New marketing strategy is ‘fully alive’

Monica Hanna
Guest Writer

An extensive integrated marketing effort is underway at Hope, including updating of the college’s brand or image along with a revised design of Hope’s website and publications.

Hope’s website has sported the same look since 2006; students and staff felt it was time for a facelift. Hope’s integrated marketing team joined with EM2, an education marketing firm based in Atlanta to develop the new marketing effort which has a theme of “Fully Alive.”

Bill Vanderbilt, vice president of admissions, is the chair of the new marketing project with a committee of nine members. Hope’s committee and EM2 are in the process of promoting Hope’s “Fully Alive” image.

“The ‘Fully Alive’ concept for Hope College came out of review of the mission, surveys and brand workshops as a way to express the mission of Hope, the experience of Hope students and the aspiration for its alumni,” Vanderbilt said. “The college’s national reputation for academic excellence and its vibrant Christain community attracts students who want an education that is life-changing.”

“The concept came from the idea that Hope inspires students to be fully alive in mind, body and spirit through students, prospective students and faculty/staff. With more than 2,100 responses the team started to outline Hope’s strengths. Based on this information, the new admissions website is “fully alive,” soon to be followed by the website home page.

“This idea is to have the integrated marketing effort further strengthen the distinctives of Hope: A rigorous academic curriculum in a caring, Christian community,” Vanderbilt said.

The team’s first project was completed a month ago with redesigned to incorporate the concept of being fully alive. Phase II is to apply the new theme to Hope’s home page, hope.edu, with each of the front pages and installing news and events section. There has been no set date for Phase II but is projected to take from three to six weeks to complete.

Richele Ehardt (‘13), a tour guide at admissions said, “The previous image was much simpler. There was not anything creative and exciting that would make Hope stand out from other colleges. The new image and website give the impression that Hope is not old school but creative and exciting that would be part of the team working to tell the Hope story in a more consistent and compelling way,” Vanderbilt said.

To keep updated on all of Hope’s changes, follow the team’s blog: http://hopebrand.tumblr.com/
Students balance school and fun

Jillian Haverkate  Guest Writer

"College is a full-time job," English professor Mary Vande Hoef says. "Forty hours of a student’s week should be spent focusing on school. When most freshmen begin college, their reaction to the expected amount of studying is, ‘are you kidding me? That much?’" James said.

If that much time needs to be dedicated to studying, how much time should be left for fun? Students struggle with finding a healthy balance between studies and extracurricular activities.

James, director of writing and study skills tutoring at Hope’s Academic Support Center, helps students achieve this healthy balance. Time management is the key to having a fun and academic college experience. Mary Vande Hoef, Hope’s head coach and intramural director, agrees. "Learning how to prioritize what you need to get done and make good decisions with your time are skills that students need to learn in college," Vande Hoef said.

"Every student is unique," Vande Hoef said. Some can be involved in many activities without their grades being affected. Others need to be selective and make sure they do not take on too much.

"Students just need to know themselves and make sure academics stay the priority, but at the same time to build relationships, enjoy their college years and the breadth of activities they can take advantage of," Vande Hoef said.

The Academic Support Center offers many tools to help students organize their time. They use an individualized approach to help students allocate time spent on classes and activities.

The heavy workload in college can be overwhelming. It is vital to seek help if needed and not wait until it is too late. James works with students to improve their study skills. He also teaches them how to effectively spend their time with studies and extracurricular activities.

Tips to consider when managing a busy college schedule include setting goals and prioritizing by deciding which goals to accomplish and in what order. By organizing and using spare minutes to study will help studying become less stressful.

Also, everyone has a time of day they are most productive. By studying during this time and not procrastinating students get schoolwork done faster.

Studying comes first, but it is also a valuable tool to involve. Activities help students structure their time and those that involve exercise increase brain function," James said.

Studies show participation in extracurricular activities can have a positive impact on one’s education. In the study "Relationships between five after-school activities and academic achievement" finds that involvement in extracurricular activities can lead to higher student scores. "Forming a positive identification with school through extracurricular activities can positively influence school performance," the study said.

Geoff Ludema (‘13) agrees. "I believe that my best performance in school is during swim season," he said. When Ludema is in swim season, he gets his homework done during the day because he knows he has to get up for early morning practice.

By managing his time, Ludema balances swimming with his education. He is currently working toward majors in management and chemistry. With about 150 hours a week spent practicing swimming, he has no time to procrastinate.

Get in touch with the Academic Support Center if you need advice to become more balanced. Contact information and a complete list of resources can be found at http://hope.edu/admin/acadsupport/.

The appointments are free and help students plan their week while enhancing their academics.

Even though college may seem like a full-time job, make sure to leave time for fun!"
Israel and Palestinian militants agree to ceasefire

Megan Stevens
Guest Writer

The Houston Chronicle reported on Oct. 30 that earlier that morning, Egypt brokered a ceasefire pact between Palestinian militants and the military of Israel. This truce came on the heels of Israeli airstrikes that killed nine militants and one citizen of Israel. The strikes continued well into the night, but no overnight casualties were reported. Another airstrike, hours after jihadists accepted the truce, killed one Palestinian and injured another. The BBC reported that the two were attempting to fire a rocket. The Israeli military failed to comment on why it ignored the ceasefire, although Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that “there is no truce.” He promised his cabinet that “we will prevent any attempt to shoot at Israel, and will strike at anybody who nevertheless succeeds.”

According to the Houston Chronicle, Egypt had been attempting to negotiate a truce all weekend. Until recently, the level of violence had been fairly low. This was following an early October prisoner exchange in which Israel agreed to release more than 1,000 Palestinians from their jails in exchange for one captured Israeli, Sergeant Gilad Shalit.

To date, Shalit and 477 Palestinians, most of whom were serving life sentences for war crimes, have been released. At the time, the chief of UN Political Affairs told the Security Council that “the recent prisoner exchange... showed that it was possible with sufficient exercise of political will to overcome long-standing impasses in the Middle East.” The UN also called for talks between Israelis and Palestinians to reconvene within three months in order to put together a border and security agreement before the end of next year. Both parties, the UN said, needed to respond to the call of the talks to accomplish anything. Although the ceasefire hours after the talks to accomplish anything.

For Internet Explorer, though; since then it’s been one long downhill spiral. However, Microsoft’s browser had always hosted a majority of web traffic: until last month, when its number officially dipped below 50 percent for the first time in a decade. What made the difference, of course, was the advent of popular alternatives for the Internet giant since 2004. Mozilla Firefox was launched that year and has become Internet Explorer’s fiercest competitors. Safari, the default browser of Apple’s iPad and iPhone, accounts for 6.17 percent of mobile traffic. Internet Explorer’s absence from this relatively new market also helps to explain its fall. Though it still hosts 52.63 percent of desktop traffic, it now only has 49.59 percent of overall traffic.

I was a bit surprised by this news for several reasons: I had no idea that so many people still used Internet Explorer. I myself abandoned it several years ago for Firefox.

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Plea bargaining: Now that is the question

Anneliese Goetz
 Writes from China

On Nov. 7, the Supreme Court heard two cases involving criminals following bad legal advice that caused them to turn down favorable plea bargains. In 2003, Anthony Cooper shot a woman in Detroit. When his case came to court, his lawyer told him that because the four bullets he fired into the woman had all struck her below the waist, he could not be convicted of assault with intent to murder. This belief led Cooper to turn down a plea bargain that would lessen his sentence to four to seven years. After he rejected this plea bargain, he went to court and was sentenced to 15 to 30 years.

The other case that the Supreme Court will hear involves Galin E. Frye, who had broken the law by driving without a license. His lawyer did not inform him that the Missouri prosecutors had offered him a plea bargain that would allow him to spend only 90 days in prison for a misdemeanor. This offer expired without Frye’s knowledge and he went to court. They sentenced him to three years in prison.

The province of Henan in eastern China has been experiencing violent protests. The protests began last week after a policeman, believed to be driving drunk, hit two lamp posts, which killed five people. According to the BBC, local news stations and eye witnesses reported that a crowd prevented other police forces from removing the bodies from the scene. They then looted cars in the process, flipping hearses and a police van.

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Which Internet browser do you use?

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Putting an end to Greek [Life] mythology

Christoff Visscher
Rebekah Warr

At Hope College, approximately 11 percent of the student body participates in the 15 sororities and fraternities that make up Greek Life. Despite this small minority, Greek Life seems to represent itself as a much larger group through their involvement with campus activities, strong social scene and recognizable sweatshirts. Unfortunately, some students give the Greeks a bad rep.

As far as stereotypes go, they all seem to be consistent with the ideas of exclusivity and partying. "Many think that Greek Life is what is depicted in movies like "Animal House" and "American Pie,"" Greeks are depicted as degenerates that do nothing for the school and only like to party, said Emersonian fraternity president Shaun Groetsma '12. Alpha Gamma Phi sorority president Erika Coombs '12 said, "People think that the people involved in Greek [Life] are academic slackers, stuck-up, cliquey and drink excessive amounts of alcohol."

Various presidents identified similar statements as the main stereotypes for Greek Life members. Some of these stereotypes can be broken by looking at the beneficial actions that Greek Life hosts and participates in across campus.

Firstly, all organizations participate in the annual Dance Marathon event (partly organized by the Community Action House and the Interfraternity Council last year). I was the service chair last year and was in charge of the banquet. After getting the faculty behind us and working with the Community Action House of Holland, we were able to raise $1,500 for the Action House, "said Awad. "We need to realize that every group has a story and when it comes down to it, we're all Hope."

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-ELLEN AWFAD
STUDENT LIFE DIRECTOR

"Greeks have been a part of Hope's campus as early as 1862, and continue to enrich the community with social events and community service projects. President of the Pan-Hellenic Council, the governing body for sororities at Hope, Anna Leach '12 identified the Hope Greek Life statement as, "a group of brothers and sisters from multiple organizations yet united as leaders to promote personal growth, tradition, friendship and community. Greek Life is committed to continual improvement and the exploitation of who we are called to be."

It's a weighty statement which forces all Greek organizations to uphold a particular level of honor and responsibility, but in the end, it only adds merit to the fact that "Greek is good."

For more information on Greek Life, visit www.hope.edu/student_life/greek.
77TH ANNUAL NYKERK CUP COMPETITION
From ‘Firework’ to ‘Grenade,’ pop music tops the Billboard charts

Chris Russ
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Fourteen songs have made it to the top of the Billboard Hot 100 charts so far in 2011 from Katy Perry’s “Firework,” which occupied the top of the charts in both 2010 and 2011, to Rihanna’s “We Found Love,” which just recently became the number one hit in the United States.

The success of these 14 songs (see below), demonstrate dance music’s almost complete takeover of pop in this country. Formerly popular genres like rock and hip-hop are almost entirely absent from the top of the charts. The only entirely hip-hop song is “Black and Yellow” by Wiz Khalifa, a song driven by its incredibly simple sing-song chorus. “Give Me Everything” by Pitbull would not be considered rap by any self-respecting fan of the genre and Kanye West’s verse on “E.T.” was never written by a rock band.”

However, that song was released in between his opus, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” and his recent and outstanding collaboration record with Jay-Z, “Watch the Throne,” so I think the man deserves a critical pass.

The only thing in this list recorded by a “rock band” is Maroon 5’s “Moves Like Jagger,” which in no way sounds like something The Rolling Stones would ever produce.

Now and Lil Wayne’s “6 Foot 7 Foot,” dominated rap radio. “Watch the Throne” was an instant legendary record featuring Jay-Z rapping at a level not consistently heard from him since 2003’s “The Black Album.” On the underground front, Big K.R.I.T. and Kendrick Lamar released untouchable albums while Danny Brown and ASAP Rocky are bringing back gangster rap in a weird way.

On the top of the 2011 pop music pile, there is really only one outlier. Adele had two singles that reached the top of the Billboard charts, and one of them, “Rolling in the Deep,” was on basically every radio station at one time or another. Both that song and her other big hit, “Someone Like You,” were throwbacks to a classic soul sound. Her album “21” is not just a modern caricature of soul music, it is an authentic and extraordinary example of the genre.

But can these 14 songs really characterize America’s musical palate? In the age of Pandora, Last.fm and Indie Music, it is easier than ever to discover new and unique music. If you stay out of clubs and remain in control of your radio, it’s not even that difficult to avoid hearing these songs (I’m pretty sure my dad hasn’t heard a single one of them).

While these are obviously popular songs, they should not be viewed as culturally significant as the number-one hits of past decades. Which in my opinion is a good thing.

Billboard’s Number 1 Hits from 2011

- “Firework” – Katy Perry (2 weeks in 2010, 2 weeks in 2011)
- “Grenade” – Bruno Mars (4 weeks)
- “Hold It Against Me” – Britney Spears (1 week)
- “Black and Yellow” – Wiz Khalifa (1 week)
- “Born This Way” – Lady Gaga (6 weeks)
- “E.T.” – Katy Perry featuring Kanye West (5 weeks)
- “S&M” – Rihanna featuring Britney Spears (1 week)
- “Rolling in the Deep” – Adele (7 weeks)
- “Give Me Everything” – Pitbull featuring Ne-Yo, Afrojack & Nayer (1 week)
- “Party Rock Anthem” – LMFAO featuring Lauren Bennett & GoonRock (6 weeks)
- “Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)” – Katy Perry (2 weeks)
- “Moves Like Jagger” – Maroon 5 featuring Christina Aguilera (4 weeks)
- “Someone Like You” – Adele (6 weeks)
- “We Found Love” – Rihanna featuring Calvin Harris (1 week so far)
Jazz legend Kenny Barron's unmatched ability to mesmerize audiences with his elegant playing, sensitive melodies and infectious rhythms is what inspired The Los Angeles Times to name him "one of the top jazz pianists in the world" and Jazz Weekly to call him "the most lyrical piano player of our time."

After performing with all the major players, including five years with Dizzy Gillespie, Barron formed his own trio and has gathered nine Grammy nominations since 1992. He consistently wins the jazz critics' and readers' polls, including Downbeat, Jazz Times, and Jazziz magazines. In 2005 he was inducted into the American Jazz Hall of Fame.

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Philadelphia is the birthplace of many great musicians, including one of the undisputed masters of the jazz piano: Barron. He was born in 1943 and while a teenager, started playing professionally with Mel Melvin's orchestra. This local band also featured Barron's brother Bill, the late tenor saxophonist.

By 1959 Barron had worked with drummer Philly Joe Jones while still in high school. At age 19, Barron moved to New York City and freelanced with Roy Haynes, Lee Morgan and James Moody after the tenor saxophonist heard him play at the Five Spot. Upon Moody's recommendation Dizzy Gillespie hired Barron in 1962 without even hearing him play a note. It was in Dizzy's band where Barron developed an appreciation for Latin and Caribbean rhythms. After five years with Dizzy, Barron played with Freddie Hubbard, Stanley Turrentine, Milt Jackson and Buddy Rich.

The early '70s found Barron working with Yusuf Lateef who he credits as a key influence in his art for improvisation. Encouraged by Lateef, to pursue a college education, Barron balanced touring with studies and earned his B.A. in Music from Empire State College. By 1973 Barron joined the faculty at Rutgers University as professor of music. He held this tenure until 2000, mentoring many of today's young talents including David Sanchez, Terence Blanchard and Regina Bell. In 1974 Barron recorded his first album as a leader for the Muse label, entitled "Sunset To Dawn." This was to be the first in over 40 recordings (and still counting) as a leader.

Following stints with Ron Carter in the late '70s Barron formed a trio with Buster Williams and Ben Riley which also worked alongside of Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, Eddie Harris, Sonny Stitt and Harry "Sweets" Edison. Throughout the '80s Barron collaborated with the great tenor saxophonist Stan Getz, touring with his quartet and recording several legendary albums including: "Anniversary," "Serenity" and the Grammy nominated "People Time."

Also during the '80s, he co-founded the quartet "Spheres" along with Buster Williams, Ben Riley and Charlie Rouse. This band focused on the music of Thelonious Monk and original compositions inspired by him. Sphere recorded several outstanding projects for the Polygram label, among them: "Four For All" and "Bird Songs." After the death of Charlie Rouse, the band took a 15-year hiatus and reunited, replacing Rouse with alto saxophonist Gary Bartz. This reunion made its debut recording for Verve Records in 1998.

Barron's own recordings for Verve have earned him seven Grammy nominations beginning in 1993 with the Brazilian influence recording "Sambao" and most recently for "Freefall" (a duo recording with violinist Regina Carter) in 2001.

Other Grammy nominations went to "Night and the City" (a duet recording with Charlie Haden, Wanton Spirit) a trio recording with Roy Haines and Haden.) These three recordings each received double-Grammy nominations (for album and solo performance). He has been named Best Pianist by the Jazz Journalists Association every year for the past four years and was a finalist in the prestigious 2001 Jazz Par International Jazz Award.

Throughout his career, Barron has been the pianist of choice for some of jazz's greatest musicians. Now at age 61, whether he is playing solo, with his Trio, his Brazilian jazz ensemble, "Canta Brasil" (a quartet featuring some of Brazil's greatest musicians) or his latest quintet (which features Stefan Harris and Anne Drummund), Barron is recognized the world over as a master of performance and composition.

Born in the Czech Republic, Markéta might have won your heart back in 2006 with the movie “Once” (personal favorite) in which she acted along with the Irish song-writer, Glen Hansard. They are mostly known as the lovely duo in the band The Swell Season.

This is Markéta’s solo album debut, which will recapture your heart. "Anar" means pomegranate in Persian, which is the title on the cover art. It is the perfect image as her songs seem to emerge from the depth of her heart, and what we get is the pure red flesh of her being. "Anar" reveals the Markéta we know with her intimate feel that usually surrounds her songs. Her solo work includes her haunting vocals and her soothing piano.

The influences on this album create a variety of sounds ranging from tints of R&B, soul and jazz. Her voice and melodies are a great companion for those solitary walks through the cold night.

I highly recommend the songs: “Go Back,” “Last Fall,” “Let Me Fall in Love,” and “Your Company.”

Wilco has had a long and varied career. Forming in 1994 out of the ashes of alt-country band Uncle Tupelo, the band has largely been an outlet for frontman Jeff Tweedy’s creativity. Though early albums had a country/folk tinge in the vein of Tweedy’s earlier band, they took a much more experimental turn with 2004’s “Yankee Hotel Foxtrot,” an album that was almost universally praised.

Since then Wilco’s output has become increasingly stale and predictable, with Tweedy losing much of the creativity that early albums possessed. But the band’s newest album “The Whole Love” is a fantastic return to form. The first album released on their own record label, the album zig-zags between spacey freakouts, catchy guitar riffs and early-era folk twang.

Standout tracks include the first single “Born Alone,” an album opener “Art of Almost,” and ballad “Rising Red Lung.” It seems that with “Whole Love” Tweedy is determined to show us that he still has a couple surprises left in him, and he’s not quite through yet.
Drawing Conclusions
Kill ’em with kindness
Kate Scrampler Coordinates

I was sitting in class last week when it happened. It was a beautiful day outside: the sun was lighting the autumn trees on fire, and the sky was as blue as the eyes of the boy I’m in love with. My professor, for whom I do have a lot of respect, was finishing teaching and was going over the assignment for the next class period. At this point, my professor made a joke at which most of the class laughed. It was a casual, off-handed comment that, although it dealt with a fairly controversial topic, would not typically be called racist, sexist, or intolerant and the room echoed with the chuckles of the rest of the class.

I didn’t have a chance to see if there was anyone else who wasn’t laughing, or if anyone else was staring at their hands the way I was staring at mine. I didn’t say anything, but my thoughts were tumbbling around my head. I suppose my professor gave everyone shared position that from which the joke was made, or maybe didn’t care if there were people present who differed. But there wasn’t respect in the way my professor voiced that opinion, and I was hurt by the mockery this made of my convictions.

We’re supposed to be a community. It’s part of our identity as Christians… one of the keys, actually. We’re made in the image of a Triune God: a three-in-one God who is a community. But, by all means… but be kind, too.

You can stand someone’s standpoint in any large scale decision before passing judgment. Probably I haven’t hit the nail on the head with my little soapbox column yet, but I’m not saying that I’m innocent of these mistakes: I’m just expressing my voice. Everyone has a right to express their opinion, and there are certain things that simply are right or wrong, no matter what we’d like to think. But we can disagree without the hurt if we remember that our primary identity is not in how we were brought up, or what our major is, or even what our sexuality is. We’re people of God and a people of Hope. We can respect each other and still disagree.

But now… back to the story that started this whole thing. You’re probably wondering what exactly my professor said that came across as so hurtful to me. I’m going to let you keep wondering, because that’s really not the point, and I’d rather not start a huge argument about an irrelevant issue here. One of my favorite authors, Robin McKinley, pointed out that “...you will lose nothing in anyone’s eyes for kindness, and something, I think, you will gain.” And if you’re looking to convince someone to see things your way, you have a much better chance if you speak your views respectfully. Be convicted, by all means… but be kind, too.

Kate Scrampler wants to make sure everyone understands that what she is advocating here is simply Christian love, and she thanks you for yours. Hope you have a beautiful day!


Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Excellent to read Claire Call’s article on green / sustainability efforts now on campus. It has now been more than 5 years ago that I initiated WEST (Windmill on Every Steeple Team) in Holland to gain awareness of just what could be addressed in the city around sustainability and to work hard toward no coal burning expansion through our locally owned utility, HBPW.

At early sessions of WEST were several Hope College faculty / staff members. I believe WEST “pushed” Hope College to move much more aggressively around environmental / sustainability opportunities and needs.

I was a student at Oberlin College 1969-73. In my freshman year, OC was a founding campus of Earth Day. Environmental / sustainability issues have been on my agenda since my college education. I joined Herman Miller in 1981 since it was noted, even then 30 years ago, as a corporation leading the way into sustainability. I came to Holland in 1987 as VP, Corporate Real Estate and pulled together the team to design / build the HMI Green House now 15 years ago. And, the architect I engaged, Nykerk play, whom I think you for yours. Hope you have a beautiful day!

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a world where Dance Marath-"I didn’t love Hope as much as I do now,” Natalie Hiser (’15) on. simply fascinating to the, judges, the deliberated, and the freshmen came out on top, as odd year was able to pull out a victory.

It was like a family that is extremely supportive and constantly doted gifts on each other. What could be better? Brandon Vern (’15) at the night drew to a close, the playful, making a song, or speaking about their experiences, the participants and audience at this year’s Nykerk performance had their eyes opened.


Caitlin Klask
Co-editor-in-Chief

I don’t think it’s mandatory for me to write a column about Greek Life at some point this year, but it seems customary. I’ve been immersed in sorority activity lately too, and I think it might be time to explain myself and my out-of-character decision to join my organization.

There’s a certain point in college where your friends will look at you differently. They know enough about your hometown, your boyfriend, your favorite music or your food allergies, and the only thing keeping you together is whatever bond you’ve managed to make. I can’t stand looking into the eyes of someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for someone who doesn’t care what I’m saying. So I decided not to look at anyone for...
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Super Easy Apple Crisp
Total time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:
- 5 Granny Smith apples (peeled and chopped into small pieces)
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 lemon (juice)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Topping:
- 1/2 cup flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 6 tablespoons butter (chilled and cut into pieces)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all “filling” in ingredients together in a large bowl and pour into buttered 8 x 8 baking dish. For the topping mix the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and pecans in a separate bowl. Beat the butter (make sure its really cold) into the mixture into it forms pea-size balls and sprinkle over filling. Bake 35 minutes. * Especially heavenly when served with vanilla ice cream.

Apple Maple Glazed Chicken
Total time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (cut into strips)
- 2 apples (cut into wedges)
- 7 medium shallots (chopped)
- 1/2 cup chopped sage
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Pat the chicken dry and season with salt. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large pan and cook chicken until browned (about 5 minutes). Remove the chicken and transfer to a plate. Add the apples, shallots and sage to the pan and cook until golden (10 minutes). Meanwhile make the glaze by mixing the maple syrup, apple juice and sage. Add to pan and cover. Bake 25 minutes.

Gingerbread Apple Upside Down Cake
(For the extra adventurous)
Total time: 1 hour

Ingredients:
- 4 apples
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 stick butter + 4 tablespoons
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease a 10-inch round pan. For topping; Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a small skillet, add dark brown sugar and a pinch of salt and simmer for five minutes. Pour mixture into bottom of round pan. Make circles of overlapping apple wedges on top of caramel. For the batter: Blend butter and sugar in a bowl using a mixture until fluffy. Add in egg, molasses, honey and buttermilk. In a separate bowl whisk together flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet. Pour the batter into the pan over the apples and bake for 45 minutes.

Dr. Kim Hawtree

There is a myth floating around that modern science is reliably objective while religion is hopelessly subjective. But Christianity says religion is no less reliable than science. Indeed, the Bible presents itself as trustworthy objective truth. Christianity is and should be pro-science. Although science and religion are often depicted at war with each other, they not necessarily mutually incompatible, and in fact have much in common. Religious truth underpins natural science because repeatable science is only possible in an ordered cosmos. Like religion, science relies on the creator God who is there, the God who habitually maintains order in the universe.

Furthermore, Christians can affirm the positive role of science as one of the scholarly disciplines, a legitimate form of human inquiry that not only frequently confirms the order of the creator’s handwork, but also yields many practical benefits that assist people’s lives such as electricity and medicine.

By the same token, religion and science are asking different questions. For its part, the Bible does not claim to give an explanation on all matters of natural (or social) science. It is simply silent about the boiling point of water or quantum mechanics, or the laws of supply and demand, for instance.

Equally, we should not imagine science can be the final authority on matters of life and death, morality and virtue, origins and destiny, or righteousness and love.

Science gets into trouble when it attempts to trespass on the territory of the other – when it becomes an “ism.” When science becomes “scientism,” an authority that purports to replace even religion, it is not science that is the root of various kinds of evil, but the ideological step of placing our faith in science.

Overconfident from advances in scientific knowledge that have explained many natural phenomena, dogmatic scientism wants to posit that mankind can unravel all of nature’s mysteries. Value-laden scientism (as distinct from value-free science per se) adopts a humanist stance and attempts to omit God from the equation.

Militant scientism is overly reductionist: it distills the whole of reality to a materialist explanation and lacks Christianity’s grand view of the human being and of God’s activity.

Scientism has an explanation for many questions, except the really big one: how did something (the universe) come out of nothing?

At this point it is important to recognize the limits of science. Science by itself offers no consolation in a bleak world, no satisfaction to the longings of the heart, no meaning, no reward, no ideals, no punishment. The sciences are poor at explaining the human condition. They can offer no satisfactory explanation of the ‘selfish genes,’ or the existence of evil. The materialistic determinism of science cannot explain the human will.

Science can answer a host of useful questions, but it cannot answer the most important questions. For example, “What defines a good/moral/ethical life?” Or “Why are we here?” And “why must I die?” Or “what is the ordained shape of marriage?”

Misplaced faith in science has given modern man the illusion of control over the world and our destiny. Yet this is a fallacy, as we still face death and we cannot control our sinful nature. We make a mess of our world and our relationships.

Dispensing with God and placing our faith in science seems to free us up to be ourselves, but instead it substitutes a truly sinister tyrant: “me.”

Instead, I argue, mankind viewed through the clear lens of dependence/revelation we have mankind viewed through the distorted prism of autonomy/experience.

In this context, Christianity’s explanation of life’s big questions remains compelling. The Christian doctrine of sin hints at the presence of evil in the world. Relationship with our maker gives the clue to life’s meaning. And divine love shows us how we should live the moral life.

According to the historic: Christian faith, biblical data on evident realities such as good, evil, purpose or eternity is no less reliable than lab reports about fossils, sounds or waves.

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Men’s soccer qualifies for NCAA tournament

James Rogers
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Dutchmen, who concluded their regular season with a 4-1 win over Olivet, will travel to Providence, R.I., to play against the Bobcats of the Big East Conference.

After Hope College running back Shawn Jackson (‘14) broke free for a 1-0 lead, the Dutchmen scored goals in the second and third halves to take the lead.

The Dutchmen’s defense, which is ranked second in the MIAA, was dominant throughout the game, allowing only one goal on 11 shots.

The game was a consensus that we were the best team that we can be competing with ourselves to be the best team that we can be, I think you should take that as a compliment,” Kreps said.

Kreps said he didn’t overly feel pressured when the game went into overtime, never getting the feeling that the game was out of his team’s control.

“You know it’s weird, because some games when that happens, you say, oh geez we’re in trouble, but for some reason I just said, we’ll find a way; we’ll find a way,” Kreps said.

Before the game, the 20 seniors on the Flying Dutch roster were honored for Senior Day. The game was the last chance these seniors had to play in front of a home crowd at Hope.

### SPORTS

HANGING ON—Reggie Duncan (’14) runs the ball around Adrian in Saturday’s game.

“Getting into overtime, coach Kreps focused his team on the task at hand.”

The men’s soccer team prepares to take on the Dominican University in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

“If it’s something that we knew they’d bite on, they play really heavy it just had great success,” Barnes said.

Atwell emphasized that the play relied on having great running backs who could sell the fake in a believable way.

Kreps said after the game that he admired the effort of his players.

“These guys are playing at or above their heads. Take it as a compliment. I think if you play over their heads, that’s all you can ask of them. They’re playing better than maybe, they should be, I think you should take that as a compliment,” Kreps said.

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### IN BRIEF

**Volleyball is NCAA Bound**

Despite losing in three straight sets to Calvin in Saturday’s MIAA championship match, Hope’s volleyball team has clinched a spot in the NCAA tournament that begins on Thursday.

An at-large bid to compete in the tournament lands Hope at Calvin’s regional on Thursday. They will face Otterbein (25-5) at 5:30 p.m.

For the fourth consecutive year the Dutch will be competing in the NCAA tournament. They carry a 24-6 record into their regional match against Otterbein.

**MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**Football**

Evan Finch (‘14) Placekicker

Men’s Soccer

Justin Reaun (‘15) Midfielder

Paul Austin (‘12) Defender

**Women’s Swimming Wins MIAA Dual**

Hope prevailed 173-98 against host Saint Mary’s. Coach John Pattrott’s team improved to 3-1 in dual meets on the season.

Nine women won events. Sarah Sohn (‘12) captured the 200 butterfly and 500 freestyle, while Erica Dunham (‘15) won the one- and three-meter diving.

### This Week In Sports

**Saturday**

Nov. 12

Men’s Swimming

vs. Calvin at 5 p.m.

Women’s Swimming

vs. Calvin at 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Nov. 15

Women’s Basketball

vs. Rochester at 6 p.m.

Men’s Basketball

vs. Rochester at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Nov. 22

Women’s Basketball

vs. Defiance at 7 p.m.