**Android app for Health Dynamics classes and in Health Dynamics labs and the Hope College campus.**

The idea to create an app originated with Becky Schmidt and others in the kinesiology department who were excited by the potential to track fitness in Health Dynamics classes and in H2O, Hope’s wellness program.

With support from CIT, design work began on the app last spring and continued throughout the summer, using the department’s new “Summer Experience in Software” (SES) program. The nine-week program provided students with an in-depth look at software development from beginning to end for a “real, live client,” said Lerman.

In this case, Hope was the client. Tim Cooke (’12), a double major in computer science and math, worked on the app this summer with Lipping and John Stathakis (’13) through SES. He found the experience to be so fun that he considered quitting college so he could continue to do software development.

**BREAK THE SILENCE**— A group of 14 supporters met at Lemonjello’s Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. to engage in a silent march in support of the LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual) rights. We are marching in silence to prove that we stand by those who are forced into this silence every day.”

**ROYALTY IN THE RAIN**— Hope College’s Homecoming weekend persevered in spite of the rainy weather. April Johnson (’13) and Justin Makowski (’13), pictured here with the Homecoming court, were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the football game on Oct. 13. Other events of the weekend included the Homecoming Hoedown Friday night, and the Homecoming dance Saturday night.

**Ready for Life teams up with Greek Life**

Claire Call

*Campus News Co-Editor*

Ready for Life and some of Hope College’s Greek organizations are providing new opportunities for students with disabilities to get involved in campus activities.

“Ready for Life is an organization on Hope’s campus that provides opportunities for students with cognitive, learning, or social disabilities. A new program this year is pairing up these students with Greek organizations as honorary brothers and sisters. “The Ready for Life students benefit because it gets them more involved on campus and helps them feel more a part of the campus community,” said Emily Perton, director of Ready for Life at Hope.

Five Greek organizations are already paired up with an honorary sibling. The program works with members of the participating organizations inviting their honorary sibling to one or two events a week, giving the Ready for Life student more chances to get involved in campus activities and giving the Greek Life students learning opportunities as well.

“The Greek organizations benefit because they have the opportunity to build reciprocal relationships with someone with a disability. They are also able to learn more about people with special needs and how to include everyone in a community,” said Perton.

Perton’s expectations for the program are affirmed by Elisabeth Brewington (‘14) who has helped Perton organize the pairings.

“Although this may be considered a ‘volunteer opportunity,’ we end up gaining much more from these students than we could imagine giving to them. Giving our brothers and sisters the chance to make new friends, try new things, and feel more connected with the campus is what this program, and Greek Life itself is, all about.”

Both Perton and Brewington have high hopes for the program, and report that early on their goals are already being met.

“I would like the Ready for Life students to feel part of the Hope College community. I would like them to feel just like any other student on campus and have the same opportunities to build community as anyone who attends Hope. I would like them to build relationships and make lasting friendships. I want them to have the full college experience and gain independence just like every other college student,” said Perton.

Despite the program being...
Students’ summer projects put to use for the benefit of entire Hope campus

New computer science program begins in 1982 with a combined 90 percent and 88 percent averages were 90 percent and 88 percent, respectively. Only 125 of the 1,871 nursing-education programs in the nation also achieved a 100 perfect rate, according to a report by NCSBN.

Nursing education at Hope began in 1982 with a combined program run with Calvin College. Hope established its own program in 2002. Instead, he arranged things so he could graduate early in December.

Cooke said SES is a valuable experience for anyone seriously interested in learning about software development. A highlight of the program for him was visiting local businesses in West Michigan such as Elevator Up and TechSmith.

It was interesting to see how they went about making revisions and how they handle errors and fix bugs,” Cooke said.

He said his favorite feature of the app is how it tracks running: with a map, stopwatch, distance counter, and average mile time all shown on the screen.

Another contribution by the computer science department is that SALT surveys will be made a great team. “We make a great team.”

Many students have a mistaken impression that computer science is a lonely venture for students who like to fix computers or are good with computers. That’s not true,” he said. “It’s a team effort.

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Visionary partnership between Greek Life and Ready for Life

• Ready for life, from page 1

in its early stages, there is much optimism surrounding achievement of the set goals for the pairings.

“This is a new program, something that’s never been tried before, but I think it’s safe to say these goals have been achieved and will continue to be with the involvement of both the Greek organizations and the little brothers and sisters,” said Frewing.

The next step for the program is simple: to get even more people involved.

“With increased involvement and maybe more Greek organizations and Ready for Life students expressing interest, this program will continue to flourish and build relationships across campus,” said Frewing.

Looking into sexuality through different lenses

WHICH LENS ARE YOU LOOKING THROUGH?—
The Hope College Philosophy Department and the Programming Committee on Sexuality held a discussion panel on Oct. 1. “An Author Meets her Critics: Bringing Sex into Focus.” The purpose of the panel was to discuss the new book written by Hope philosophy Professor Caroline J. Simon, “Bringing Sex into Focus: The Quest for Sexual Integrity in College classrooms this semester, including some senior Seminars.

Simon’s book listed six lenses through which people understand sex and sexuality: covenantal, procreative, expressive, romantic, power and “plain sex.” The panel consisted of David G. Meyers, psychology professor, Jack Mulder, philosophy professor, and Chaplain Kate Daveelaar, who each discussed where they stand on Simon’s proposed lenses, before Simon herself addressed their criticisms and took questions from the listeners.

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Hope Democrats and Republicans express their election enthusiasm

Joshua Cooper  
Hope Democrats  
President

We all have that one professor who is an engaging lecturer, charismatic, highly intelligent, friendly, and who’s made it clear that they value the education and well-being of their students above all. We know that no matter how highly we think of a professor, it’s inevitable that the second you get out of class you will hear someone saying how awful that professor is and how much they dislike them as an educator and as a person. Like many people, I sometimes feel a twinge of anger or resentment when I hear things like this. The person may have some fair points, but disrespect for those who serve you is not warranted, and as far as I’m concerned that particular professor is a wonderful individual.

Who’s right? Who’s wrong? To be honest, both are wrong. It is unhealthy and dangerous to have such blind allegiance to someone in authority to the point that you are willing to overlook his or her flaws and shortcomings. On the other hand, refusing to even acknowledge that there are positive aspects about that same person is equally close-minded.

Now expand that thought process to a national scale. As a Democrat, I am a staunch Obama supporter and, similar to many of my like-minded friends, I am guilty of giving him a pass on issues I wouldn’t normally have a Republican been in office. The standard we hold our leaders to needs to be higher than just a childish sense of hero worship. If we are forgiving of those we like and over-critical of those we disagree with, then we lose an opportunity to set an overall higher standard for leadership.

It’s an election year, and this is the time for us to be critical of both candidates. Political party notwithstanding, unless we pay close attention, we will be tricked into giving away the most sacred gift we have in our system of government: our ballot. As I said before, I am casting mine for Obama. However, it’s not just because I align myself with the Democratic Party. It’s something much deeper than that; the reason I want to give Obama a second term is because I see how hard he has been working in the last four years and I see how much he has accomplished even though he’s faced opposition on every issue. He’s shown himself to be a fierce supporter of the middle class and throughout the time he’s been in office he’s never lost his composure, even with the proverbial “weight of the world” on his shoulders.

The comparison I made at the beginning about a professor and a student was not an accident; before Obama was a politician, he was a law professor. For me, the last four years have been something like classroom experience. The lessons have been hard, the professor has made me angry, and the amount of homework has been daunting, but after four years with him at the front of the classroom, I couldn’t imagine signing up for his next class.

Meghan Lechner  
Hope Republicans  
President

Our upcoming presidential election offers a polarizing choice for the direction in which our country is to proceed for the next four years. I am voting for Mitt Romney because I believe strongly in the core values of his campaign: smaller, smarter, and simpler government. He believes Americans deserve more jobs and more take-home pay, which should resonate with all of us who will soon be graduating from college. I, along with all of you, have been the beneficiary of a stellar education at Hope College.

As a graduating senior, I know the hardships my parents and I have endured to afford me the opportunity to attend Hope. We all know the hours of determined studying it takes to get through the rigorous academic program. We undertake this adventure with a keen goal of walking across the football field in our cap and gowns, receiving that long-awaited diploma and setting to begin our lives in the real world! Unfortunately, with a continu-ued unemployment rate of just under 8 percent and 13 million Americans out of work, no sign of a plan and no end in sight, I’m afraid our options will be limited. Will we be able to afford graduate school? Find a job in our field of study? For that matter, find any job at all? How many of you have friends who graduated in the past couple of years and are working a random job, “just getting by until things turn around”?

Paul Ryan, Romney’s running mate, recently said, “College graduates should not have to live out their 20s in their childhood bedrooms, staring up at the faded Obama posters and wondering when they can move out and get going with life.” AMEN! Romney has created a specific, 5-point plan that will get our economy moving again. It includes a plan to create energy independence, cut the deficit, establish a trade program that works for America, and support small businesses. He has a proven track record for success as a businessman and leader.

Regarding social issues, I personally think this country has a long way to go in determining the government’s role versus our own morals and beliefs in shaping the decisions we make.

I personally think this country has a long way to go in determining the government’s role versus our own morals and beliefs in shaping the decisions we make. Regardless of which party is in office, it is readily apparent that will take some time. Our current election is accompanied by unprecedented economic conditions, job losses, and an enormous deficit facing our country. I believe that if we don’t make a change, your gender, sexual orientation, beliefs on contraceptives, or skin color won’t change the fact that we won’t be able to find work, have quality healthcare, or plan for our future with confidence.

Finally, Mitt Romney exudes optimism and pride in being an American. He is keenly aware of the example we must set for each other.

“If we don’t make a change, you will hear someone saying how awful that professor is and how much they dislike them as an educator and as a person.” – Joshua Cooper

“You abused the trust of those who trusted you.” – Judge John Cleland, while sentencing former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky on Tuesday in Pennsylvania.

“Hey, you’re going to be taken home by the marines today.” – Pfc. Matthew Morgan, while caring for another combat veteran, Ben Baltz. He was participating in his third triathlon of the summer when he had an accident with his prosthetic leg during the final portion of the race.

“Clear eyes, full hearts and America can’t lose.” – Presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s take on a catch phrase from the fictional television show “Friday Night Lights.” The comment has been routinely mentioned in campaign speeches this past month across Ohio and Iowa.

“I was not thrilled when I saw that you have plagiarized this expression to support your campaign” – Friday Night Lights writer/director Peter Berg, on Mitt Romney’s paraphrase of the statement.

“He’s a down to earth guy.” – Alex Alsbach, a close friend of cab driver Adam Woldemariam, who earlier this week rescued a misplaced $221,510 to its previous owner.

“Sometimes you have to be really high to see how small you are. I’m going home now.” – Felix Baumgartner, after completing a record-breaking skydive from 24 miles above Earth.

“The operation nearly took 18 hours and the disaster response teams had to wait for the tides to recede to successfully recover the carcass.” – Wilfred Solomon-Johannes, a Cape Town disaster risk management spokesperson, on the removal of the 30 meter carcass of a Southern Right Whale on Cape Town Beach. The carcass was beginning to attract shark activity.

Please remember to vote on November 6th! Request an absentee ballot for your local precinct. Visit www.usa.gov for more information.
United States starts intervention in Jordan

Alex Belica
Guest Writer

In a strategic move that has been undertaken with little media attention, the United States has sent a group of approximately 150 military planners and strategists to Jordan to assist the large number of Syrian refugees currently flooding into the country. The U.S. also remains concerned for the possible distribution and release of Syrian chemical weapons by various terrorist organizations if the Assad regime falls.

In concert with the U.S. Middle Eastern ally, which has recently experienced a flood of immigrants—estimated at 180,000—who have escaped the bloodshed between the Assad regime and the Syrian rebels, the U.S. quietly began their mission this summer, after Jordan was host to massive military training exercises in May that involved over 12,000 troops from various nations.

After the exercise wrapped up, the American planners and other logistical staff remained. Currently, the planners are focusing the majority of their efforts on providing for the estimated 3,000 refugees fleeing Syria each day. To help prevent unnecessary casualties and suffering, military officials have been coordinating the delivery of food and water to refugee camps and training Jordanian troops on how to properly handle refugees.

In a climate of fiscal austerity, some in Washington are skeptical of U.S. spending in Jordan on refugees of wars unrelated to the U.S. However, officials say that the U.S. involvement is relatively inexpensive, costing less than $1 million so far this year.

Among other organizational efforts, the planners are working to establish a demilitarized zone on the southern border of Syria where it would be easier to prevent violence from spilling over into Jordan. In recent weeks, small skirmishes have broken out involving Jordanian troops guarding the country’s northern border.

The Syrian government, as to be expected, feels that further U.S. involvement is an escalation of the situation and an attempt to further destabilize the Assad regime. Syrian officials told the Wall Street Journal that the U.S. presence so near the Syrian border is “scandalous American involvement in the crisis … and a secret agenda to destroy Syria and destabilize its security and stability.”

Another heightening concern is that of Islamic militants gaining control of Syria’s stock of chemical and biological weapons. If certain groups gained control of these weapons, they would likely attempt to use them in an attack against Israel, the United States, or one of their allies. The White House is calling for a contingency plan to be put in place for the U.S. to secure the weapons in the event they become jeopardized.

In a press briefing late last week, White House press secretary Jay Carney said, “Continuity planning is a responsible thing to do, and we have been working closely for some time with our international partners, including Jordan, on a variety of issues related to Syria.”

Although potential terrorists gaining control of chemical weapons is undoubtedly dangerous, some experts question whether such weapons could in fact be used effectively. Scott Stewart, an analyst at Stratfor, a geopolitical analysis firm, believes that any captured chemical weapons would be difficult to properly disperse and nearly impossible to smuggle into the hands of terrorist organizations.

Biden and Ryan inclined to show differences in poise and position

Timothy Cook
Guest Writer

People don’t vote for the vice president; he might run with the candidate, but voters know the person at the top of the ticket will be one that is chosen to lead the nation. Nonetheless, Joe Biden’s status as vice president has made a clear impact on this year’s election, as can be readily seen in last week’s debate with counterpart Paul Ryan. Unlike the president, who was put on the defensive by Mitt Romney throughout much of his own debate, Biden was not afraid to go on the offensive, attacking Congress in a way that lived up to its goals. Congressman Ryan started out by declaring the Obama’s foreign policy has completely unraveled and the U.S. appears “weak” abroad.

Biden quipped that this was a load of “malarkey” and that the U.S. had re-paired its image under Obama. Ryan coped with Biden’s brashness with thoughtful and succinct rebuttles, pointing to significant statistics in the health care and job creation sectors where he felt it was clear that the administration has not lived up to its goals. Biden’s demeanor, in reaction to many of these accusations, was one of assertiveness and nonchalance, often trying to interrupt Ryan to interject points he believed to be false or misleading.

Biden was also quick to use Romney’s infamous comments which disregarded 47 percent of Americans to his advantage, in clear contrast to President Obama’s arguably deliberate approach to avoid that gaffe. Ryan was quick to respond by claiming that a politician’s statements don’t always come out the way they were meant to, a retort that is particularly fitting for the current vice president, who has a long history of saying off-beat remarks.

Despite a few questionable moments, Biden restrained from saying anything too disconcerting, and some Democrats believe that his approach to debating was a healthy departure from the president’s own, rather reserved approach. Ryan, on the other hand, behaved much as the Republicans expected him to, which has been something of a mixed blessing.

Ryan has received little comment on his own debating style, with most claims about who won the debate based largely on how effective Biden was. Ryan’s approach of bringing up statistics and quantifiable data was countered with several of Biden’s own telling statistics.

The two candidates did occasionally have moments of congeniality between them, such as when Mrs. Raddatz offered a confused inquiry about what Biden meant by “stuff” or “malarkey.” Ryan promptly explained that these words were merely “an Irish thing.” The two also made similar remarks about their dislike of the large amount of negativity that has surrounded the atmosphere of this year’s election.

Perhaps this round won’t be the decisive event in the course of the election, but it certainly offers a glimpse of the two faces that have for the future of our country, has also brought attention to some of their polar differences.

It’s an Irish thing: Biden and Ryan inclined to show differences in poise and position

WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE REFUGEES—Basel Baradan, an 18-year-old refugee who fled from Syria cried during his interview at Zaatari Refugee Camp, in Mafraq, Jordan.

BIDEN AND RYAN PUT THEIR GAME FACE ON— Vice President Biden and Republican vice presidential nominee Ryan, participate in the vice presidential debate at Centre College, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, in Danville, Ky.
“The Perks of Being a Wallflower” star Logan Lerman on the movie and his future in film

by Morgan Bubb

Graphic novelist Jeffrey Brown’s life in doodles

by Leigh Cloose

Artist Exhibition Featuring Hope College Alumni Artwork on Display at Depree

October 17, 2012

This Week in Art

Arthur Hinckley Film Series: The Last Jedi
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
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Friday

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Dimmitt Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Oct. 23

Visiting Writers Series Q & A
Fried-Hemmy Auditorium, 11 a.m.

Visiting Writers Series Reading:
Jeffrey Brown
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m.

In Brief

ART EXHIBITION FEATURING HOPE COLLEGE ALUMNI ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT DEPREE

An art show featuring the work of alumni of Hope’s studio art program opened to the public this week at the DePree Art Center. The alumni’s class years range from 1963 through 2009, and they are from as far away as Cambridge, Mass., and as near as Holland. All the work on display has been created within the past two years. The exhibition will be on display until Nov. 18. The gallery is open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dear Friend,

I am soooo excited to hang out with my friends this weekend. We are going to see “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” and eat popcorn!!! I can’t wait to tell you about the conversation I had with Ben on AHL yesterday!!! He’s sooo cute, but my mom says he needs a haircut. Whatever.

Love Always,
Morgan Bubb

This is what Stephen Chbosky’s novel “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” would have read like if my 14-year-old self had been the main character. Luckily, it is a book by someone else. My story is not the case. Rather, it is the story of Charlie, a teenager who is insightful beyond his years. If you have not read yet, “Perks” is a compilation of letters sent from Charlie to an unnamed character who never responds, as per Charlie’s requests.

Despite the fact that the novel Charlie is just beginning high school and I’m in my last year here at Hope, I wouldn’t mind buying him a cup of coffee (decaf for the kiddo, of course) and having a heart-to-heart. The issues and experiences that he encounters and tries to understand (love, death, first love, friendship, etc.) are all of the same things that we are continually trying to make sense of for the rest of our lives, making the book relatable for readers of any age.

The greatest value of this book is Charlie’s honesty. The way he shares his thoughts without consideration of learning how to say things is genuine, and it encouraged me to be honest with myself about my own thoughts and experiences. College is a time for many of us to try to make sense of things, from our past, and things we are dealing with for the very first time. Whether it be heartbreak, family issues, or simply being overwhelmed with new responsibilities, growing up can bring some really tough stuff into a world that we used to think was all fun and games. Charlie made me feel like it is okay to not have all of the answers right now, and it is okay to keep that innocence and just be able to admit that sometimes the world can be sad. But even more so, Charlie reminded me that at the end of the day, a stuff doesn’t have to weigh us down. Life is a one-of-a-kind gift, and the lessons we can learn from our experiences truly are infinite.

While he hopes that audiences will find the film entertaining, he also hopes that they connect with its message about “feeling secure with who you are and feeling free.”

While Lerman has been see LERMAN, page 10

“I’m pretty different [from Charlie],” he explained. “Although I’ve had close friends that are like him, I’m definitely not as introverted.” Lerman read himself for filming by isolating himself as Charlie often does. He worked on mapping out his character, trying to figure out his intentions, which are “not always that obvious,” Lerman stated.

Yet, he explained that Charlie taught him a lot as a person, especially concerning friendship and the importance of being a solid presence in another’s life. “[The role] was really refreshing. I like playing really strong characters like [Charlie],” Lerman remarked.

The actor was perfect for the role

Of course, Lerman had to admit that it was shocking to become Charlie, especially considering the original thought of Lerman as a suitable fit for the more eccentric character, Chbosky credited. “Initially I did just Xerox copies, and the speed at which those sold was what told me the book had the ability to strike a nerve, and gave me the courage to self-publish,” Lerman said.

Graphic novelist Jeffrey Brown’s life in doodles

Maribeth Van Hecke

GUEST WRITER

If you want to know how Darsh Vader would have served as a father, make sure you attend graphic novelist Jeffrey Brown’s appearance at Hope College as part of the Visiting Writers Series on Tuesday.

Brown grew up in Grand Rapids, and while he enjoyed comics and drawing. He started his career at Hope College, but realized what it was like to try to make sense of for the rest of our lives, making the book relatable for readers of any age.

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**That’s the way it is**
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**Electoral 2012: Is it over yet?**

It’s October 17 and there are twenty days until Election Day. The fate of Barack Obama and Mitt Romney will be decided in a mere twelve hours of the democratic voting process. At this point in the election cycle, I think we can all agree that as voters, we’re tired. The endless parade of negative advertising, the constant analysis on cable news networks, the ridiculous scrutiny and sound biting in the media; it’s been going on for months, but have we really gotten closer to deciding which man is best for the job? Not really.

The media has changed the way we do elections in America. There has always been mudslinging and scandal. But in the last few election cycles, it’s become evident that the twenty-four hour news cycle and new social media has completely turned political campaigns on its head. Everything seems so cyclical and repetitious, as if we are continually regurgitating the same information that gives no new insight into how either candidate would govern.

Frankly, I don’t want to even turn on the news anymore. In fact, turning on the TV in general makes me roll my eyes: the number of political commercials is sickening. They started many months ago and none of them have impressed me or convinced me of either candidate’s validity. They seem to be a constant reminder of the billions of dollars spent by political campaigns over the past year.

When did American politics turn into a media power struggle? When did it take a billion dollars (yes, one billion American dollars) to determine who could outscream and out soundquip his opponent? When political posters and billboards start becoming a singular issue rather than looking at the whole picture? Nothing is very wrong.

Maybe these campaigns feel the only way to reach people is through propaganda and media and maybe, perhaps a society have become so out of touch with our political system that we’ve given up on making our leaders accountable in the most important ways. If this is the case, are we okay with allowing this to continue?

So what’s the solution? I think the only way to counteract the currently democratic political machine is to take control as voting citizens. We the people gave ourselves the power to choose our leaders by democracy and we have the power to change the way the system works.

This seems like a lofty goal at a time where most people in this country are dissatisfied with the government. Many of us feel helpless, as if there’s nothing we can do to change our situation.

Perhaps instead of complaining about government and the elections, something I hear all too much of these days, we should act. We should tell our leaders that we’re done with all the muddling and negativity – we want to hear what they’re going to do to make America a better place for everyone rather than just listening to what’s wrong to the other guy’s tax returns and family life.

The future of these can’t be empty promises. We need leaders who will actually work and follow through on their wonderful platforms. The only way to do that is to hold these people accountable – that’s our job as voters. Don’t be afraid to call your congressman or email the White House…although you might just get a form letter for your trouble, if enough people complain, they’ll listen. You’re the one who gets them elected.

So I beg of you all – vote on November 6. But before you do, educate yourself. Don’t just listen to your parents and friends’ opinions about candidates. Ask questions. Actually get out there and research the issues. And don’t go directly to the source…almost all political campaign websites sound exactly the same after a while.

After you vote, remember that your role as an active citizen doesn’t stop with the ballot. If you want change, you have to be involved. If you aren’t, don’t worry, expect anything different to be different in 2013.

Mady plans on running for president in year 2032. She’ll be passing out buttons and bumper stickers tomorrow. Look out Tigg Romney, she’s coming for you.

**Excuse me as I ramble on**

Ryan Backman
Columnist

I think you should...

Bow down before me.

My apologies, that was a tad too bold on my part. It wouldn’t be proper for you to bow down to me without knowing my qualifications first: I am the resident of the month of Kollen Hall, first floor, west wing. While I’m not quite certain what, exactly, qualifies me to be superior to everyone else in my entire dorm, it stands to reason that it has to be something incredibly important.

And yes, I mean the entire dorm – it is well known that all the floors and wings of the shining, ivory tower of virtue and honor that is Kollen Hall, the first floor and west wing is the most singularly excellent. Therefore, if I am the most elite resident of 1W, I am the best of all of Kollen, and by extension, the rest of Hope College.

One could (and dare I say, should) go further in saying that Hope, as a beacon of Christianity, says. Goodwill, and humility, is indeed representative of the best and brightest in all of America – thus making me the grandest, red-bloodiest American of them all. Of course, this without saying that America is the greatest nation on earth and... well... just being honest here, this is simply a formal way of saying that I’m the best human’s got.

For the more democratically inclined that are out there, you don’t need to worry for a minute. As ruler over all the planet, I will preserve all rights and privileges that you have to know and understand. Yes, as leader of Earth I will... what’s that? What, are you quibbling about who gives me the authority to rule again? Well, if you know Tim Hoffman, you probably agree with me that he’s a pretty good guy, right? He’s my RA, and he’s the one who nominated me to be the resident of the month – and if good of Tim thought I’d make a good ruler of Earth I don’t see any logical way you could contradict me (err, I mean Tim). Yeah, and Tami, my RD? She let Tim make that decision which altered the course of all human history. This is a roundabout manner of saying that you’ve got to be careful about whom you vote for and allow to make your decisions for you. I mean, if you aren’t cautious, stuff happens: before you know it you just start electing such and such a guy with the classy haircut and romanesque business experience, or the what’s-his-name with high ideals and a golden voice.

I really agree with the point where you lick the mightiest guy on the planet out of office ever four to eight years, but never shake the dust off of the arguably more powerful old guy. After all, he’s the highest legislative power in the land. And from there, people start “elected” autocratic rulers who are in charge of ludicrous amounts of influence and control, whose ambitions all too quickly reach the global scale... but digress.

Ryan Backman is a freshman who is best characterized by two out of three of the following: a deep love of Led Zeppelin, an appreciation of autocriticism, and a severe weakness for gay romantic comedies.
Lovely neighbors

Greetings from the Hope Neighbors!

Now, you are probably asking yourself, what is a Hope Neighbor? Someone who neighbors Hope? Alas, you would be incorrect. But I am not surprised you haven’t heard of us. In fact, I’ve had to explain over and over again what we do to most everyone I know. So here it is, in print for all of you to see.

The Hope Neighbors Community: Here, you will find students (and Ron Radcliffe) who are trying to learn what it means to live in community. Our houses are located in the Westmore neighborhood of Holland, at about West 14th street and Washington Boulevard (most of you are probably scrutinizing your heads and wondering where Washington Boulevard is right now). We are a place of study, study, and study, family dinners, and we volunteer in our neighborhood. After a year, we hope to have met and been impacted by many different types of people in a real-world setting.

Life is very different a mile from campus. Some of our neighbors are pastors. Some are recent immigrants. Some are living in halfway houses. None are college students. We find ourselves somewhere between college life and the real world. It may come as somewhat of a shock to you that Hope isn’t really a school, but what they say about the Hope bubble is true. Since I’m getting a head start life outside of college, I thought I’d share some insight with you soon to be graduates: help ease the blow:

In the real world, people don’t stay up until 4 in the morning doing homework and going out on Taco Bell runs. Partly because they don’t have homework, and partly because they have real work in the morning.

In the real world, people don’t go to each other’s rooms just to hang out. If you don’t show up with a plate of cookies, your neighbors may not want to meet you. Sorry.

In the real world, church community is a place where I’ve met most of my neighbors through the local churches here. It’s so much easier to meet people, and to start informal conversations in a church setting than in a "we live next door but don’t know each other” setting. Finding friends in college is easy, but here are six images that I believe could be real someday.

1. TELEPORTATION TECHNOLOGY
No traffic. No stoplights. No road kill. No speeding tickets. No traffic lights. This would be a nice advantage of teleportation devices. Imagine teleporting to Japan on your lunch break or to Mt. Everest for a weekend hiking trip! Instead of adding unnecessary luxuries to automobiles, designers should put their brain cells toward teleportation.

2. PEACEPROBE
Have you ever felt at war with your wardrobe? No more purples, promise. The Peaceprobe would be ideal for people like me who are about as organized as a tornado. When you need an outfit, press buttons for weather, mood, and schedule, and the Peaceprobe pops out just what you need. No more searching for that blue cardigan that only goes missing when you need it. At the end of the day, put your worn items on the floor of the Peaceprobe. They will be washed, dried, folded, and stored for you—with a No Lost Socks guarantee.

3. BOOK DREAM PILLOW
The superpower I desire most is the ability to read while sleep. Can you imagine how smart we would all be? The Book Dream Pillow is the solution. Step one: place the desired text underneath the pillow (there’s ample fluff so that you don’t bruise your skull). Step two: fall asleep. You will be taken to the world of the book. You will be physically present in every scene, but the characters cannot see or interact with you. It may take a few nights to get through some books, but don’t worry the dream is put on pause until you return.

4. INFINITY HANDBAG
Hermione Granger, Merlin (of Disney’s "Sword in the Stone"), and Harry Potter owners all have a magical bag with unlimited storage space. The bag is small, lightweight, and, of course, you’re exhausted at the start of a three-hour class. Fear not! In the real world, this bag is the coffee, groceries, mug, toaster, loaf of bread, and mini-fridge complete with French vanilla coffee creamer, and butter! It’s tea time to go.

5. SCENTED ALARM CLOCK
If your alarm woke you up with a smell instead of a sound? It would be a pleasant, gentle awakening, your nose would ease you into a conscious state so that you could enjoy the smell more fully. Bonfire, fresh laundry, warm chai tea, steaming french bread, rose bouquet—really the possibilities are endless.

6. TIME MACHINE GLASSES
Put the glasses on, select the desired year, and hit “travel” (be sure not to lose your sunglasses). Surroundings look like any given point in history. Curious about what Holland looked like during the Great Depression? During the Gold Rush in 1871? With these glasses, you can see it all.

Why did that student-now-employed-professional tell me I was late for work? Because, my friends, whether seniors now, or will-be seniors, you will be fine. I’m not the most optimistic, so when all my professors are telling me to be realistic and really know about what my future world is going to look like, I’m all about the harsh facts. But I have to say, it threw me for a loop when I was told I would be doing a master’s degree. I expect disenchantment—but I now expect that I will manage.

Since this is basically an advertisement for those of us graduating seniors, I’ll end thus: It’s still only October, so don’t worry about it. Meet deadlines so you don’t shut doors, but still go out on the weekends—you’ll only be this irresponsible once. And finally, you’re actually going to be fine. We take GenEds for a reason, we join too many activities because we like to be involved, we play sports, we will never sit on the bottom of the pile. Despite what you’re doing next year, friends, whether you’re landing the job market, or onto graduate school, even struggling out of your parents’ home, the future hasn’t had experience yet (thanks generation X).
Logan Lerman dishes on recently released movie

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commended for his work on and continues taking on other promising roles (he is currently shooting a role in Darren Aronofsky’s biblical epic “Noah”), he also sees acting as a way of getting his foot in the door to work behind the camera one day. “I am a film fanatic,” he enthused. “I love the [filmmaking] process. It’s a big part of me.” With a future this bright, Lerman’s dream has a chance of becoming a reality.

Graphic novelist featured in October VWS event at Knick

**BROWN, from page 5**

for your ‘pitch,’ but work all the time whenever you can. Develop a good work ethic, practice so you get better, and make enough work to know that it’s really what you want to do.” To hear more, check out Brown’s reading at the World Theater on Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. and direct your burning questions for the author at the Q&A session at the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Rare books room a rare treasure

**Stephanie Emanuele**

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Football cruises to 49-14 homecoming win

Kyle Bernaciak

The Flying Dutchmen started their season this weekend at the Schupan Tournament in Midland.

The tournament included six teams: Calvin College, Central Florida, College of the Canyons, Northwood University, Penn State Altoona and Hope.

The Flying Dutchmen cruised through the tournament and won all three games scoring a total of 30 goals and winning the tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

"Going into the tournament we knew we had a lot of potential and it was just a matter of whether we played up to that potential," Justin Glick ('14) said.

"You never really know what to expect of a new lineup or from potential," "Justin Glick ('14) said.

"For the offense, the offense offline did great," Glick said. "They opened up beautiful holes for me and all of the other running backs to make plays."

The only mishap that plagued the Dutchmen in the first half was a 3-yard touchdown by the Scots with only one minute left on the clock. Even though Hope wished to enter halftime shutting out the Scots, they still felt comfortable with a 21-7 lead.

"I believe we controlled the momentum from the first snap of the game and held that momentum into halftime," Atwell said.

After two first downs, the Dutchmen finally stopped Alma's initial drive and took the ball over on their own 46-yard line. The drive was ceased due to a penalty against the Scots. Glick said the team was looking to get the most out of the line up and trying to have their best next weekend. "We still have to play our best next week," Glick said.

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The Scots completed with only one significant amount of momentum in the third quarter with a quick three and out drive by the Scots and a continued Alma possession. The Dutchmen caused Alma to have a bad snap on their field goal attempt and slid away still leading 14-0.

"I feel as a team we had a lot to prove so our team came out with a fire and came out ready to play regardless of the circumstances,” (weather),” Glick said.

Impressively, the Dutchmen racked up 422 total yards, compared to Alma’s 252. Also, kick- off Evan Finch ('14) was perfect for seven for seven on extra point attempts on the day.

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"Coming off of this weekend I think we are up for the challenge," Glick said. "We have to work this week and will be ready to go."

This allowed Hope to gain a significant amount of momentum and begin a drive on their 46-yard line. At the 7:49 mark, Darrell ran for his second touchdown of the game, placing Hope on top by four-touchdowns.

Just a short four minutes later, Duncan struck again with his third score of the game. This touchdown brought the score to 42-7 going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter began with a continued Alma possession and a quick score by the Scots, with the Dutchmen still up by a comfortable margin, 42-14.

Late, the Flying Dutchmen took over with seven minutes remaining and routed the Scots with a successful drive that ended with a rushing touchdown from Bij Smith ('15). The Scots were taken off the board for the remainder of the contest which ended in a final score of 49-14.

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Men’s soccer trumps Alma with 4-1 win

By James Rogers

The men’s soccer team defeated visiting Alma 4-1 on Saturday night for the Homecoming victory.

The Dutchmen have won four out of their last five games to improve to 9-5 overall and 6-3 in the MIAA, placing them third in the conference standings.

Hope got it rolling early in the contest with a goal by Cameron Dice (’15) in the 19th minute. Matt VanZytveld (’13) was awarded the assist to Dice.

After at the 16:43 mark in the first half, Jason Muller (’13) poured in the Dutchmen’s second goal from 23 yards out. It was Muller’s team-leading ninth goal of the season.

With a 2-0 lead, Jeffrey Ekdorn (’13) continued the relentless Dutchmen attack with a goal of his own in the 22nd minute off a rebound knock-in from three yards. Hope carried a comfortable 3-0 lead into halftime thanks to the early barrage of scoring from three different players.

“Our mindset [at halftime] as a team was to continue to pour on the pressure and put even more goals in,” Luke Dishnow (’13) said. “We understand that hard work doesn’t always produce goals but always produces chances.”

Alma’s Michael Smith delivered the lone goal for the Scots in the 52nd minute of play. The goal cut the Dutchmen lead to 3-1.

Just over 21 minutes dropped off the clock before the Dutchmen struck with their fourth and final goal of the game. This time it was Dice again, contributing his second goal of the game from about five yards out with the assist dished by Gavin Midlman (’15).

No more scoring ensued as the Dutchmen prevailed 4-1 on Homecoming night.

“Winning in front of alumni is always a thing to be proud of,” Dishnow said. “They come back in anticipation to see how the team is doing so there can be added pressure, but our team has steadily continued to improve. Hope outshot Alma 19-12 and also the shots on goal stat, 10-5.

Dice’s two goals put him at three for the season. Ekdorn’s tallied his fourth goal of the season with his first half score. VanZytveld and Midlman each recorded their first assists of the season in the victory.

Ethan Beswick (’16) and Ben Lemmen (’14) shared the goal on the night, giving him 23 for the season.

Lemmen added a save to give Hope 28 total for the Dutchmen.

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The Dutchmen will face rival Calvin on the road on Saturday beginning at noon.

Volleyball perfect at Midwest Invitational

By Madalyn Muncy

This past weekend in front of a home crowd at DeVos Fieldhouse, the Hope College volleyball team earned a perfect record (4-0) in the Midwest Invitational Tournament.

On Friday, the NCAA Division III fifth-ranked Flying Dutch was the only team to go unbeaten, winning both matches in three-set sweeps.

The Dutch took on Wisconsin Lutheran to start the tournament, easily taking the match 25-9, 25-18, 25-12.

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**Bullies: beyond menaces on the playground**

Melody Hughes

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The worst bully I encountered was the boss of a job I held this past summer. He consistently belittled and verbally agitated. In light of my efforts, even when I was doing my best. Although I have high self-esteem, it was surprising to interact with someone who did not bother to see me as a person.

From this situation, I gained an understanding of the weight that words carry. I agree that verbalization of inferiority and belittling me and others, especially others who are different from themselves, can be symptoms of bullying.

One crucial element to sensitive communication is the awareness of diversity, and a respect for differences that resides beyond mere superficial resemblance. At Hope, certain religious beliefs and lifestyles are distinctly hegemonic, while minority voices remain out of sight. Expression of beliefs that are unfamiliar or contradictory to our own is a form of bullying and is harmful, even if the words are abrasive, it still isolates the person, making him or her feel alone and unwanted. The first step in respecting a person with different beliefs is to recognize and ask about these beliefs. This year’s Cronin-Lesseps Symposium focused on intercultural awareness in a world with many divergent beliefs and lifestyles.

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