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Maureen Yonovitz
Arts Editor

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More WEEKEND on 2
Halloween
Fright Night at Hope

Students Daniel Halloran ('04), Jessie Snyder ('04), Michael Bury ('04), Robert Petich ('04), and Kevin Smittle ('05) dressed up as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael, and their leader, Splinter, on Friday night.

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Parents got more than information out of the weekend. Hope College Mom and Hope College Dad pins were given out. Parents could be seen all weekend around campus wearing their pins.

The weekend ended on Sunday with a worship service in Dimnent Chapel and a Musical Recital at Wichers Auditorium.

Parents Weekend for 2003 was more then what we expected," said Diana Brecon, adding that the Parents Weekend for 2003 went great for everyone involved.

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Watch this space!

In 2001, Student Congress used $500 of the student activity fee to buy this scrolling marquee sign in the lobby of the DeWitt Center. Although active in 2001, the sign has yet to display anything since. As a service to you, the Anchor will keep track of how many weeks it has been blank since installed.

This week’s count: 109

God Bless Babylon?

God Bless America. How many times do we, as Americans, hear that phrase? God Bless America... really? Why should God bless us? Sure, the Puritans who settled here wanted to make this country "a city on a hill," but that isn't really true anymore. We aren't a beacon to the world, we are the super power to the world, and the two are very different.

"I'm currently reading a book called Adventures in Missing the Point: How the Culture-Controlled Church Neutered the Gospel," by Brian McLaren and Tony Campolo.

In the chapter on end-times, Campolo makes an interesting parallel between the United States and one of the symbolic cities in the Bible. And guess what? The city wasn't Jerusalem, but instead was Babylon, the city that in Revelation is described as a whore. When I read that, I was slightly taken aback, but then I started thinking... in God's eyes, what is America?

The United States of America has only 6 percent of the world's population within her borders, but we consume more than 40 percent of the world's resources. Where does that leave everyone else? Globally 30,000 children a day die from starvation, yet Americans are constantly "Super Sizing" their meals. To top it off, the amount of money that determines who we are.

The United States stopped being a beacon the first time a settler took from an American Indian in the attempt to show power. Today we are a world power, but does that make us blessed? I doubt it. I don't think God would look at most Americans today and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." I think, instead, God would most likely look at us and say, "I never knew you; away from me."

So much of that dream, it seems simply a lust for materialism. We want things bigger, flashier, fully loaded. America makes us believe that it is what we wear, drive, or how much we make that determines who we are. Our culture seduces us into being the gluttons that we have become, and as we board our planes, there are people who suffer. Because of our insatiable desires, someone else will go without food, housing or medicine tonight because there are no resources for them.

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Terence Blanchard comes to campus

Jazz musician and composer performs for GPS at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13

Jordan Wolfson
STAFF REPORTER

Terence Blanchard, a name that can easily be classified with some of the greatest jazz performers of our century, such as Wynton Marsalis. Although Marsalis might be a name that pops into minds faster, consider that it was the music of Blanchard that graced such popular movies as “Malcolm X,” “Clockers,” and “Ashore at Last!” and the famous Blue Note Record label entitled “Bounce.” This album contains the same traditions that he started with his earlier albums, created with musician Donald Harrison. His first solo debut album, released in 1991, was entitled “Terence Blanchard.” His record entitled “Wandering Moon” received a Grammy nomination in 2000, and a year later his album entitled “Let’s Get Lost” also received a Grammy nomination. (Blanchard’s) music upholds a jazz tradition of sharp, clear writing that has been languishing since the 1950’s,” said The New York Times about Blanchard’s work. Tickets for this performance will be sold at the theater lobby office in the DeWitt Center on Thursday-Friday, November 6-7, and Monday-Tuesday, Nov 10-13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets may also be ordered over the phone by calling (616) 395-7890. Tickets are $14 for regular admissions, $12 for senior citizens, and $5 for children 18 and under. The performance will be held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel on campus.

Women’s choir performs at St. Francis de Sales

Concert will include “Six Sacred Songs,” “Nisha Gu,” and “Ashore at Last!”

Joe Turbesi
STAFF REPORTER

The Women’s Choir of Hope College will be presenting a concert in St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church at 8 p.m. on Monday. St. Francis is located a few blocks away from Hope at the corner of 13th and Pine. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. The choir will be singing a variety of selections, including a piece from Louise Reichardt’s “Six Sacred Songs,” a Mass movement by Crystall LaPoint, a Serbian folk song entitled “Nisha Gu,” and a setting of Emily Dickinson’s poem “Ashore at Last!” Amongst other pieces. “Nisha Gu” is a traditional Serbian folk song with very complex and driving rhythms. The arrangement that the women will be performing is for piano four-hands and chorus. Performing the piano part will be Jennifer Wolfs, chorus conductor, joined by piano professor Soyeon Park. Wolfs commented that while not all the pieces on the program were by women composers she tried to pick pieces that were somehow connected to women. For example, the text for “Ashore at Last!” is by a woman poet and “Nisha Gu” is a story told from the viewpoint of a woman. Wolfs also remarked that this was the first time that the women’s choir was performing in St. Francis de Sales. Wolfe said that this venue was chosen due to the excellent acoustics.

Symphonette changes concert lineup

Performance takes place at 8 p.m. Friday in Dimnent Chapel

Kirsten Winiek
COPY EDITOR

The next Hope College Symphonette will occur at 8 p.m. on Friday in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The concert is free and the public is welcome.

The original concert schedule included featured faculty soloists Linda Dykstra, a Hope voice professor, performing two arias. However, Dykstra will be unable to join the Symphonette. A total of three pieces will be performed at Friday’s concert. One piece is a light-hearted overture entitled “La clemenza di Tito” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Another piece that will be performed is “First Essay for Orchestra” by Samuel Barber. This modern American composer’s piece is rhythmic and harmonic. The performance will conclude with Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1 in C Major.” Joe Gutowski (’04) is the Symphonette’s principal viola and he said that his favorite piece in the upcoming concert was Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1 in C Major.” He chose this piece as his favorite because, “Being an early Beethoven work, it has a light, playful feel to it that makes it enjoyable yet still substantial.”

The Hope Symphonette has just been invited to perform at the Hart Performing Arts Concert Series. This event will occur on Nov. 14, and the Symphonette will play the same pieces that are to be performed at Friday’s concert.

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Just like Krazy Glue

The fall semester at Hope reminds me of a lyric from a Less Than Jake song. When I look at our biggest activities of the year, both in the fall semester, a little voice inside my head sings, “Traditions seem to stick to you just like Krazy Glue.”

The Pull and Nykerk are so deeply rooted in tradition that to most, changes applied to these institutions is one step short of blasphemy. I think that both of these events are healthy opportunities for competition between the two teams involved, and also a great way to build a new family of friends. Conversely, I see parts of these long-standing traditions that beg to be changed.

The Pull has evolved over time. When it first began, it was just a bunch of guys that pulled on a rope stretched across the river. Over the next years of the Pull, the pits, calls and moralers were added to liven up the experience. Likewise, Nykerk was once much different than the event you know today. At first, Nykerk was no more than the Pull for women. Over the years, the competition has grown to include the three events from each class and the traditional silver cup. Despite these changes, I believe that there is one fatal flaw with one of these traditions. Nykerk’s constitution will not allow males to compete only after a year as a moraler, and then only through a long petition process. This only serves to widen the gender gap already present in the competition.

The implied gender roles in Nykerk are further perpetuated by the participation of the song girls when they are not singing. For most of the two-hour event, song girls are expected to sit “pretty,” unmoving with big smiles. Where this may have seemed normal 69 years ago when the event began, it seems utterly ridiculous by today’s standards.

I participated in Nykerk for four years, and I hold nothing but the utmost respect for events that encourage spirit and team building in this manner. I am afraid, however, that it cannot continue to be the worthwhile tradition that it has been if some changes are not made in the constitution to keep up with the times. I would like for the general committee to consider these points to better the tradition as they review the constitution this year.

Note from the Editor

This week, we did not receive any letters to the Editor this week. Because the “Your Voice” section on this page is intended to be filled with thoughts and feedback from our readership, I believe that it is better to run the space blank this week, reflecting the lack of letters rather than fill it with Public Service Announcements.
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Clockwise from top: The second-year orator defends his position as the coach, singing "I Say A". At the end of the evening, Kris announces the second-year playgirl, Kris. In the even year, Are A Girl's Best Friend? Ruberg ('06) and Wonder," and the introduction to "The..."
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Last unengaged Cope College male proposes

Gallstaff

The wedding bells of Dimwitt Chapel will soon be tolling for many Cope students. In fact, as of last Friday, the bells will ring for every male Cope student.

Friday night, Dean Marzuki (’05) proposed to his girlfriend of two months, Jessi Ashland (’09), making him the last male student at Cope to get engaged. The two met in early August in an Internet chat room.

“When I signed on to my normal chat,” Marzuki said, “I noticed someone new was there. Not wanting to be rude, I introduced myself right away, and the rest is history.”

In a statement to Public Safety, Lewis Honeycutt, the only survivor of the accident, said, “It was worse than the Tomb of Horrors, just as they met. Over the next two months, the couple had a whirlwind romance that culminated in their recent engagement. Marzuki and Ashland went to dinner at the house of mutual friend Jim Minor (’08), where Marzuki popped the big question. ‘Deano told me all about his big plan,’ Minor said. ‘I made my patented stew for them and he hid the ring in her bowl. It really seemed like a good plan, until Jess took a big bite and almost swallowed the ring, but my quick Heinrich maneuver saved the day, which is why I’m also the best man.”

Marzuki pointed out a few reasons for surprising Ashland with a proposal. “Sure I love her and all that stuff,” Marzuki said, “but that isn’t the only reason that I wanted to get married. Everywhere I looked around me at school, I saw more and more that getting married was the cool thing to do, and I just felt left out. Now that I am part of the in-crowd, I’m sure that I will really like the whole marriage thing.”

There is no date set for the wedding as of today, but the couple is planning on exchanging their vows from their respective dorm rooms over the internet, just as they met. The whole service will be broadcast live via webcam.

HITCHIN’ IT: Dean Marzuki and his girlfriend Jessi Ashland, the newly engaged couple.

Nudes kill nerds: Seven slain by sultry spread

Adam Less

The Grope College community was shocked by an incident that left seven students dead and one student hospitalized in intensive care yesterday.

According to witnesses, the tragedy began when Minervan fraternity member Teddy Pinkerton (’04) was spotted carrying a copy of the most recent Ranchor into the frat house. “I was walking along the street, when I saw that guy (Pinkerton),” said one witness. “He was carrying that issue of the Ranchor under his arm. About a man.”

In a statement to Public Safety, Lewis Honeycutt (’05), loner survivor of the accident, detailed the tragedy of that night. “It was worse than the Tomb of Horrors,” said Honeycutt, whose partial heart failure shocked by an incident that left seven students dead and one student hospitalized in intensive care yesterday.

According to Pubic Safety, the seven fraternity members were struck with massive heart failure upon viewing the suggestive pictures featured in a Ranchor article. Friends and family members confirmed that the seven dead had never seen a nude woman before, and that seeing such a spread was a contributing factor to the students’ deaths.

Honeycutt said, “I was so busy playing that game with the funny dice and those little painted things,” said Mary Pinkerton, mother of one of the dead students. “What do you call them? Ores! That’s it!”

Well, he never really had time to do normal things like getting accustomed to the nude body as a natural thing.”

Honeycutt’s statement also emphasized the fraternity’s general unfamiliarity with the female body. “I mean, we all played Dungeons and Dragons characters that were female at some point. My half-Elf piwksrion with the barbarian shield +2 wore real tight leather armor and stuff. She had a charisma score of 18! And there was that time when Teddy’s dwarf bar- burian accidentally put on the Girdle of Gren- Swapping and had to be a chick for a whole session. But for the most part, the guys didn’t know a thing about the real female anatomy.”

Said Honeycutt, responding to why he was not slain by the viewing.

Concerns about the hazardous effects of the Ranchor porn spread on Dungeons and Dragons aficionados quickly spread through campus. Grope President Jumbo Bultmanis, whose halfling fighter recently rescued the Axe of Azure Slaying +3 from the bowels of a green hug lair, is reported to be in stable condition after viewing the Ranchor spread.

Presiding Bultmanis is married, so we’re guessing that he has seen a nude woman at some point in his life,” said Grope College officials in a campus-wide security alert. “The security alert also encouraged students to gently work their way toward pornogra- phy viewing.

“It takes time and resistance to handle the sheer exhibitionism of the Ranchor spread,” wrote Robert Snow, dean of students and occasional Gnome Illusionist, in the e-mail alert. “That spread was almost as racy as a page from the Sears catalogue.”

The deaths also cast doubt upon the future of the Minervan fraternity. “This is worse than when we were attacked by the Seven Beholders of Kat-Nosoch, or the time when those Drow mercenaries stole the Potion of Health +1 from my belt,” said Honeycutt. “I mean, it’s hard to find a group of guys who are so into the deep stories of political intrigue and aerial griffon comb- bat of Greyhawk that they don’t spend Friday nights trying to talk women up to their lofts.”

Morial services for the students will be held on Tuesday in the Grope College chapel, immediately followed by a memorial quest for Eshbar’s Cloak of Feather Fall. All may participate, except for Half-Onc Clerics and characters of Lawful Evil alignment.

Campus safety changes

The kitchen staff at Felps will now be saved from the task of replacing dining trays that have gone astray with the aid of miscreant students, as CIT has developed a new security system to be introduced in the coming weeks. This system rivals that of the student ID library Card/Caterina Pass/Down Access/Excellent Backscratcher. It involves installing an individual ID code befitting each tray’s character, which will trigger an alarm if any student is foolish enough to attempt to remove it from the hallowed grounds of Felps for an adventurous escapade. In addition, any adrenaline junkie, who, by a stroke of sheer luck, completes phase one through the double doors of Felps will have to contend with the omnipotent Marines stationed in look-out towers around the perimeters of the dining hall. If the now downward sliding entourage proceeds to flee, he or she will be bombarded and taken down with a flurry of paraballs delivered with pinpoint accuracy. No student should succumb to this mission of suicide.
ARE YOU READY TO ROCK? EDITOR

had seen each other at five-year intervals since they gradu-
ated, members of Cope College's class of '78 gathered once again this past weekend at Chotchkie's restaur-
ant in outer Molland. After two rounds of Extreme Fajitas and Jalepeno Poppers, the conversation turned to the topic of classic rock.

"Remember that time that Styx was at Biittener Chapel? That was awesome!" said Dirk Melon ('78), who currently works as an auto mechanic in Bland Rapids. "They played 'Lady' and 'Blue Collar Mechanic' in Bland Rapids. "They don't know is what it's going to look like.

There was a lull in the conversation while the waitress took their orders, then the reminiscing resumed.

Not everyone looked back on those times with the same enthusiasm as Melon and Stephens.

"I don't even know why I bother coming to these," said Ralf Blipslen ('78), a corporate accountant for Drew's Bakery. "I mean, this always happens. They just talk about classic rock all the time. Everyone else stopped coming to the reunions long ago."

Blipslen continued to express his dissatisfaction towards the event and its participants.

"They never went to that concert. Jim Morrison died in '71. That was six or seven years before this 'concert' they 'went to."

Bipslen used his hands to sign additional quotation marks. "And Styx was never at the chapel. They were probably all stoned out of their gourds and imagined the whole thing while listening to records."

The luncheon wound down with some ice cream sundaes and high fives. Their next reunion will be in 2008.

"He's right though," said James Young, guitarist, vocalist and founding member of Styx. "We never played the chapel. We were in the Slime Grove."

Class of '78 reunion revolves around classic rock

Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix remembered

Bob Mantra

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK? EDITOR

The Big M

Fancie Entropy

What do Cope College and an anniversary park have in common? Well, nothing yet, but the plans for the new Schpeale Science Center suggest that this will change very soon.

As evidenced by the extensive construction, Schpeale is getting a full internal makeover to be completed next fall. But most people don't know is what it's going to look like.

Upon entering the building, students will encounter a jungle scene, complete with swamps, tropical vegetation and wildlife, allowing students to get hands on lab experience any time of year without having to leave campus. In order to maintain this atmosphere year round, however, the building temperature must be kept at 25 degrees Celsius at all times.

While some may enjoy taking a walk through a swamp on their way to class, a rope swing will be provided for all students who prefer not to get their feet wet. Also, in place of stairs, Schpeale will have climbing walls leading up to higher floors.

"With these additions, students should be able to move around freely without having to sacrifice the full jungle effect," said Joseph Development, head of the Schpeale Science Center internal renovation committee.

The classroom setup will differ from the hallways. Some of the plans include labs with slanted floors so that students will be better able to study slope stability interactively. Classrooms and lecture halls will be color coded by spectrum. Infrared and ultraviolet rooms are still being debated, due to the fact that these rooms would be invisible to the human eye as well as being potential health hazards.

While most students were not told about these changes in advance, a small panel of science students were introduced to the plans and asked to give their opinion. Most responses were positive.

"It'll be just like those kids' science books," said Michael Vandermandiernderson ('07). "You know, with the magic bus and the crazy red-haired teacher when they go on those cool field trips and that one kid Arnold wishes he would've stayed home today... those were great books."

Some, however, expressed concern.

"Yeah, it sounds cool and all," said Tina VanVisselwater ('05). "But how much is this going to cost me?"

Committee members admit that although some money has been provided by donations, most of the funds for the renovation will come from the students.

"Yes, tuition will inevitably increase exponentially to help fund the project," Darwin said.

"However, we can rest assured that it is all in the name of science."


The Rancher's easy guide to fencing

The Ranchor is totally made up. In case you couldn't figure that out. These things never happen, though I wish they did. All questions represented in Rancher stories represent the views of the story's author.

the Rancher

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Off-campus living targeted

Our aim is to decrease the number of upperclassmen... who are led astray and choose to live in godforsaken off-campus housing. -Christoph Birdsong

Wannabes: Jan Con, B.J. Jones, J. Wolf, Jo T., Bozo
Fan Club President: O-Kay T
Pretty Picture Helper: Mevoter
Ranter: MadVeeta

Our campus community decided to "encourage an on-campus lifestyle" was not motivated by money in any way. "Clearly if money was our motivation we would merely increase the cost of tuition every year instead of contriving strange housing policies," said Garrison. "These policies are solely for the purpose of helping students to achieve their maximum potential and enabling them to contribute as much as they can to the Cope College community. Only then will they truly earn the title of Copeland uber alles!"

Birdsong was unusually vague about how Cope College would decrease the number of upperclassmen on campus, saying only that Cope had been seeking a "final solution" to the housing problem for some time. "Let's just say that if this solution doesn't work then our only alternative will be slap all students to Copeland Kalvin," said Birdsong.

The assistant director of student development

Army Garrison ('05) reassured the campus community that the decision is not an on-campus lifestyle was not motivated by money in any way. "Clearly if money was our motivation we would merely increase the cost of tuition every year instead of contriving strange housing policies," said Garrison. "These policies are solely for the purpose of helping students to achieve their maximum potential and enabling them to contribute as much as they can to the Cope College community. Only then will they truly earn the title of Copeland uber alles!"

I think it's a bad idea. How can students be encouraged to participate in campus activities if they're dead? It's not like... AIEE!" said Dani Boone ('06 but graduated date indefinitely postponed).

"Students living in off-campus housing can expect the changes to be implemented over Christmas break."

Off-campus living targeted
Campus housing problem may be solved

Manny Fawaki
Cope E. Ramano

Due to the increase in the number of students on campus this year, Cope College administration has had to think of creative ways to accommodate the overflow.

"We really were simply running out of room for all of the students," said Dino Brachiosaurus, assistant dean of Residential Life. "The problem, though, has been rectified."

Cope recently built three new cottages on the railroad tracks. Not next to the railroad tracks, but on them. According to Brachiosaurus, students had been driving on the railroad tracks, assuming they were part of a driveway, so it was not a stretch to build houses on the tracks.

"It took a lot of arranging with the train companies to get them to understand that this was something we had to do. We have made the decision to put the houses on stilts so that the trains still can pass under the houses. It will create a lot of shaking in the house, but I'm sure the students will not mind," Brachiosaurus said.

The train companies have signed themselves to the fact that they had to compromise with Cope College.

"We realized that Cope owns most of Holland, and hence, wields a lot of power in the community. We didn't want random cars to start driving down the tracks blocking our trains in protest to us not cooperating with Cope College, so we decided to work with them," said Liz Asd, spokesperson of Pacified Lines Shipping Company.

Students who are living in the houses say it isn't so bad.

"I wasn't sure what living on railroad tracks would be like, but when the trains are not running underneath us, the cottages are actually very nice. When the trains are passing under the whole house shakes and it feels like the whole thing is going to collapse. We've also had a few cars that were parked on the tracks hit by the trains, and that really wasn't so cool. Pieces of metal were flying up through the windows," said Turk Tull ('06).

"We still have a few kinks to work out in this new living situation. The administration never makes a mistake, so building houses on the railroad tracks was not a mistake," Brachiosaurus said.

According to Brachiosaurus, after the last few incidents with the cars getting hit, the Task Force on Issues of Living on Train Tracks was created.

"Only a few people suffered any injuries, and there were only a couple of amputees."

Mean & Nerd

The recent rash of incidents on campus has left many feeling unsafe. How could campus security be bolstered to prevent more events like these?

"Equip all safety officers with batons and encourage them to hit really hard...with their sticks."

-Sir Photos ('04)

"Bake cookies for potential criminals so they feel loved. If that doesn't work, maybe poison them."  

-Sam Krevantian ('01)

"For starters, lock me up when there's a full moon. Things get kinda hairy for me, if ya' know what I mean."

-Austin Suarez (III '04)

"The best solution would be to ignore all possible problems and instead reduce our officers' power to make everyone feel really comfortable and to save money."

-Robertos Dew ('01)

"I'm sure the task force will take their job very seriously, and look in depth into this issue. They should come to a conclusion that Cope College is doing nothing wrong within the next three to four years," Brachiosaurus said.

Until then, students who are living above the tracks will remain where they are.

Berry gathering and fat storing top activities on campus

Bob Mantra
Mean & Nerd

Taking example from their tree-borne brethren, the students of Cope College are preparing for another harsh Michigan winter. Even before the first snowfall in September, students were scurrying into and out of small holes in Fel's Hall, gathering food to keep them alive all winter long.

"It was a problem for a long time, but then we talked to the administration and worked out a deal. Now the berry and nut boarding that students do is included in their tuition," said Steve Beiter, manager of Sustenance Services. A study done by the National Wildlife Foundation found that Cope students consume up to 45% more food than average students in the months leading up to winter.

Aside from food acquisition, each student's methods of preparing for winter differ from the next. I like to run around until I'm really tired. Then I'll have a good sleep curled up in my He-Man blanket," said Mitch Foster ('03). "Then, when the snows come in, I bury myself under a pile of stuffed animals and snore loudly."

Billy "William" Apple ('04) says he's "like a total cheater." Blankenship stays awake while the rest of the world sleeps, playing "Most Xtreme Tennis Pro Racer R" on his imported Video Game Console. According to his roommate Larry Stregoni ('04), Blankenship has nearly defeated the last boss but he's "like a total cheater."

However, not all students find it so easy to deal with the cold. Vic Romano ('05), who calls Tortilla Flats, Az., his home, was dismayed to realize the kind of weather he was in for.

"Last year, I wore like seven sweats shirts at all times. It was kinda bulky, but I stayed relatively warm. I noticed that everyone goes to sleep around here for like seven months. I'm going to build a fire in the toilet."

When he applied, Romano was unaware that in Michigan, winter is 14 months long and temperatures can drop to -45 degrees Fahrenheit. "I still like it there. Well, except for the freakin' cold," Romano said.

SLEEPIN' IT OFF: Kenny Blankenship starts this season's hibernation in the back of his van down by the train tracks.
Danbee Krikes
NATIONAL UNIT

Due to an outstanding reception by the Cope community last spring, Jesus is returning to rock away with his band Mi Amigo Jesus.

"We're trying to get our message out to everyone -- Jesus is your friend, man. It doesn't matter if you're a freak or a lesbian or anything, Jesus wants you to be friends with him," said St. Paul, drummer for Mi Amigo Jesus. "Jesus Vasquez is, like, eternally returnninal, man."

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"Those kids came in with their big guitars and their boards, and they were really jamming on that concertina," said Dirk Ashdown, Cope Arts Coordinator.

According to Brick, Jesus lived his life in a Guadilla sort of way. I want to be known as a follower of Jesus, so I will definitely be there. A new addition to the band is electric guitarist Manuel, formerly known as King. He has no real credentials, but his accompanying monkey says that he can really jam the night away on that concertina there.

"I am Jesus' number one fan," said Joey Stalin ('00). "I mean, I couldn't adore the guy more! And what with Manuel on board now, they can't go wrong! Not like people know where Manuel came from, but hey, here at Cope, we don't judge. Mi Amigo Jesus rocks my world!"

The concert is scheduled for Saturday night at Dinkwit Chapel at 3 p.m. Pacific time and will also be broadcast on MacTV pay-per-view. After last year's astounding response to MacTV's coverage of "Don't Build Your House in a Wadi: Land of Blooming Tulips," Cope has agreed to extend the offer to let Mi Amigo into Dinkwit for another Mi Amigo concert.

Last year's concert party will not be repeated this year due to "difficulties that we will not put Jesus through again," said Lazarus, publicity director of Mi Amigo Jesus. "Those kids came in with their big boards and their placards protesting the forcing of a belief system and we did not appreciate it. They did not have to come to the concert. After all, Cope's Christian music series is aimed at Christians and those seeking faith, not those who turn their backs on it on the only Truth."

Returning students will remember the moment when Jesus was singing "It is enough for all," and students were amazed to find fish and loaves falling from the rafters in the audience.

"That was the coolest thing ever," said Barbie ('07). "It was like Magic! I don't know how they ever did that, they were the coolest special effects ever."

Tickets for Mi Amigo Jesus' concert "Hitting up the Land of Blooming Tulips," go on sale at the Student Discord Desk to-night for Cope students. They are 13 tickets of gold or 22 tickets of gold for a box seat.

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Letter to the student body
To students of Cope everywhere

It has been brought to my attention that there is a severe problem rampaging Cope's serene campus. This problem threatens to break the barn door of security and to release the cows of fear and the chickens of terror, who will then proceed to defeat the cows of tranquility and happiness. Who, or what, you may wonder, is this strange terror? Wonder no longer. For I have seen the problem with my own eyes and I will correct the problem in a single stroke. You will no longer have to march from class to class as a military unit, fearing for your lives, pointless though they may be. You shall no longer tremble as you eat your wholesome meals, secure in the knowledge that your life is protected. You children of Cope shall join hands and sing a mighty tune of joy, while flowers bloom, the sun shines, and squash stuff their faces and become obese.

I am of course referring to the Discus Golf epidemic on our campus. Yes, my Copeites, it is the Discus Golfers who have terrorized our otherwise joyous campus for the past 75 years. They have been responsible for bumping over 700 people in the head with their menacing discuses of Doom, and they have been possibly responsible for the death of maybe one person. That student, who shall remain anonymous unless the editors whimsically decide to reveal her name (Tabitha VanDerhass '44, God rest her soul) was violently hit in the head when exiting Smurfee Hall and died of a stroke at the age 57 years afterward. (Some say that, she had no right to be in Smurfee Hall at that hour other than to participate in sinful acts that this was her just punishment, but that is beside the point. Focus people!) As if that were not enough to convince you of the dangers posed by the Discus Golfers, you must surely have noticed how they refuse to conform to the dictates of regular human society. You will often notice Discus Golfers "playing" this perverse "sport" after dinner, when real people are studying, meditating, or praying. Too long, my fellow Copeites, too long have we tolerated this menace to our society! It is time that we take action, before they destroy the elegant tapestry of society, woven on the lawn of Cope College.

To correct this problem, I have formed a Task Force on Issues of Discus Golfing. In addition, I will have my title changed to "Dean of Discus Golf" to reflect the main work I have been involved in this semester.

The Task Force has issued the following findings which will become law, effective when you finish reading them:

1. Whenever playing Discus Golf, all Golfers must have a Discus Golf Permission Form signed by me the Dean of the Chapel*, President Bulmanis, and the janitors of all buildings in the intended playing area.

2. Hole 3 on the south side of Dimwit Center and hole 5 on the north side of same said building shall be reconfigured. The beginning of hole 3 will be moved exactly 60 feet northwest, inside the Dinkwit student lounge. Hole 5 will remain unchanged, except that the goal shall be moved 50 feet north and shall be the southern window of Bulmanis' house. A bonus will be awarded if a discus strikes either of the Bullmanises.

Although these changes alter the game somewhat, I am sure that if we met with students they would approve of them. If you see Discus Golfers who are not following these laws, feel free to gently beat them up.

Thank you very much!
Bob Snowe
Dean of Discus Golf

*Until a new Chapel dean is hired, it will be sufficient for students to simply gel on sale at the Student Discord Desk to-night for Cope students. They are 13 tickets of gold or 22 tickets of gold for a box seat.

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Ladies: Looking for a date?

Why not come looking at the 1st Annual Hope College Bachelor Auction? There are just two of the eligible gents who will be available, Wednesday, in Tombe Hall, Bearants Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Just say no to Emo!

Why Recycle the Rancho?

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2003 Wonder

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Despite the loss of the cup, Nykerk participants of the class of 2006 will not lose the friendships made these past weeks.

The '06 play, “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” elicited many laughs from the audience as the characters went through their lives. Jennica Avery ('06) played Willy Wonka himself.

Samantha Hyde ('04) directed 34 sophomore women in their rendition of “Diamond Are a Girl’s Best Friend” for the 2006 song on Saturday night.

Class of 2006 loses cup; loves experience
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**Get involved!!**

Check out KnowHope at www.hope.edu/knowhope for more information on how to get involved on campus.

Events for each day are listed along the righthand side of the page.

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**Josh Schicker**

is playing at

September Woods

693 E. Lakewood Blvd.

from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday night

www.joshschicker.com

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**On November 13, Sigma Iota Beta is hosting a Mr. Dutch Pageant to benefit Dance Marathon!**

It will include a talent section and a formalwear competition.

Contact Kate Gignac at katherine.gignac@hope.edu for more information.

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**The Clothesline Project**

The Clothesline Project is a visual display of shirts with written messages and illustrations that graphically demonstrate the impact of violence against women.

November 13

Maas Auditorium

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A tribute to women whose lives have been touched by violence.
Let's Talk About... Religion
Part 1: Conservative Christianity at Hope

This is the first in a two-part look at religion on Hope's campus. Next week's article will focus on those who consider themselves theologically liberal.

RELIGION

Katie Taylor
senior editor

The college webpage proclaims that "Hope believes that a vital faith, which provides both the incentive and dynamic for learning and living, is central to education and life."

As a part of this environment, it is interesting for Hope students to examine the role religion plays in our lives on campus, in the classroom, and with friends. And as students work towards joining mainstream society, it is also important for them to see how their faith may affect their outlook on the world.

The world is full of complex issues that question the morals of people everywhere.

This article will examine the way religious students on campus deal with such questions in regards to their personal faith.

Maureen Rosner ('06) grew up in a Catholic home and considers herself, primarily, a conservative Christian. She came to that conclusion because she looks to the Bible on issues like marriage, sex, service, and drinking and believes she follows what it says. That means she doesn't believe in sex before marriage, the consumption of alcohol, and is dedicated to helping others.

"Being a Christian, I believe that it is important to look to religion, the Bible, and Jesus in all the decisions I make or the ideas I believe in," Rosner said.

Kim Brandes ('07) is not as quick to label herself a conservative. While her family is Presbyterian, Brandes is still searching to find where she fits in the religious spectrum. Programs like Young Life and Hope's chapel program have helped her to view faith more positively, in contrast to the negative "you have sinned" sermons she often heard in church as a child.

"All have sinned, but having a relationship with God isn’t bad, it isn’t negative—it’s great and awesome. I learned that through Young Life and the newer reformed worship services," Brandes explained.

Both Rosner and Brandes agree that Hope's religious affiliation and the spirituality on campus is a wonderful enhancement that has allowed them to grow in their faith.

According to Rosner, faith fuels a lot of what goes on around campus. She pointed out that the friendliness on campus could be a direct effect of the spirituality of the people here—the people who care and are willing to get involved.

"I think (spirituality) makes Hope's atmosphere friendlier. You can connect with people on a level immediately," Brandes added.

Though Hope's affiliation with the Reformed Church of America draws many of the students here, not all are religious, and certainly not all Christians belong to the same denomination. This has, at times, made dealing with arising issues complicated. However, the "melting pot" of different Christian and non-Christian views can be a good thing.

"I think that all of the issues that the different denominations disagree on are really trivial for the most part. Having different viewpoints, backgrounds, and beliefs can add to the diversity and it's a good thing for our community," Rosner said.

But why are so many issues worth looking at from a religious standpoint? Well many current issues (think of the war in Iraq or the abortion debate) call on people to look at their morals.

According to Brandes, most morals derive from religious beliefs. She says that laws are basically just moral guidelines to live by, and therefore morals and religious beliefs play a part in our government.

For example, Rosner has taken a stand against abortion. She supports the Right to Life because she is a conservative Christian and from her interpretation of verses in the Bible, she has concluded that abortion is wrong.

Hope is the perfect place to witness how people use faith to conduct their every day lives. Students are certain to run into some who say that it plays a vital role in their worldviews, and others who say it has little effect on them.

Brandes puts herself in the former group. "When you look at life and thank God for all that He has done, your outlook is so much more exciting and appreciative," she said.

Many students attend the Gathering to praise and worship the Christian God, no matter what their denomination or church affiliation.

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—Kim Brandes ('07)

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Almost every Sunday, Dimnent Chapel is filled to capacity as area residents and Hope students come to worship.

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Prevention of sexual assault includes discussion

Talks about prevention and methods of dealing with violence aid understanding

INFOCUS

Jenny Cencer Anjey Dykhuis
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It is one of the elephants in the room. It is one of the touchy subjects no one wants to broach, ever. It is an issue that bear looking into, no matter how uncomfortable it may be, because it affects hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children each year. Last year alone, 247,730 people reported being victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. Sexual assault is not just a problem of women who you don’t know, and it isn’t something that “just happens to other people” – it could never happen to me.

Recent scares on campus due to possible peeping toms, strangers unrelated to Hope in residential halls, and other incidents have elevated the feelings of insecurity on campus. This insecurity and resulting uncertainty takes many forms: female students being more aware of where they are going, when, and with whom; male students being unwilling to allow female friends out alone after dark, and a more general awareness of what is going on around campus.

Prevention of sexual assault may also be easier than it sounds. By the law (sexual harassment) is any act. Any unwanted touching or verbal assault (is sexual assault), said Chad Wolters, sergeant for Campus Safety. Prevention of sexual assault itself can be considered consensual.

The reality is that most survivors (of sexual assault) know their assailant. The truth is that most survivors know their assailant. It is not a first or second date, or following a simple social gathering. It happens in a place usually prepared to feel afraid.

Gray also notes that all students check the Hope College Sexual Harassment Policy and the Student Handbook section on sexual harassment and safety with regards to date rape, rape drugs. Hope policy explains that explicit verbal consent is necessary for sexual activity to be considered consensual.

The well-being of the victim is first and foremost, Wolters said. The well-being of the victim is first and foremost. They are available 24 hours a day.

Statistics of sexual violence

Only 16% of sexual assaults and rapes are reported.

Women are 10 times more likely to be assaulted than men.

1 in 3 sexual assault victims are under the age of 10.

18% of women who reported being raped before the age of 15 also reported being raped again after the age of 18.

6 out of 10 sexual assaults are committed in the home of the person being assaulted or the home of a friend, neighbor, or relative.

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35% of women injured during rape require medical attention.

43.4% of rapes occur between 6 p.m. and midnight.

Up to 40% of women raped acquire STDs as a result of sexual violence performed against them.

Assaults and rapes sometimes increase visits to the victim’s physician both short-term and long-term.

78% of women raped after the age of 18 were raped by a husband, ex-husband, live-in partner, or date.

17% of women are raped by acquaintances.

9% of women are raped by family members.

Only 14% of women are assaulted by strangers.

Statistics can be found at www.rainn.com and http://sa.rochester.edu/fnasa/stats.php

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Volleyball advances

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Sports Editor

The Dutch returned home from Greencastle, Indiana after splitting a pair of matches at a non-league tournament hosted by DePauw University.

In the first match, the Dutch defeated Millikin University, Illinois in five sets by scores of 30-28, 30-24, 28-30, 27-30 and 15-5. In the second game, Hope battled DePauw but fell short in four games by scores of 30-24, 25-30, 30-25 and 30-25.

The Dutch held a 20-12 mark coming into Tuesday’s playoff game against St. Mary’s, but the Dutch spiked their way to a three game sweep advancing into the second round match against Calvin on Friday at Alma College.

Katie Hall (‘04) was honored for the second time this season as the MIAA player of the week going back to the comeback victory against Kalamazoo on October 29.

Dutch remain unbeaten in MIAA campaign

Andrew Borozan
Sports Editor

The Dutchmen improved to a league leading 4-0 in the MIAA last Saturday with a win over Wisconsin Lutheran, Milwaukee 28-17.

After a scoreless first quarter, Wisconsin Lutheran struck first with a 40-yard field goal. Phil Butler (‘04) then connected with Joe Verschueren (‘05) on 15- and 25-yard strikes to lift the Dutchmen to a 1-3 halftime lead, a lead they would never relinquish.

Wisconsin Lutheran scored the only third quarter points with a touchdown coming on a 29-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Seth Fitzsimmons to an open Warner receiver. Feeling the heat from the opposition, Butler answered with a 26-yard touchdown toss to Jake Schrock (‘05) half-way through the fourth quarter. Dan Bloomers (‘04) then added another score when he ran in from four yards out, capping a 5.5-minute drive.

Hope’s defense, led by Brian Firehauser’s (‘05) two interceptions, then held tight as the Flying Dutchmen keep their winning streak alive with their fifth game in a row.

“I feel that we played an overall pretty good game. Our offensive line played amazing. Bloomers had some big runs, and the receivers played awesome. Defensively, we shut down a pretty potent Lutheran offense,” noted Butler about the game. Butler had another outstanding performance, throwing for 453 yards on 34 completions. Bloomers also added 113 rushing yards in the win.

“Big plays aren’t just made by one person, it is a whole team thing. The secondary had some great coverage and made the quarterback hold onto the ball a little longer than he wanted to. The defensive line collapsed the pocket and made the quarterback feel uncomfortable and throw the ball when he didn’t want to,” said defensive lineman Travis Jager (‘04), who totaled three sacks in the game. “I think that the interception was a great play, Jager had and the sacks I got where because of what the defense did.”

Hope will now look to improve upon their 6-2 overall mark when they take on Olivet on the road this Saturday.

“We are only focusing on our next opponent and right now that’s Olivet. Yeah all that other stuff like a league championship and a playoff birth are in the back of your mind. But right now the focus is on Olivet. We have adopted the phrase “one step at a time”, and that is how we are trying to approach things this year,” Jager added.

“We are sitting in the driver’s seat which is exactly where we want to be right now. The fate of our season is in our hands,” said Butler. “We can’t take Olivet lightly because they are a good football team that will be pumped to play us.”

The Olivet Comets are coming off a 44-41 non-league victory against Tri-State on Nov. 1 and are 0-4 in the MIAA.

Swimmers get feet wet in early going

Andrew Borozan
Sports Editor

Both the men and women swimmers are off to the races.

The Dutch won their first conference meet of the year on Saturday when they defeated Saint Mary’s 129-76. Hope then stayed perfect on the day defeating host Carthage, Wis. 135-70.

Lisa Smith (‘07) swam in the 50-yard freestyle to win the event and Erica Steele (‘05) stole the show in the 100-yard freestyle event as she posted a 54.83. Other winners included Michelle Smith (‘04) (1:00.00 yard freestyle), Megan O’Neil (‘06) (200 yard butterfly) and Sarah Diekevers (‘07) (200-yard individual medley). The Dutch competed both relays as well.

“We have been working extremely hard in practice, and it is showing in our meet performances. We are on the right track for our end-of-the-year conference and national meet,” commented Steele. “I am very proud of all of the swimmers this week-end, it was a grueling meet but we raced hard and put in a valiant effort.”

The Dutch are now 3-0 on the year.

On the other side of the pool, the men defeated Wabash 136-103 on Friday night, winning 9 of the 13 events. Kurtis Blem (‘06) swam to a national conditional qualifying cut in the 100 backstroke and first-year diver Lee Hoepker (‘04) won both the one and three meter boards.

The men fell to host Carthage, Wis. on Saturday however, 105-95, dropping their overall record to 2-1 on the year. A bright spot for the Dutchmen was the performance of Bloomers who won the 100 and 200 yard freestyles with personal bests of 47.87 and 1:46.91 respectively. Matt Waterstone (‘05) also posted a personal best of 2:20.70 to win the 200-yard breaststroke.

The team is really looking forward to the meet against Kalamazoo in the upcoming week.

“Right now, the team is definitely focused and excited for our dual meet against Kalamazoo. The last time we beat Kalamazoo in a dual meet was in the mid-90’s, every guy on this team would love to be a part of the team that ends that streak,” adds Geurink. “This team has a lot of character and a lot of heart. That’s what makes we believe we have a shot at Kalamazoo.”

SPORTS WRAP-UP

Ice Hockey

Grand Valley 6, Hope 4

Hope 3, Lansing Community College 3

The Dutchmen will look to get back on track next weekend as they take to the road at Jackson Community College Friday, and Lawrence Tech on Saturday.

Men’s Soccer

Hope 1, Kalamazoo 0 (2 OT)

The 12-3-3 Dutchmen will host a key matchup today against Calvin at 3 p.m. at Buys Field. Calvin holds a one point lead over Hope in the MIAA standings.

Women’s Soccer

Allison 2, Hope 0 (Tuesday)

The Dutch posted a victory Saturday, but fall at Albion Tuesday afternoon. Calvin and Hope are deadlocked at the top of the MIAA standings at 10-1-1