Hope celebrates Homecoming

Annual crime statistics report released

Alcohol violations are up: What does this mean for the safety of students on campus?

Chris Russ
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

On Sept. 30, Hope students received a campus wide e-mail linking to the Annual Hope College Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report. The report contained a summary of all major crimes and incidents that took place on Hope’s campus in 2009 and also presented data from the two years prior for context.

The report is released annually by all institutions of higher learning that receive federal financial aid in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

The act, referred to more simply as the Clery Act, first went into effect in 1990 and is named for a student who attended Lehigh University and was raped and murdered in 1986 by one of her fellow students in a campus residence hall.

The report contains a summary of major campus crimes and any hazardous statistical behaviors that may affect the campus community, including sexual assault, robbery, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and other crimes.

The 2009 report contained 25 single incidences of non-forcible sexual assault, which is a decrease from 39 in 2008.

There were also six arrests for liquor law violations, and there were also eight counts of burglary, down from 15 in 2008 and 13 in 2007.

The greatest increase in reports came in the area of disciplinary referrals that did not result in arrests. This category saw 72 alcohol violations, up from 67 in 2008 and 45 in 2007, and nine drug violations, up from five in 2008 and zero in 2007.

Several students commented on the numbers and said that more action needs to be taken.

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Other students interpreted the statistics as being either insignificant or interpret them as being a positive sign. The idea that the drinking numbers are not rising could be supported by the fact that in 2006, there were 73 liquor law violations, but in 2005 there were 110 violations. The numbers may simply be the result of natural fluctuation.

"I think that, like any college campus, there’s going to be a good deal of drinking, whether it’s a Christian liberal arts college or a state university. I think the increased crime statistic is probably a result of campus safety doing a better, more thorough job," said Paul Hile (’12).

"I think that both the residential life staff and campus safety do a good job of keeping people safe," said Rebecca Lee Christensen (’12).

"Well, they are probably not going to totally solve the problem. However, I think that if there was more patrol on the campus streets (cops, campus safety), then they may be able to discourage the larger gatherings and control the drinking," said Pensaere.

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Happy bracelets support Oliver

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On Aug. 31, director of events and conferences Derek Emerson’s 4-year-old son Oliver was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma cancer.

In response, the office of events and conferences has developed “happy” bracelets to enable the Hope community to show its support.

Erik Alberg, technical director for events and conferences, said: “We created the bracelets as a way for people to show their support for Oliver and his family. When Oliver was diagnosed there was an immediate and enormous outpouring of sympathy, prayers and support for Oliver and his family.”

It was very humbling to see the caring expressed by the campus and the people around the Emersons. Everyone in our office, and I suspect everyone who has ever met Oliver, is affected by how genuinely happy he is and has always been.

He continued: “Happy” has become a bit of a catch phrase around the office to remind us of what was truly important and to lift spirits when we all got a bit too serious or stressed. It seemed natural to share this simple message from such a special boy with the rest of the campus, and the people that cared about him. So from there the bracelets were born.”

“When Oliver was 2, he would stop playing and say ‘happy’ and go back to playing. We don’t approach life like that very often. We are continually blessed, we just don’t always think about it—we take it for granted. Oliver doesn’t take happiness for granted, even when he was 2,” Emerson said.

“How do you approach life? You have to make conscious decisions. You can wallow in misery or choose joy and happiness. Oliver has continued to bless and inspire in this past month despite how hard this has been. He makes the best of it,” Emerson said.

With stage four neuroblastoma, there is a 50 percent survival rate.

If everything goes well, Oliver will get treated for over a year receiving chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, and bone marrow transplants. He is being treated at DeVos Children’s hospital.

“As is the case with any illness like this, we know that Oliver’s family is going to incur some fairly large bills and expenses, so we are accepting donations for people who wish to, but there is not a set price for the bracelets nor is it required. I just like the thought that when Derek, Olivers, or the rest of the family visit the campus they would see the wristbands and know there are people that care and support them,” Alberg said.

“The Hope community’s response has been phenomenal,” Emerson said. “The football team brought him and his 11-year-old brother out and gave him a signed football and his brother got a signed jersey. He even received an ‘Awesome Oliver’ poster.”

“It’s not surprising that Hope is that way, it just overwhelming. This is just a good place. People tell us a lot that they are praying for us and I can truly feel those prayers. Without the community support I don’t know how we would make it day to day.”

For those who would like to show their support, bracelets are available in the Events and Conferences Office (Anderson-Werkman #260) and the DeVos Fieldhouse Box Office.

Phone numbers for the Events and Conferences Office and the DeVos Fieldhouse Box Office are (616) 395-7222 and (616) 395-7890 respectively.

Happy bracelets support Oliver

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“As citizens and residents of the U.S. we are to obey the law; as a Christian college, scripture says we are to respect authority. The law says drinking under 21 is forbidden and this institution has a rule against any drinking on campus,” Hernandez said, echoing an opinion similar to one presented in official campus safety documents that encourages students to work with each other of the other members of the Hope community and campus safety to build a safe environment.

One issue that had been raised is that the crime statistics may not accurately reflect the amount of crime on Hope’s campus, particularly sex offenses, due to the fact that those crimes may go unreported.

Kristen Gray, of Hope’s counseling center shared her observations on the subject.

“I think it’s fair to assume that there could be crimes that are under-reported. If a student talks about a crime in a counseling session, it’s kept in confidence; talking to us is not reporting a crime.

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The election in Afghanistan last month did not garner legitimate results. According to press reports.

In an interview with France 24, head of the Independent Election Commission Fazel Ahmad Manawi said, “The total number of ballots poured into the boxes is 5.6 million. The valid ballots are 6,263,347 and the invalid ballots are 1,300,000.” The commission has continued to postpone releasing the election results until October.

Noor Ahmad Noor, a spokesman of the IEC, said that ballots from 1,748 polling centers are under examination. On Oct. 20, the election authorities of Afghanistan threw out 23 percent of the votes (1.3 million of the 5.6 million casted) over the alleged fraud. This is only the second election to have taken place since the United States-led invasion to overthrow the Taliban.

The Taliban has used the Afghan’s new ability to vote to disrupt the election. As a result, many Afghans have been denied the right to vote in parliamentary election because of logistical failures, as well as that some areas of the country have been denied the right to vote in. Despite the risks, millions of Afghans had cast their ballots “against the backdrop of a violent campaign season.”

The Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan also said, “In some areas, gunmen disrupted voting and seized ballot boxes, and observers themselves were threatened.”

After he was re-elected in August 2009, Afghan President Hamid Karzai promised to curtail corruption and to increase transparency in the following elections.

In that election, however, the United Nations and the other vote-monitoring organizations deemed that the results were fraudulent. Supposedly pledging democracy, the Sept. 18 parliamentary vote was seen as a prominent test for the Afghan government.

Due to his inability to fulfill his promise to decrease election fraud, these events are most likely to cause Karzai further challenges. This election is seen by the United States as an important turning point in the civilians’ trust.

New proposal calls for more fuel-efficient trucks

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WASHINGTON – Under an upcoming fuel efficiency law from the Obama administration, future tractor-trailers, school buses, delivery vans, garbage trucks and heavy-duty pick-up trucks must be more fuel efficient. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation are working together on a proposal for medium to heavy-duty trucks which will begin in the 2014 model year and continue into the 2018 model year.

MSNBC reports that the plan is expected to seek about a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption from long-haul trucks, according to people familiar with the plan. The proposal is expected to demand reductions of 10 percent to 20 percent in fuel consumption based on the vehicle’s size.

On average, large tractor trailers tend to be driven up to 150,000 miles a year, making them a prime candidate for improved miles per gallon. The rules will cover big rig tractor-trailers, ‘vocational trucks’ such as garbage trucks and transit and school buses, and work trucks such as heavy-duty versions of the Ford F-Series, Dodge Ram and Chevrolet Silverado, MSNBC reports. Medium-duty to heavy-duty trucks are much less fuel efficient than the average automobile. Tractor trailers have a fuel efficiency of six to seven miles per gallon while work trucks get 10 to 11 miles per gallon. Together these trucks consume 20 percent of the fuel in the United States.

Margo Oge, director of the EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality, told MSNBC the proposed rules would be a “win-win situation for the country, the economy, climate change and energy security.”

In May, President Barack Obama promised the first-ever fuel efficiency rules to come this year. Obama estimated that the fuel efficiency of tractor trailers could be improved by 25 percent given today’s technology.

“This is going to bring down the costs of transporting — for transporting goods, serving businesses and consumers alike,” Obama said on May 21. A combination of more efficient engines, improved aerodynamics, and better truck tires will lead to more fuel-efficient trucks.

“Whether you are a company or an individual truck owner, you will be saving money on day one because you’ll be saving hundreds of dollars on fuel than increased lease payments on a big truck,” David Friedman, research director for the clean vehicles program of the Union of Concerned Scientists, told MSNBC.

US swimmer dies of ‘overexertion’

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U.S. national swim team member Frank Crippen died of “overexertion,” United Arab Emirates swimming officials said Wednesday. The 26-year-old from Philadelphia died Saturday while competing in the FINA Open Water World Cup at Dubai, east of Dubai. He failed to finish and rescue teams found him two hours later.

It was first believed that Crippen died from a heart attack but UAE officials are now claiming that it was “overexertion.” Swimmers in the race had complained about the water temperature, which was recorded in the high 80s. The UAE swimming officials refuse to comment on the water temperature, claiming that the rules only require a minimum water temperature and say nothing about a maximum. Several swimmers returned to the water to search for Crippen when they learned he failed to finish. Crippen’s body was found near the last buoy on the two-kilometer triangle course. He was then rushed to Fujairah Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

FINA President Julio Maglione of Uruguay told Fox News that after eight kilometers, Crippen told his coach that he wasn’t feeling well, continued and he was found in the deep of the water. Maglione said Crippen was well-known in the swimming world. Maddy Crippen swam for Villanova and competed in the 2000 Sydney Games. Crippen was an NCA All-American at Virginia, and Teresa Crippen currently swims for the University of Florida and is a member of the U.S. national team.

This is the first death in any FINA event. “It’s like (what) happens sometimes in soccer, in basketball, in other sports. In one moment, one athlete dies,” Maglione told Fox News.

FINA has opened an investigation but it is presumed that this is just an accident. “All rules under strict rules that exist in our competition. All was absolutely correct,” Maglione told Fox News. “It was an accident, a terrible accident.”

Three other swimmers were taken to the hospital in addition to Crippen. Competitors commented on the high temperature of the water but declined to comment on Crippen’s death.

Energy drink banned after students hospitalized

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. - Central Washington University has concluded that a high-alcohol energy drink is what caused many students to be rushed to the hospital. This alcoholic energy drink under scrutiny is popular among college-aged kids. It is called Loko and it comes in a variety of flavors from fruit punch to blue raspberry.

Four Loko and other alcohol energy drinks like it have been under high scrutiny because they are marketing toward young people with fruit flavors that mask the alcohol.

Washington’s Attorney General Rob McKenna has since called for a ban of four Loko and drinks like it.

Nine students were hospitalized following an Oct. 8 party near Central Washington University. The students had blood alcohol levels ranging from 0.12 percent to 0.35 percent.

A can of four Loko sells for about $2.50 and has an alcohol content of 12 percent, making it comparable to five to six beers. The drink also contains caffeine which suspends the effects of alcohol allowing a person to drink more than usual.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM— President Barack Obama signs a presidential memorandum outlining the next steps of cleaner and more efficient vehicles during a ceremony in the Rose Garden at the White House May 22. At left is Lisa Jackson, EPA administrator.
Controversy over military law

"Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell" banned by Calif. judge, federal court temporarily stalls ruling

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Controversy over the U.S. military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, or DADT; continues this week in federal appeals court. According to CNN, DADT, made law in 1993, “limits the military’s ability to ask service members about their sexual orientation (don’t ask) and allows homosexuals to serve provided they keep quiet about their sexual orientation (don’t tell) and refrain from homosexual acts.”

On Oct. 20 the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, at the behest of the White House, temporarily stalled a California judge’s recent decision to end the policy. A three-judge panel ordered that the judge’s ruling should be set aside in order to more fully consider the issues presented.

The Department of Defense supported the panel’s decision, agreeing that more time is required before officially ending the policy. “For the reasons stated in the government’s submission, we believe a stay is appropriate,” said Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith in a statement. Officials say they want to study the long-term effects that the end of DADT may have. “The review that is going on would look at all the far-ranging impacts of what changing the law would mean,” said Marine Corps Col. David Lapan in a statement. Officials want to see if such a ruling would really be beneficial to the military.

Last month U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips in Riverside, Calif., ruled that DADT violates service members’ constitutional rights. In her 86-page opinion she wrote that the law violates First Amendment rights to free speech and Fifth Amendment guarantees of substantive due process. On Oct. 12 Phillips ordered that the military should stop enforcing this law. Initially DoD officials appeared to comply with Phillips’ ruling, ordering that recruiters should allow openly gay men and women to enlist. However, recruiters were also instructed to warn such applicants that the Phillips ruling may be reversed. "Recruiters are reminded to set the applicants’ expectations by informing them that a reversal in the court’s decision of the ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ law/policy may occur," said Smith in a prior statement.

The federal appeals court ruling returns the law to its status before the Phillips ruling. Those who wish to see “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” permanently banned will have until Oct. 25 to file a motion explaining why the Phillips ruling should be upheld. In Congress a recent repeal of the law was passed by the House but blocked by Republicans in the Senate. The Pentagon is set to complete a report in December on how to implement a potential change of the law.

Leaks anger Pentagon officials

Matt Lee
Co-National Editor

The leaks of U.S. war alliess are in potential danger as a result of an upcoming release of 400,000 pages of classified Iraq war documents, Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan told Fox News last Friday. A similar leak happened this summer when 77,000 of classified Afghan war documents were released by the website WikiLeaks.

Lapan told Fox News that Pentagon officials don’t expect any huge leak of classified “significant activities” documents but he reiterated his warning that making public the identification of individuals who have worked in close cooperation with U.S. and allies forces puts their lives in danger.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell told Fox News that the classified information likely contains “initial, raw observations by tactical units. They are essentially snapshots of events, both tragic and mundane, and do not tell the whole story.”

Most of the information in the documents is well covered in books, films and articles in the past, so Fox News reports that the leak does not offer any new understanding of the Iraq war but it does open the troops up to a new susceptibility. “We know our enemies will mine this information looking for insights into how we operate, cultivate sources, and react in combat situations, even the capability of our equipment. This security breach could very well get our troops and those they are fighting with killed,” Morrell told Fox News.

Lapan reported that thus far no Afghans has been killed as a result of the similar leak this summer by WikiLeaks. He characterized the leak as deplorable, telling Fox News: “We deplore WikiLeaks for inducing individuals to break the law, leak classified documents and then cavalierly share that secret information with the world, including our enemies. The only responsible course of action for WikiLeaks is to return the stolen material and expunge it from their websites as soon as possible.”

Leaks anger Pentagon officials
**The Social Network**: movie for our generation

**Elena Rivera**

**Sunny Winters**

"The Social Network" is the story of how Facebook was founded. But inside that reasoning simple sentence lies a world of controversy. How accurate is this story? Is it truly the story of a friendless, socially awkward computer programmer who went on to become the youngest billionaire in the world today, or is it no more than a movie version of a National Inquirer article? The only person who could verify the accuracy of the movie would be Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook founder and CEO, but he’s remaining characteristically tight-lipped. Whether the movie is purely fiction or a fair account of what occurred, there is no denying that "The Social Network" is powerful and worth seeing.

Written by Aaron Sorkin (of "The West Wing" and "Sports Night" fame) and directed by David Fincher ("Fight Club", "Zodiac"), the movie presents a complicated narrative, full of betrayal, sex, and a lot of Justin Timberlake. It follows Zuckerberg (played to near perfection by Jesse Eisenberg, star of last year’s "Zombieland") at Harvard College, who having just graduated, is encouraged and even- tually goes into business with his best friend Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield). Other colorful characters fill the movie’s landscape, like the Winklevoss twins (Armie Hammer), Nordic-looking rowers who hire Zuckerberg to write the formula for the most successful social networking site on the Internet today. Along the way, he is encouraged and eventually goes into business with his best friend Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield).

**Futuristic Trains to Avignon via Nudes Descending a Staircase of Bombay...** Iannacone created goals for the public. Tickets can be purchased in the lobby of DeVos fieldhouse or at the door on the night of each performance. General admission: adults cost $7; senior citizens and students cost $5.

**LA ORILLA — A selection from dANCePROjeCt, coming to the Knickerbocker on Oct. 28.**

**Caitlin Klaask**

**Ars Co-Emissary**

It was 2006 when professor Steven VanArsdall, founder of our contemporary dance company dANCePROjeCt, known then as Aerial Dance, began a project in the Knickerbocker. It was called "dANCePROjECT is the most adult." Ranging from four to "seasoned adults" of last year’s performance. "The performance was engaging for the entire audience with ages ranging from four to "seasoned adults." One of three companies in the Hope dance department, dANCePROjeCt is the most contemporary group. The 17 members are all Hope students who auditioned to dance for the company. The pieces they perform highlight a more abstract style of dance. Their movements and themes take traditional dance structure and expand upon it, blurring the boundaries lines of a typical dance performance.

Iannacone is known for choreographing pieces in a voguish, avant-garde style. His two original pieces are entitled "Grain of Sand," scored by guest artist Bill Sallak, and "Jericho," whose set features a 34-foot wall built by technical director Erik Alberg.

Alicia Diaz and Matthew Thornton joined the dANCePROjeCt team as well, creating two pieces: "Into the Night" and "Yucununu." The final piece, created by Hope alumni, centers on travel and trains. It is titled "Four Nudes Descending a Staircase of Futuristic Trains to Avignon via Bombay..." Iannacone created goals for the company, such as creating serious and professional dancers, providing outlets for choreographers and guest artists, and providing "artistic dialogue" for the public.

**Wind Ensemble Concert**

"Treats and Trails" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Sensory Trail on Sixth Street. Bring your costume, $5, and a sense of adventure. The Evergreen Chorale will be singing at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday night. For the older crowd (21 and up), Park Theatre is holding a Hippie Mafia Monster Mash at 7:30 p.m. Get a discount on admission by wearing a costume. Later on Saturday night, Win- strom Park holds the Halloween Haunted Forest from dusk to 10:30 p.m. This event costs $5. Century Lanes is holding "Rock and Glow Bowling" on Sunday afternoon: blacklights, disco balls and fun music included. If you’re still up for the door-to-door festivities, the City of Holland is hosting trick-or-treat downtown from 6 to 8 p.m. Lastly, you can dance the night away at Club Durf in the Maas Center at 10 p.m. Sunday. **\'GET LOW\' STARTS MONDAY**

The Knackerbocker Fall Film Series continues Monday with "Get Low," a movie about a Ten- nessee man who threw a funeral party for himself before he died. The cast includes legends like Robert Duval, Sissy Spacek, and Bill Murray who put the "true tall tale" into a comedic light. The movie has won the "Best movie out of folk tale, fake, and real life legend." It will play at the Knickerbocker Nov. 5, with showings at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets can be purchased in the lobby of DeVos fieldhouse or at the door on the night of the shows.
It’s almost that time again: Time to choose what classes you will take next semester! The number of classes offered at Hope can be a little intimidating, so we’ve provided a look at some classes that may be new or returning from previous years. Our friends in Lubbers provided this week’s sneak peak.

English

Professor William Pannapacker will be teaching theory and practice of the digital humanities. The course description states that, “Digitization is the most important development in communication, the arts, and business since the invention of the printing press, and no one who intends to work in those fields—particularly scholars, teachers, librarians, editors, writers, agents, filmmakers, and creative entrepreneurs—can afford to neglect this ongoing revolution.”

Students will be working in the new media studio, home to a collection of cutting edge digital audio and video equipment. The students will be collaborating with faculty members and project managers to create “digital learning modules.” These collections of online resources will eventually end up on the Internet and, maybe more importantly, on your resume.

If you are interested, but fear that you have no experience and that will hinder your performance, don’t worry. The course doesn’t require you be an expert in cultural studies or digital technology. All majors are welcome, especially if you are interested in writing, new media, leadership, team work or consulting. This course will help improve these qualities.

Professor Elizabeth Trembley will be teaching a graphic novel class!

Have you ever wanted to learn about graphic novels or even write one, but have been too intimidated? Here’s your chance!

In this class, you will be learning how to construct dynamic stories that graphic novels are famous for. You will be designing visual presentations of your narratives and workshop them with colleagues. This will help you get a fresh perspective on everything and improve your writing. You do NOT need to know how to draw for this course, but of course it will help. If you can draw a stick figure, you’re all set.

In addition to writing a graphic novel, you will learn the basic history of the medium in the United States. There is a rich diversity in this medium, and this is a place where you will be able to discuss and appreciate it with colleagues.

The course is open to everyone, but Trembley encourages you to speak with her first if you’ve never taken a creative writing class.

Professor Trembley will also be teaching an intermediate creative writing class where students will write a novel, 50,000 words written in one month. Sound intimidating? It is, but after that month of writing, you would be a novelist.

The first month and a half of class will be spent learning how to craft a story, practicing and practicing. Then, buckle your seatbelt, because for the next 30 days, you will write like your life depends on it. After the novel is written, the final two months will be spent revisiting the story, revising and crafting different parts. You’ll be assessed on your polished work as well as on the quality of your analysis of other students’ works. Finally, you’ll spend time learning how to approach the publishing world. Sound awesome? It is. Dr. T only needs eight students to get this class going, so be sure to sign up!

English, continued.

Professor Ernest Cole will be teaching two literature classes. The first, global literature, seeks to promote awareness and understanding of cultural difference as well as a recognition and acceptance of our common humanity. Another thing to notice is that this course is flagged for cultural diversity, four credits!

The second is African literature. This course will orient students to the history of western religion in Africa and its relationship with traditional values in African societies. It will focus on the initial contact between traditional belief systems and Christianity.

History

Go global—but know where you are going!

This spring the department of history will offer a full complement of courses in several major regions of the world, including Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

Professor Tamba M’Bayo—who specializes in modern African history is teaching myth and culture in pre-colonial Africa, History 312, which will meet MWF 11:11:50 a.m.. The course will introduce students to pre-colonial Africa, principally through the study of orally transmitted sources.

Professor Jonathan Hagood, a specialist in modern Latin America will be offering Latino Identities: Ethnic Diversity in Latin American and U.S. History, History 364, which will meet MWF 1-1:50. This course examines the formation of Latino identities in the western hemisphere from European contact and conquest to today’s patterns of economic and cultural globalization.

Professor Gloria Tseng, who specializes in modern China and France, is teaching Modern China, History 270, which will meet TR 3-4:20 p.m.. The course is a narrative of the often violent and tumultuous history of China from its last imperial dynasty to its modern communist regime.

All three courses are flagged for the cultural diversity requirement.

In addition, Habeeb Awad will be offering Model Arab League, History 295, a one-credit course which will meet Tuesdays, 6-7:50 p.m. during the first half of the semester.

Religion

Ethics for geeks will be taught by Dr. Lyra Pitstick, and history, archeology and faith by Dr. Barry Bandstra. No details were included about these, so we’ll just have to wait and see what they’re all about.
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Not only is this tale the country simple...

Thoughts from former Anchor staff member Rob Guimond and current staff member Emily Dammer

The following is an excerpt from an excerpt. "Why?"

I watch every day as students ride their bicycles around campus without helmets, and I cringe. I know it’s easier to just hop on your bike and ride to class instead of taking time to put on a helmet, but the consequences are far worse than looking silly, or arriving to class a few minutes late.

Consider this example: A friend of mine waited too long to meet her for lunch received a phone call from the hospital instead of seeing his lovely face walk through the doors. When she arrived, she was led to a room where her boyfriend was lying in a medically induced coma. He was riding his bicycle when a car came up behind him and ran into him, breaking his pelvis and his arm, as well as giving him a head injury requiring that a hole be drilled into his head to reduce the pressure. Currently, he is still in critical condition a week after the accident. Everyone who knows him is going out and buying helmets and supporting others to do the same.

So many things can go wrong while ridi...
I recently read Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" in order to compare it to late Victorian Gothic literature, and I was struck by something the title character had to say about the traveler's life: "His feelings are forever on the stretch," says Victor, "and when he begins to sink into repose, he finds himself obliged to quit that on which he rests in pleasure for something new." I have indeed found this to be the case during my semester in the United Kingdom. It's always delightful to stumble upon a few lines in a book that perfectly echo your own thoughts.

Traveling puts you in a foreign and stressful environment; your nerves can easily become strained while trying to navigate a city where the streets don't run straight and quite often change their direction for no apparent reason. It is occasionally difficult to focus your attention on the myriad options available to you in the here-and-now and keep yourself from drifting backward toward the people, places and habits you left behind when you boarded that plane.

With the sheer amount of things to do, see and learn about in Oxford and London (where I spent my first three weeks), it does seem that I cannot afford myself the luxury of taking things slowly. If I linger for too long in Westminster than I shall miss the museums. In any case, I'm a student first and a tourist only second, so I constantly have to dodge distractions to devote time to academic duties. In yet another of the lessons in prioritizing that seem to characterize young adult adulthood, I had to decide that joining a Bible study and attending schoolwork and the meetings of the Doctor Who Society. It hurt a bit, I must admit, but it was the right choice. It's a delicate balance, but I'm certainly not complaining. I have enjoyed myself immensely since arriving on these shores, and the knowledge I have obtained has been worth every risk.

My imagination is now free to wander through the serene cloisters of Westminster Abbey, climb along the majestic crags of Holyrood Park, and dwell in the colleges, libraries and gardens of Oxford; furthermore, it will retain the encampments it has established in these and many other places long after I have returned to my home in the U.S. The beauty that surrounds me every day has also given me a fresh perspective on the wonders of God. I am currently sitting in the tropical forest, a lowland wet tropical forest, in Monteverde, Costa Rica, and I am learning to relish the light, since it is the reason for the beauty of this type of forest. Corcovado was singularly beautiful, and each new adventure left unreal. We also cycled in a dry forest called Santa Rosa, which turned out to be anything but dry. Santa Rosa was beautiful and interesting as well, but the constant battle of wet tests made the experience a bit idyllic.

One of the last evenings of the field trip turned out to be absolutely stunning. After a day of hiking, our bus driver dropped us off at a dirt path where another, much smaller, truck was waiting. We were all a little less than pleased to get into this truck since we were instructed to climb into the truck bed consisting of makeshift benches and a blue tarp completely covering us. We felt somewhat akin to cattle during this final destination, but when the truck came to a stop and we descended from the enclosure, we knew the sketchy ride was worth it. We had arrived at a gorgeous, serene beach just as it had finished raining. We entered the warm ocean just as the sun was beginning to sink closer to the horizon, and when we turned around, we noticed a double rainbow. It was a moment that I will never forget because it literally did not seem real; it was a moment that I could not help but be astounded at the wonders of God.

Monteverde, Costa Rica is another gorgeous exhibit of the diversity of rainforest flora and fauna. At the tropical field station, we have much more didactic learning as well as cultural learning. I am absolutely loving learning how to speak Spanish, trying to salsa dance, and interacting with the local Ticos. This experience only begins to sum up everything that has happened in my study abroad experience so far. What I have gained from the most of this semester so far is a fresh perspective. I have been extremely valuable to get to know other people who may not share the same culture or background as I do. The beauty that surrounds everyday has also given me a fresh perspective on maintaining a sense of wonder and awe in the Gods that has given us and the necessity for being good stewards of these endowments.

Helmet, anyone?

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"Yas?" asked Squirrel. "Yass. I just wish Squirrel was frolicking for the day. " said Ant.

"Hold on, let me finish this question. " said Ant. "No. Let me put it simply, Ant… "

"Be Grasshopper or something. " said Ant.

"No. This a study guide. I have to do it in order! "

"You're an Ant. There's millions of you. " said Ant.

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"Do something different. " said Ant. "Y ou're an Ant. There's millions of you. " said Ant.

Last year my co-editor, Kristen Mulder, broke both her elbows after being flung over her bike handles when she hit a curb the wrong way. If she had fallen at a slightly different angle, her head would have bashed against the road. It was lucky for me, as that is why I got my job at The Anchor, but really unlucky for Mulder as she had to miss class and couldn't feed herself, put her own hair in a ponytail, or even brush her own teeth.

I don't want to scare you into submission, but the next time you take your bike out for a ride, consider what could happen if you hit that curb just wrong, or roll through that crack in the road at a peculiar angle. Many people are saved by their helmets, and many others still refuse to wear them. I don't want to be the one to say "I told you so."
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Two victories keep men’s soccer in MIAA title race

On Oct. 20, the Dutchmen beat the Knights, a squad ranked 20th in the nation, by a final score of 2-1. This was only Calvin’s second loss of the year, both of which came against Hope. The first Hope victory against Calvin came when the Knights were ranked first in Division III. Hope bolted out of the gate against Trine, with a shot on goal by Jeffrey Stussick (‘11) only 17 seconds into the contest that was saved by Trine goalkeeper Nick Thon. The first and only goal of the contest was scored by Matt VanZytveld (‘14), his first of the season. The ball hit the net only moments before the first half ended, giving Hope momentum heading into the locker room. The assist on the goal was supplied by Shaun Groetsema (‘12), his fourth of the season. Groetsema also leads the team in goals with six, three of which he scored in an early season rout of the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Throughout the match, Groetsema battled with a bloody nose that he sustained in a collision with Trine forward Femi Adedjii early in the first half. Adedjii also cut his arm in the incident.

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Hope College men’s soccer team topped MIAA opponents, the Trine Thunder 1-0 in a Saturday night game on Oct. 23. A homecoming crowd of 1,125 fans witnessed the win against the Thunder after the Sept. 28 match in which Trine defeated Hope 1-0 on a first half goal. This victory comes off of a similarly successful match against MIAA rival opponent Calvin.

Women’s soccer drops game on homecoming to Alma

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Hope College women’s soccer team suffered their second MIAA loss of the week on Saturday, dropping an afternoon game to the Scots of Alma, 1-0. The Flying Dutch lost 4-0 to rival Calvin on Oct. 19 and are currently seventh in the conference.

Though Alma had not lost a single MIAA game coming into Saturday’s match against Hope, the Flying Dutch prevented the Scots from causing much trouble in the first half. Alma had just three shots on goal in the first 45 minutes, but none of them went past Hope goale Kelsey Bos (‘11). Though Hope was able to generate a lot of offense during the first half, they struggled to get the ball beyond Alma’s defenders. Danielle Petzak (‘12), Tricia Bajema (‘13), Lindsay Lipping (‘13) and Katie Gabriel (‘14) all had shots during the first half, but none made it past Alma’s goalee Monica Witt. The first half ended with the game tied 0-0.

The scoreboard did not stay that way for long though. Just two minutes into the second half, Alli Meurer of Alma headed the ball past Bos to give the Scots a 1-0 advantage. The Flying Dutch continued to fight hard while playing into a stiff wind from the south. Petzak, Bajema and Lipping all had shots during the second half, as did Alyson Epoldt (‘13) and Courtney Luxe (‘14), but once again were not able to get around Witt.

Bos defended the goal against strong Alma attacks, including a play where Meurer was one-on-one with Bos. Bos swatted Meurer’s shot away, preventing the Scots from scoring again. Bos had six saves on the afternoon.

The soccer team ends its regular MIAA season at 2-4-2. On Oct. 27 they will take on Rochester College from Rochester Hills in the final home game of the regular season. Next Saturday the MIAA women’s soccer tournament begins.

Though the MIAA tournament has no influence on determining the conference champion for the season, the winner of the tournament receives an automatic NCAA tournament bid. Hope last qualified for the NCAA tournament in 2005, when the team fell to 14. The game will be the first round to DePauw.

The men’s and women’s cross country teams will travel to Calvin College on Saturday to compete in the MIAA Championships. This meet, in combination with the MIAA Jamboree held on Sept. 25, will determine which teams will receive the conference championship for the year. Both the men’s and women’s teams tied for second in the MIAA Jamboree. The men’s squad finished with 68 points, which left them tied with Albion, both far behind Calvin who finished with 17 points after sweeping first through fourth place. The women also finished behind Calvin but by a significantly smaller margin. The Flying Dutch had 34 points compared to Calvin’s 21, with Taylor Mattarella (‘13) and Emily Fischer (‘11) both finishing in the top five runners overall.

The men’s and women’s swim and dive teams traveled to Calvin on Oct. 23 to compete in the MIAA Relays. Though the event was unseeded, Skylar Darnish (‘14), Bethany Schmall (‘14), Libby Westrate (‘13), and Sarah Sohn (‘12) recorded the lone first place finish for Hope’s women in the 500-yard freestyle relay. Andrew Rose (‘12), Josh Grabijas (‘13), and Jeff Day (‘11) both did the same for the 3x500-yard free-style relay. The swim teams will begin their season opener on Oct. 29 at Albion.

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Volleyball looks to improve even after dominant victory

**Dutchmen overpowered by Trine offense**

**James Nichols**

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The smack of a hand hitting the hide of a leather ball fills the air in DeVos Fieldhouse. Thousands of eyes watch the ball as it barrels towards the ground. Half a second later, a thunder swoops through the crowd like a screaming banshee. Hands fly up in the air. The Flying Dutch have scored a point.

This was the scene on Saturday's Homecoming match as Hope pummeled Adrian in straight sets, 25-14, 25-19, 25-21. A standing room-only crowd as Hope pummeled Adrian in the third game, setting the tempo for a receiver and evades a Trine lineman. Feys passed for 187 yards with one touchdown. The loss drops Hope overcast skies and ended with a standing room-only crowd, allowing him to move within 42 yards of the all-time receiving record at Hope College. However, when asked about the record, Dietrich minimized its importance to himself and to his team. "I'm aware of the record but I've been focusing on the game," Dietrich said. "We want to win this game also and for starter we have got to get going early, we have to start coming out hard and coming out strong." Freshman kicker Evan Finch remained perfect hitting his 13th straight point after attempt. He also put three points on the board with a 23-yard field goal in the third quarter.

Fielder led the team in kills with 15, followed by Traci Baker ('11) with 10. Bulthius rounded out the top three with nine kills. Greer Bratsch ('13) racked up 42 assists during the match. Jessica Maier ('13) cleaned up, leading the team with 21 digs and Vande Gutche kept her presence felt at the net with five blocks.

After the game, when asked what the Flying Dutch can improve on, De Weerdt smiled, saying, "We can bring more fight and intensity. We need to play at our level, not theirs." Hope's victory keeps them in a first place tie with rival Calvin in the MIAA with two matches remaining before the MIAA tournament. The Flying Dutch travel to Trine Oct. 27 and host Saint Mary's on Oct. 30. The first round of the MIAA tournament begins on Nov. 2.

"We had a great defensive scheme, but we just had a bunch of mental errors," Warren said. "You just got to keep plugging away, it's just too late in the year to be making mental mistakes," Kreps said. "You just can't do that." Hope experienced some trouble behind the line of scrimmage, giving up three sacks. In addition, Chris Feys ('11) fumbled the ball three times and lost the ball on two of those occasions. Feys spoke on the play of the offense and the trouble Hope experienced preventing Trine's defense from getting to the quarterback. "We made a lot of mistakes, especially early. Coach Russ was on the field way too much," Feys said. "Our offensive line played pretty well. There were just a couple of times I had to wait in the pocket for too long." Senior wide receiver Kyle Dietrich had 125 receiving yards and a touchdown in the game, allowing him to move within 42 yards of the all-time receiving record at Hope College.

Hope College's Homecoming football game started under overcast skies and ended with a 32-10 loss to MIAA rival Trine Thunder. The loss drops Hope to a 2-5 record in the conference and a 2-6 overall record. Trine entered the contest ranked eighth nationally in the NCAA Division III standings, averaging a victory margin of 38.2 points and scoring an average of 46.5 points per game before facing Hope.

Trine's standout star was quarterback Eric Watt who racked up 304 passing yards against the Dutchmen and connected with his receivers four times in the four end zone, including a 73-yard pass to wide receiver Paul Curtis in the second quarter. Curtis caught a second touchdown pass a little over three minutes later that brought the score to 21-0. "Watt just gets it done, doesn't he – he just makes the plays when he has to," Hope head coach Dean Kreps said. "They're a great team, they played well, and they deserve it." Trine ended the day with 482 offensive yards, almost doubling Hope's 262 yards. Trine's ground game especially suffered, gaining only 63 net yards with Shawn Jackson ('14) missing from the lineup as a result of an injury he sustained in last week's contest against Albion. Hope's defense had mixed results on the field. Despite giving up a large number of passing yards, they successfully intercepted three times. Trine had only given up one turnover, an interception, in all six of their games prior to facing Hope. Marcus Bradstreet ('12), Mark Karam ('13), and Kyle Warren ('12) pulled down the interceptions for Hope.

"We couldn't let them get going. "We needed to keep going no matter what," Vande Gutche said. "That's a good thing though – a mix of things shows up what we need to work on." Vande Gutche concurred adding, "Some areas we could have done better – I know we can play better." Hope got right down to business, winning the first point of the match on a Jacie Fielder ('11) kill. Adrian quickly came back with four straight points but, soon after, it became evident that the Flying Dutch had the upper hand. For the rest of the first game, Hope led from the first point, "Vande Gutche added, after coming out strong, the Flying Dutch once again trailed early, this time 3-4. Eight unanswered points by Hope brought the score to 11-4. The Bulldogs quickly put together a run of their own, answering back with five straight points after a strategic timeout by their coach. "We needed to keep going no matter what," Vande Gutche said. "We couldn't let them get going. "In doing just that, the Flying Dutch gained a comfortable 14-10 lead and never looked back.

De Weerdt agreed with Vande Gutche adding, "Coach always tells us to 'keep your foot on the gas pedal.' Every point is a new point – we can't let them get back in it. You can't dwell on past mistakes; you just have to keep going."

"The Bulldogs gained their biggest lead of the match in the tightly contested third game. A hot start by the Dutch had them up 6-3 after a slew of kills by Fielder and tri-captain Cassidy Bulthius ('11). Adrian mounted a comeback, outsourcing Hope 11-5 to gain a 14-11 lead. After a timeout by coach Becky Schmidt, the Flying Dutch wrestled back the lead at 16-15. A momentary tie at 16-16 was Adrian's last chance at victory as Hope quickly went to work, gaining a sizeable lead and riding it all the way to a 25-21 win."