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

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Floriana 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 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 childhood trauma 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 always repeats “it’s not my doing, it’s God’s doing.” This kind of blind and selfless faith inspires many students to take action.

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Phelps creates cultural cuisine

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International education week came to a close on Saturday with “Images: A Reflection of Cultures,” an experience that included a Phelps Dining Hall dinner featuring cuisine from around the world. It was a precursor to the display of cultural performances at the Knickerbocker Theatre later that night.

Tom Hoover, executive chef of Hope College Dining Services, emphasized the importance for students to try new meals as a way to experience their education.

During regular dinner dining hours, Phelps offered dishes from India, Taiwan, China, France, Japan and Mexico. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles. Students and visitors could sample dishes like Indian tandoori chicken, chicken marinated in yogurt and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles, and typically seasoned with hot spices or French coquilles.

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 dietary needs. 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 (“11) favorite dish, “It’s kind of a bad day, we usually never have mango, ever. And it’s my favorite fruit,” she said. She thought the Chinese crab rangoon was small, but growing brands. Sushi dishes like Indian basmati rice, naan bread and French salad nicoise with montrachet were also on the menu. Taiwanese mango sticky rice and Mexican wedding cakes were a couple of the dishes offered for dessert.

Zombieland game gives life to dead month

Cory Lakatos
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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 jumpiness and paranoia manifested through gory scenarios.

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 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 this go unanswered.

In addition to the game, students at Hope have also organized a Zombie March, which will be held on Nov. 19. For more information, please contact Cory Lakatos at cory.lakatos@hope.edu.

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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's health clinic. Proceeds will support City on a Hill's health clinic, adult mentoring program (ATLAS), 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 (616-748-6066) 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. Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dykstra Hall or the Orte Room students can attend the bone marrow registry program. It’s fast and no blood needs to be drawn. Contact Lauren Zeffi at hope@hope.edu or Kelsey Davis at hope@hope.edu with questions.

SUSPICIOUS PLANT PROMPTS HPD INVESTIGATION

"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 hours later it was true. I walked over toward the plant with the three other guys. Now to clear things up right away, we definitely never smelt somewhere in between of that of a fifth grade D.A.R.E student and a middle-aged conservatoire housewife.

The guys could have pointed out a ficus to me, and I would have thought, "Hmnn, well I guess it could be marijuana." The other guys seemed to be in agreement that this was marijuana, and thoroughly committed 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 Heep house that was only one street away scoffing that, "Yes, even a marijuana plant can grow here in the soil of Hope!"

We both plucked a leaf and brought them 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 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 this happen to 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 garden. He added that with marijuana, it's possible to have some production going 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.

"What if someone was smoking a reefer, tossed the reefer down and some seeds fell out?" Talley said. "Then there you go, there's your answer."

This was enough for me. The verdict was in. This was no longer the "mystery plant" but 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.

"I'm sure it was." Around 5:30 that night, I knocked on the door of Nate Hansen, the residential director of Durfee Hall. His wife answered the door, and the room smelled of Italian food, not of a Fazolis variety but legitimate Olive Garden levels.

"Hey Nate here!" I asked.

She nodded. A few seconds later Nate walked to the doorway.

"Did you know there was a marijuana plant growing, like, right outside of Durfee?" I said.

"What?" he said shook.

"Where?"

The next two minutes can best be described as a little league baseball player trying to explain where his house is to his friend's mom who was driving him home from practice.

"OK, so Lubbers Hall is here, sidewalk is here and the wall is here, then the plant is right here," I tried to explaining the walls and door as props.

"Why don't you show me," Hansen said slipping on his shoes.

We walked to the area where the plant was growthable. It was so close to the brick wall and went inside to call Campus Safety. While he had the receiver in his hand, Johnathan Wielinga (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. Cook 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 of an inch high of police reports, they were taking care of and that it was then officially posted on Hope College's Campus Safety Report. As of Nov. 23, there has been nothing posted. There are rumors circulating on campus that someone identified the plant and said it was not marijuana.
Senate moves to floor debate on health care
Narrow vote moves reform bill forward, but issues over ‘public option’ remain

Eric Anderson
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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-Neb., whose unresponsiveness 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 recovers. 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

Samuel Tsou
Staff Writer

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.

The New York Times magazine reported Nov. 20 that Obama’s plan for the prisoner detention center will most 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.

Certainly, 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.”

Nonetheless, there is 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.”

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This Week In Quotes

“We are going to knock your socks off. And until that day in 2011 when it ends, I intend to soak up every meaningful, joyful moment with you.”

— Oprah Winfrey, announcing “The Oprah Winfrey Show” would end in September 2011.

“Tokyo remains by far the world capital of gastronomy and also has the most three-star restaurants in the world.”

— Michelin guide director Jean-Luc Naret, after Tokyo leaps ahead of Paris in the “world’s best place to eat.” Tokyo has the most Michelin three-star restaurants in the world.

“It’s a tribute to his life and career — he’s truly an amazing artist.”

— Auctioneer Darren Julien, of selling Michael Jackson’s memorabilia. Jackson’s infamous Moonwalk glove recently sold to a Hong Kong businessman, Hoffman Ma, for $330,000.

“Over the past couple of years the young female audience has really started driving a lot of the marketplace.”

— Richie Far of Summit Entertainment, whilst discussing the impact of the female teenage audience.

“President Obama has lifted his ban on doing interviews with Fox News. Yeah. And you could tell the reporter was from Fox News because the first question was, “How do you think you’re doing as president on a scale from minus one to minus ten?”

— late night talk show host, Conan O’Brien.

“Part of what I love about being a live performer is that sometimes you just are in the moment and sometimes things just happen.”

— last year’s “American Idol” runner-up, Adam Lambert, about kicking a male keyboardist during his performance at the American Music Awards Sunday night.

Michigan shares $4 million award to boost economy and create green jobs

Amy Alvine Staff Writer

Michigan will share federal stimulus funds equivalent to $4 million with Indiana and Ohio to accumulate information about workforce needs and from various manufacturers and part suppliers of the auto industry regarding the transformations of the business.

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.

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 Improvement Grant.

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.

Michigan attorney general denies impeding investigation

Sierra Hansen Staff Writer

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said he scouted 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 is scheduled to be deposed Dec. 11 in a lawsuit by Greene’s family. They are suing the city, Kilpatrick and other officials. The city’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 bullet while sitting in a car with her boyfriend. Within the context of the investigation, Cox concluded the party was an excuse for the shooting.

However, state police investigators claim Cox impeded their investigation by not thoroughly investigating the possibility that a beating at the party, saying that he had no authority to shut down the police investigation, which continued for another six months after her official quit its own probe in June 2003.

Cox denies suggestions that the investigation was rushed, stating that if he wanted to direct a “fast but thorough probe” the governor runs the state police, he said, adding, “There’s no way I could shut down the investigation.”

Labor Jobs said that Gov. 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 records.”

Granholm’s office contradicted this statement by saying 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 newsource 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”.

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 she 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 covers of 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. Shue, who’s locked at the fictional Fox. Other main characters include Rachel 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 lovable 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 the 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, remaking Jill Scott’s “ Blair On Me,” sung with hearty abandon. Diva Rachel realizes she can never be with adorably naive Finn, so they cue a single spotlight and a poignant rendition of Rihanna’s “Take A Bow.”

One of the secrets to “Glee’s” musical success is the fact that the cast is made up of Broadway veterans and semi-professional singers whose voices are pitch-perfect. The other is the struggle 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 preparation and execution of musical numbers. Glee has already tackled Celine Dion, Kanye West, Carrie Underwood and many more musical artists. Look for an entire episode of Madonna songs, as well as Bruce Springsteen and Lilly Allen coming up sometime in January.

“Glee” is reminiscent of an old vaudeville show: singing, dancing and acting, all contained in a 42-minute episode. “Glee” is as guilty a pleasure as shows come, but what other program can give you a heartbreaking pregnancy plot while belting out Avril Lavigne’s “Keep Holding On”? Glee has captivated an audience and charmed the critics, and its future looks as bright as ever.

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, Weezer -- “Raditude”

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.

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. Del Marquis crosses the technologic-human border into rare territory. Hope College take note! Marquis’ unique style has already hit home with many and is slowly but surely rising in popularity.

Marquis has released four EP-length installments since going solo in 2008. First came “Hothouse,” a four-track piece in 2009. It was soon followed by “Character Assassination,” which Dana Cooper, who worked closely with Marquis on his solo project, described as “dark and honest.” “Letter to Society” came next.

David Medsker of edsmusic.com finds it hard to ignore Marquis’ throwback to ‘80s-style music “when the results this training.” Less than two months ago, the last installment was released. “Runaround” finishes the series and the way you disseminate it, “Everyone, right now, if they’re smart, kind of has to see 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 should check out.

With the great success of his solo work behind him, he is now back with the Scissor Sisters to start 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.
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!)

There’s no roaring fire in the fireplace. You can’t hear grandpa Jack snoring on the couch. And mom isn’t offering her famous apple crisp to anyone with a pulse. You’re stuck here. At Hope College. On the holiday where you’re supposed to be enjoying good company…and even more importantly—good food.

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
1/2 cup milk; 1/2 stick margarine or butter
3 eggs; 1 tsp. vanilla
2 tbsp. whole cloves
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 cup pecans;

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

Recipe

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!

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!
I mean, let's be realistic. You'll only be home for three days anyways, and Christmas break is only three weeks away. You go to school at Hope, so you know that the majority of your friends live around here. Now's not the time to be sheepish! Not when delicious food is at stake!

**ASK AROUND!** If you're attending dinner at a friend's house, don't forget to offer to bring something! Paper plates, silverware, drinks or even a quick dish to pass is easy to whip up and is worth it for a good meal!

**A Tag-Along Thanksgiving:**

Did you know that you can actually BUY your dinner directly from Wal-Mart?! Get eight people together...and you'll only be paying $4.38 for a meal that sounds pretty darn good!

**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.

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**Baked Apple and Carrot Casserole**

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

**Squash Casserole**

6 cups (3 lbs.) yellow squash, sliced, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1 cup shredded carrots, 1 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup melted butter, 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 crust mixture in a 9 x 13 pan. Add squash mixture and top with rest of crumb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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**Dinner for eight under $35**

2 boxes of Stovetop stuffing mix, 4 lbs. of sweet potatoes, 4 cans of Green Giant canned vegetables (select varieties), 2 cans of Ocean Spray cranberry Sauce, 12 lb. fresh hen or tom turkey, 1 can Campbells turkey gravy, pack of Sara Lee dinner rolls, 10" Pumpkin Pie, 2 bottles of Oak Leaf wine (or 24-pack Coke product).
**Midnight reflection on ‘New Moon’**

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 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 young fans (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.

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**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 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel in my freshman year. Gregory then was an inflammatory figure of the left. He had a ticket given to her the night before her birthday. 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 young women. As I tried to fall asleep that morning, I was still pondering. What is it about “Twilight?”

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**Quote for thought**

Kate Schrampler

**Take time**

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 me, 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. I 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 barracaded 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.” He’s chosen to give Jesus her time, a piece of her life. By letting 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!
Parentheticalities

Coffee + Drank = Normal Energy Levels?

You are capable of controlling your own Circadian rhythm purely through the power of delicious liquids that come out of aesthetically pleasing disposable containers!

It occurred to me recently that if I were to have completely deducted caffeine drinks from my daily monetary indulgences, from the time I arrived at Hope, I would probably still have around $250 in my measly checking account. This worries me a bit.

I can’t be the most desperate caffeine-dependent hooligan around, but I can easily say I spend about $20 a week purely on espresso drinks, which must be gulped down quickly in order to avoid cooling and subsequent cold-coffee-sudge-flavor. Three-five: for 15 minutes of high calorie sugar, a week of burnt tongue and the mental certainty that ‘Now I am capable of getting through class AND writing this 10-page paper due tomorrow morning at eight!’

Now, I’m rather biased, in that I have never been an energy drink consumer. I am a coffee drinker. More specifically, I am a double-shot espresso-whole-milk-caramel-white-chocolate-chipped-cream-of-death-espresso-whole-milk-caramel-white-chocolate-whipped-cream-of-death-double-shots.

It’s amazing to walk around campus or even simply go to class and not see a fellow student who has consumed some sort of caffeine in the past four hours and those who have not. There is, indubitably, a stark difference in condition. Faculty caffeine-drinkers will be wide-eyed and anxious. Their opposites will either look undead or completely normal.

Returning to my beverage container theory: for all we know, the travel-container belonging to the kid next to you contains chocolate milk.

Hepstter with his yellow Lemosnello’s mug might have simply poured caramel syrup into his hot cocoa to simulate a latte-color and properly live up to his hipstert pants. But of course, it doesn’t matter what’s IN the cup, so long as you’re carrying one around, look completely exhausted and are warmer than you were half an hour ago.

Anyway, I have no reason to say that drinking these things is a bad thing or that the student is better or worse because of the increased contents of our ‘coffee’ containers. This America: we need energy to keep up with ourselves. I just think that, perhaps, we overindulge in them and will consequently have a harder time paying off student loans.

Actually, this isn’t really the point of my ramblings either. I just needed to ramble.

In any case, I just have to thank heavens there isn’t a Starbucks within reasonable walking distance. That being said, I would recommend the book ‘Starbucked’ by Taylor Clark.

I say, go out and continue to buy your $4 coffee drinks. And if you have trouble sleeping, simply go out and buy Drink: Extreme Relaxation. Beverage. It’s purple. With all of these innovative, excitingly tinted liquids being sold for less than $5 at your local coffee shops, who needs drugs?

Kaili would like to reassure everyone that her column represents complete hypocrisy. She owns a yellow Lemosnello’s mug and has been accused of filling it with latte-colored hot cocoa. On a side note, she would like you to visit www.drankbeverage.com. That is all.

COFFEE = NORMAL

From the inside out

Are you scared of the dark?

I’m scared of the dark. Yes, I admit it. The other night a circuit breaker blew out, and my housemate and I had to hold hands just to make it downstairs. Mock me all you want, but I will still sleep with a nightlight. It’s not one of those dinky ones that plug into the outlet by the floor either. It’s an aquarium light; it’s legit.

My family and some friends went camping way up in Indiana over fall break. On the ride there, around 7 p.m., it was already becoming dark outside; that’s what Daylight Savings Time does, and I hate it. Don’t get me wrong, I appreciate the extra hour of sleep, but I’m a summer girl. I live for those nights when I can play beach volleyball till 9 p.m. or go on a date and still catch the warmth of the sun on an evening walk. I don’t like coming home from work at 5 p.m., and it’s already getting dark.

Anyways, back to my story. At 8 p.m. on the ride down to Indiana, I couldn’t help but look out the window and think of how scary it would be to be lost out there, “there” being the middle of a cornfield. That’s all that surrounded us: corn fields, with no streetlights or store-light. If we were lost out there, the dull shine from the moon and stars would be our only lights to guide us.

My point is quite dark. You can clearly see your perception and ignite your imagination. I thought for quite some time about what I would even do if I was stuck in the darkness. Well, first, I’d think about “Signs.” (I know M. Night Shyamalan’s movie didn’t scare too many people, but it still scares me.)

Letter to the Editors

Parent upset at administration’s decision to cancel speaker

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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 a part of the staff have been some of my 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 too many 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 advances 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 I first began writing, 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 everyone who is quoted should be named. Anonymity should be saved 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 or articles. We 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 you said this and student y said that. However, when piecing together the particular features article in question, the “annoying roommate” 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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All God’s children reaches out

• HOPE, from page 1

Children begin with Robins-Brown’s obedience and God’s plan. Their vision is “to help students live out the institution’s mission statement by providing opportunities for students to apply their knowledge, skills and abilities as servant leaders in a global setting.”

The current president of the organization are Lindsey Alwayd (’11) and Rebecca Currey (’11). Both have been working hard to set up opportunities for Hope students to get involved. A political science and senior seminar called “Human Rights and Human Wrongs” connected to the Nibakure Children’s Village is expected to be offered as a June term.

Images includes international fair

• CUISINE, from page 1

before.”

The crab rangoon was a hit with Justin Baker (‘11). “Nine out of ten,” he said. “It was probably about an orange chicken level. That’s how much I liked it.”

Some students did not find the event appealing. “My friends left because they thought nothing looked good, and they didn’t even want to try it. I had the pork and it was delicious,” said Bruce Kraya (’10). “Poor decision, very poor decision,” he said, regarding his friends’ choice.

Students were generally pleased with the event. “It’s great and out of the ordinary because we usually don’t have anything like this at Phelps,” said Cuellar.

Michigan shares $4 M award

• Award, from page 4

in expanding green industries. These grants provide an immediate return, and they are part of a larger green initiative that will help lead to increased job placements and promote economic growth,” said Labor Secretary Solis on Nov. 18. According to the United States Department of Labor, 30 awards were given, varying from around $763,000 to $4 million, in order to promote labor force development plans to use data that will have regional and national impacts. This can be accomplished through the efforts made by various workforces from different states joining together as one.

Zombies rule

• ZOMBIE , from page 1

their guard down. On Monday the game ended with an evacuation of unaffected humans able to get to a point between the Science Center and the Vanderplex within a 30-minute period.

The title of Top Hunter (of humans) was given to Nick Leonard (’10), followed by Stioned Siktiewicz (’12). The Top Slayers (of zombies) were Skye Edwards (’13), Aaron Mutschle (’12) and John Telfer (’12). Top Healer went to Jenny Tremblay (’11), followed by Tanya Paul (’12). Zombie game leader Trevor Coeling (’11) was surprised by the game’s turnout. “The way the game took off honestly blew all my expectations out of the water,” he said.

Human game leader Cristoff Visscher (’12) explained that he wanted to organize Zombieland to fill November with something that would appeal to Hope students. He was proud of how well the players followed the honor-based rules and avoided allowing the game to interfere with their classes.

“There were so many things that we learned from the first game and we plan on taking all these issues and rewriting an even better Zombieland for the future,” said Visscher.
Hockey team off to a strong start

James Nichols

Opponents of the Hope College men’s ice hockey team have started the season on a high note. “I believe we have a strong team this year, and we are going to try to take advantage of that,” said Coach Chris Van Timmeren of 5.7 goals per game. Kopinski has scored 68 goals, an average of 1.7 goals per game. In 12 games, the team has won six games, played well. “The season has been going pretty well so far,” said captain Dan Bolt. “We have won and played well.”

Playing well may be the understatement of the year. The Flying Dutchmen are off to a good start in the MIAA standings. 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 works hard at the center court Fall with eight goals, four of which have been game winners. Kopinski is a young team this year, with about half of the team being freshmen,” Sonneveldt added.

“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 work alongside offensive leaders Kopinski and Schrader.

Green and Fall are not the only freshmen Van Timmeren and captain 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. Johnston has 12 points in 12 games this season. Each goal and each 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 11 goals in 12 games. Though tough, goal defending 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 on defense,” said Van Timmeren.

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

Bolt sees Gruzin 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 goalie,” 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.”

So far, the team is doing well. The Dutchmen are in good shape to defend their conference title. “The Invite is the only prelims our team is going into second semester,” said Van Timmeren. All three senior captains have been great assets on and off the ice, according to Van Timmeren. Schrader and Sonneveldt both play left wing and are valuable point scorers for the defense.

“Dan Bolt has also been solid for us,” said Sonneveldt. “He is one of the best defensemen in the league. He is great at jumping up into the play and laying big hits. He is a very physical player.”

The next opponent for the Dutchmen is Calvin College. The first game is on Friday, Dec. 4, at Calvin’s Jolly Roger Rink at 7 p.m. The second game is on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at Hope’s home ice, The Edge Arena.

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 (’10) led Hope in scoring with 17 points. Erika Bruinisma (’11) chipped in 11 points. Phalana Greene (’10) finished just shy of a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds while Allie C e r o (’12) dished out six assists.

The Flying Dutchmen posted a 65-50 win over Rochester. Will Bowser (’11) led all scorers with 24 points. David Knockeneer (’12) set a DeVos Fieldhouse rec ord 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 standings in conference play. Hope currently stands at No. 1 in both men’s and women’s basketball standings.

This Week In Sports

Wednesday

Dec. 2

Women’s Basketball

Hope vs. Aquinas 7 p.m.

Friday

Dec. 4

Men’s Basketball

MIAA/CCIW Challenge at Hope vs. Wheaton 8 p.m.

Saturday

Dec. 5

Men’s Basketball

MIAA/CCIW Challenge at Hope vs. Carthage 3 p.m.

Hockey

Hope vs. Calvin 8:30 p.m.

Men’s swim and dive undefeated in conference duals

Bethany Strip

Sports Editor

“Hope’s 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.”

“I think our team has a very good chance of being a top MIAA team champi ons,” said tri-captain Matt Ray (’10). “We both want to beat each other and win the MIAA title.”

Even though dual meets are important to the team, they have no effect on who wins the overall dual meet. Each goal and each assist count as one point. LaDouce has four shutouts in goal and has a goals-against average of less than 1.8 this season.

“We have been working very hard this year and are really starting to come together.” — PHIL. HOEGER (’10) TRIP-CAPTAIN

Though the diving aspect of the swimming and diving team is often forgotten, all three captains of the men’s team agree that this year Hope’s lone male diver, Ray Gaskell (’13), is well on his way toward bringing more attention to Hope diving.

“Gaskell has shown a lot of promise on the diving boards,” Ray said. “He is closing in on the school record, and looks to earn NCAA standard scores. He is a very versatile diver, he is capable for invitation to nationals.”

If Gaskell indeed qualifies for invitation to nationals, he will be the first Hope College men’s diver to do so since current diving coach Jim Mitchell, who finished in 15th place in 1990 in one-meter diving and in fifth place in 1989 in three-meter diving at the NCAA meet.

“Freshman AJ Baar has done well this year.” — PHIL. HOEGER (’10)

With the help of 22 returning components to 51 on average.
History-making season comes to a close

Jake Bajema
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 Four this season only begin to tell the story of a journey that began four years ago.

“I really came to Hope for the volleyball program, and obviously I’m glad it worked out so well,” Borst said. “The run 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. “I 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. “It means 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 at hand.

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.

“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."