Student named AmeriCorps ‘Member of the Month’

(HOPE) - Jon Van Wyngarden ‘09 of Holland has been named the AmeriCorps ‘Member of the Month’ for October for the state of Michigan.

He has received the honor from the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), which funds the state’s 19 AmeriCorps programs.

Van Wyngarden is beginning his second year as a part-time AmeriCorps member with Good Samaritan Ministries’ “Faith in Youth” program, which is a mentoring program serving children from the area’s middle schools. His service site is Calvary Reformed Church, where he works with youth in the after-school program. He has been praised for his commitment to the families—children and parents alike—who live in the community and attend the program.

Van Wyngarden’s involvement blends his career interest in working with children with his commitment to applying his faith to making a difference in his community. He is pursuing an elementary and English composite major at Hope, intending to teach in an area where he hopes to make a difference outside of the classroom as well.

“I’m hoping to go on to some sort of urban, at-risk teaching in the future,” Van Wyngarden said. “I’m really passionate about Christian community development.”

The “Faith in Youth” program operates out of five area churches, with the help of International Educational Ministries, Residential Life and the Student Leadership Council.

Nepali dinner raises funds for school in Ramche

Laura Stritzke

After a trip in 2003 to the rural village of Ramche in Nepal, Christopher Heun felt motivated to do something to help the poverty-stricken country. In 2006 he started the Santi School Project, named after the Nepalese word for peace. The goal of the project is to raise $20,000 to build a school in the village of Ramche, where children don’t even have the opportunity to go to primary school.

Recently, Hope students have heard about several opportunities to become familiar with this cause. Hope senior Vidiyan Rana, who is from Nepal, met Heun in April during his Washington D.C. semester. Rana is part of the Nationwide Scholarship Program that was founded by alumni from his high school in Nepal that currently live in the United States.

“I think it’s a good idea, and a way to imagine such poverty without ever seeing it.”

Vidiyan Rana ‘08

Rana hosted a Nepal-themed event Oct. 26 to raise money and awareness for the situation in Nepal. About 60 students and community members attended the dinner.

“I knew a lot of students would be interested in helping...but the response has been terrific. I didn’t know people would be so interested in learning about the situation,” Rana said.

At the dinner Rana gave a short presentation about the poverty in Nepal, where the per capita income is less than $300 per year.

“People were really surprised by the harsh reality that exists in Nepal...with a lot of my friends it’s hard for them to imagine such poverty without ever seeing it,” Rana said.
Event transports diners ‘Around the World in 180 Minutes’

Nepal project raises funds

Student recognized for youth service

In Brief

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT COMES TO HOPE

For the first time at Hope College, Relay For Life is sponsoring the American Cancer Society’s Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 15.

A national event, the Great American Smokeout’s goal is to get to smokers to stop smoking for one day, as well as to raise awareness for the options that smokers have to help them quit smoking. According to the U.S. Surgeon General in 1990, people who quit smoking, regardless of age, live longer than people who continue to smoke, and quitting smoking substantially decreases the risk of lung, laryngeal, esophageal, oral, pancreatic, bladder and cervical cancers.

At Hope on Thursday, Relay For Life will make Quit Kits available outside the entrances to Phelps Dining Hall during lunch and dinner.

Smokers are urged to call the American Cancer Society’s Quitline, free counseling program, at 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit the Great American Smokeout website (www.cancer.org/greatamericans), which features a Quit Clock and a Cough Stopper, as well as other resources.

HOPE TREE RAISES FUNDS FOR LESS FORTUNATE

During the 2007 Christmas season, Student Congress is sponsoring the HOPE Tree, a new initiative to reach beyond the campus and work with a local charity organization.

This year, Student Congress will work with City on a Hill Ministries to raise funds for the less fortunate in the Holland community.

Students, staff and faculty can participate by purchasing ornaments (at a cost of $3) and bows (which range from $25-100) from Student Congress or any at Phelps Dining Hall during lunch Thursday, Nov. 15 and Friday, Nov. 16.

The bows and ornaments will then be used to decorate a 15-foot Charity Christmas Tree that will be placed in the middle of the second floor Rotunda in the Martha Miller Center and be a symbol of God’s love during the holiday season.

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Nov. 14
Student Media Open House
Anchor, Open, WTHS and Video Services.
MMC 1st Floor Rotunda.
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday
Nov. 15
Cross Roads Project: “The Ministry of Pastoral Counseling,” Pamela Pater (’80) Ennis, M.Div., LCSW. Students thinking about callings in counseling or ministry are especially invited to attend.

Van Zonne (166) 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sponsored by Quality Round Table: A forum for gay and straight students. Everyone is welcome.
Science Center 1000. 8 p.m.

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Team — comprised of other Resident Educators, Neighborhood Coordinators and Student Assistant Resident Directors — to encourage students to think about other cultures and countries and allow students who have lived in different cultures to become involved in teaching their peers what they have experienced.

Tipton is optimistic that “Around the World” will not only be an entertaining event, but educational as well.

“I hope the students will have fun, and I hope they will learn something,” Tipton said. “I hope that seeing other cultures and having questions will make people have questions of their own about ours and other cultures.”

Tipton emphasized the multi-cultural learning opportunity that “Around the World” presents. “I hope that people will see the beauty that can be had in different cultures and traditions,” Tipton said. “I hope that by the students seeing aspects of other cultures, they will start to be able to recognize their own culture, because in order to become aware and interested in other cultures, one must first determine their own, and often we don’t even realize we have one at all!”

Emily Hall, Residential Life co-ordinator of Dykstra Hall and Tipton’s Residential Educator advisor, hopes that the event will become an annual occurrence at Hope.

“I hope that this will be such a success that we will be able to repeat it in the future and represent other countries, allowing more students to share their experiences from their home countries or countries in which they have studied,” Hall said.

“Around the World in 180 minutes” is free and open to the Hope College community, who can come at any time from 4-7 p.m. and still participate fully. According to Tipton, participants will receive a “passport” which they can get stamped at each “country,” and enter for the chance to win prizes.

There will also be study abroad information available pertaining to each country.

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It,” Rana said regarding people’s response to the poverty.

Grace Denny (’10) who attended the dinner said, “The dinner was a fund-raiser but it was also educational. We learned about Nepal and how it is one of the poorest countries in the world, which I never knew.”

In late October and early November, Rana showed a series of movies that highlighted the great need that exists in Nepal. He believes that coming from Nepal he has a responsibility to educate people because he has been very fortunate to see both sides of the situation. His advice for Hope students is to get involved in some sort of cause that they are passionate about.

“Since I’ve become involved in the Santi School Project I have learned so much. There are so many people all around the world in similar situations,” Rana said.

More information is available by e-mailing vdhinan@santi.org or online at www.santischool.org.

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and includes several full- and part-time AmeriCorps members who in turn work with community volunteers in mentoring approximately 200 youth across all the sites. The overall goal is to improve the children’s academic achievement and promote a sense of well-being, particularly for youth at risk due to isolation or poverty.

Van Wyngarden noted that the program at Calvary Reformed has two primary components: a tutoring program and a mentoring program, both of which served about 20 children last year, beginning in November and January respectively.

He has found Hope a ready resource of volunteers, and has recruited several peers to serve as tutors and mentors. He and a group of friends are even living near the church, the better to be a part of the neighborhood and interact with the children the program is serving.

“I decided to move off-campus with a few of the guys to be near the kids next year,” he said. “There are just kids over at our apartment all the time.”

He has appreciated seeing the difference that the mentoring program has made in the children’s lives. “That’s been probably one of our best programs,” Van Wyngarden said. “But just in a semester’s time, we’ve seen such a huge improvement in their attitudes and social.”

During his freshman year at Hope, Van Wyngarden worked with youth and outreach programs at Montello Park Christian Reformed Church before taking the AmeriCorps position at Calvary Reformed.

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Panel investigates FDA drug inspection program

**Erin Fortner**

On Nov. 1, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee held a meeting to discuss the Foreign Drug Importation Program: A System at Risk. During the meeting, several witnesses testified about the impact of importing pharmaceuticals from foreign countries. The discussion centered on the need for proper FDA regulation and the importance of ensuring the safety of imported drugs.

**Gary Gentile**

**AP Business Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood writers struck Nov. 5 for the first time in nearly 20 years. The Writers Guild of America, which represents around 12,000 writers, called for the strike after the guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, said in a statement that the union could strike as early as Nov. 4, several writers told The Associated Press. The mood was more subdued than the first strike since 1988, as writers filed out of the building and headed to their cars. The number of remaining new episodes of TV shows are affected by the strike.

**How Hope's favorite shows are affected**

**The number of remaining new episodes**

- **Grey's Anatomy** - 4
- **The Office** - 1
- **Lost** - 8
- **House** - 6

*Completed prior to the strike*

The stakes are high for writers, actors, and directors. While the revenue generated by Internet sales and rentals of films and TV shows is minuscule compared to DVDs, the guilds say Internet revenue eventually will become dominant. Consumers are expected to see WGA, page 10.
Musharraf declares state of emergency

Brian McClendon
Senior Staff Writer

On Nov. 3, President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency in Pakistan, saying that the country was at “a critical and dangerous juncture – threatened by rising tensions and spreading terrorism,” according to CNN.

Hope College Professor of Political Science Jack Holmes said that a likely reason that Musharraf made this declaration was because “he was worried about things getting out of control given his democratic opponents and Islamic fundamentalists.”

In addition to the state of emergency, Musharraf declared martial law, suspended national elections and had the leader of the opposition party arrested.

Regardless of reasons Musharraf may have had for initiating a state of emergency, there was an immediate outcry from all sides. Pakistan’s Supreme Court declared the state of emergency imposed by Musharraf illegal.

According to CNN, “shortly afterward, government troops came to (Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed) Chaudhry’s ward, government troops came to (Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed) Chaudhry’s office and told him the president had dismissed him from his job.”

In addition, leaders from the United States and other nations stated their disapproval that Pakistan was taking steps away from democracy. Several Americans – among them George W. Bush – said that they were reviewing the aid they provide.

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– President George W. Bush

“A thing that takes Pakistan off the democratic path, off the path of civilian rule is a step backward, and it’s highly regrettable,” said U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

President George W. Bush also voiced his opinion on the situation in Pakistan on Nov. 5.

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“President Bush is in a difficult position, but he made our position clear. I agree with him. … It is important he work to restore democracy in Pakistan,” Bush said.

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“The most recent attempt at a peace conference was thwarted due to an Israeli checkpoint which mistakenly stopped President Abbas on his way to the meeting last Sunday. An international Middle East peace gathering is expected to take place in Annapolis, Md. in coming weeks.

As of Nov. 2, 90 years have passed since the historic Balfour Declaration. These nine decades of bloodshed and violence have seen almost perpetual conflict in the Biblical land of “milk and honey.” While many have tried to find a fair and equal compromise that would bring peace to the region, very little long-term progress has been achieved.

Despite the repeated failures of the past, Dr. Gibbs said that a lasting peace is possible for the Middle East. Gibbs said that the vast majority would like to find a peaceful solution to their problems. However, frequent intervention from both Palestinian and Israeli radical groups have so far blocked any attempts at peace.

“Extremists make a lot of noise,” Gibbs said. If peace is ever going to be feasible, both sides must “engage a determination not to let the extremist veto work.”

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5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Peter Naviatka
Gazette Writer

“We’re late, but we’re worth waiting for,” said DJ Evan McLean (‘09) hosts his weekly radio show “Technical Difficulties.” The show airs Tuesdays from 9 to 11 p.m. and also features co-host Joe Ceglarek (’10).

WTHS show ‘Late, but worth the wait’

“The Duo plans on doing “Accent Days”, where the DJs will imitate different people from around the world. We’re pretty excited,” Vidoni confessed. “We have some solid accents lined up.”

New has high aspirations for the future of the show. “I want it to be something where people get their homework done early so that they can listen to us,” New said.

The duo has even come up with a catch phrase describing the quality of their show: “We’re late, but we’re worth the wait.”

WTHS has done a number of things to increase listening among the Hope ranks. “Well, they hired us,” New said. “Plus, Maria and I are going to put up posters everywhere.”

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Have you seen? Abigail DeVuyst reviews ‘Fred Claus’

The glittery farce “Fred Claus” may leave the viewer wondering if they have seen it before. Santa’s seedy older brother Fred (Vince Vaughn) is a troubled soul who exploits his good-natured brother whenever he can. A Repo man living in Chicago, Fred is called to the North Pole when a business opportunity requires him to work for Santa (Paul Giamatti) to raise $50,000. However, everything is not well in the north and a number of botched jobs lead to the uncertainty that Christmas will continue.

Vince Vaughn, in “Wedding Crasher” form, uses his quick fire verbal rambles to baffle not only small elves but sometimes the audience as well. A soundtrack of constant Christmas cheer accompanies the film, and a chorus of “Ho, Ho, Ho,” is painfully overused. The beautifully constructed computer generated gingerbread town is hidden beneath the fakest snow imaginable and the elves played by John Michael Higgins and Ludacris are noticeably computerized. Surprisingly, this film does deliver in terms of acting. Giamatti paints a sincerer and loving St. Nick and Vaughn fits his rough and tumble character to a tee. Making an appearance as yet another villain, Kevin Spacey adds an almost dark edge to the story. Some may find it hard to see past the plot holes and a wandering focus, but if you’re looking for a movie that’s easy to process, this one would serve the purpose.

Most of the underlying lessons are lost in a sea of slapstick and easy laughs, but there are a few moments when true comedy does shine through. A trip to a Siblings Anonymous meeting and a quick glance of Hanukkah almost make this movie a worthwhile trip. However, if you’re not quite ready for carols, cookies and snow, then it might be better to wait until after Thanksgiving to see this film. Or, to risk sounding like a Scrooge, you might just want to save your money and wait for the rental.

Hope Theatre presents ‘Bog of Cats’

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must fulfill her destiny, emphasizing the story’s similar nature to the theatre of Ancient Greece.

Reagan Chesnut, a senior at Hope and the Co-Director and dramaturg of the production, presented the play to the faculty last year. Chesnut describes the play as “heroic,” a production that resists sentimentality and embraces poetic language and brutal action.

“When all is said and done,” stated Chesnut, “being able to share this beautiful and terrifying piece of theatre with this community will be worth every minute of exhaustion.”

“I love her plays for the light they cast on darkness.”

– Frank McGuinness, Irish playwright

In (the plays of Marina Carr) words are like boiling water. They scald you if they so choose,” states Frank McGuinness, another esteemed Irish playwright. “And she knows playwrights have to be in the business of discovering fire, for without it there is no passion, no comfort, no terror, no light. I love her plays for the light they cast on darkness. … In confrontation with terror, she is without fear. Her theater is, in the most brutal sense, heroic.”
Ready for icy roads?

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Driving in the winter can be challenging and dangerous even for those who have braved icy, snow-drifted roads. According to the Michigan Department of Transporta-
tion, about 40,000 winter-weather-related vehicle accidents occur each year in Michi-
gan. Here is a checklist to help you prepare before you hit the road.

Know your car. Front-wheel, rear-wheel, all-wheel and four-wheel drive
vehicles handle differently and each re-
quires unique precautions to ensure safety. If you have not tested your car in inclement weather, it may be a good idea to take your car to a large, empty parking lot without any poles and see how your car handles, suggests National Public Radio’s experts at “Car Talk.” Practice corners and purpose-
fully put your car into a slide to practice maneuvering out of it. By practicing these situations before they occur on the road, you will increase your confidence and safe driving skills.

Remove all snow from your car before driving. Keep an ice scraper in the
car so you can scrape off all the windows, mirrors and lights before you take off. A shovel can also be helpful in removing the mountain of snow from the top of your car and the hood. Do not just leave the snow because it will fall off or blow off as you drive, potentially obstructing your view or the visibility of cars around you.

When driving on icy roads, never accelerate, turn or stop quickly. If you need to stop quickly and you have anti-lock brakes, do not slam on the brakes; ease them down gently. If they lock up and you begin to slide, let off the brakes for a moment and press down steadily again. If you do not have anti-lock brakes, make sure that you pump your brakes as you stop, especially on ice or compact snow. It will seem counterintuitive, but try not to overcorrect if you begin sliding sideways. Turn your wheel slowly back in the direc-
tion you want to go.

If you get stuck, do not spin your wheels. Doing this will only sink you deeper into the snow. Turn your wheels back and forth several times to clear out a little snow. Slowly try to ease your car out. If this does not work, shovel the snow out from the path of the wheels (in front and behind) and spread sand or kitty litter around the tires to increase traction. If all else fails, flag down someone with a four-wheel drive vehicle and hook up your tow straps, or call a tow truck.

Give snow plows plenty of space. As with all large vehicles, snow plows have limited visibility. Avoid pass-
ing plows unless you absolutely need to. Remember that the road conditions in front of a plow are usually worse than behind it.

Drive slowly. Wherever you are going, give yourself plenty of time so that you do not need to rush.

“Everyone should allow more time to get around all winter long,” said MDOT Director Kirk T. Steudle. “It creates a much
• Put the junk in our trunk: Essentials for winter driving

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AIR PUMP—To fix a flat tire. Learn how to use it before you have a flat tire.

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In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Finding the time

It’s the time of year that’s approximately 35 degrees and raining with a 30 miles-per-hour wind. The pervasive darkness of the season leaves us with an incredible urge to curl up under the covers and stay there until spring breaks.

Unfortunately, I have two books to finish, two papers to write and too many hours worth of emails to answer. I can’t go into hibernation just yet.

After all, most of us know better than to put off schoolwork completely. School is the reason we’re here; we (or our parents) are paying thousands of dollars, and going through a lot of stress to get at least one degree.

If none of the events sound interesting, take for example the Palestinian case; CNN reports the news from a biased point of view. CNN, with their style, reports the truth that turns the Israeli aggressor to the Israeli victim to the excuse that there simply isn’t enough time to do it all. However, if we only focus on what we have to do and not what we want to do, could we be missing the point of our $100,000 education?

I propose a compromise. Instead of taking a nap or zoning out to Grey’s Anatomy, spend at least one hour per week engaged in the educational-intellectual pursuit of your choice. Change the way you think about relaxation. What’s more relaxing than strolling through an art gallery, wandering through the stacks at the library or taking in a concert? Once you can find enjoyment in those activities, you may be able to find a few redeeming qualities in that book you have to read for English class as well.

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Letters to the Editors

Student questions media ethics of CNN

To the Editors:

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Lindsey Manthei

Finding the time

In years past, hundreds, if not thousands of people have advocated that CNN is the devil’s advocate, twisting the truth and manipulating the news to produce a dramatic, outrageous double standard pejorative racist propaganda. Unfortunately, we are all of us a part of the problem. CNN is responsible for causing us to behave in a manner that suits it best.

CNN has been doing exactly the same to a lot of news reports; from the Palestinian case, to war on Iraq, to environmental issues and many more.

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Where the wind still blows

Stephen Coprey

Tramping to other places through unwritten pages

A November sky slid away in ease today, tossing one last fading glimpse of October’s grip over its shoulder into memories past — some recently observed, some distantly remembered. I looked deeply above endless waters at an intangible horizon atop my perch on dune grasses poking me silently from underneath. My thoughts merged like this fading twilight sky with present happenings here and former ones beyond the setting sun. A swimmer emerged from the darkening waves, realizing he’s not foolish after all for braving it on weather just downright frigid. He scampers ashore hurriedly making a dash to his clothes and towel leaving an undersized trail of breaststrokes and butterfly’s behind.

I am reminded, while this scene unfolded, of what the wistful Irishman, James Joyce, had to say. “He was alone. He was unheeded, happy and near to the wild heart of life.” It then seemed more real how the ways of adventure are not written in any guidebook nor beauty on any map. The sky wheeled over me tracing a one of a kind etch-a-sketch. It evoked recollections of those swirling lentil clouds quickly forming over Colorado’s jagged steep precipices of Rocky peaks; their ominous shape threatening an onslaught of torrential weather; Man was born to wander like gypsies traipsing amid unchartered paths. Their search of another home, another fertile plowland is not so trivial, whimsical human pursuit of survival; I would think it’s the necessity of living off the land. One of the best-paying professions is getting ahead of pieces of country in your mind, learning their smell and their mood, sorting out the pieces of a view, deciding what grows there and why, how many steps that hill will take, where this creek winds and where it meets the other below, what elevation timberline is now, whether you can walk this reef at low tide or have to climb around, which contour lines on a map mean better cliffs or more mud.

“Now I see the secret of making the best persons, it is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth” said the free- range poet Whitman. My gaze slips back to the lake. I am reminded of this moment by a shiver causing through fading mist air receiving ebb and swerves. The swimmer has departed, and I, wondering aloud, speak to the heavens. I spoke to the heavens.

Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

Medical history

It’s November, Doomsmonth, and I’m sick.

Two and a half months of climbing into bed at 3 and stumbling out at 8 has finally caught up with me. I’ve been fighting it for the last week or so, sinking down zinc candies and vitamin C capsules like I was tossing one last fading glimpse of October’s map. I don’t want to write about being sick, really I don’t. It’s just all I can think about at the moment, with this pulsing above my left eye, the jelly in my veins and the glacier of shit shirring around my sinus cavities.

Last Sunday I shared a cup of water with a friend who had a cold. She told me not to worry. The actual words were, “You’ll die.” She was exaggerating, of course, and I drank anyways, sneezed, and scratched my throat. I know it will not be an infection that finally does me in. It will be from within: a mutated cell or a leaky artery.

Except for my great-grandpa, who died from the poisoning of boiling chemicals, there has never been a cancer-free death in my mom’s family. I remember when my grandpa had cancer. We spent that Christmas in California. I have an image, a few frames of movement, of Grandpa Lowe grasping the edge of the table and lowering himself down onto the piano stool draped in egg carton foam. I tried to imagine what butt bones without any cushioning fat felt like resting on wood — like fingernails on the chalkboard, like bending your elbow on a door frame.

I slept on a mattress made from that same egg carton foam, rolled out in Grandpa’s room with Grandma sneaking in each morning to fetch cans of food for breakfast. She got the foam from the hospital the last time a family member wasted away in the hospital down the hall. Even to this day she uses and reuses the foam for everything, cutting it up for sleeping mats, pillows; using it as the stuffing for skinny teddy bears handed down from child to grandchild to great-grandchild, each small person squeezing until the shell flaps like a rag, an empty puppet.

I remember at the train station, right before we left, Grandpa told my brothers and sister and me to choose one thing from his junk collection. I chose a giant penny — an award from some national aviation or science organization — which Grandpa had had the foresight to save.

Every time I clean out my room, that giant penny is the only artifact I allow myself to keep. That’s a lie: in the corner of my room is a pile of wood scrap that I salvaged from the garbage at work in the scene shop. Left unchecked, I too will have a junk room in my house some day, perhaps stuffed with ever-versatile egg carton foam.

I know my grandpa had his share of bruises to his reputation. But I am still proud to share in his genes.

After writing this, Jeremy Benson ate chicken noodle soup and fell asleep on his couch during a return of The Simpsons. To wake him up with your response, email him at jeremy.benson@hope.edu or anchor@hope.edu.

From the inside out

Nicholas Engel

Freedom beyond Colbertrica

It’s old news by now, but (just in case you haven’t heard yet) Stephen Colbert’s shot at the 2008 presidency derailed a couple weeks ago when the South Carolina Democratic Party ruled him an unviable candidate.

Sad day. Maybe the presidency is a useless dream, moreover, by her beauty, a hope. I believe in the possibility of freedom and to look any further than our country’s founding for proof.

What’s not so obvious is that it doesn’t stop there. The Free State Project has already got some five,500 Libertarian-minded folk signed up to move to New Hampshire and butt onto the political scene once they get a few more names on the roster. They’re only 11,500 people short. But once they get that ... watch out, America!

There’s no doubt that the Free State Project is a tiny and basically irrelevant political group (regardless of what Ron Paul has to say). Chances are, they won’t ever be successful.

But the truth is, FSP is a lot more likely to score its goal than Colbert ever was. It’s a group of citizens that believe in the possibility of freedom and are moved, moreover, by her beauty, a hope. I believe in the possibility of freedom and to look any further than our country’s founding for proof.

As long as it lasts, American democracy will remain forever indebted to the not insignificant minority of men and women who were willing to put aside their own petty interests for the sake of an ideal freedom larger than themselves. Most of their names go unremembered.

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Islamic states need ‘return to stability,’ Holmes says

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agrandi said to the United States. On Nov. 8, Musharraf fulfilled Durrani’s promise. Musharraf said that the January elections he had recently suspended would occur by Feb. 15; he also reiterated an earlier promise to step down as the head of Pakistan’s military.

PM Musharraf’s announcement, according to CNN, “the White House called Musharraf’s announcement a positive first step.”

**Oppo**sition leader Imran Khan said, “just lifting the emergency (order) is not good enough for us.”

According to opposition sentiment, any officials who lost their jobs during the state of emergency should have them restored.

In addition, Pakistan is considered a key ally in the War on Terror, so the question has been raised as to whether the current instability will affect Pakistan’s contribution to worldwide efforts to combat terrorism.

“This could affect Pakistan’s contribution. How much it does will depend on how the situation is resolved,” Holmes said.

**Hollywood writers strike**

**WGA, from page 3**

spend $1.64 billion on DVDs this year, according to Adams Media Research.

Studios could generate about $158 million from selling movies online and about $194 million from selling TV shows over the Web.

“Every increment of distribution has added revenue and profitability to the business model,” said Anthony DeClemente, an entertainment analyst for Lehman Brothers Equity Research. “Digital is likely to be a positive thing for the studios.”

Producers argue that it is too early to know how much money they can make from offering entertainment on the Internet, cell phones, iPods and other devices.

Producers are uncertain whether consumers prefer a pay-per-view model over an advertising-supported system. They want the economic flexibility to experiment as consumer habits change in reaction to technology.

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Weekend win bittersweet for Hope football

A miscue led to a turnover and senior kicker Booko Newberry converted a 22-yard field goal, breaking a 10-10 tie and giving Hope a 13-10 lead with 1:06 left in the fourth quarter. But it was the last point scored in the game. After a Hope fumble with 4:58 remaining, Wisconsin Lutheran responded with a field goal to cut Hope’s lead to 13-13, and with 31 seconds left, the Lutheran quarterback connected with the winning touchdown pass for a 20-13 win.

Despite the valiant effort, senior quarterback Jake Manning (‘09) said he was proud of the team’s performance, saying, “It was a hard-fought battle, and I thought we were better than that. It’s obviously disappointing, but we are proud that we kept our title as league champs.”

“We were on our heels, but we didn’t go down,” he added.

Senior receiver Doug VanEerden (‘08), who is Hope’s all-time leading pass catcher, was also disappointed, saying, “I think we will be okay and will do fine.”

In the end, Hope had only 90 yards of total offense, compared to Wisconsin Lutheran’s 282 yards. Despite the loss, Manning said, “we will be going at it with a young team, but I think we will have talent. I think we will be okay and will do fine.”

All-MIAA recipients named

Nine Hope players were named to All-MIAA offensive and defensive first teams, while linebacker Colin Balas (‘08), running back Brent Jones (‘10), and quarterback Jake Manning (‘09) received All-MIAA second team offensive and defensive honors. Notables included co-offensive MVP wide receiver Doug VanEerden (‘08) and Pete Schmidt recipient fullback George Klupchak (‘08).

Next season starts on Sept. 6 as Hope plays host to Illinois Wesleyan on Holland’s Community Day.

IN BRIEF

SWIMMING & DIVING REMAIN UNDEFEATED IN CONFERENCE

The Hope College men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams defeated Albion College on Nov. 10. The men’s team won 151-121 by winning both relays and 11 individual events. The women’s team was victorious 167-109 by winning both relays and 12 individual events. Both teams are 2-0 in the MIAA and will compete against Kalamazoo and Carthage College on Nov. 16 and 17 at 6 p.m. and 11 a.m.

TRESFLAR VOTED MIAA MVP

Dan Treslar (‘08) was voted MIAA MVP in men’s soccer. Also, Treslar is an All-MIAA first team honoree for the third year. Joining Treslar are two All-MIAA first team honors were Kevin Bartosek (‘10), James Trebilcock (‘10), and Mike Amerman (‘08).

VOLLEYBALL PLAYER NAMED OUTSTANDING DIVISION III FRESHMAN

Hope College’s Kara VandeGuchte was named the outstanding Division III freshman volleyball player in the Great Lakes Volleyball Coaches Association. The region includes NCAA teams Division III teams in Michigan and Ohio.

VandeGuchte led the MIAA in hitting percentage with a .370 average and led Hope in kills with 304. Hope finished with a 14-2 MIAA record and 25-9 overall.

Hockey defeats Division II GVSU

The Flying Dutchmen came out strong in their season finale, as senior players put their names in the Hope College record books.

Tailback David Bosko became Hope’s all-time leading scorer, with three touchdowns on the day. That left Booko with a career total of 48, breaking the previous record by one.

“It’s obviously disappointing, but we are proud that we kept our title as league champs.” – Jake Manning (‘09), quarterback

Chris Bowen set two records for well on Saturday, with the record of single season points by a kicker with 63, and extra points kicked with 63.

The game was entirely controlled by Hope, with the Flying Dutchmen getting a 17-0 lead before Wisconsin Lutheran responded. Ultimately, Hope would score five touchdowns on the day, with Booko’s three rushing touchdowns augmented by quarterback Jake Manning’s two touchdown tosses to Joeys Goeb and Kevin VandenBosch.

When asked about the season, Manning said, “it’s obviously disappointing, (not going back to the NCAA playoffs), but we are proud of the fact we kept our title as league champs.” Next season has Hope with one of the toughest Division III schedules, but Manning said, “we will be going at it with a young team, but I think we will have talent. I think we will be okay and will do fine.”

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LAKER FACEOFF—Goalie Stephen Pels (‘08) adds a save to his stats on Nov. 10 against Grand Valley State University.

Photo courtesy Walker Van Wagoner

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Sports

This Week In Sports

Friday Nov. 16
Women’s Basketball Tipoff Tournament vs. Oberlin at 8 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse Men’s & Women’s Swimming and Diving Tri-meet vs. Kalamazoo and Carthage at Kalamazoo at 6 p.m. Hockey University of Toledo at The Edge at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 17
Women’s Basketball Tipoff Tournament vs. TBD at 3 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse Men’s & Women’s Swimming and Diving Tri-meet vs. Kalamazoo and Carthage at Kalamazoo at 11 a.m. Hockey Northwood University at The Edge at 9 p.m.

Wednesday Nov. 21
Women’s Basketball Away vs. Defiance at 6 p.m.

Friday Nov. 23
Men’s Basketball Hall of Fame Classic at Cornerstone at 6 p.m. vs. Aquinas

Saturday Nov. 24
Men’s Basketball Hall of Fame Classic at Cornerstone game TBD
Flying Dutch ranked 12th nationally in DIII polls

Jonathan Kinsey
Staff Writer

The women’s basketball team opens its season with the Tip-off Tournament this Friday and Saturday. The 12th-ranked Dutch come into the season looking for positive results right away. Last season, the Dutch finished second in the MIAA.

“We expect to play hard and win one game at a time. We are looking at it as an opportunity to win our first championship of the season,” captain Jordyn Boles (’08) said.

The off-season regimen has prepared them for the success they are looking for, and the coaches have kept the girls busy during practice.

“Our team has been very dedicated to preseason training this year, which involved 6:30 a.m. workouts three days a week along with open gym twice a week and shooting on our own time,” said Captain Katlyn Kopke (’08). Last season the Dutch were 24-4 and finished second in the conference tournament en route to their first round playoff loss. This year aspirations are high and the team believes that they have what it takes to rise to the top.

I want us to be our best on the court.”
– Glenn Van Wieren, head coach

Van Wieren, who was a player at Hope, said, “I’m looking forward to the Dew Crew, the joy of coaching and teaching, working with my assistant coaches, and another great year with the men of Hope.”

The team has been ranked ninth in the nation in Division III heading into this season. Rich Calvin is ranked 13th. With these rankings going into the season and the historic successes of basketball at Hope, the team has big shoes to fill, and coach Van Wieren sets his bar high.

“I want to repeat as league champions. I want to see great team chemistry. I want us to be our best at everything on and off the court. And I want us to represent all our coaches and Hope College in a positive way,” Van Wieren said.

The team will be led by co-captains and forwards Ryan Klein (’08), Jesse Reimink (’09), and Marcus Vanderheide (’08). Vanderheide believes that the team is doing well on the court as well as off.

“Off the court we are trying to be active in the community and show everyone how much we appreciate their support,” Vanderheide said.

The varsity team will consist of six seniors, four juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen. Nine of these members are returning letter winners, the other six are not.

“There is a gap between those that are experienced and those players with less experience,” coach Van Wieren said, “One of our challenges this year is to narrow that gap.”

Van Wieren felt the same way about the team’s wide range of experience.

“All of us seniors came into college just like them and needed to learn the difference between the high school and college basketball game,” Vanderheide said, “It’s a lot different and it’s our responsibility to bring them up to our level. All it is going to take is encouragement and game experience.”

The men will get their first game experience on Friday, Nov. 23 at Cornerstone in the 2007 Hall of Fame Classic. Hope will play Aquinas Friday night at 6 p.m. and Calvin will play Cornerstone at 8 p.m. The tournament will conclude on Saturday with a consolation game at 6 p.m. and a championship game at 8 p.m.