'Images' reflects on cultures at Knick

Matt Oosterhouse
CNS News Editor

The Hope College community will have the opportunity to spend an evening immersed in an assortment of global cultures at the international variety show, Images: A Reflection on Culture, Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the International Relations Club and the office of International Education, images will feature performances in the Knickerbocker Theatre by students from an array of ethnic backgrounds.

Of the acts that will take place on the theatre’s stage, some of the most notable are skits on cross-cultural communication; various songs; a Japanese skit; an international fashion show; dances from Vietnam, including a Vietnamese hat dance; and collaborative dances between cultures.

Amy Otis, director of international education, is helping organize the event and is excited to see what the participants will bring to the stage.

“It’s not just one person from one culture doing something,” Otis said. “It’s a mix of American and international cultures learning about and interacting with each other’s cultures.”

In conjunction with Images, Phoenix Dining Hall will host an internationally themed dinner from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday. For those not on a meal plan, the cost is $5.

Although Images is a free show, a goodwill offering will be taken to raise funds for Monaco Youth Group, a Kenyan non-profit youth organization based in Nairobi. Monaco Youth seeks to create employment for youth by creating self-sustaining projects, to serve as an example for the youth in the community and to physically and socially improve the living communities in Kenya.

Three Kenyan graduates of Hope, Leonco Omollo (’02), Kathleen Ludewig (’05) and Nixon Omollo (’06), are on Monaco Youth’s board of directors.

Images is certain to be an educational and entertaining time, Otis said.

“For the International Education office (and the IRC), (Images) is the highlight of the fall semester,” Otis said. “We see that students are really excited about learning about different cultures.”

Following Images, there will be a After-party in the Kletz, featuring DJ Peter Pan (’08).

Even Year wins 2007 Nykerk Cup

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After a tough loss last year, the Hope College class of 2010 earned the coveted Nykerk Cup in victory over the class of 2011 before a standing-room-only crowd at the Holland Civic Center on Saturday.

The Nykerk Cup Competition, an integral part of Hope’s Parents’ Weekend, is a battle of the arts between the sophomores and freshmen, in which both sides engage in song, oration and play. Judges then determine an overall winner, but do not reveal individual results.

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The sophomore oration was delivered by Robbin Baker (‘10). Baker’s speech, entitled “A Second Glance” focused on how strength can be found in the trying times of life. Baker related this theme with the difficulty of dealing with her mother’s death and how she used that painful experience to help her throughout her life.

“All of our experiences shape who we are. They are a part of us and cannot be left out. When we hide these aspects of ourselves we are puzzles with missing pieces,” Baker said in her speech. “Take a second glance. Use all the pieces of your life, the good, the bad, and the broken to complete your puzzle.”

**Odd Year**

In contrast to the men’s Pull teams, the Hope College Nykerk competition participants have much more camaraderie between competing teams.

Working for two hours a day, six days a week, both 2011 and 2010 worked hard, practicing long hours and trying their best to achieve excellence.

Rumor has it that the song girls are judged not only on their performance during the song, but also during the entire rest of the Nykerk Competition. Throughout the entire three-hour performance, they are required to sit absolutely still, wearing smiles on their faces.

“Our lips went numb, and our backs ached. It was really painful. I couldn’t wait until we could relax,” said Rachael Sikka (‘11), a song girl.

The 2011 song girls performed “Splish, Splash.” A Bobby Darin classic. Their performance received a standing ovation from their freshman man partners. More than 80 girls were involved with each team’s performance.

“I absolutely loved the experience,” Sikka said. “I’ll definitely do it again next year, and I’m a little sad that it’s over. While we were performing, I couldn’t believe that it was finally the actual thing—we had practiced it so many times. It was a weird feeling when we realized that it would be last time that we’d be singing it.”

Sara Sauvedra (‘11) performed her oration “The Secret to Democracy,” and spoke on the virtues of America, the steps that must be taken to maintain it and the virtues and importance of voting.

The freshman played titled “Outside the Box,” in which the characters were different cereal mascots such as Tony the Tiger and Snap, Krackle, and Cap’n. The play followed the characters’ journey to discover the “cereal knappers” who had stolen cereal from Phelps.

Odd Year play girl Aimee Barlow (‘11), who played “Wheat” of Frosted Mini Wheats, said “I really liked the story that we had. I had a lot of fun and the people were awesome and the coaches were great. During the performance, I was really worried because there were certain times where we all had to be in certain places, and I was unsure that I would be able to get into place in time. But I did—we all did.”

The official winner of the 2007 73rd Nykerk Cup was the 2010 team, but both teams took away a unique experience—one that they will always remember.

In Rise of MMC vandalism, misuse raises concerns about security

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have been just a series of issues.”

Gonzales said that it is within the power of the students to properly use the resources that are made available to them.

“I want students to use this building but to make effective use of the building,” Gonzales said. “If I guess I would ask, how can students use the facility correctly, whether studying or socializing. It is a small handful of students who are misusing the facilities.”

Wolters emphasized that since the building belongs to students, an ownership role should be played by all.

“The ultimate goal is to have students, if they see something suspicious, to report it immediately,” Wolters said. “We’re relying on the students to take care of (the Martha Miller Center).”

CEREAL STARS—Members of the 2011 Nykerk play, “Outside the Box,” hold poses at the finish of one of their choreographed dance numbers that was incorporated into the play. The actors were dressed in various cereal box character costumes.
California recovers from fires

Allison Hoffman
ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN DIEGO (AP) — The football stadium where thousands of displaced residents sought refuge has closed as an evacuation center, symbolic progress against wildfires that menaced Southern California.

On Jan. 31, 2007, 10,000 people, Qualcomm Stadium closed Oct. 26. Norman Graczyk, who spent four nights at Qualcomm with his wife and their four sons, was packing up to head back to their apartment complex in Ramona.

“We’ve kind of tried of staying here,” said Graczyk, 43, as his sons played with a stuffed soccer ball near the two tents that had been the family’s refuge. “We want to go home and rest.”

San Diego County was the region hardest hit by the firestorms that began Oct. 20. Thousand of evacuees have been trickling back to neighborhoods stripped bare.

The lucky ones found their homes still standing amid a blackened landscape. Thousands of others are not so fortunate.

Robert Sanders returned to a smoldering remnants of his rented house in the San Diego neighborhood of Rancho Bernardo that once was his rented house in the sands of others are not so fortunate.

Mayor Jerry Sanders said the stadium should be ready but indicated the decision will be made by the NFL and the team.

The observatory, home to the world’s largest telescope when it was dedicated in 1948, was not in immediate danger, said observatory spokesman Scott Kardel, who had been lighting the fact that people with several of the guards and began spreading rumors about them in order to “instill jealousy” among them.

To the southeast, the Witch Fire, which destroyed more than 1,000 homes, was under mandatory evacuation.

East of San Diego, firefighters also were trying to keep flames from Lake Morena, which is surrounded by hundreds of homes.

The flare-ups underscored the wildfires’ continuing threat, even as crews made rapid progress.

To the southwest, flames in the Apple Valley area of the San Bernardino Mountains had grown to 490,000 acres.

Officials were in San Diego County. The property damage was estimated at $1 billion.

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On Jan. 31, 1979, a horrible act of violence occurred in Holland. After 28 years, justice has been served.

Janet Chandler was a senior at Hope College in 1979 and was only a few months from her graduation when she was sexually assaulted and murdered. Chandler, 23, worked as the ticket clerk at the Blue Mill Inn in Holland. Her roommate, Laurie Swank, was the motel manager at the time. There was a strike going on at the local Chemetron Corporation chemical plant and there were extra security guards staying at the Blue Mill during the strike.

Rumors spread that many of the motel employees at the Blue Mill had begun to form sexual relationships with the older security guards living at the inn.

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IN BRIEF

MUKASEY NOMINATION TO CONTINUE OUT OF COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee prepared to advance Michael Mukasey’s nomination to be the nation’s 81st attorney general after two key Democrats pledged to support him because he promised to enforce a law against waterboarding if one was enacted by Congress.

The senators’ support for Mukasey was enough to give him the majority vote on the committee needed to advance the nomination, effectively eliminating the chance that the nomination will be killed in committee.

Many Democrats oppose Mukasey for refusing to say that so-called waterboarding, an interrogation technique that simulates drowning, is torture and illegal under domestic and international law.

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military on Nov. 6 announced the deaths of five soldiers, making 2007 the deadliest year of the war for U.S. troops, according to an AP count.

Five U.S. soldiers were killed Nov. 5 in two separate roadside bomb attacks, said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National Forces- Iraq’s communications division.

At least 852 American military personnel have died in Iraq so far this year — the highest annual toll since the war began in March 2003, according to AP figures.
Six guilty in Chandler murder

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Finally, in April 2004, the Holland Police Department and the Michigan State Police assigned four detectives to the case.

Interest in the case was in part rekindled by a 2003 documentary, produced by former Hope communica-tions professor David Schock’s documentary class, entitled “Who Killed Janet Chandler?”

For two and a half years of investigation, during which the detectives traveled to 18 states and conducted over 300 interviews, six people from four states were charged with first-degree murder.

Lynch pleaded guilty in December 2006 to the lesser sentence of second-degree murder and is currently serving 25 to 40 years in prison.

Swank pleaded guilty to the same charge in February 2007.

Dean works to bridge faith gap

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Democratic communities were caused by a fear in the Demo- cratic Party to run candidates in places where they were likely to lose, which bred a feeling of alienation. Also contributing to this problem has been an uncompromising attitude about ideology. Dean used abortion as an example, saying that society in general agrees that abortion is a regrettable operation.

“We ought to focus on (reduc-ing) the number of abortions rather than whether Roe v. Wade is a good idea.”

- **Robert Jablon**

After his speech, the govern- nor had a question-and-answer period in which students, fac- ulty, staff and members of the community asked questions on topics ranging from the war in Iraq, Internet censorship and the nature of democracy.

In closing, Dean urged all the people in the audience to get involved with the political process, regardless of their political or religious posi-tions, in order to keep democracy working.

California rebuilds after fires

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Officials have opened assistance centers where displaced residents can get help with insur- ance, rebuilding and mental health counseling.

“The challenge now is starting to rebuild and getting them the re-sources they need to do that,” San Diego County spokeswoman Les- ley Kirk said. “The county and city of San Diego are very committed to helping these people.”

The state has come under criti-cism for failing to deploy sufficient aircr aft in the wildfires’ crucial first hours. An Associated Press investigation revealed that nearly two dozen water-dropping helicopters and two cargo planes were grounded by bureaucracy as flames spread.

The Navy, Marine and Cali-fornia National Guard helicopters were grounded for a day partly because state rules require all firefighting choppers to be ac-companied by state forestry “fire spotters” who coordinate water or retardant drops. By the time those spotters arrived, the high winds made flying too dangerous.

The National Guard’s C-130 cargo planes were not part of the firefighting arsenal because long-needed retrofits have yet to be completed. The tanks they need to carry thousands of gallons of fire retardant were promised four years ago.


The wildfires are directly blamed for killing three people, a 52-year-old man in Tectate along the Mexican border and a couple in Escondido. Their bodies were discovered in the charred remains of their hillside home.

Border Patrol agents also found four charred bodies in what was believed to be a migrant camp east of San Diego, near the Mexican border. Medical examiners were trying to determine their identities and whether they had died in a fire that destroyed almost 100 homes.

In Orange County, local au-thorities, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating a fire that de-stroyed 14 homes. It was believed to be started by an arsonist.

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat, Martha Mendoza, Scott Lindlaw, Gillian Flaccus, Thomas Watkins, Jacob Adelman, Chelsea J. Carter, Jeremiah Marquez and Robert Jablon contributed to this report.
Music fraternity inducts prof

The students of the Hope College chapter of the national Delta Omicron music honorary society have honored Dr. Huw Lewis of the music faculty with induction as a Chapter Patron. Lewis, a professor of music and college organist, received the honor on Friday, Nov. 2, as a surprise during a concert in which Lewis performed the world premiere of an organ concerto by talented composer Benjamin Boyle. The college’s Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Omicron nominated Lewis for the award for the way that he represents the national organization’s mission of supporting excellence in music and musicianship.  

"We nominated Dr. Lewis for this honor because we as a chapter felt he takes the ideals of Delta Omicron to heart and represents them to the students at Hope College," said Tyler Racer, a senior from Ludington who is the chapter’s secretary. "He desires for his students to attain the highest possible achievement as musicians and embodies them themselves as a scholar and performer."

It is the first time that the college’s chapter has nominated a Chapter Patron since the chapter was chartered in November 1972. The Hope chapter consists of 17 student members and the group’s faculty advisor, Linda Strouf.

Lewis has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1990. In addition to playing for all formal college functions, he teaches organ and theory. Lewis is a renowned performer both nationally and internationally. The concert on Friday, Nov. 2, was presented as part of the college’s annual Parents’ Weekend and also was the fifth and final performance of the 2007 Skin- ner Organ Rededication Series at Hope. The concert featured the world premiere of Boyle’s “Concerto for Organ and Orchestra” which the college commissioned.

Have you read?

"I love poems that are clear, direct, generous and personal. I like to feel like I’m in someone’s house, poking around unsupervised," said Hope College English professor and published author Dr. Heather Sellers. Sellers’ new book, “The Boys I Borrow,” was released Thursday, Nov. 1. The book contains a series of narrative poems that tell “the story of a marriage with step-kids and in the background, people trying to cook dinner and beat ‘Zelda.’” Sellers said. This is not the first time Sellers has had work published. Previously published are a book of short stories entitled "Georgia Under Water,” a children’s book called “Spice and Cubby’s Ice Cream Island Adventure,” three books of poetry and three books on the art of writing.

As influences for her writing, Sellers names writers Sharon Olds and Naomi Nye, photographer Sally Mann, musician Amy Fusselman, and also the state of Florida. Sellers is currently working on a memoir titled “Faces First,” which discusses her rare inability to recognize people’s faces, known as prosopagnosia.

"I have walked past my best friends on the street, failed to find them in restaurants and missed my own mother at the airport," Sellers said. All of Seller’s books are available to purchase on her website as well as at Reader’s World Bookstore on River Ave. in Holland. To check out a list of Dr. Seller’s books, biography and blog, log onto her website http://heathersellers.com.
My Traditions

Christmas-tree hunts, garden-fresh tomatoes, homemade snowmen, first days of school, Fourth of July family extravaganzas, mid-summer camping trips and ice cream socials are a few of my favorite things. My most beloved memories reside in these moments, in these traditions.

Traditions? How can garden fresh tomatoes and homemade snowmen be considered traditions? Maybe some of these things seem trivial. But a tradition is not only something that is passed on from generation to generation. Traditions are also essentially any event or concept which is repeated. If the value of an event or experience exists in the fact that it is passed on and repeated, then it can be considered a tradition.

I will never forget the time my family spends together every year searching for that extra-wide, super-perfect Christmas tree. I will always remember the countless times I stayed up half the night giggling with my little sisters, talking and fighting for the soft spot on the hard ground in the tent.

I will never stop looking forward to spending the Fourth of July with my family — watching fireworks and sitting in the sun.

I will never forget these moments because it is in these moments — these traditions — that my most valued memories are vested. As the seasons change, the leaves turn colors and the snow begins to fall, I get excited for my traditions.

It seems as though yesterday was moved in day. In a few moments it will be New Year's Eve. In a couple of hours it will be spring break, and tomorrow I will be entering a classroom to take my last final exam of the year. Sometime these simple realities scare me. When I am reminded of the certainty of change and the speeding fast pace of life sometimes I get a bit flustered. I do take comfort in knowing that it is not only my life that is racing forward at an unimaginably fast pace. It is comforting to know that others feel as though summer slipped away and with the blink of an eye we are rapidly approaching the Christmas season.

I also know that it is more than just this connection to others that helps me through the craziness of life — through the fast paced days, weeks and years. I know the actual reason I can’t wait for the first snow of the year to make a snowman, have a snowball fight and go ice skating; these are my traditions. My traditions really help me through life’s crazy changes. It is easier to face change when embracing traditions. When recalling past memories and creating new traditions, I am able to be excited and energized to face the future.

Regardless of how mundane your traditions may seem, remember one of your favorite traditions this week. As college students racing quickly into the oblivion of the future, traditions are one way we can survive change and remember the past.

Emily was astounded this week when she learned that Chicago is the most caffeinated city in the United States. Furthermore, she found it difficult to believe that more than 70 percent of the 40,000 people interviewed for the survey by HealthSaver claimed they were not addicted to caffeine.

To the Editors:

A few days ago on Oct. 31, three judges in Madrid, Spain found several terrorist suspects guilty and sentenced each of them to a certain number of years in prison; the wildest and most outrageous is the 40,000-year sentence given to three of the terrorists.

First and foremost, by no means do I approve of such terrorism. I condemn it, refuse its presence and loath its supporters and followers. The terrorism that occurred in Spain, similar to the events of 9/11, is unacceptable ethically and socially.

However, it is absurd that such sentences are given to humans found guilty of terrorism. Granted, terrorists such as that deserve a lifetime of imprisonment in order to prevent them from future killing and mass murder, but in essence, it is not logical to give such a sentence to another human being — 40,000 years. Think about what it means to give such sentence — the person will die and decompose in that cell. We would need to send his fellow inmates Lysol to get rid of the stench and bacteria.

40,000 years in prison is absurd globally and even more so in Spain. Granted, the concept is that this human will never be able to work off the debt he owes to society, and will therefore never walk freely among us again, but 40,000 years is as grand and fictional as Dr. Evil’s demand for a “billion million dollars” from the world in order to save them from some disease.

Yet this sentence in Spain is more ridiculous, a testament of the sheer stupidity of the judges involved, for if the technicalities of such a long imprisonment are brought up within the Spanish judicial laws where, I might add, no man can be imprisoned for more than 40 years, regardless of their crime. Therefore the 40,000-year sentence given will never be applied. If the terrorists survive the first 40 years, we will see them walking freely down a street in Madrid.

So what is the use of such a sentence?

-George P. Kloury (’09)
Yellow Wallpaper
Rachel Lackey

Escape
Much has changed in the past few weeks. The leaves here on campus have fallen and flooded the ground with rich color. I think it is impossible to ignore God in all His creation during this time of year. The air is crisp and the stress of midterm is still lingering in our bubble of security. We have tucked away the flip flops, sent home the bathing suits and settled into the realization of November.
Autumn is a visual reminder that nothing is permanent. It presents a world where change is unavoidable and constant. The inevitability of it all crowds me and I feel uncomfortable in my own skin. The monotonous routine of school becomes apparent but irrelevant all at the same time.

Last week I reached a breaking point. I felt the walls in my house, trapping me in, like I didn’t get out right then—maybe I never would. I grabbed my notebook and a pen and started driving. I didn’t know where I was headed, but I wanted to be alone—where no one knew me—somewhere all my own. I landed in a coffee shop far from Holland, far from mundane, far from familiar. I left the hours writing my Lifeview paper and my Surahs of Qur’an reading tucked away in my backpack of obligation.

I attempted to document my surroundings in the mundane, far from familiar. I left the hours I had in a long time in the comforts of my own home.

As my anxiety calmed and the new blend of caffeine was getting acquainted with my bloodstream, I began to realize the importance of the secret place I had found. I was freed from my life for just a few hours, but I don’t know if I would have survived had I not escaped. I decided right then that the shop would be a gift to myself—a haven of clarity and solitude.

The air here is damp and I am sure we are now teetering on the cusp of winter. Soon the snow will come and our world will become white. Find your secret place—the playground on 15th, the back corner of Herrick Library, the art museum downtown or the coffee shop on US 31. Make some time to be a local, not just a student—your sanity may depend on it.
Rachel Lackey is an English major from Davison, Michigan. She finds that coffee shops provide the perfect remedy to writer’s block.

VOICES

From the Inside Out
Ashley DeVecht

Reality Check
Eight a.m. classes are not my favorite by any means, but sometimes there’s something refreshing about the crisp morning air, especially in the autumn. The trees are changing, the sunrise is a bit more colorful and the morning air, especially in the autumn. The realization of November.

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The leaves, tiny and fine as they were, had dribbled all over the sidewalk, leaving a breath-taking orange blanket to welcome students and faculty. This, of course, was not what alarmed me. Rather, it was the grounds crew who—oblivious to the natural beauty before them—so rudely leaf-blowing away this exhibit of God’s handiwork.

I don’t blame the grounds crew for doing their job, but I wonder why we see it necessary to perfect reality. It’s perfectly natural for trees to shed their leaves, and clearly they have no place to go but the ground. Part of the natural life cycle of a tree includes leaves dying, disintegrating and regenerating. But some people find that cycle unattractive and so we paint a new reality—one that doesn’t involve dead leaves.

As a society we seem to have trouble with reality—I’m unsure if it’s a fear or an affliction. We obsess over the realistic nature of video games, demanding graphics that look more like real life. We want to feel as if we’re inside the game, attempting to experience the real life all around us.

Let’s be honest—pornography is growing problem in our society. But what really is pornography? Is it a way to escape the insecurities of real life dating, a way to be confirmed as a man without the possibility of rejection?

Or take reality TV for example. Reality TV isn’t reality at all. It’s people getting paid to lead dramatic, sex-driven lives. And yet we immerse ourselves in that world. We put ourselves in their shoes, not to gain a new perspective but to flee from our own perspective, our own boring lives.

So what makes us so afraid of reality? We think if we ignore life it will go away. We think our lies and the lies on top of that and the lies on top of that are all sparring someone’s feelings. We think that life is better and people like us more in our new and improved reality. We think we’re fooling everyone into believing that we really are being real.

But in all reality, we’re not fooling anyone. The masks we wear make things more complicated than they need to be. The masks we wear make things more complicated than they need to be.

May be doing those things would open our eyes to a beauty we were formerly unaware of—a beauty found in imperfection. At a first glance the leaves are an inconvenience, mudding up the sidewalk. At a second glance the leaves are an elaborate carpeting reminding us of God’s magnificent creativity.

Ashley is an environmental enthusiast who enjoys barefoot walks, leaf picking and taking the back roads.

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Local school district unveils bond proposal

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Guest Writer

Zeeland Public Schools Superintendent Gary Feenstra gave a presentation on the Zeeland Public Schools bond issue at the Howard Miller Community Center in Zeeland last Thursday.

The proposal, introduced last year, includes a new early childhood center for kindergartners, renovation of the existing early childhood center for use by preschool and child care programs, purchase of instructional technology for every classroom, ten new school buses and renovation of parking and traffic layouts at two elementary schools.

Feenstra said the school district is bringing the proposal back to voters because the economy was so bad last year and that they expect more positive outlooks this time around.

The proposal will cost $19.75 million but can be financed without increasing the district’s current millage rate of 6.63.

Zeeland Public Schools gained 123 new students this year. Because of continued growth, Feenstra hopes to create more space for the students in order to maintain a small and beneficial environment.

“We pride ourselves on the safe feeling we create for our children and parents in our district,” Feenstra said.

The new early childhood center, the largest investment proposed in the bond, is aimed at having all 500 kindergartners under one roof. There are 15 classrooms spread among three “villages” or pods, which all branch off from a middle plaza. The new format is intended to have the students feel as though they are in their own building, while inside of an even greater building.

“The village concept gives the one-on-one feeling to the students even though they may be in a building with 400 to 500 other students,” Feenstra said. “It is very conducive for learning and safety, along with many other positive aspects.”

Feenstra’s goal is to inform the community that while Zeeland Public Schools is continuing to grow, it is clear the space and availability of materials is not.

The bond also proposes technology upgrades throughout the schools that is not necessarily instant, but a slow process of replacement.

While the presentation may have been deceiving for the ten audience members at the presentation, Feenstra and Zeeland Public Schools have already spoken to over 100 people since August.

Many community members attend the presentations to show their support.

Melinie Cappello, whose two daughters attend Lincoln Elementary School and the current Early Childhood Center in the district, strongly favors the opportunities the bond can create for her children, as well as others.

“Zeeland is a great school district,” Cappello said.

Cappello explained she moved to her current residence so that her daughters could attend the Zeeland schools.

The election was Nov. 6 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The bond proposal failed to garner enough public support to pass, losing 53 percent to 47 percent.

**ELECTION ’07: By the numbers**

**HOLLAND**

**Mayor**

Albert H. McGeehan 55% (2,929 votes)
Myron F. Tretheway 45% (2,397 votes)

**City Council Ward 2**

Jay Peters 65% (381 votes)
Orlando Estrada 35% (203 votes)

**City Council Ward 6**

David E. Hoekstra 69% (581 votes)
Ronald A. Chavez 31% (259 votes)

**ZEELAND**

**Mayor**

Lester Hoogland 67% (1,164 votes)
Jacqueline C. Bordner 33% (566 votes)

**Public Schools $19.75 Million Bond Proposal**

No 53% (2,084 votes)
Yes 47% (1,846 votes)

**HUDSONVILLE**

Repeal ban on Retail Alcohol Sales

Yes 56% (928 votes)
No 44% (735 votes)
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In working as a unit, the team needed to make adjustments in adding freshmen to the starting lineup. “We had a young team with out a ton of experience, but we improved a lot throughout the season,” captain Nora Slenk (’09) said.

Before losing to Calvin in the final tournament game, Hope had compiled an 11-match winning streak. Hope was able to defeat Calvin this year at the DeVos Fieldhouse in front of a crowd of 1,801 fans. “It took us about half of the season with 1,800 people watching, it was almost like we were at home,” Tresslar said. “Winning against Calvin with 1,800 people watching, to be able to experience that was awesome. It was almost like we won a championship.”

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Men’s Soccer: Late win streak not enough for title

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The Hope College men’s soccer team managed a second-place finish in the MIAA, after a come-from-behind win against Kalamazoo College in the MIAA tournament on Nov. 3. Despite finishing runner-up to Calvin College, the Dutch went on a late winning streak to win their last five games of the season and overtake second place. “This past year we had a lot of young players filling important roles on our team,” captain Dan Tresslar (’08) said. “Although we finished just second in the league, we saw a lot of improvement from those new guys, which is a strong indication for the years to come.”

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