New organization seeks to give ‘Hope for All God’s Children’

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Florida Robins-Brown’s passion, joy and love for children in need radiated from every part of her. As she stood in front of the crowd of students and faculty, Nov. 10 she shared her passion and the vision God had given her in 2004 for an orphanage in Rwanda. The mission of this orphanage is to “let them grow, give them hope.”

The orphanage, Nibakure, began with that vision Robins-Brown received at a conference in 2004. As a result of a genocide during 1990 to 1940, many children were left with nowhere to go and no one to care for them. Robins-Brown’s assistant, Claudia Kaul, pointed out that the rest of the world was too focused on OJ Simpson, “Forest Gump”, “The Lion King” and the South Africa elections to notice the genocide occurring in Rwanda.

In 2000, things began to change. The country elected president Paul Kagame, who began attempting “to help heal the nation,” said Kaul. Kagame is following through on his vow to strengthen the nation. For the Nibakure Children’s Village, the government donated 23 acres of land.

The ultimate vision for the village is to have 15 homes in clusters of three. Each home will house two widows hired by the orphanage and 10 orphans. In addition to these homes, there will be an elementary and secondary school, a clinic, a non-denominational house of worship, a technical/ vocational training building, an auditorium, sports facilities and guesthouses.

The construction will take place in five phases, starting with three homes. Ground was broken in May 2009 for this first phase of construction.

In addition to the construction, the staff of Nibakure has also grown since Robins-Brown’s vision in 2004. There are currently 12 people on the board, two of which are pro bono lawyers and a pro bono architect. Robins-Brown was very gracious and stated, “God is providing ... we haven’t touched a paycheck since 2005.”

A victim of abuse and child neglect herself, Robins-Brown holds needy children and orphans in a special spot in her heart. After listening to her incredible history and her calling from God, many audience members were stunned. She then repeated, “It’s not my doing, it’s God’s doing.” This kind of blind and selfless faith inspires many students to take action.

A Hope organization called Hope For All God’s Children will have its final meetings in the near future to begin taking donations and going to Rwanda.

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Dutch make final four

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You probably noticed a few strange happenings around Hope’s campus between Nov. 9-16. A plague swept through the college, and this time it was not norovirus or even swine flu — it was much worse.

Some students experienced symptoms of extreme jum piness and paranoia manifested through g h o s t s, d e m o n s and the urge to hide out in their rooms for extended periods of time, and participation in nocturnal search parties.

Other students simply acquired an insatiable hunger for brains. All of these strange behaviors became commonplace for the duration of Zombieland at Hope.

Described on its Facebook page as “the game that makes going from class to class terrifying,” Zombieland was organized by Trevor Coeling (’11) and Cristoff Vischer (’12) and takes its name from the recent zombie comedy/ action film.

More than 150 Hope students took part in the game, which pitted the human race (marked on their backs with green tags) against an initially small but growing battalion of zombies, who were marked on their fronts with red tags.

The zombies’ sole objective was to tag humans, infecting them with the mutant H1N1 vaccine that had originally turned them into cannibals. The infected human would then be forced to don yellow tag and would morph into a zombie after 12 hours unless they were able to locate an antidote.

The humans began the game with no choice but to run from the zombies. Though they were safe in classes, work, the dining halls and their own rooms, everywhere else they were at the mercy of the horde. These facts led many humans to band together for mutual protection, which resulted in the formation of such alliances as Wolf-Pack and Survivor Group Alpha.

Some humans were lucky enough to start the game with one or two antidotes, but those who were not so fortunate had to rely on the medpacks that the game leaders periodically hid around campus.

On Friday the 13th, just when things started to look bleak for the humans, weapons were introduced into the game. Hidden around campus in the same manner as the medpacks, the whitewashed wooden objects could be used by humans to “kill” a predetermined number of zombies. The horde began to feel the sort of fear that the humans had felt during the first days of the game.

The weekend saw a slowdown in zombie activity, but the humans could not afford to let

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OFFERED FOR DESSERT.

Cakes were a couple of the dishes with montrachet were also on bread and French salad nicoise. Like Indian basmati rice, naan rich pastry with scallops and hot spices or French coquilles, chicken marinated in yogurt, India, Taiwan, China, France, Phelps offered dishes from way to grow their education.

Students to try new meals as a emphasis the importance for of Hope College Dining Services, night.

A precursor to the display of from around the world. It was that included a Phelps Dining of Cultures, “an experience. “Now I know I don’t cream cheese — tasted weird. Rangoon — a small, fried food ('10) favorite dish. “We usually also refer to past menus of any special dish requests. They department to ask if there are any special dish requests. They any one wants to have,” said to together at a staff meeting and pretty collaborative. We all get the Internet and books. It’s cultural dinner, dining services any phase of construction.

In preparation for the cultural dinner, dining services did its research. “We research the Internet and books. It’s pretty collaborative. We all get together at a staff meeting and ask if there’s anything special anyone wants to have,” said Hoover.

He said that the staff holds a vast array of culinary skills and specialties like vegetarian, Cuban, Texan and Japanese. Dining Services also sends e-mails to international students and the international education department to ask if there are any special requests.

They also refer to past menus of Images dinners to help them create a new menu from year to year. This is the 10th year Images has been held at Hope.

The Mexican mango ice cream was Brenda Cuellar’s (“10) favorite dish. “We usually never have mango, ever. And it’s my favorite fruit,” she said. She thought the Chinese crab rangoon — small, fried and mostly comprised of crab and cream cheese — tasted weird. However, she did not think the rangoon tasting was a wasted experience. “Now I know I don’t like it,” she said. “That’s why I get it, because I’ve never had it

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**In Brief**

**HOLIDAY BENEFIT DINNER PROVIDES FUNDS FOR HEALTH CLINIC**

Hope College students are raising funds by organizing a holiday benefit dinner at City on a Hill in Zeeland. Proceeds will support City on a Hill’s health clinic, adult day care program (ATP), and food service ministry (Cafe58), and help provide a low-cost home for 31 other non-profit organizations and ministries at City on a Hill. A dinner, catered by Cafe58, and a silent auction are being planned. Tickets for the Dec. 3 event can be purchased by contacting City on a Hill, 100 S. Pine St., in Zeeland (616-748-3042), or through the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope College.

**BONE MARROW REGISTRATION OFFERED**

Thousands of patients with life threatening diseases need a marrow donor who can make their transplant possible. Do you qualify? Bone marrow registry. It’s fast and no blood needs to be drawn. Contact lauren.reif@hope.edu or kelsey.davis@hope.edu with questions.

**THE REAL STUFF—Marijuana (above) was suspected to be growing between Durfee and Lubbers.**

**CAMPUS**

**November 25 2009**

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“There’s a marijuana plant growing right outside of our dorm,” I said. “No way!” Freeman John Stathakis (’13) replied. “I didn’t believe it either, but when he showed me I was sold.” I walked over toward the plant with the three other guys.

Now to clear things up right away, this marijuana plant was somewhere in between that of a fifth grade D.A.R.E student and a middle-aged conservatore housewife. The guys could have pointed out a ficus to me, and I would have thought, “Hmmm, well I guess it could be marijuana.”

The other guys seemed to be in agreement that this was marijuana. This really fully commit to this analysis. For now, it would be referred to as “mystery plant.”

We decided we needed to go grab a sample leaf for further analysis, so we left to accomplish that task.

The “mystery plant” stood as a 2 foot tall, leafy, tower of sin, rising far above the fallen leaves and scattered wood chips that littered the ground around it. There it stood, mocking the entire institution of Hope College, jarring at the Keppel house that was only one street away scowling that, “Yes, even a marijuana plant can grow here in the soil of Hope.”

We both plucked a leaf and brought then upstairs to the Durfee computer lab. Stathakis typed “marijuana leaf” into the Google image search. The results were almost identical to the two leaves that sat in front of us on the desk.

I had to find a second source, though. I took a picture of the leaf on my cell phone and sent it to someone from home who was familiar with weed. The subject: “Is this not weed?” His text response came back shortly after with, “Yes. Where’d you find that?”

“How does this happen?” I asked the guys in the room.

A fourth had come into the room. We caught Tyler Peterson (’13) up to speed on what had taken place. He mentioned that the seeds could have been put into the mulch, and that he knew someone from his home town that had them to happen with them.

A mental image came to me of President Bultman slamming his fist down on a Home Depot counter demanding to know who put the weed seeds into Hope’s bag of mulch.

With my mind racing as to what I should do next, I calmed myself down and decided before I did anything else I still needed to verify that this was marijuana. Five or six eye-witnesses and a picture message verification was not enough to officially change the label of “mystery plant.” I needed to find an expert.

“So who would be able to identify by looking at a leaf what plant it belonged to and could accurately claim that this was or wasn’t marijuana?” I thought to myself during the following morning.

A few minutes went by. Nothing. A couple minutes more. My mind was racing to see if I could take a leaf sample to a greenhouse! I rushed to my laptop and googled around 5:30 that night, I knocked on the door of Nate Jonker (’13) up to speed on what had happened, and that when I got there, I was shocked to see it was gone. “I swear it was here!” I said to Campus Safety. The verdict was in. This was no marijuana plant.

“Is this not marijuana?” Avink was slightly taken back, but chuckled, “I’ll go find someone else.”

Avink stepped out from behind the counter and walked through the store back into another room, where I could slightly hear the Jonkers Garden website to be, and asked “is it really now that it’s getting cold?”

“Nic” Talley responded. “It will freeze out, it’s not going to bud either.”

The conversation shifted back toward the outrageousness of the entire situation, with the four of us astonished that a publically viewable marijuana plant was growing literally less than five feet away from a Hope College dorm. I asked them if they thought someone had planted it or if it may have been part of the mulch that was put down. “I don’t think someone was smoking a reefer, tossed the reefer down and some seeds fell out;” Talley said. “Then there you go, there’s your mystery.”

This was enough for me. The verdict was in. This was no marijuana plant but it was officially the marijuana plant growing outside of Durfee Hall.

I went on my fourth trip back to the marijuana plant, this time with Kristine Davis (’12), an avid photographer. If I was going to get a picture of the marijuana, I was going to have some production value to it. When I got there, I was shocked to see it was gone. “I swear it was here!” I said to Kristine Davis.

“My name is Lubbers Hall,” the man said. “Why don’t you show me,” Hansen said slipping on his shoes.

We walked to the area where the plant was supposed to be. It was so close to the brick wall and went inside to call Campus Safety. While he had the receiver in his hand, Johnathan Wieginga (’11) told the two of us that Residential Life coordinator Ray Cook and Campus Safety had already taken care of it. It was now time for me to talk to Ray Cook.

I walked into Cook Hall and knocked on his door. Ray answered the door, and I proceeded to ask him what he knew.

“I’m really not at liberty to say,” he responded. “We were notified last night and Campus Safety and the HPD took care of it from there.”

He added that with marijuana, it becomes a legal case, and the area becomes somewhat of a crime scene.

This left me with one final phone call to make — the Holland Police Department. I called the main line and asked if I could come in and talk to someone about the case. The phone operator asked if it was on the Campus Safety reports to which I said no. She said that there was a stack about an inch high of police reports, they were taking care of and that when it is officially posted on Hope College’s Campus Safety Report, then questions can be asked.

As of Nov. 23, there has been nothing posted. There are rumors circulating, but no one has officially identified the plant and said it was marijuana.
Senate moves to floor debate on health care
Narrow vote moves reform bill forward, but issues over ‘public option’ remain

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The Senate completed crucial steps toward passing health care reform Saturday when they obtained the necessary amount of votes to begin debate in a 60-39 vote. Proponents of the bill were able to sway key moderate Democrats and obtain the minimum 60 votes needed to block any filibusters.

The procedural passage was viewed as a victory by leading Democrats, with regard to the success uniting a wide range of left-leaning senators on an issue of national significance.

This health care reform bill looks to expand health care coverage for a significant amount of currently uninsured Americans. It also includes a provision allowing for a government-run health care program to compete with other plans offered by private insurers.

This provision, which has come to be known as the government-run “public option” is the most controversial aspect of the current version of the reform bill.

A number of moderate Democrats even voted in favor of debate with no promise that they would ultimately vote in support of the bill.

Among the senators on the fence were Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Ben Nelson, D-Nebr., whose unreasonableness could signal that this version of the bill is far from passage.

One key argument against the public option contends that the costs of having a government-run health care plan would be too much for the already struggling economy.

The Congressional Budget Office currently estimates that the reform bill will cost approximately $848 billion over 10 years, but the costs of the bill would be offset by the ensuing additions of new taxes and fees.

The CBO also estimates that the bill would save $130 billion in the first 10 years and $650 billion in the second 10 years from new taxes and fines.

Another issue taken with the inclusion of a government-run health care option is a provision allowing states to opt out if they do not want to have access to the public option.

Instead, opponents prefer giving states the option to opt in to the program. This would allow for states to tailor the public option to their individual situations, essentially lessening the influence of the federal government.

However, many in favor of the public option argue that leaving it out would give private insurers free reign to raise their prices without fear of consequences or competition.

Despite the uncertainties from centrists, leading Democrats were confident that clearing this initial obstacle gave them momentum for the bill’s eventual passage.

The debate will ensue after Thanksgiving when the Senate reconvenes. It promises to be heated as representatives look to find common ground on an issue that has proven to be truly divisive thus far.

One route being pursued by Democratic leaders is looking to moderate Republicans to make up for the possible loss of moderate Democrats.

A promising option is Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) who crossed party lines to vote in support of the reform bill, then in the finance committee.

Closing of Guantanamo Bay detention center postponed

Obama announces facility will not close by January deadline

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President Obama announced last Wednesday that he will not be able to achieve the Jan. 22 deadline of closing Guantanamo Bay.

The detention center located on the southeastern shore of Cuba has been holding suspected terrorists as detainees since late 2004.

During the president’s tour of Asia, Obama admitted to both foreign and U.S. press that he set the deadline just two days after his inauguration.

“We had a specific deadline that was missed,” the BBC reported Obama as saying.

The detention center has been controversial for politicians. Many of these detainees are held without charge and are not given the rights of prisoners of war. They are instead labeled as enemy combatants.

Time magazine reported Nov. 20 that Obama’s plan for the prisoner detention center will likely anger both Republican and Democrat parties.

Many human rights organizations complain prisoners of Guantanamo Bay face being sentenced indefinitely.

Obama formerly opposed this idea during the Bush administration, but Time reported him supporting it in May.

Obama said he was not disappointed in not meeting the goal. “I knew this was going to be hard,” Obama told Fox News.

Human rights organization Amnesty International was angry with Obama’s lack of promptness to meet the deadline.

“Millions of people around the world who care about human rights and the rule of law will be extremely disheartened,” U.S. executive of Amnesty International Larry Cox said last Thursday.

One of the main problems that the Obama Administration is having with the detainees at Guantanamo Bay is the fact that the federal government would have nowhere to place the prisoners that are currently held in the prison camp.

Certain states such as Iowa and New York, which Obama approached this past year, met him with fierce resistance.

Several politicians spoke up in November against Obama’s plan of moving prisoners.

“It’s an unnecessary risk to the city of New York,” former New York mayor and former Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani told CNN’s State of the Union program on Nov. 19. “(New York) already has any number of risks.”

There’s a large possibility, however, that Obama will choose to place the prisoners in a jail located in the Northwestern region of his home state.

Thomson prison is located approximately 150 miles from Chicago. The prison facility is fairly isolated with the maximum capacity of 1,600 cells; however, only 200 cells are currently in use.

Thomson Village officials are excited at the possibility that the federal government may buy the facility and set up a new system of detaining the suspected terrorists through the Thomson facility. The new facility would bring revenue and jobs for the town.

“It’s been sitting there for eight to nine years and our town is like a ghost town,” Thomson Village President Jerry Hebeler said of the prison to the Huffington Post on Nov. 14. He added that a tavern recently closed and a planned housing development fell through. “Everybody moved or got different jobs.”

Even so, Republican candidates in the area are highly opposed to such an idea as there may be a high probability that crime in the area could increase.

Obama has yet to reveal his entire intentions. “It’s hard not only because of the politics,” Obama said. “People, I think understandably, are fearful after a lot of years where they were told that Guantanamo was critical to keep terrorists out.”

A LOADED ISSUE—A copy of the Democratic health care reform bill is lifted. The Senate voted 60-39 in favor of moving to debate the legislation calling for a broad overhaul of the current healthcare system.
Michigan shares $4 million award to boost economy and create green jobs

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Michigan will share federal stimulus funds equivalent to $4 million with Indiana and Ohio to accumulate information that would benefit companies and businesses in the renewable energy industry.

According to Labor Secretary Hilda Solis and U.S. Democratic Representative of Battle Creek, Mark Schauer, this federal stimulus package will aid the auto manufacturers of Michigan greatly.

This federal stimulus fund, called the Labor Market Information Improvement Grant, was provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The funds are to be shared between Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, in an effort to help the auto manufacturers diversify and to help people find employment in the green energy division.

To accomplish these tasks, the states will split up the various undertakings.

Michigan and Ohio will utilize their share of the Labor Market Information Improvement Grant to accumulate and analyze information about workforce needs and from various manufacturers and part suppliers of the auto industry regarding the transformations of the auto industry.

In an effort to better identify the skills required and the number of green jobs available, “green jobs” survey of the employers in their state.

Indiana will employ the assets from this grant to recognize the present skills possessed by auto industry workers.

Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, however, were not the only states to receive grants through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Different state, country and local workforce agencies throughout the United States were given a total of $55 million in green jobs grants by the United States Labor Department.

Out of the $55 million in grants, $48.8 million went towards the State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants.

Increasing the capacity of the current grant recipients through different tactics, the Green Capacity Building Grants, totaling $5.8 million, will offer training preparation to help individuals attain jobs.

Protests over tuition hike

TUITION INCREASE SPARKS PROTESTS—Across California, students from University of California institutions are protesting the recent 32 percent increase in tuition fees, passed by the University of California Board of Regents. The financial crisis facing the state of California is mostly to blame for the tuition hike. Students contend that the increase will make it more difficult for students from lower income backgrounds to attend California’s state-funded universities. However, officials argue that a portion of the money generated by the tuition raise will go toward aiding students in need of financial assistance. Protests have already turned troublesome, with multiple arrests being made on a number of UC campuses.

Michigan attorney general denies impeding investigation

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STAFF WRITER

Michigan Attorney General Milt Cox is scheduled to be re-elected for a 2003 joint investigation of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick with state police, including an alleged cover-up of the beating of slain exotic dancer Tamara Greene at the mayor’s official residence.

Cox was scheduled to be deposed Dec. 11 in a lawsuit by Greene’s family. They are suing the city, Kilpatrick and other officials. The state’s lawyer, Norman Yatooma, claims they stilled a police investigation into her 2003 shooting death.

The 27-year-old Greene is rumored to have danced at an insubstantiated party at the Detroit Mayor’s Manoogian Mansion residence a few months before she was sprayed with bullets while sitting in a car with her boyfriend. Within the context of the investigation, Cox concluded the party was an insignificant matter.

However, state police investigators claim Cox impeded their investigation by not thoroughly investigating the possibility that a beating at the party was a cover-up. Coxdenied those claims in an extensive interview with the Detroit Free Press, saying that he had no authority to shut down the police investigation, which continued for another six months after his office quit its own probe in June 2003.

Cox denies suggestions that the investigation was rushed, stating that he merely wanted to correct a “fast but thorough probe.”

“The government runs the state police,” he said, adding, “There’s no way I could shut down the investigation.”

Governor Jennifer Granholm pushed him into the investigation without prior communication by issuing a news release stating that state police would investigate the allegations and Cox would review the investigation.

Granholm’s office contradicted this statement by stating that nothing was forced on Cox. Michigan state officials declined to comment on the matter.

Suspicions of scuttling follow a 2005 case involving a lawsuit filed by a detective who said he lost his job investigating Greene’s death. Information from a news source local to the Detroit area surfaced on clickondetroit.com, saying that “Former Detroit homicide investigator Alvin Bowman’s whistleblower lawsuit against the city of Detroit claims he lost his job because he pushed too hard to investigate the murder of Tamara Greene[1].”

A judge ordered then Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick’s name be removed from the lawsuit. By then, the state police had already dismissed the alleged wild party thrown for Kilpatrick at the Manoogian Mansion as one having a mythological nature.

But former homicide investigator Sgt. Marian Stevenson then claimed that she had information substantiating the party, saying that some of the people she talked to during the investigation “stated that Miss Greene had danced at a party for the mayor, and she may have had some information regarding the activities that happened that particular night,” Stevenson said.

Bowman would also beg to differ from the assumption that the party was a tall tale, having said in a sworn affidavit that he suspected she was killed by a member of the Detroit Police Department, according to an online Channel 20 News — Detroit article. He said that he inferred the possibility based on the number of shots that were taken by the perpetrator and the firearm they used. He also indicated in the affidavit that he is aware of links between Greene and “high-ranking employees” and an unnamed associate of Kilpatrick.

The investigation deserves many angles of attention, with the looming question being whether or not corruption has once again influenced bureaucratised operations in the city of Detroit.
Can’t fight this feeling: ‘Glee’ teen melodrama charms critics, viewers

Elena Rivera

Imagine a Midwestern school, where plucky young choir kids are juggling teenage pregnancy and football practice and each tightly paced problem is summed up in an elaborate song-and-dance routine. If this premise sounds absurd, that’s how ‘Glee’ creator Ryan Murphy intended it to be.

‘Glee’, a show where the dialogue is as snappy as the jazz hands, succeeds because it is like no other program on television today. Mixing teen melodrama with a love for famous songs from every decade, ‘Glee’ currently attracts 8 million viewers to its 9 p.m. Wednesday timeslot on Fox.

The Glee club is led by eternal optimist Mr. Schue, who’s locked in a lovesick marriage and teaches Spanish at the fictional McKinley High School. Other main characters include Rachel and Finn. Rachel is the club’s diva, who has a crush on the Glee club’s male soloist. Finn is a football player-turned-singer, whose cheerleader girlfriend Quinn just found out she’s pregnant with the baby of deadbeat boy Puck.

Other than the love quadrangle, there are a smattering of loveable characters, like sensitive one-time football kicker Kurt, who just told his father he’s gay and also Artie, a wheelchair-bound soul-singer. But ‘Glee’ isn’t a guilty pleasure because of its entertaining characters; it enters cult-status adoration because of the music. ‘Glee’s’ innovation lies in the way the show’s music is channeled through each individual character to move the story along.

For example, some of the ‘Glee’ kids feel marginalized. The next scene gives them the chance to shine, rearranging a ballad by Journey, was sung by the ‘Glee’ kids in the pilot episode of the show. Somehow, the struggling Glee club managed to channel all their hope into the final number, and the song told more about each character’s personal struggle than 10 pages of dialogue ever could.

Although ‘Glee’s’ dialogue is witty and fast, the dialogue is almost always secondary to the music, the buzz surrounding his EP-length installments since going solo in 2008. Last came ‘The Fall’. This low-key album is a little less exciting than the singer/songwriter’s previous albums. A good listen, but not the best album to get into her music with. Also, we have a nagging suspicion that it’s a concept album about dogs.

New solo artist Del Marquis finalizes unique musical project

Caitlin Seay

If you’re looking for an exceptional musical experience, look no further than Scissor Sisters’ guitarist Del Marquis’ solo projects. His music is a unique blend of the light pop music Scissor Sisters’ are known for with darker undertones. Marquis crosses the technologic-human border into rare territory. Hope College in 2009. It was soon followed by going solo in 2008. First came an EP-length installment. The next in the series is accompanied by a music video of the title single, with the exception of ‘Runaround’. Each video has a compelling message that complements Marquis’ style.

The production style of these releases harks back to the vintage recording days of the 80s in a way not seen in today’s music market. The installments have had great reviews by Pop Matters, Time Out New York and Dek Magazine.

For Cooper, “The most exciting thing about being a part of his solo work is that we get the chance to help an artist succeed on his own terms and with a new way of distributing music to his fans.” These old-school production qualities lend themselves to the deeply powerful lyrics and tight groove of Marquis’ music.

Much of Marquis’ work is an identity project. While the much-loved Euro-pop band Scissor Sisters has had great success with its first two albums, it seems that Marquis has found his own distinctive voice, one that is still relatively unknown, yet is receiving much critical acclaim. “Everybody, right now, if they’re smart, kind of has to come the way their music is perceived, the way it’s bought and the way you disseminate it,” says Marquis of his solo projects.

This progressive musical series is something that anyone who likes technologic or hard-hitting music must check out.

With the great success of his solo work behind him, he is now back with the Scissor Sisters working at work on album number three. As fans eagerly await more of Marquis’ powerful music, the buzz surrounding his solo EP series is still gaining momentum. Anyone can find Marquis’ music and music videos on iTunes or listen to them for free at youtube.com. Del Marquis is definitely someone to watch in the coming months.

WTHS Reviews

Tegan And Sara -- “Sainthood”

Canadian indie power pop with slick and catchy songs and a unique sound. This album isn’t quite as edgy as their last couple, but it’s still very good. If you like this one, keep on buying their albums.

Weezer -- “Raditude”

Weezer’s first two albums were such iconic masterpieces of quirky power pop that Weezer fans have been consistently disappointed by their output ever since, but that stigma isn’t enough to justify this album. With only a couple exceptions, the songs are cold and hollowed and the lyrics are profoundly bland but it proudly boasts their best album yet.

Wolfmother -- “Cosmic Egg”

AC/DC and the Scorpions had a love child and they called it Wolfmother. This is a rock album: big riffs and big sound, bro.

Norah Jones -- “The Fall”

This low-key album is a little less exciting than the singer/songwriter’s previous albums. A good listen, but not the best album to get into her music with. Also, we have a nagging suspicion that it’s a concept album about dogs.
Happy Thanksgiving?
A guide to Thanksgiving dinner away from home.

But don’t let that get you disappointed! Did you know that you can order a Thanksgiving dinner from your local grocery store? Or you can go home with someone who lives close by? Or even…cook for yourself?! (I know, it’s hard to fathom!)

Need a dish to pass? Try these easy-to-make Thanksgiving dishes. If the smell of these baking in the kitchen doesn’t get you in the holiday mood, I don’t know what will.

Recipe
Hot Cranberry Punch
46 oz. can pineapple juice, 1 qt. cranberry juice
3 c. water, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 c. brown sugar
2 tbsp. whole cloves, 1 tbsp. whole allspice
6 cinnamon sticks


Recipe
Sweet Potato Casserole
3 large cooked sweet potatoes, mashed, 1 cup sugar
3 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 stick margarine or butter
1 tsp. vanilla
Topping:
1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 stick margarine or butter
1/2 cup pecans, 1/4 cup flour

Mix first 6 ingredients. Pour into buttered dish. Top with next 4 ingredients. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 or until brown.
November 25, 2009

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**A Tag-Along Thanksgiving:**

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**A Do-It-Yourself Thanksgiving:**

All the dorms have a kitchen located somewhere in them. Have you ever thought about whipping up a quick meal yourself? You don’t need a whole turkey. You could buy chicken breasts from Meijer for $3.49. And green bean casserole! The recipe is on the back of Campbell’s cream of mushroom soup.

Get some friends together, turn on some music and try your own attempt at a Thanksgiving dinner. Take pictures, make memories...and mom will definitely be proud.

**Recipe**

**Baked Apple and Carrot Casserole**

6 apples, cooked, peeled and thinly sliced
2 cups cooked carrot slices, 1/2 cup brown sugar,
1 Tbsp. flour, salt to taste; 3/4 cup orange juice

Place half the apples in greased 2-quart baking dish and cover with half the carrots. Mix brown sugar, flour and salt and sprinkle half the mixture over the carrots. Repeat layers and pour orange juice over top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

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**Squash Casserole**

1 cup shredded carrots, 1 cup cream of chicken soup, 8 oz. Pepperidge Farm herb crumbs, 1/2 cup melted butter

Boil squash and onion 10 minutes. Drain. Add carrots, sour cream and soup. Combine crumbs and butter. Layer 1/2 of each in a 9 x 13 pan. Add squash mixture and top with rest of crumbs mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

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**Graphics by Emily Dammer**
Musings on mutual misunderstandings

Emily West
Co-Editor-in-Chief

To the shock and awe of those who know me well, I attended the midnight showing of "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," the newest film of the "Twilight" series (if it tells you anything about how involved I am, I had to look up the title to write this column.) My motivation for going was to see some old friends that I have not been able to connect with recently. I have not read any of the novels and have not seen the first film. I was, however, curious to see what the hype was all about.

The spectacle was fascinating. Nine out of every 10 persons were white girls between the ages of 14 and 17. Luckily, I had the tremendous experience of sitting behind a group of middle-aged women, all wearing themed shirts. One of the women had beautifully long, gray hair. At one point before the film began, she stood up and let a large cloth poster cascade down to reveal the large face of a vampire, Edward, I think. Those around her applauded and made admiring sighs. The energy was high.

My internal clock was screaming at me "Go to bed you fool!" but the blissful spirit of the theater enticed me. I did not have the opportunity to study abroad, so perhaps this was a small outlet of my fascination with the foreign.

Earlier, on my 30-minute drive to the Grandville mall, I decided to take a drink of humble-juice, rebuking my feelings of superiority to this tidal trend. I entered the mall with an open heart, as open as I could muster. There were so many people, so many of them were wearing "Twilight" shirts. Several shirts and posters proudly proclaimed "Team Edward" or "Team Jake."

I didn't know what team I was on, so I asked my friend. "What team are we on?" I tried to present the question in such a way that did not reveal my ignorance. "You haven't read the books, have you? I shook my head. "And you haven't seen the first film." She let the statement hang, knowing she was correct. "We aren't on a team," she explained to me. She seemed to want to convey coolness, differentiating her from the thousands of swarming high school girls. I knew better, however, because she had been standing in line since 6:30 p.m. for the midnight showing, despite the fact that she already had a ticket given to her the night before for her birthday.

I really enjoyed myself. The audience cheered and clapped whenever they were pleased and/or whenever Jake was shirtless. I fell asleep once, only to be jolted awake by the screaming girl next to me. I was intrigued by the loyalty of these fans. What was it, exactly, that drew thousands of people to see this film in this theater on this night? My secret film-critic-self was very confused. The acting was terrible; the writing was worse. Still, there was something powerful enough to draw a large crowd, some x-factor that pulled at the hearts of these teenage (and older!) women. As I tried to fall asleep that morning, I was still pondering. What is it about "Twilight?"

Emily welcomes any and all explanations of the "Twilight" phenomenon. Please email her (emily.west@hope.edu) with your insights.

Letter to the Editors

Alumni urges administration to invite speaker

To the Editors:

Since 1971, I have proudly owned Hope as my alma mater, but not recently. The Hope I am proud of gave me the opportunity to hear Dick Gregory speak at a time (1968) when America was in the midst of the civil rights movement, speaking at a time (1968) when America was in the midst of the civil rights and women’s rights movements. The college administration’s decision to deny the Sexuality Roundtable’s request to host Black is patronizing to students, contrary to Hope’s Mission and Vision statements and embarrassing to those of us alumni who remember Hope as a place that once had the generosity of spirit and courage to invite Dick Gregory to speak on the most divisive issue of the day.

For the administration’s decision to recall and follow this noble example from Hope’s own history and to invite Dustin Lance Black to address the campus without conditions, just as Dick Gregory did more than forty years ago.

Wayne A. Vander Byl, Class of 1971
Williamson, NY

Viewpoint for thought

Kate Schrampfer
Columnist

A couple weeks ago, I spent an hour or more just sitting in the Kletz having coffee with a friend. When I told another friend about it, he didn’t understand.

“Don’t you have any homework to do?” he asked, incredulous. “Yes,” I told him, I did, but I hadn’t seen this friend much at all throughout the semester, and we had some serious catching up to do.

He just shrugged. “OK” was all he said. But I could feel a bit of antipathy radiating from him, as though he thought it was unfair that I could spend an hour just sitting there talking. I didn’t know what to say. I was definitely busy. I probably would have gotten more done, in the sense he was thinking about, if I had barricaded myself in the library with my laptop and a big stack of books and assignments. But, I guess it’s about prioritizing.

“When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you’ll never get back. Your time is your life. That’s why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time.” (Rick Warren, “The Purpose Driven Life”). When I sat there in the Kletz, with my friend, licking whipped cream from my skinny coffee straw and listening to her pour out her heart to me (as I poured mine out to her), I wasn’t wasting precious time. Neither was she. Sure, we had other things we could have been doing. But if your time is your life, how could writing an essay or finishing your laundry be as important as giving your life (or a piece of it) to a friend?

Now, I’m not saying we should all just forget about homework and go hang out with friends all day. That would be a waste of your life, because each of us has a huge something else we need to do with our lives: an elusive something called our vocation. In order for us to figure out what it is and how to do it, we have to learn while we’re here at Hope. However, I do think the relationships we form right now are as important as the ones we’ll make in the future. They shape the future, because they shape the person we are becoming.

It’s like the story in Luke 10:38-42, when Jesus is at his friends’ house. He’s sitting there talking with Mary, while Martha is rushing around, getting everything ready. Eventually, Martha gets mad and goes tattling to Jesus.

“Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

And what does Jesus say? He tells Martha to quit worrying about all the things she has to do. “Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her.” She’s chosen to give Jesus her time, a piece of her life. By leaving the time to sit and talk with a friend, she’s getting so much in return, it doesn’t really matter that she’s not getting other things done. Those things, the other things… they can wait.

Kate wants to thank you for giving her a piece of your life as you took the time to read this, and hopes you are having a beautiful day!
Parentheticals

Coffee + Drank = Normal Energy Levels?

Kaili Dou
Columnist

I've never been an energy drink person, but I can easily say I spend about $40 a month on energy drinks from my daily routine and buy Drank: Extreme Relaxation.
Letter to the Editors
Student offers suggestions for The Anchor

To the Editors:
I joined The Anchor early in my first semester at Hope, and my experiences as part of the staff have been some of the most memorable on this campus. I only gave up my national news assistant editor spot last spring because of time constraints that classes were putting on me. I always intended to go back. However, there have been changes to the way this paper is made that may have changed my mind. Most of the changes are minor, things that can be overlooked, like the addition of color on almost all of the pages, column widths not matching on some of the pages, and amusing headlines accompanying serious articles. These may be considered advantages to some, where my view of a clean, crisp, black-and-white paper could seem archaic. However, there is one change that I cannot overlook: something that irks me to the core about this year’s paper: the addition of anonymity.

I remember, when first beginning work, I was told by everyone on the staff that sources were not allowed to be anonymous. A newspaper is a place for public knowledge, and anyone who is quoted should be named. Anonymity is not allowed for police tips, secret agents, and high-profile scandals. Is there any reason for students commenting on specific roommate situations should not be named? No, there is no valid reason. If you do not want to be quoted for all of the campus to see, then you should not be saying whatever you’re saying. That has always been the rule, and don’t see why it should change now.

This all may seem to be of little consequence, but named sources of quotations need to be named for another reason: validity. I, for one, have trouble believing that someone was truly quoted as saying something when they are not named. How can we, as readers, know that the editors or the writers of the articles are being truthful? What if someone needed a quote on a certain side of an issue, and they couldn’t find anyone to say what they wanted? What if a writer was trying to make a point, and could not find anyone to make it? Is it the question at hand here. I want to trust The Anchor, but really, what could there possibly be to hide? If we continue to use anonymous quotes, I can guarantee, readers will be lost along with the newspaper’s validity. Nothing on this campus is so controversial that people cannot stick to their opinions and author them.

We need to go back to the days where dozens of letters to the editor poured in after certain opinionated articles. I want more people on this campus to stand up for what they are saying, and to not be afraid. That is, after all, what journalism is all about.

Amanda Gernentz ’11

Editors’ Response

Dear Amanda:
First and foremost, thank you for your letter. We appreciate both praise and criticism from our readers. We aim to serve the Hope community to the best of our ability and rely on our readers to hold us accountable.

Allow us to address your concerns.

The addition of color is something not likely to change as it has received tremendous support and in today’s publication world, full-color is standard. The column width and article title issues are definitely something we will consider when putting together future issues, but acknowledge that there can be differences in how some define “serious.”

Now to the big issue: anonymity. We fully agree with your statement. Anonymous sources make publications unreliable when reporting any form of news. We cannot ask readers to simply “trust us” when we say student x said this and student y said that. However, when piecing together the particular features article in question, the “annoying roommates” story in the Nov. 11 issue, we left the names out for fear of embarrassing students. Contributors were telling stories about other students, not themselves, and therefore, we deemed it appropriate to protect the identity of the students who did not willfully submit their stories and author them.

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Amanda Gernentz ’11
James Nichols

Opponents of the Hope College men’s ice hockey team have been taking note of a chance thus far this season.

After a weekend sweep of Northern Michigan with a 5-2 victory on Friday and 4-1 victory on Saturday, the Flying Dutchmen are now 10-1-0-1, with the four overtime losses and overtime shootouts.

Brett Kopinski ('13) got things rolling for the Flying Dutchmen with a goal assisted by Nick Cornicelli ('13) and Will Guerin ('11). Jake Green ('13) scored the next two and final goals for the Flying Dutchmen, the first assisted by Nick Cornicelli ('13) and the second by Lincoln and Dan Bolt ('10). Lincoln’s first two points of the season came in Saturday’s game. Sean LaDouce ('13) stopped 27 of 28 shots in goal for the Dutchmen.

“The season has been going pretty well so far,” said captain Dan Bolt. “We’ve had ups and downs already, but we are playing well.”

Playing well may be the understatement of the year.

The Flying Dutchmen are off to one of the best starts in team history. In 12 games, the team has scored 68 goals, an average of 5.7 goals per game. Kopinski leads the team in goals this season with 15.

“He’s the fastest guy on the ice,” said Coach Chris Van Timmeren about Kopinski. Almost three quarters of Kopinski’s goals have been power-play goals.

“Matt Schrader has been the most impressive player thus far,” said captain Austin Sonneveldt ('10). “He is as good as any other forward in the league. He uses his size to win battles in the corners and has the excellent stick handling and shooting ability.”

Schrader ('10) is second on the team in goals with nine. Right behind him in the same category is sophomore center Court Fall with eight goals, four of which have been game winners.

“A young team this year, with about half of the team being freshmen,” Sonneveldt said.

“Having a young team has not been a hindrance this year, however. Along with Fall, freshman Jake Green has also shown potential this season for the Flying Dutchmen. Jake Green has really stepped up his play as a freshman,” said Van Timmeren. Van Timmeren also went on to praise Green’s along with offensive leaders Kopinski and Schrader.

Green and Fall are not the only freshmen Van Timmeren and captains Bolt, Sonneveldt and Schrader have high hopes for this season. Justinson, Anthony Gasparotto and Sean LaDouce are quickly becoming an integral part of the team. Johnstons has 12 points in 12 games this season. Each goal and assist count as one point. LaDouce has four shutouts in goal and has a goals-against average of less than 1.8 this season.

On defense, Anthony Gasparotto has already stepped up,” said Sonneveldt. “But he will need to continue to do so.”

Defense has been a strong point for the Flying Dutchmen this season: the team has only given up 21 goals in 12 games. Though goalscoring can be given credit for most of this, the defense has also been a big reason for the small amount of goals against.

“I have high hopes for our core defensemen to grasp our systems and be a strong back for us,” said Van Timmeren.

Cory Gowen ('12), Will Guerin and David Nowicki ('12) have also been an important part of this team the season. Gowen has already surpassed his point total of nine from last year with 11 this year, on six goals and five assists.

Bolt sees Guerin logging a lot more minutes at defense as the season goes on. Nowicki is the primary goalie on the team and has four shutouts this season.

“I’ll call out the goalies,” said Bolt. “They have both have had a great start to the season, and I expect them to be a great asset to the team.”

In Brief

HOPE BASKETBALL STARTING STRONG

Hope College is living up to its title as a “basketball school.” Both men’s and women’s teams have started their seasons undefeated. The home opener in DeVos took place on Nov. 17 for both teams.

The women opened the night with an 82-70 win over Ma- donna. Carrie Snikkers ('11) led Hope in scoring with 20 points. David Knouse ('12) set a DeVos Fieldhouse record with 10 assists. The Flying Dutchmen’s next game is Nov. 26 against Cornerstone as a part of the Hall of Fame Tournament at Calvin.

The Flying Dutchmen are 1-0 and the Flying Dutch are 3-0. The women are averaging 82 points per game and holding opponents to 51 on average.

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Men’s Basketball
Will Bowser ('11) Forward
Women’s Basketball
Carrie Snikkers ('11) Center

HOPE FIRST IN COMMISSIONER’S CUP

After the fall sports season, Hope is currently in first place in the MIAA Commissioner’s Cup standings. Each year, the Com- missioner’s Cup is awarded to the school that has accumulated the most points in the 18 MIAA-sponsored sports. Points are awarded based on final standing in conference play. Hope currently leads by 42 points, two ahead of Calvin with 39. Hope also leads the men’s all-sports standings with 45 points. Calvin leads the women with 54 points, and Hope is second in the women's standings with 49 points.

Men’s swim and dive undefeated in conference duals

Bethany Strip

“Being the swimming and diving team has a recent history of success at Hope College. Having won the MIAA in both 2008 and 2009, the team hopes to defend their title again this season. Their current 3-0 record in the MIAA has helped build their confidence towards reaching that goal.

“Tikhon is a very good diver from the Airline,” junior tri-captain Alex Tikhon ('10) said. “We both want to beat each other every session.”

Even though dual meets are important to the team, they have no effect on who wins a conference title. The conference championship is determined entirely by the league meet. Because of this, the swimming and diving team will be determined on Dec. 4 and 5 is very important to the team.

The team will face strong opponents from Wheaton College, Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but the format of the meet will be different from any other meet they’ve participated in this season.

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Though the diving aspect of swimming and diving is often forgotten, all three captains of the men’s team agree that this year Hope’s lone male diver, Ryan Nello ('10), has really stepped up his play as a freshman.

“The difference in format can be really difficult for swimmers and divers,” said Ryan Nello. “Swimmers may have to swim in four sessions, which is similar to having four dual meets in two days. It is a physically demanding meet, which helps us prepare for the M I A A S, which is three full days of swimming.”

The MIAA swimming and diving championship is scheduled for Nov. 26. The meet will be held at Hope College and is the only prelims we have been working very hard this year and are really starting to come together.”

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History-making season comes to a close

Jake Bajema
Sport Writer

After a tough loss in the conference tournament final against rival Calvin College that guaranteed Calvin’s place in the NCAA tournament, the women of Hope College’s volleyball team were eager to redeem their loss. They were granted the chance when the NCAA selection committee granted them a bid to the tournament. Having built a 16-0 record in the MIAA and a 30-3 record overall, the Flying Dutch were prepared to compete with the best teams in the nation.

The journey began in Holland as the Flying Dutch had the opportunity to host the NCAA Great Lakes Regional at the DeVos Fieldhouse. The women defeated Lakeland, Wis., in three sets during the first round. Calvin also won in three sets during the first round, so a fourth Hope-Calvin match was in store. This was a matchup that all the Hope team members were looking forward to after the upset in the conference finals.

“We learned a lot from the conference finals game about not letting down for one second and thinking it was going to be easy,” junior Traci Baker said. “We wanted revenge and a regional championship.”

This game had bragging rights, revenge and a regional title all up for grabs.

“When we play Calvin it’s a game of heart, and to lose, it tears you apart,” senior captain Teresa Borst said. “They know that if we lose we’re done — we weren’t ready to go out that way.”

The team did not go down that way. Hope was able to defeat Calvin in three sets during the regional semifinal.

“We have never played as well this season as we did that game,” senior Kristen Johnson said. “Everyone was focused.”

With the win, the team set up a match with another familiar opponent, Ohio Northern, who had beaten the Flying Dutch in three sets earlier in the season. The women knew it would be a tough match but were ready for the task ahead.

The match didn’t start well for the Dutch, as they dropped the first set 21-25 in front of more than 2,400 fans.

“I think we came out a little timid the first game,” captain Andrea Helminiak (‘10) said, “but once we settled down and played our game, we came out on top.”

The team came back strong in the second set and won, 25-15, with many of the Hope faithful on their feet.

“We always had to keep fighting through the ups and downs of each game and the season as a whole,” said Johnson. “This year our goals were to win the MIAA and then regionals, and despite a few missteps, we achieved both of them.”

With a 16-0 record in NCAA play during the regular season, the Flying Dutch coasted to the conference title. Last weekend at DeVos Fieldhouse, the team won their regional in dramatic fashion, proving they were a formidable team.

Calvin and Ohio Northern, strong opponents, were defeated in straight sets.

“This year our goals were to win the MIAA and then regionals, and despite a few missteps, we achieved both of them,” said Hope head coach Becky Schmidt.

With the win the women were granted the opportunity to be playing at nationals and kept their national title hopes alive by beating Tufts in four sets.

Though Hope was strong throughout, Tufts did not go down without a fight. After taking the first two sets, the Flying Dutch looked like they were about to make it a short match, but Tufts battled through five match point opportunities for Hope and took the third set, 31-29. Hope rallied in the fourth set and won 25-18 and earned the chance to play in the Final Four.

The win was the 34th of the season for the Flying Dutch, breaking the school record of 33 from 1998. The dream season would continue.

Just a win away from a shot to the national title, the Flying Dutch felt each point grow in significance. Hope would face Washington University, St. Louis, in the Final Four match.

Washington had nine national titles under their belt heading into the 2009 season. The opponent was another familiar one for the team. Hope had defeated the Bears on their home floor early in the season.

After dropping the first set, 21-25, Hope bounced back, winning the next two sets, 25-22 and 25-15, respectively. The momentum continued into the fourth set, as the Lady Dutch led by as many as five points. However, the Bears came back to win, 27-25. The fifth set didn’t fare well for the Dutch, as they dropped the final set of the season, 15-12. Leading the way for the Dutch were Fiedler with 28 kills and Helminiak with 62 assists.

The season ended with a tough defeat, but the team made meaningful accomplishments. They developed strong friendships and gave the Hope community a season’s performance to be proud of.

Seniors reflect on college volleyball career

Daniel Owens
Staff Writer

Four years of joy, perseverance, practice, friendships and success have come to an end for the three seniors on the Flying Dutch volleyball team. Teresa Borst, Andrea Helminiak and Kristen Johnson make up one of the most decorated senior classes in the history of Hope College volleyball. Three NCAA tournament appearances, two MIAA championships and an unprecedented run to the Final MIAA championships and an NCAA tournament, the women of Hope College’s volleyball team were eager to redeem their loss. They were granted the chance when the NCAA selection committee granted them a bid to the tournament. Having built a 16-0 record in the MIAA and a 30-3 record overall, the Flying Dutch were prepared to compete with the best teams in the nation.

The seniors acknowledged coach Becky Schmidt played an integral role in making their experience playing college volleyball so special.

“I’ve never played for a coach with more energy, excitement, and enthusiasm for the sport of volleyball than coach Schmidt,” Johnson said. “We all really got to know her on a more personal level as we grew up. Freshman year she was just our coach, but now we view her as a great friend.”

Helminiak agreed and is confident the friendships forged on the team will last a lifetime.

“I will definitely come back and visit Coach Schmidt and the team,” Helminiak said. “It was a Regional Champions— Senior volleyball players Andrea Helminiak, Teresa Borst, and Kristen Johnson pose with the regional champi- onship trophy.

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