. Hope “... will increasingly reflect ...” I think that means everybody knows things aren’t perfect, but we’re getting better. So the real critique would be if you can document a change that does not reflect an increase. How are things compared to 10 years ago? If better, then the environment is “increasingly reflecting.”

Regarding diversity, “...reflect the presence and influence ...” doesn’t necessarily mean a full-time employee. Look beyond Hope’s normal population. Look who has presence and influence. Then look for their effort to be reflected in the community, not necessarily photocopied into the community.

Lastly, consider “off-campus settings” doesn’t necessarily mean semesters abroad. Have fun with your writing; I’ll watch for more. I don’t watch TV much, so I haven’t had a chance to check out the big screen TV’s.

— Brian Mork

Chemistry Department
Cookie Dough Debacle

I have been waiting to write this one for months, and my housemates will agree that I have been chomping at the bit to get this in print. Enough is enough, for there comes a time in every college life when he or she must stand up and shout, “I’m as mad as hell and I’m not going to take this anymore!” I am positive that many other students have encountered this same annoying situation. As we students deserve a reliable source of the Kletz’s cookie dough soft serve delightful combination.

So what can you do to prepare yourself for the real world – I’m not there yet, and I know that I have a lot to learn before I am. But allowing yourself to believe that the first four years of college is going to fully prepare you is far from reality. Enjoy your time at Hope, but be willing to step out of your comfort zone that you are so used to. Don’t let it. The simple act of even exploring Holland brings you slightly closer to reality.

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James is a junior who is spending his fifth semester of college in Chicago. Despite long searches for a job, finding a costume that adequately personifies the character of Ernest as portrayed by Jim Varney (may he rest in peace).

Suduko

Suduko is a popular logic-based puzzle. It is a number placement puzzle. The goal of a suduko puzzle is to fill in all of the empty squares such that each row, column, and three-by-three grid includes the numerals one through nine. Each week a new puzzle will be printed along with the past week’s solution. Good luck and check back next week for Oct. 10 Puzzle

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The Anchor
Hope faculty member wins regional award

Social Sciences Dean Nancy Miller recognized for her work in promoting women leaders

Selfless acts that benefit others often go unrecognized. However, in the case of one woman, Nancy Miller, years of dedication and constant striving on behalf of Hope College and the local community has resulted in recognition by the West Michigan lakeshore community.

On Oct. 2, Miller received the third annual Lakeshore Athena Award at a luncheon in Spring Lake. The award, a collaboration among area Chambers of Commerce, honors exceptional individuals who have demonstrated excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession; provided valuable service by contributing time and energy to improving the quality of life for others in the community; and actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

According to a Hope College press release, Miller has played a role in balancing the female to male ratio of the social sciences faculty — 50 percent of the social sciences faculty are women — as well as increasing the overall percentage of Hope faculty members from 20 percent to 40 percent.

Miller noted that her position as the dean of social sciences places her in the position to influence the hiring process.

“I am always on the look out for competent women to bring to the college, and then after that, to find ways in which to utilize their leadership skills and interests,” Miller said. “I try to place women in the place of department chair and in other leadership opportunities that come up on campus.”

Being nominated for and receiving the Athena award was a surprise for Miller, though she expressed that not much will change for her.

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MODERN-DAY ATHENA— Nancy Miller, dean of the Social Sciences at Hope College, talks about the Athena Award that she received Oct. 2 for her work in promoting women in leadership positions.

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Swimming opens with relay meet

MIAA relay meet will provide chance for competition with relaxed environment

Grace Denny

Hope College’s men’s and women’s swimming teams are getting ready to start their season. This Saturday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. the teams will be competing in the MIAA Relay meet at the Holland Aquatic Center.

“This is a fun meet, it’s not a scored meet, it’s a meet to really bring the league together, and just have a fun competition,” coach John Patnott said.

Both teams have done very well in the past, placing second at the MIAA championship meet last year, a meet that is still at the back of their minds.

“One of our goals is definitely to put ourselves in a position to win the MIAA. We never really go into a season without that being a goal, but you can’t really control what other teams have. Another goal is to take as many swimmers to the national championships as we can,” Patnott said.

The teams train very hard. Swimmers are awake before most college students, getting in the water before class and in the afternoons as well.

“As far as training goes, I think we just need to keep mental perspective and not get down because we’re training so hard. Sometimes, you can forget why you’re here, and so I have to watch for that point where maybe we’re going too far and cut them some slack once in a while,” Patnott said.

As far as competition goes, the men are looking to beat teams like Olivet, Kalamazoo and Calvin. The women are also very competitive with Calvin and Kalamazoo.

The teams are led by captains Laura Ansilio (’09), Trisha Meier (’08) and Brittaney Reest (’09) for the women’s side and Wade Engers (’08) and Chas Vander Broek (’08) for the men.

“It is a fun meet that is comprised of all relays. A good number of the relays are not real, but made up for this certain event. It is the first time for the freshman to see what the team is all about at the meets,” Ansilio said of the upcoming event.

A lot of the swimmers share the same passion as Patnott for doing well as they can in the dual meets and in the MIAA championship meet.

“I think it will take an entire team effort this year to win MIAAs. Each person, whether or not they are our best swimmer, will need to swim as fast as possible in order to score highest in their respective events…with the great work ethic I have seen in practice thus far, I feel that this year we have a chance at doing well at MIAAs,” Engers said.

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Women’s Soccer: MIAA Tournament

LOOKING UPIFIELD— Midfielder Allison VanBeek (’09) steals the ball against Ohio Northern on Sept. 15. Hope will compete in the MIAA tournament on Oct. 27 to Nov. 3. Currently, the Dutch are tied for second with Albion College in the MIAA and five points behind MIAA-leader Calvin College.

The Hope College men’s and women’s soccer teams defeated Adrian College in three straight games on Tuesday, Oct. 23. The Dutch are currently in second place in the MIAA with a 12-2-1 record.

Seniors Andrea Helminiak (’10) and Chas Vander Broek (’08) for the men and Laura Ansilio (’09), Trisha Meier (’08) and Brittaney Reest (’09) for the women are part of the team effort this year.

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Nepal Focus Week: Oct. 27-31

Come learn about Nepali culture and support building an elementary school in rural Nepal!

Nepali Food Night

Saturday, Oct. 27, Third Reformed Church, 5 p.m. $5 for students, RSVP to Vidhan at vidhan.rana@hope.edu. Proceeds benefit school construction.

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Monday, Oct. 29, Tuesday, Oct. 30, Science Center 1000, 7 p.m.

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Riverdale School children flourish despite an abusive caste system.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, Science Center 1000, 7 p.m.
Volleyball prepares for MIAA Tournament

Nick Winkle
Sports Editor

Although the Hope College women’s volleyball team was unable to break the attendance record with 1,801 fans last Wednesday, the team was able to break Calvin College’s perfect MIAA record by defeating the Knights in four games.

Hope will try to continue its success into the MIAA tournament next week on Oct. 30. The MIAA championship is decided based on a point system of conference games and MIAA tournament games. The winner of the MIAA will receive a bid to the NCAA tournament.

With its win over Calvin, coach Becky Schmidt believes the team is playing at a higher level than earlier this season.

“We are starting to play pretty good volleyball when we play good opponents and show consistency against teams with not as strong of records,” Schmidt said.

One area where the Dutch hope to improve before the MIAA tournament is on offense. The team continues to work on playing aggressively and putting pressure of their opponents.

“More often we are reaching offensive goals we are setting,” Schmidt said. “We are finding more of an offensive rhythm and eliminating errors.”

Last year, Calvin won the conference championship with a 16-0 record and defeated Hope twice in the regular season. With last week’s win, Hope defeated Calvin for the first time since 2005.

“It is good for the MIAA championship to have that win under our belt,” Schmidt said. “It will continue to motivate us when we put things together. It is a good confidence builder but work needs to be done.”

Hope showed perseverance in the Calvin game by fighting back after losing the first game 18-30. The come-from-behind win will be a necessary tool in the MIAA tournament next week.

“No matter what happens in game one, every game is a new opportunity to turn it around,” Schmidt said.

In preparation for the tournament, the team will be focusing on blocking, passing, serving tougher to apply stress on the opponent’s passers in its upcoming games and practices.

“You got to serve tough, swing hard and put pressure on the opponent,” Schmidt said. “We believe we are capable of playing with anyone in the nation.”

Cross country needs strong finish

Gerald Deboer
Guest Writer

The Hope College men’s and women’s cross country teams are preparing for another MIAA conference meet, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The team has run this course before, and coach Mark Northuis is optimistic about both team’s chances.

“If it is a nice day, we should have fairly fast times,” Northuis said. “It will be a course to our liking.”

Thus far, the women’s team has had a stellar season. They have beaten a few nationally ranked teams at the St. Paul, Minn. meet. Much of the team’s success can be attributed to its talented freshmen.

“We have a lot of potential,” Northuis said. “We have four to five freshmen running in the top seven.”

The Flying Dutch, who finished in second place behind rival Calvin College last year, enters Saturday in second place once again. Hope holds a slight lead over Albion.

“If we run like we’ve been running, we can beat them (Tri-State),” Northuis said.

Practices have been modified to prepare for the meet. Both teams have engaged in race simulation in order to work on difficulties, primarily the middle portion of the race. These simulations are no walk in the park.

“We do some mentally challenging workouts where they must run fast while tired,” Northuis said.

The conference meet will be at Albion on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m.