The Hope alums' movie hits big screen

By Amy Soukup
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Undergraduate college passes quickly for many students, and some may dread graduation day and their entrance into the real world after four years of living the college bubble. Hope College alumni Joel Reisig ('96) and Scott Voshel ('98) co-wrote and produced the film “Fraternity House” to address these common concerns among many graduating college seniors.

“Fraternity House,” a comedy similar to that of “American Pie” or “Animal House,” takes place on the last day before graduation at an unnamed college and features a 24-hour look into life at the fraternities Iota Gamma Chi and Alpha Theta Chi fraternity during their college career. Of school and their eventual father to pay for another year

Reisig and Voshel were both upperclassmen and members of their fraternity when they wrote the script during their junior year, and they consult an returning senior (played by “Fossil”—a multiple-year

Voshel and Reisig were among the mayhem Among the mayhem of binge drinking, topless women, pledge hazing and non-stop partying, two Iota Gamma Chi members, brothers Evan (Justin Isfield) and Jake (Reisig), learn that their father plans for them to go into the banking business after graduation. Distraught, Evan and Jake begin to devise a plan to return to college for a fifth year, and they consult an Iota Gamma Chi legend—“Fossil”—a multiple-year returning senior (played by Johnny Lechner). The film follows the brothers in their attempts at finding ways to convince their father to pay for another year of school and their eventual acceptance of ending their college career.

Voshel and Reisig were Alpha Theta Chi fraternity brothers at Hope, and after graduation, they worked together in the mortgage and financial business.

“We were good at it, but neither of us enjoyed a minute of it,” said Reisig. “To keep ourselves sane we would try to get up each other with our wildest college memories. After a while we started to think ‘you know there’s enough funny stuff here to make a movie,’ so we started SEE FILM, PAGE 2

HOPE CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS CAST OPPOSING VOTES— Hope students Pierson Kohlbeck ('10), an accounting major (left) and Jared Graybiel ('10), a special education major (right) hold signs supporting the candidates of their choice. Though they disagree on whom to vote for, they remain close friends and roommates.

Democrats and Republicans rally before vote

Rob Guimond
Staff Writer

For the Hope College Democrats and the Hope College Republicans, the emphasis this past week was encouraging people the last time before the presidential election to get to the polls and vote.

"Are we really Republicans and Democrats...or are we Americans?" asked Phil Arthurbautz, a former Republican state senator in Michigan, as he addressed the Hope Democrats at their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Arthurbautz came to explain why he, as a Republican, was voting for Sen. Barack Obama, and why Americans should vote for Obama. The Hope Republicans held a debate on Wednesday to highlight the issues in the upcoming election. It was a conversation with an independent who was a strong supporter of McCain.

"The students are going to decide this election," said Hope Republicans President Nicole VanDerKolk.

College students have traditionally produced poor voter turnouts in past elections. This year, there are many first-time voters in college campuses across the countries who are impassioned about the Iraq War and the economy. These voters could have a significant influence on the election. Both organizations have been working to educate new voters about the elections and help them get to the polls. To help achieve these results, they were running booths around campus that answered students’ questions about the election and having pamphlets, flyers, and other campaign paraphernalia.

"As college students, we are at an age where the president directly affects us for one of the first times when it comes to finding a job, taxes, and healthcare, among other issues," said VanDerKolk. "This is an election that is going to affect our lives for good or bad, so it is important to voice our opinion.” As election day neared, the Hope Republicans were receiving strong student support on campus. They had record numbers of students involved with volunteering and campaign activities.

The Hope Democrat’s do not see a dramatic increase in support prior to the election. “I was surprised at how little support there is for Obama on campus,” said Hope Democrat, Shannon Brenneman (’11). “I guess I expected to see more support for him from the younger generation, but I feel like there are a lot of McCain signs—more than I’d like to see.”

Editors’ note: At the time the Anchor went to press, the election results were unknown.
In Brief

Habitat for Humanity Sleep Out Sat. Nov. 13
The Hope College chapter of Habitat for Humanity is preparing for the upcoming Sleep Out in the Pine Grove on Nov. 13. The date is much later than previous years, but despite the possibility of cold weather, nine professors are already signed up to participate. The event provides cardboard boxes for the professors to use as shelter for the night, and the evening kick-off includes pizza and hot chocolate for everyone in attendance. Habitat for Humanity at Hope works to support Lakeshore Habitat, the beneficiary of the funds that the Sleep Out raises. Hope’s Habitat group is also working with the Ottawa County Housing Coalition this year. One of the goals of the Sleep Out is to raise awareness of homelessness in Ottawa County. The three co-chairs, Alyssa Cassabum (‘11), Rachel Austin (‘10) and Carrie Powers (‘10), are organizing the Sleep Out, community work days and Spartan Break trips. Habitat works with other groups to build affordable houses for families in need. The house size depends on the need of the family. Upcoming work days are open to all. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up by emailing habitat@hope.edu. The upcoming opportunities are Nov. 15, 18 and 22.

Alumni’s ‘Fraternity House’ represents college life

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To think, you know, there’s enough funny stuff here to make a movie, so we started writing some stuff down in a notebook.”

‘Fraternity House’ is largely based on Reisig and Voshel’s experiences at Hope. Reisig said, “Although Fraternity House is not a true story, much of the story is based on our time at Hope. The film starts with a 6 a.m. pre-class party—a twice-a-year tradition we had with the Sigmas. It also has some scenes that are based on our May Day pig roast and some events that we just think, ‘you know, there’s something down in a notebook. ’

The whole process of creating ‘Fraternity House,’ took Voshel and Reisig about two years. They originally created the film to go straight to DVD, but Celebration Cinemas in Grandville and Lansing featured the film for almost two months this fall.


Lechner, who plays Fossil in the film, is also well-known as a real-life “fossil” of sorts. Lechner has attended college University of Wisconsin-Whitewater since 1994 and has gained national recognition for his unique lifestyle. He has appeared on “the David Letterman Show,” and in publications such as Newsweek Magazine and the New York Times.

On his personal website, www.johnylechner.com, Lechner said, “I have realized that people my age (and even people much older) are naturally confused about what they are doing with their lives. I’ve got the rest of my life to work and since I’m enjoying the college years…why not add one more?”

In an interview featured on the “Fraternity House” DVD, Lechner addressed current college students and said, “My advice is to take your time and soak it up because the college life goes by so fast.” Voshel and Reisig are currently working to secure worldwide DVD distribution of “Fraternity House,” but until then, the DVD is available through fraternityhousemovie.com.

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Next president will inherit expanded powers

Past presidencies leave legacy of increasing commander-in-chief's reach

Joe Seymour
Gazette Writer

On January 20, 2009, either Senator John McCain or Barack Obama will be inaugurated as the 44th President, and he will also enjoy an expanded executive branch.

The Constitution possesses three Articles that define the roles of and the balance of power for the legislative, executive and judicial branches. Specifically, Article II contains the requirements and duties of the president in four sections varying from qualification and election to impeachment. However, over the course of American political history, presidents have progressively sought greater influence over the spheres of the legislative and judicial branches.

One of the earliest growths of executive power came from an opponent of a strong central government. "Thomas Jefferson," noted Hope Political Science Professor Dr. Matt Roberts, "made the Louisiana Purchase without clear authorization in the Constitution for that kind of executive action -- in part because he saw it as the best strategic play to protect against the North American presence of the major world powers." Following Jefferson's initial push, the Presidency of the 20th century experienced the greatest expansion.

The Great Depression and World War II provided a fertile environment for President Franklin Roosevelt to empower the executive branch beyond its then perceived role. In response to the Brownlow Commission, Roosevelt created the Executive Office of the president as a supplement to the president's cabinet. The EOP had no basis in the Constitution, and it allowed the president to have control over his advisors while diffusing power away from the official Secretaries positions.

In addition to expanding his office, Roosevelt threatened to weaken the Supreme Court's authority through "packing the court," and he commanded the legislative agenda through New Deal programs. Roosevelt accumulated more power in his four terms that the 22nd Amendment was added to limit a president to only two terms.

Wars and times of crises have often bolstered presidential power.

"The framers put together the Constitution," said Roberts, "with an understanding that decisive action in foreign affairs, when necessary, could only be taken by a solo decision maker like the president."

Although Congress has only declared war five times, the president, in his role as commander in chief, has deployed troops many times beyond that.

Near the end of the Vietnam War, Congress overrode Nixon's veto of the War Power Resolution, which gave the bill the semblance of presidential authority.

The Bush Administration's war on terrorism fractured the balance between the three branches of government as the president has claimed executive power. Immediately after 9/11, Congress passed the broad AUMF to permit the president to deploy troops to combat terrorists. The post-9/11 environment was "a situation where Congress was likely to support the president because of the huge symbolic value of appearing united and standing "in the face of a national disaster," Roberts said.

Congress and the courts have given subsequent grants of power since then, ignoring dire times, and it could be said that the recent $700 billion financial rescue plan echoes the "back the president" mentality. The 2008 presidential campaign has seen powers page 4

PERSPECTIVES

You can argue church v. state but hands off our 'spera in Deo

Karie Luidens
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I imagine politicians with personal faith convictions must be terrified of opening their mouths on the subject of religion anytime a microphone's in sight. We're living in an age where Bible belt evangelicals doing rousing battle with post-60's atheists: the government, objective mediator that it must be, is running on a background of hypersensitive political correctness. No matter what a politician says or does regarding religion, someone will take offense—maybe even someone with a big change-purse railing around Capitol Hill—and that's how political careers are made.

It seems funny that people should have to pretend not to be religious when the government was supposed to be Christian. I would probably have to say yes, that the Constitution established the United States of America as a Christian nation," says Sen. John McCain. "I just have to say in all candor that since this nation was founded primarily on Christian principles... personally, I prefer a (president) who I know who has a solid grounding in my faith. I just would...I just feel that's an important part of our qualifications to lead."

Poor John is trying to open up to us, tell us what he believes, and don't we crave that kind of straight talk? Nevertheless, remarks like that always seem to get a government guy in trouble—for some reason McCain felt compelled to ring up the press later to rewrite his remarks. ... In which case Article Six of the United States Constitution states: "All ex- ecutive and judicial Officers... shall be bound by Oath or Affirma-
tion to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or Public Trust under the United States."

Yes, it's that old classic, the separation of church and state. Whosoever thought that was a good idea? If a person really believes that God wants our nation to be led in a certain direction, he can't honestly be expected to ignore that divine call just because of the Constitution. After all, it sometimes seems silly that everyone insists we should continue to follow a list of random rules written by a bunch of dead guys a long time ago. (I'm referring to the Bill of Rights, of course, not anything found in the Old Testament.)

Private colleges

But, alas, this is where we find ourselves: forced to look on as politicians stumble over their words, hiding their faiths to present a politically correct face to the vicious liberal media. Given the moral turmoil that grips our secular government, where can we turn to find examples of pure Christian leadership?

Ah! Let's return to the private college or university. At 900 religiously-affiliated institutions of higher education around the nation, the leadership can do away with cautious wording and hasty explanations, trying to please the voters and the campaign donors all at once. At last! An arena without hypocrisy, an arena for open, truthful discussion; a system that functions purely according to God's will, without the politics!

For example, according to the mission statement of Brigham Young University, "All students shall be taught the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Any education is inadequate which does not emphasize that His is the only name given under heaven whereby mankind can be saved." As a result, Brigham Young University is required to exist, "Christian-like," and "to implant in students a commit ment to moral and religious living and in the life and ministry of a biblically faithful local congregation."

And of course, the mission of Hope College is to educate students... in the context of the historic Christian faith. "Read- ing over these mission statements, don't you find it refreshing to see a collection of administrations boldly professing their church c on n ecti ons? Sec- tial leaders may get squeamish over issues like public prayer, but whoever has nothing to lose there's no need to separate church and state."

In fact, as professional institutions, colleges and leaders have every right to determine what sort of executive and judicial offi cers (and faculty and staff) they employ. Bob Jones, for example, is looking expressly to hire "ministry-minded people who have a burden to use their expertise and experience to en hance and further the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ." At Cal vin College, the administration demands that "staff members should strive with God's help to demonstrate (Paul's Gifts of the Spirit) both in their pro fessional activities and in their personal lives."

The benefits of Hope

And here at Hope College, the Board of Trustees (Jan. 27, 1984) has directed the President, administration, and faculty to strive diligently, whenever per son s are recruited to the faculty for tenure-track positions, to identify and recruit persons... who have a demonstrated understanding of and commitment to the Christian faith. (...) It is expected that the faculty as a whole will be predominantly Christian and that every member of the faculty will fully support the College's purpose.

At institutions like this one, administrators are not only forbidden to implement religious tests there, they are encouraged to do so! This is no secular government, this is the only Christian-American religious colleges—the students, faculty and staff who come together to form one institution, under God—represent a self-selected, group participating in a private organization, and everyone has a right to leave if they're displeased.

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The “Rape of Nanking.” China in what is known as the denial in committing numerous from his post.

He was subsequently removed for Japan’s role in WWII. staff for Japan’s Air Self-Defense Force, on October 31 the Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, told his follow- ers he had lost hope of reaching agreement with China about the future of his homeland.

“it is certainly a false ac- cussion to say that our country was an aggression nation.” – Dr. Jack Holmes.

But without it, a lot of things at Hope would be, well...missing. There’s a lot you might not know about the Hope Fund. College. Gifts to the Hope Fund from over 9,000 alumni, parents, and friends help make up the difference.

“Quantum Solace” breaks UK box office records on its opening weekend - taking £15.5m in three days, according to early figures.

“there is no opposition to time allotted between Palestinians and long- time ally Israel. She is set to visit the Middle East to discuss a solution to the time-tested conflict before her term in office concludes. President George W. Bush had hoped to leave the White House by January with a signed Middle East peace deal as a foreign policy triumph.

“it is important to settle this issue. Mostly likely, it will require a group of leaders who are willing to compromise for the greater good,” said Hope College Political Science Professor Dr. Jack Holmes.

On the breaks between Israel and Palestinians due to the resignation of Israel’s Prime Minister Ehud Olmert due to charges of corruption. Shimon Peres, Israel’s head of state, asked Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni in September to form a coalition government after her taking over Olmert’s position as head of the centrist Kadima party. Livni was given six weeks to form the coalition but has already a nounced that talks with anticipated partners have failed. Livni tried for months to gather support from the smaller parties that would give her a new Kadima-led coalition a 61-seat majority in the Knesset, Israel’s parliament. Her failure to do so has resulted in the call for early elections, as soon as Feb. 17, more than a year ahead of schedule. This will put Israel on a tumultuous track in the upcoming months. Olmert is set to remain prime minister until a new government is elected or formed.

The high demands of the proposed coalition parties were what stopped the union from materializing. The far-right orthodox Shas party wanted Livni to increase child-alowances for large religious families and remove the city of Jerusalem from peace negotiations with the Palestinians. These goals do not line up with those of Livin’s and the United States.

“i refuse to pawn Israel’s future for the Prime Minister’s seat.” – Tzipi Livni, Foreign Minister.

In 1979, militant Iranian stu- dents who believed the embassy was a center of plots against the Persian country held 52 Ameri- cans hostage for 444 days. The U.S. revealed tortuous diplomacy in re- sponse, and the two countries have not had formal relations since. Iranians blame the CIA for helping topple the elected gov- ernment of Mohammad Mosad- deq in the 1950s and blames the United States for openly sup- porting the late Shah Moham- mad Reza Pahlavi against the 1979 Islamic revolution that led to the collapse of the dynasty.

Iranians also condemn Wash- ington for arming and support- ing Saddam Hussein during the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war, which left more than one million casual- ties on both sides.

Last week, Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all state mat- ters, said his country’s hatred for the United States runs deep and differences between the two na- tions go beyond a “few political issues.”

During Monday’s demonstra- tion, the Iranian parliament de- puty speaker, Mohammad Hasan Abutorabifard, told the crowd that Iran’s lack of ties to the U.S. has helped isolate the country from the global financial crisis. Reza Pourtaghi, an 18-year- old high school senior at the rally, said anti-U.S. sentiments are strong among his genera- tion. Iranian youth “must not forget that the U.S. is enemy of all Muslims, especially Iranians,” he said.

State television broadcast file footage of the takeover and the 1980 release of hostages when they boarded single-plane a plane destined for home.

Meanwhile, Iran’s joint armed forces called the takeover a “Col- lapse of U.S. hegemony” in a statement made available to The Associated Press. Current U.S.-Iranian relations remain very tense, with Wash- ington accusing Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons and of supporting Shiite militias in Iraq - charges which Tehran denies. The U.S. has backed three sets of U.N. resolutions opposing its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment. Iran asserts the ac- tivity is only meant to produce electricity. Presidential powers expand beyond intent • POWERS, from page 3 partly centered on the candi- dates distancing themselves from President Bush. “Right now there’s a great deal of public sen- timent against executive power and the candidates know that,” said, Roberts, the author of so many expansions of power have been driven by less than foresee- able circumstances, I think it would be a mistake to presume that we’ll see a contraction of exec- utive power.”

Whatever the outcome of the election, the new president must indeed utilize all his powers to address the nation’s growing woes.
The Hope College Wind Symphony and Orchestra will delight audiences with a joint concert on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The public is welcome and admission is free. The Chicago Tribune said of Valdés music, “The Great Performance Series was a great opportunity for local, ‘Jess Kohler, Managing Director of the Great Performance Series guarantees high quality and prestige as those compositions. " Valerie Brownstein, Executive Director of the Chicago Tribune, said, “The Great Performance Series guarantees high quality and prestige as those compositions. "

"Inner-Course: A Plea for Real Life"

Poet Toni Blackman will read on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Knickerbocker Theatre. Blackman was the first Hip Hop artist selected to work as a Cultural Ambassador traveling with the U.S. State Department. She has performed in more than 16 countries and shared the stage with a host of artists including Mos Def, Sheryl Crow, Sara McLachlan and Wu Tang Clan. Hip Hop historian and poet Kevin Powell has said, "Just as Langston Hughes and the Beat writers embraced jazz as a way to frame their pursuit of higher truths, Blackman grabs the mic literally as if life depended on it, carving for herself a space where words are sacred, and where her literary objectives soar." Blackman is the author of "Inner-Course: A Plea for Real Life," published in 2003. She is currently at work on her debut album and on her second book.
The Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program is a prestigious governmental grant enabling people to either teach or do research abroad. It was created by Sen. J. William Fulbright after WWII to ameliorate international relations. In 1946, Congress initiated it as law.

Fulbright Scholars are divided into several different grants: U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program, Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program, Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, College and University Affiliations Fellowship Program, and Fulbright-Hayes Foreign Area and Language Training Programs.

While many Fulbright programs exist for distinguished professionals, college seniors (as well as graduate students, artists, and professionals, so long as they do not have a doctorate) may apply for the U.S. Fulbright Student Program. The program allows for students to travel to one of over 140 for up to one year.

Last year, around 6,000 applicants received Fulbright scholarships. Being offered a scholarship is quite an accomplishment; for example, the organization received 2,902 applications for Europe during the 2008-2009 year for 695 spots. The number of awards for each country differs each year.

Types of grants available include Travel Grants, Fall Grants, Teaching Assistantships, Business Grants, Fulbright Journalism Fellowships, the Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award, and Fulbright-Hayes Awards.

To receive more information about Fulbright scholarships, contact the Crossroads Office. The deadline is February 1, 2009.

www.cies.org
http://us.fullbrightonline.org

The environmental organization Greenpeace also offers several different opportunities to get involved. Greenpeace works to promote environmental well-being. According to their website, “Greenpeace proves every day that ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things.”

In its staff, Greenpeace seeks diversity, experience, and, of course, a love of the Earth. Greenpeace offices can be found in more than 30 countries around the globe.

Opportunities include lobbying, accounting, writing, working with the media, and coordinating. Probably the most unique job, however, is working on one of the Greenpeace ships. Crews act as activists as they sail around the world promoting environmental responsibility.

The Arctic Sunrise has pursued pirate ships and worked to prevent oil spills by British Petroleum. The Rainbow Warrior was present in Bali, Indonesia for the UN International Climate Conference. The Esperanza is the most environmentally-friendly ship and even has a helicopter on deck. Lastly, the Billy Greene is an inflatable boat that has stopped Japanese whalers.

To work on a ship, sailing experience is, of course, valued. Greenpeace also looks for special skills, such as carpentry, bilingualism, cooking, engineering, and plumbing.

Go to www.greenpeace.org to learn more.
Change for tradition’s sake

Waiting on the season to change

I’m waiting for winter. Not in a good way, though. What I mean is that I’m dreading winter. Sometimes when I step outside early in the morning I see it season, I see it in the ghost wisps of my breath on the crisp morning air, and in the film of frost I have to scrap off my car windshield.

I know that coming of winter is inevitable. It will come with its snow-soggy socks and red noses. It will come with staticy hair and salty shoes. It’s the season I dread most.

The leaves will be gone soon, and then there will just be waiting—waiting for winter to arrive.

I once heard a statistic that we spend about 25 percent of our lives waiting, which makes sense. We wait in line, wait in traffic, we rankle to change, wait for our food, and wait on a call. Other times we wait for more serious things: some people wait to drink until their 21, other people wait to have sex until they’re married.

Is that time spent waiting really worthwhile? It certainly depends what you’re waiting for. Lately I’ve been feeling like I’m just waiting for that dreaded season of life called reality. Once I graduate I know what comes next—well, I’d like to know what comes next—tanking but craving aren’t, marriage, and (according to my mom anyway) children.

There’s nothing wrong with that season of life, but it’s hard to imagine saying goodbye to this stage in my life. I can’t imagine living in a city where I don’t know anyone, where there isn’t a social event planned every night of the week. It’s hard to think of my spiritual life without the constant support of the Godly friends I’ve made here at Hope.

Right now it seems like everything in my life is suspended around decisions about my future, and until something is decided everything else is at a halt. I don’t know where I’m going to be living after graduation because I haven’t been offered a job. I haven’t been offered a job because it’s too early to apply. When it comes to relationships, starting something is dangerous because who knows where I’ll be in six months. I’m even waiting to make that Spring Break plan in case I need to go on job interviews!

All this waiting is overwhelming me and I’m waiting in worrying. I’m afraid I’m missing out on the present. In all my waiting, I’m forgetting the being. I need to stop waiting to find out what happens next and enjoy the thrill of the moment. I need to bask in the possibility of spontaneity.

So I invite you to join me. Go outside and take in the last week of fall color. Go without a jacket for a day. Take a trip to the beach and enjoy the brilliant sunset over a picnic. Drink a tall glass of hot apple cider. And whatever season of life you are transitioning into, remember worrying won’t get you there any faster. So let’s not be thinking about waiting and waiting and start enjoying the seasons for what they have to offer. In the words of Jason Mraz, “rid yourself of vanities and just go with the season.”

Ashley has had her fair share of waiting and can’t wait to talk to B.L. on Saturday. She clings to Psalm 40.1 whenever she is struggling in a time of waiting.

Growing in the soil

Enrollment strains

As a member of the class of 2011, I am part of a growing crowd tradition—a tradition that is legendary in Pull and oddmaxing in Nykerk. But we, along with the even year students, have become part of a new tradition here at Hope. This new tradition dictates that each year the enrollment at Hope must be higher than the previous year. Don’t believe me? Take a look at the statistics.

In the fall of 2007, Hope set a freshmen enrollment record with 819 first-time students. This year that number is down to 808, but the number of students in my class has grown to 836. Hope accepted 71 transfer students this year, compared with only 57 last year. The college’s total enrollment for 2008 was 3,238, another record number. It is the seventh year in a row that the school has broken this record, which perhaps could be another record.

All of these extra students work to stretch the college rather thin. Girls are living in the weight room of Dykstra. Cottages are filled to their absolute maximum occupancy. I even heard a rumor that the game/activity room in Kollen Hall was converted into a set of dorms.

Rumor or not, this story serves to highlight an unavoidable truth: Hope College is growing, and growing quickly. Not only that, it seems to be growing beyond its current means. If you doubt me, think about this: A variety of classes are held in the chapel basement because there simply isn’t room for them elsewhere. Certain classes, such as scope and methods in the political science department, burst with class sizes as high as 37 because the school cannot afford to hire another teacher for the section.

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Hope College can take action to reverse some of these effects. Firstly, and most obviously, the school could cap enrollment. This would make the school more selective in their review of applications, but this could be a good thing. Hope’s academic reputation may rise, and the number of students involved in campus activities could jump as well.

Secondly, the college could acquire a few more cottages for housing, or build another dorm. These things cost money, but it is a one-time investment that will see a large return because it allows for more students, and thus, more tuition dollars.

Yet another option is that Cook cafeteria could remain open during the week ends, and be available to more than just Cook and cottage residents. This would diminish traffic in Phelps considerably.

There are viable alternatives, but the one option that WONT work is doing nothing. Growth on campus is a problem right now, and the more time passes, the more critical the issue becomes.

Affirm sincerely hopes that you all went out to help decide the future of our nation last Tuesday. No matter who you voted for or how you feel about the new president, keep our new leader in prayer.

Beautiful Feet

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The act of confession

Jesus once told a story about a nobleman who left his home for a brief time to become king. While he was gone, some of his subjects did everything they could to prevent the man from becoming their rightful king. And yet there are likely some people who left their throne in heaven to capture the hearts of people and to gain lordship. This “death” may take on many forms, in fact, sometimes it takes years before the king to be killed. 3. He will be available to more than just Cook and cottage residents. This would diminish traffic in Phelps considerably.

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All of these extra students work to stretch the college rather thin. Girls are living in the weight room of Dykstra. Cottages are filled to their absolute maximum occupancy. I even heard a rumor that the game/activity room in Kollen Hall was converted into a set of dorms.

Rumor or not, this story serves to highlight an unavoidable truth: Hope College is growing, and growing quickly. Not only that, it seems to be growing beyond its current means. If you doubt me, think about this: A variety of classes are held in the chapel basement because there simply isn’t room for them elsewhere. Certain classes, such as scope and methods in the political science department, burst with class sizes as high as 37 because the school cannot afford to hire another teacher for the section.

Cafeterias are jam-packed, with the “scramble system” turning more into an “elbow-your-neighbor-so-you-can-take-the-spot-he-opens-when-he-clutches-his-ribs system.” Perhaps I overdramatize, but seriously, who wants to wait 20 minutes in line for a measly plate of noodles and sauce? Not me.

Hope College can take action to reverse some of these effects. Firstly, and most obviously, the school could cap enrollment. This would make the school more selective in their review of applications, but this could be a good thing. Hope’s academic reputation may rise, and the number of students involved in campus activities could jump as well.

Secondly, the college could acquire a few more cottages for housing, or build another dorm. These things cost money, but it is a one-time investment that will see a large return because it allows for more students, and thus, more tuition dollars.

Yet another option is that Cook cafeteria could remain open during the week ends, and be available to more than just Cook and cottage residents. This would diminish traffic in Phelps considerably.

There are viable alternatives, but the one option that WONT work is doing nothing. Growth on campus is a problem right now, and the more time passes, the more critical the issue becomes.

Affirm sincerely hopes that you all went out to help decide the future of our nation last Tuesday. No matter who you voted for or how you feel about the new president, keep our new leader in prayer.
Letters to the Editor

Fair representation demanded

To the Editors (and the Hope community at large):

I would like to respond, in a manner, to Seth Carlson’s letter “Season of Change” in the October 22 issue of The Anchor. I am writing this to make it known that Seth is not alone in his efforts and expectations for Hope. Seth is not the only one who is disgusted with the lack of GLBT community, recognition and respect at Hope College. It isn’t right and I, as a member of this community, will not stand for it. There is a wave of acceptance coming and Hope is going to get swept away in it.

Whether or not an individual views homosexuality, or anything else for that matter, as an act of immoral conduct (which I could argue for days that it even, in the Christian perspective, truly isn’t) there is no excuse for the mistreatment of these fellow people on our campus. We should be ashamed of the injustice that is being done, and do something to stop it.

Misunderstood as intolerant, Hope could do more for GLBT community

To the Editors:

I agree with some important points made by Seth Carlson’s letter, “A Season for Change,” but there are others that I find to be misguided. Carlson’s letter seems to assume a view of homosexuality and fairness that is obviously not shared by some, but rather is part of the larger Christian community and demand conversion to it. Likewise the Christian community and the administration fail to realize that the GLBT community is a group that has some pressing concerns. Concessions could be made on both sides.

For the administration there is no ex- cept to not promote safety, tolerance, compassion and understanding for the GLBT community. For this one aim, perhaps Hope should consider how it has met this goal and if it could do more. If the GLBT community does not feel safe, respected and understood (understanding does not necessitate agreement) then perhaps we should genuinely consider how we could do more. Carlson is abso- lutely correct in that a Christian community should be concerned with these issues (safety, compassion, etc.).

Hope and the larger Christian commu- nity should consider what the existence of an official GLBT student group on campus means. I am unsure if having this group would be in harmony with Christian the- ology, but neither am I convinced that the existence of such a group is an endorse- ment of homosexuality.

Hope allows for the existence of both Democratic and Republican political groups, yet allowing for these and giving funds for these is clearly not an endorse- ment of these parties’ conflicting beliefs. Perhaps this is how the Hope commu- nity should view the prospect of a GLBT group.

The GLBT community at Hope is one that is cast as marginalized, discriminated against personally, and in all unfairly treated. This is an unacceptable way to treat anyone, and is in direct opposition to Hope’s Virtues of Public Discourse (found in the Hope Catalog), not to men- tion extremely un-Christ-like. Not every- one at Hope is a Christian, but all people can and should be held accountable for treating people fairly, kindly and with love.

I am appalled at the lack of fair rep- resentation and treatment at Hope Col- lege and demand respect for all my fel- low students, no matter what their sexual orientation.

Thank you for your time in reading this, hopefully it will resonate with you that Seth is right, it is a season for change at Hope College.

Peace Love and Happiness,
Rachel Gabrielle Anderson
(11)

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Lasty, the administrative response to Carlson’s letter should be Christ-centered. It should seek to have its view and its res- ervations to the group be understood. It should not demand an apology from Carl- son and his supporters, but seek to silence them, as it could have been argued has been the case.

As for Carlson and the supporters of the GLBT community, they should real- ize that the larger Christian community is a group that has some pressing concerns. Concessions could be made on both sides.

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The second virtue

Benjamin Franklin. The man was wise. He did everything from inventing bifocals to establishing the first library. Things have changed: computers and video games and electric guitars and boom boxes and eight tracks and rap music. Buzzers and bells. Technology changes, but virtues stand through time.

“These are the best years of your life” or whatever. Benjamin Franklin didn’t go to college, poor guy. He ranked tolerance as number two on his all-time list for virtues.

Silence: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself, avoid trifling conversations.

We’re at college. Music is blasting with folks getting so down in their玳es. People are swinging through the halls yelling obscenities and throwing pine- apples. Somewhere, off in the distance, a slow clap starts then ends with 200 people singing the theme song from Batman. Dadadadada Dadadadada. Batman. These melodies wander through the air as the grateful Hope student sits down to learn. Maybe today there’ll be a boy in the study room talking to his girlfriend about the Rainforest Cafe: stuff so interesting it takes a hardened student not to interject. The nachos are by far the best thing they have to offer. The parrot is undoubtedly the most entertaining creature. What? Is the kid in the corner drumming the beat to Ziggy Stardust? Wait, it’s Pinball Wizard.

A boy that lived down the hall last year, named Ben actually, had a condi- tion. Or was it Ed? Ed warned us, the RA’s warned us, the RD warned us about his condition, Wonder-Charles. They said, “Don’t play your music too loud; it’s bad for the condition.” We turned it up and jut sued what it meant. I don’t know too much about it, but I guess it’s when the ears can’t handle sounds past a certain deci- mal. If the threshold for sound is broken, the mind can’t take it; the eyebrows light on fire and burn out the retinas. Anywho, Lil’ Wayne was spittin’ mad beats in Room 302 one day, and this kid with the condition, Ed Terrissas, stum- bles into our room, eyes bledding. That sight is going to be with us forever. Our music was too loud. Don’t learn the hard way.

It’s not about sound level, it’s not about the music. There’s a place and a time. Everybody likes a good brain-rattling beat or a fierce debate between big-en- dians and little-endians. But be wary when you’re blasting your voice through your buddy’s cerebellum, ear-to-ear, trying to obtain the pepper from the guy down the table.

When I was young and noisy my grandpa told me, “Quiet, you’ll wake the baby.” I would look around, but I couldn’t find that baby. He was my grandpa, though, so I stopped the ruckus. Where is this sense of respect in the college student? Who’s to remind the college student that invisible baby just trying to take a nap? I’m not asking you to listen to me, or your grandpa, or some homeless guy selling Wheaties outside the Kwik-E-Mart. Listen to Benjamin Franklin, the inventor of the glass harmonica.

Bob would like students to consider keeping completely silent for an entire day.

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SEEING WITH A FRESH PAIR OF EYES—Waggoner, scheduled to play on Nov. 13, will be performing pieces from her most recent album, “With a Fresh Pair of Eyes.”

Brooke Waggoner to perform in Hope College Concert Series

HOPE PR — Brooke Waggoner will be performing with special guest Jonathan Ytterock as part of the Hope College Concert Series on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland.

Brooke Waggoner is a piano-playing singer/songwriter from Nashville, Tenn. She began playing piano at age four and received classical lessons all the way through her senior year in college, when she graduated with a degree in music composition and orchestration from Louisiana State University. It was in college that she also began to perform her own music. In Waggoner’s own words, her music strives to “connect the ‘classical world’ with the ‘mainstream world’ by showing people it all works hand-in-hand.” Paste Magazine has said that her classical background enables her to approach pop melodies in a way that makes her stand out in an often crowded genre of pop piano.

Waggoner was also recently named to Paste Magazine’s “Best of What’s Next: 26 Emerging Artists You Must Know” list. Her other honors include being a finalist in MTVU’s Best Music on Campus competition and becoming a semi-finalist in the national John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Jonathan Ytterock will be opening the concert. A Hope junior from Swartz Creek, he has performed often at Lemonjello’s as well as previously for the Hope College Concert Series.

Tickets are $10 for the general public and $5 with a Hope College ID, and are available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. Additional information about the show and other Hope College Concert Series events may be obtained online at www.hope.edu/concerts.

The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

Great Performance Series

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The Quartet San Francisco is a Grammy award nominated multi-genre music group. They perform everything from Latin Tango to Rock to Classical. The Midwest Record said of them, “They take it to the next level of the game using world beat as their basis and letting the vibes flow from there.” The Great Performance series gives students the opportunity to see talented, world renowned acts on Hope’s campus.

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Visit MAX at www.catc.hamon.org
(616) 355-1010

Issue Oriented Movie Series to Begin at Grace Episcopal

Starting Wednesday, November 12, Henry Idena will host an issue oriented film, each Wednesday at Grace Episcopal Church (125 Michigan Ave. Holland), in the Commons at 6:30 pm. The films will begin at 6:40 pm with discussion immediately following. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack or beverage (soda, juice, etc.) to share. Pizza will be provided once the film is started and a $5.00 donation is request ed to help cover costs.

This movie series is open to the public, so bring your friends. We need to debate the moral issues of the day, and this course will offer the opportunity to tackle some of them. The course ties in with the Sunday morning forums on faith and politics. Please sign up by contacting the church at (616) 399-7160.

Scheduled films include:

November 12: The topic is WAR, with the film: Why We Fight.
November 19: The topic is OIL. Film: A Crude Awakening.
December 3: The topic is DEBT. Film: In Debt We Trust.
December 10: The topic is AUTOMOBILES. Film: Who Killed the Electric Car?
December 17: The topic is FORGIVENESS. Film: Forgiving Dr. Mengele. This final film will introduce a course on forgiveness which will begin after Christmas.
The truth behind DIII national rankings

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Among the many things that Hope is successful in, athletics definitely makes the cut. Year after year, the Flying Dutch and Flying Dutchmen continue to claim conference titles and gain both individual and team recognition nationally.

While many students may be aware that Hope’s teams are successful in conference, some may not realize just how talented the teams are. Already this school year, volleyball, men’s soccer, and both basketball teams have broken the top 25 nationally.

However, as exciting as it is to be recognized, many of Hope’s coaches put more emphasis on their regional rankings.

“If I had a choice, I’d rather be ranked number one regionally,” women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse said. “The national poll is fun for fans and teams, but the regional one is a better indication of who you’ve played and how good you are.”

For men’s soccer, the regional ranking has significant weight: the regional ranking comes out first and then the top four from each region are taken and configured into the top 25. With no unified system for all teams, it makes it difficult to determine which is most important, but for a small school like Hope, regional rankings are a good indication of how they are doing.

“We’re being nationally ranked isn’t necessarily all that helpful for a team, but it is very helpful while recruiting. We can identify ourselves as a top program by an external ranking,” men’s soccer coach Steve Smith said.

The chance to play for a team that is not just successful in their conference but is also know nationally gives Hope an advantage over other schools that may not have the same prestige.

However, as fun and exciting as the polls can seem, they do come with a bias. Teams that are considered perennial powerhouse can be placed ahead of a team that may be more deserving. Earlier in the season, the Flying Dutch volleyball team toppled Carthage in three straight sets; Carthage College was ranked fifth in the polls at the time and the Flying Dutch were ten back at 15.

While it would seem that a three-game sweep on a neutral court would mean a significant shift in the standings, the following week, Carthage only moved back to sixth while the Flying Dutch improved to 11th.

Many people may wonder how the rankings are even compiled. While it is different for each sport, there are a few different methods. One possible way is that one member for each of the eight regions votes each week. These people are coaches, sports information directors and media members. In order to prevent backlash or lobbying, the names of the individual voters are not revealed.

At the end of the day, the national rankings are just a number. They do not necessarily show the effort, sweat and energy that has been put into the final outcome of a game. They cannot indicate how close or thrilling a match may have been. But they can give a team a goal, something to work for.

For the teams of Hope College, the rankings are a chance to show that they are a strong competitor who will not back down.

Runners take second

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Over the weekend, Hope College’s cross country teams went into the MIAA conference meet with two goals: break up Calvin College’s pack and to get everyone in under a set time. Both teams were successful in their endeavors, leading to a solid second place finish behind nationally ranked U of D.

Coach Mark Northuis had plenty of positive things to say about each of his teams.

“Lufkin led a united effort. In addition to freshmen and sophomores with one senior, our women’s team had five upper-classmen with one freshman in the mix.”

The truth of the team was no disadvantage, however, as Hope’s top three finishers were all freshmen. Claiming 10th, 11th, and 12th places respectively overall, Karli Silma (12), Kate Nelson (11) and Lufkin led a united effort. In addition to being Hope’s top finishers, all three runners were named to the All-MIAA Second Team, joined by Emily Fischer (11).

“This whole year was amazing. We graduated a lot of girls last year, so it was kind of hard to know exactly what would happen, but it’s been amazing. All the younger girls have really stepped up and had an amazing year,” Fischer said.

As the team moves into the final part of the season, they have one thing on their minds: placing at regionals and qualifying for nationals.

“Our goals for regionals are simple: qualify for nationals,” Northuis said. “We have two weeks to get ready, and the course is a relatively fast one, which will be to our favor.”

The easiest way for the Flying Dutch and Dutchmen to make nationals will be to finish first or second in the region. However, if that doesn’t happen, the remaining top three teams are still eligible, with the conference finals and Oshkosh Invitational playing a part in the decision for Hope.

“I felt that today was a good step to making the case that both teams are deserving to go. We have a very strong region, but both teams are top five or six and they’ve shown that they can handle the pressure,” Northuis added.

With the majority of this season behind them, the cross country teams can look back and know that they have much to be proud of. Regardless of what happens at regionals and nationals, the teams showed that they have runners of all ages that are strong and that they are not to be dismissed in conference.
Driven Dutchmen

Hope's seven returning varsity players look to lead the charge in the 2008-2009 season

Conditioning key to season succes

Chris O'Brien
Guest Writer

Long before DeVos Fieldhouse fills with thousands of orange clad fans and a couple months before the first jump ball is even tossed into the air, the basketball team was in the gym running spent after sprint.

While the rest of the student body lay comfortably asleep, every potential basketball player would drag themselves out of bed at 5:30 every Friday morning and head over to the DeVos. Sometimes workouts were outside, but as it became increasingly dark, the workouts moved back indoors.

On the very first workout, over 40 athletes anxiously awaited what the workout would be.

Assistant Varsity Coach Matthew Sharples give the Dutchmen a great chance to improve on a stellar 28-4 record from last season, featuring a 17-0 record while playing at DeVos Fieldhouse and 13-1 in MIAA competitions, leading them to a third place finish in the NCAA tournament.

Although MIAA games do not begin until Jan. 7, Hope has plenty of practice before their conference opener against Olivet. With the first game slated for Nov. 20 and four tournaments in line before the contest against Olivet this year’s group should be running on all cylinders in time for the MIAA matchups.

“This team will have such a different look to it this year,” Van Wieren told the Holland Sentinel. “It’s sort of like we’re starting over, but we’re not. We really haven’t practiced together much as a team, but I really like the possibilities that I see.”

Hope’s high expectations also give supporters another great season to look forward to.

“I think that the sophomores do a lot for the team chemistry. The up-tempo style of play here is all about reading each other and feeding off each other. Already having a year together, the new sophomores will really be able to come out of their shell and really contribute,” Stegman said.

Of course, it’s never too early to start thinking about the Calvin College game, the Dutchmen host the rival Knights on Jan. 17 and visit them on Feb. 11. After beating them twice last year the pressure is on this year to keep the streak alive.

“The rivalry is awesome and it never gets old. After beating them both at their place and at Devos, they will be that much more ready for this year’s matchup,” Stegman said.

Two freshmen join varsity roster

Chris O’Brien
Guest Writer

The Hope men’s varsity basketball team looks to add two fresh faces to the squad this season.

David Krombeen (12), a 6’3” swing guard/forward forward averaged 17.8 points per game and seven rebounds in his senior season at Utica Ford High School, and earned second team all Metro East honors. King wants to help the team reach the final four. Both understand that playing time may be limited, but are still finding ways to chip in.

David Krombeen
Nathaniel King

Grindville High School.

Nate King , a 6’3” swing guard/power forward averaged 22 points per game and earned all-state honorable mention, all conference, and all-area second team honors in his senior year at Utica Ford High School, and earned second team all Metro East honors. King wants to help the team reach the final four.

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