Relay for Life raises $50,663 to fight cancer

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Hope College sponsored its ninth annual Relay for Life fundraiser from 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 until 7 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

"Overall, Relay was a huge success," said Activities and Entertainment Committee member Elizabeth Clark ('13). The event raised $50,663 for the American Cancer Society. This contributes to the total $297,882 that Hope has donated since it began in 2003.

Relay for Life was started by the American Cancer Society to raise money to fight the disease. It provides volunteers with the opportunity to honor those who have battled cancer and remember loved ones who lost their lives to the illness.

Each participant is encouraged to raise $100 for the event. These donations help people stay well, recover, find cures and fight cancer.

This year's Relay for Life was extremely successful, with 608 participants amongst 36 teams.

"I decided to get involved because I have been impacted by cancer so much. A large number of my family members have been affected, and I have also had cancer," said Ceremonies Committee member Sara Gallimore ('13) "This was my first Relay that I have done after my diagnosis, so it was a very important event for me."

Prior to the event, all volunteers were encouraged to participate in the $48 in 48 Challenge. For this challenge, relayers attempt to raise at least $48 within the time frame.

Everyone who succeeded had the chance to win a Relay Survival Kit including iPod speakers, a coffee mug, a water bottle and various snacks.

Relay for Life participants also had the opportunity to complete the Fight Back Challenge. This challenge included three simple steps: take an American Cancer Society quiz, make a pledge to fight back against cancer and become a member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

The volunteers who completed this challenge were awarded a special T-shirt and participated in a special Fight Back lap during Relay.

The event itself included a variety of ceremonies and fun activities. "During Relay for Life, we have different ceremonies honoring and remembering those with cancer or who have survived cancer," said Clark.

Guests were invited to speak during these ceremonies and share their experiences with the disease.

"My favorite part was listening to the speakers," said Gallimore.

Gap Year Fair offers options

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Anyone who had been wondering what to do with a year off before graduate school was most likely at the gap year fair in Maas auditorium last Thursday. The fair was hosted by Hope College, but welcomed students from any school.

The gap year fair was host to representatives from many different volunteer organizations including Christian Reformed World Missions, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Mission Viraq, Peace Corps, Nicaragua Christian Academy, Reformed Church in America, Teach For America, The Dale House Project, Youth for Christ USA/World Outreach, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The majority of these organizations provide one- to two-year volunteer opportunities for students to participate in before attending graduate school. Many have religious affiliations, but some, such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America, do not.

Whether you are interested in education, Christian service, community development here or abroad, economic development, disaster relief, working with children or many other possible fields there are a variety of programs to choose from and within those programs an abundance of locations to choose to provide these services.

"I never knew that there were so many mission trips possible to participate in. It made me really want to make a difference in the world," said Carmina O'Sullivan Scimemi ('14).

Programs such as ViraqCorps and Peace Corps provide opportunities to work in any area of interest. Those who would like to travel to countries abroad would do better off in the Peace Corps, while those who would like to stay in the United States would do well in...
None in Four event comes to campus

Scott Martin
Guest Writer

One in four college women report surviving a sexual assault since her 14th birthday. In addition, 3 percent of college men report surviving a sexual assault as a child or adult.

Sexual assault is an offense that affects everyone, and no one deserves to be sexually assaulted.

With the aim of impacting change on campus, the STEP program (Students Teaching and Empowering Peers) is hosting an event called None in Four on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Maas Auditorium.

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Burma taking steps toward democracy

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President Barack Obama will be sending Hillary Clinton to Burma in December in order to encourage “flucters of progress” there. The particu-
larly important reason he has sparked this decision was the reappearance of pro-democracy politician Aung San Suu Kyi. Aung San Suu Kyi has been absent from the politi-
cal scene in Burma, following the 1990 elections. Her party, the National League for De-
coracy, boycotted the 2010 election. These were the first polls to be held in 20 years. The 1990 elections had banned Aung San Suu Kyi from running. Her party won but she was never able to take her seat. However, instead she was a political pris-
ero under house arrest until the new government allowed for her release last year. The 2010 boycott was in response to this. The National League for De-
coracy have decided to return to the running this year partially due to a state newspaper article.

According to the BBC, in the article, the party’s deputy chairman, Shwe Mann “recognized” that the National League for Democ-
arcy should have won the 1990 election. The ban against Aung San Suu Kyi has been dropped.
The National League for De-
coracy has already begun to “register according to party registration law, and we will take part in the coming by-elections.”

According to the site, the bill would allow companies to take legal ac-

pensation for intellectual property 
violations that are not already illegal. A defense of the Senate ver-
sion appearing on the blog of Christopher Coons, a Dela-

ware senator, calls the claims of 
americancensorship.org and its 
like “a slew of misinformation.”

According to Coons’ communi-
cation team, the new bill would not 
criminalize any activi-
ties that are not already illegal.

“This bill would provide that 
those who engage in piracy will-
fully and for profit will be held 
to the same standards — in-
cluding potential felony charges — regardless of whether they engage in that piracy by selling

bootsleg on the street corner or 
providing access to the stream-
ing of copyrighted material over the Internet,” they write.

Coons himself stated that the bill will only target websites that exist primar-
ily to infringe copyright laws. Does this mean that oppo-
nents are overreacting? I’m still 
conflicted, to be honest. I have an uneasy conscience about In-
ternet piracy, so even though I don’t like the sound of these bills, I 
can reasonably object? “No, government,” I’d say, “Shame on you for prosecuting me when I do illegal and immoral things. Stalking is too legiti — it says so in the Constitution, right?” I’m sure someone else, I do not actually know. It would that make any sense at all? Is there 
even a way to defend intellectual property rights that couldn’t be 
abused as a tool for censorship? Then again, it might be worth 
it to oppose these bills simply 
because there’s the potential that they will be added to the 
freedom of our right to free ex-
pression. If you’ve already made 
up your mind and donned your 
Guy Fawkes mask, americancensor-
cship.org can hook you 
up with ways to fight the bill. If you’re on the fence like me, I guess I can only advise you to 
think about it more. There are 
many perspectives on this issue.

If you actually like the sound of the Protect IP and Stop On-
line Piracy Acts, I’m not sure 
what to say to you. I suppose you 
could write an encourag-
ing letter to your congress-
sman, or you could calmly make 
your way to the nearest airport 
and board a plane for China.
It has been suggested that this neo-Nazi group is responsible for murders of immigrant workers, bank robberies, and a 2004 bombing of an immigrant neighborhood in Cologne. After police detained one of the suspects, they began to speculate that this group, which calls itself the National Socialist Underground, was responsible for over 14 bank robberies in the past 10 years. It is also the primary suspect in the Cologne bombing which injured 24 people. Furthermore, the guns that were retrieved from the two dead inmates are believed to have belonged to the two officers who were shot in Heilbronn in 2007.

Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, said she believed the members of this group have done simply “shameful.” After some were trapped seeking to diminish the nation’s association with the Nazi atrocities that took place during World War II, the chancellor could not believe that the attempts of neo-Nazi groups to stir chaos are actually taking place in Germany.

On a similar note, Dr. Hans Peter Friedrich, the German interior minister, stated that the “new form of right-wing extremist terrorism” videos of Nazi propaganda were discovered and linked to this group, and residents who live near the area of Frühlingstrasse, where many of the members stayed, mentioned that they used to get together and voice their angry opinions.

However, no one thought they could be capable of action on such a large scale.

The news of the crimes of this supposed neo-Nazi group in Germany was one of the only stories that took the eurozone crisis off of the front pages of German newspapers. The government is still trying to dig deeper in order to expose this suspicious group. The activities of the National Socialist Underground have shocked Germany.

In August, a Russian Soyuz spacecraft docked at the International Space Station. The three astronauts aboard were Anton Shkaplerov, 39, Anatoly Ivanishin, 42, of Russia, and Dan Burbank, 50, of the United States. The two Russian astronauts were making their first voyage into space while Burbank, a NASA astronaut, was riding the Soyuz spacecraft for the first time.

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The execution of Troy Anthony Davis by lethal injection in September for a crime that he long claimed he did not commit has put additional scrutiny on the effectiveness of the death penalty.

It is a sad reality that people may be put to death in America, even if their guilt is questioned. Seven of the nine witnesses against Davis have since recanted their statements. Despite the August crash, the three men stated that they were confident that the flight would go forward successfully.

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Davis was convicted of murder in 1991—1991—1991 in a way that has put additional scrutiny on the effectiveness of the death penalty. The Innocence Project has helped more than 130 inmates get off death row. After two days in space, the three astronauts docked at the International Space Station, where they are scheduled to stay until March of 2012. They will replace the current two-man crew, which will return to Earth shortly after their replacement’s arrival. If there had been problems with the launch that brought Shkaplerov, Ivanishin, and Burbank to the ISS, there was a very real risk that the space station would be left unmanned for the first time in over a decade.

The August crash was not the only setback that the Russian space program has experienced in recent months. Two weeks ago, a probe which was intended to examine Phobos, one of the moons of Mars, became stuck in the Earth’s orbit. When NASA shut down its 30-year shuttle program in July, it ushered in a period of several years in which Russia’s shuttle program will transport all ISS crews.

**TROY ANTHONY DAVIS IN 1991—**

The controversy surrounding Davis’ appeal and execution has led to increased debate regarding the death penalty.
Back at her Dykstra cluster, however, Williams was known for her sense of humor and outgoing nature. For April Fool’s Day, where I just kind ‘got it,’ Williams said. “My whole thought process changed. I was literally thinking (performing) as opposed to analyzing myself now.”

Daina Rohins, one of Williams’ directors at Hope, said the background has helped her physically for both ballet and driving. “She is aware of her body, she makes good choices, and you can make good choices…big, bold choices.”

Sartling-Holcomb said Williams’ movements remind her of, “a ninja on muscle relaxants.”

Theater-goers and Vanderprov fans might recognize her as a sweet and crazy old woman whose husbands were afraid to sleep with her in “Under the Milkwood,” a matter-of-fact lesbian from “Second Class,” a hard-working nun trying to climb mountains and even toilet seats, flushers, sink handles, Basically anything likely to be grabbed or touched, Kool-Aid tinted the toilets and showers, spraying purple powder everywhere.

“We played a character that taught me to think outside of the box and get in touch with my inner child…I don’t think any of us went to bed before 2:30 a.m., not because of homework but because of the shenanigans we were having,” Williams said.

Vanderprov President Jesse Swatling-Williams shared that one of Williams’ clucther mates went out-all, putting Vaseline on door hinges, toilet seats, flushers, sink handles, basically anything likely to be grabbed or touched. Kool-Aid tinted the toilets and showers, spraying purple powder everywhere.

“Thankfully, she is good enough that I don’t think any of us went to bed before 2:30 a.m., not because of homework but because of the shenanigans we were having,” Williams said.

As the year progressed, Williams was the only freshman on the team. Nervous because of the challenge, the other members, Williams said she felt “bottled up” for actual performances. Teammate and future Vanderprov President Cassie Niespodziewanski reassured her. “One of your strengths is that you are consistent. You don’t pull focus, you listen, and you continue a scene…funny…hopefully.”
Sellers' quirkiness, enthusiasm endear her to students, readers

Lindsey Wolf
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In the middle of class, Hope English professor Heather Sellers is lying on the floor of Lubbers 203. Sellers has just complimented Alison Lechner ('12) on one of her poems and to her great surprise discovered this is Lechner's first English class at Hope.

"Knock me down and call me speechless, sister," Heather said before proceeding to lie down on the classroom floor to make her point.

Sellers' quirkiness and enthusiasm are just two of the reasons why students enjoy her classes.

Jacqueline Canonaco ('12) says she always leaves class happy. "She is so full of compliments and encouragement when you do something well. She makes you want to keep doing better," Canonaco said. "She has a beautiful appreciation for words, people and experience. Anyone could benefit from her classes, not just writers.

Sellers is also a renowned author best known for her recent memoir "You Don't Look Like Anyone I Know". Sellers is open and honest in her book, detailing memories of her childhood, her family and her discovery of her rare neurological disorder, prosopagnosia.

"In using my own life, I'm always trying to connect with the reader and her or his own experience," Sellers said.

The memoir's title hints at Sellers' disorder more commonly known as face blindness. She doesn't recognize her family, her friends or her students. She doesn't even recognize herself in the mirror. But Sellers doesn't let face blindness negatively affect her life. On the contrary, Sellers says her disorder is a gift.

"Face blindness is how I can now connect with other people in a deep and meaningful way. I have to open up with it, and it makes my interactions more authentic, personal and open right out of the gate. I love that," Sellers said. "And, everyone has stepped in. The disorder has renewed my faith in human kind. Everyone wants to help."

Since the 2010 release of her memoir, Sellers has received a lot of media attention. Sellers has traveled to Chicago, New York and all around Michigan for book readings.

I guest blogged, did television appearances, lots of radio and Skype," Sellers said. "I think the most rewarding part of the publication process for me is the teaching aspect — when I do a talk for a community group and people ask questions about the writing process. I feel I'm able to connect people with the power of telling our stories. That's incredibly meaningful."

During the school year, Sellers manages to balance teaching and writing. Sellers is currently working on a collection of poems about Tarzan and growing up in Florida, essays about art and a young adult novel. "I find teaching and writing to be a perfect balance. You can't write all day – you just can't concentrate for that long," Sellers said. "Hope College is an incredibly supportive, positive place to work. During the summer I am lost and crabby without my students. I yearn for the school year to start!"

In a similar manner, Sellers' classes look forward to each class with her. She challenges students to find their own voice in their writing. "Embrace your oddness."

When Lauren Bull ('12), creative writing and women's studies major, first ventured into Sellers' office three years ago, she "instantly clicked" with her professor as they bonded over "being misplaced Southerners in the Midwest." Bull is from Texas. Sellers was born and raised in Florida.

"She has encouraged me to use my Southern background as fuel for my writing. It is unique. It is part of who I am," Bull said. "My classes with Heather are easily my favorite. She has a way of connecting with every kind of student and really listens to what we have to say. She also assigns a lot of work, and I like that. Heather has helped me realize my full potential."

"Without her, I don't know how I would have found and legitimized my passion for creative writing this early," Bull said.

Bull is also a teaching assistant for Sellers. She describes the experience as "a dream."

"It's inspiring to learn how to teach from someone who loves teaching so much," Bull said.

In 2010, Sellers was honored with the university's Arts Educator of the Year award. In May she received the Outstanding Professor Educator Award, presented by the college of 2011.

"That teaching award at Hope, where there are so many stunning teachers? That was so unexpected. I still do not really believe it," Sellers said. "That day was one of the high points of my life."
Independent music sensation anchored in Hope

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Detroit native Sufjan Stevens ('98) has been profiled in numerous international publications and his album “Illinois” has sold over 300,000 copies to date. He is arguably the most famous member of Hope College’s alumni. He has not, however, played a concert at Hope since his graduation, instead having played multiple times on the rival-campus of Calvin College.

His latest album “The Age of Adz” was streamed on NPR’s website leading up to its release, and Paste, The New York Times, and MTV all placed the record in their “Top Ten of 2010” lists.

He is one of the most influential indie musicians in the world, and his work has done a lot to popularize and spread the indie-folk sound now heard on the radio in the form of Mumford and Sons, as well as The Decemberists.

A prolific artist, Stevens has released nine studio albums since 2000, and nine more Christmas-themed albums during the same period of time. As a student at Hope College, this prolific work ethic resulted in a number of poems, articles, columns and magazines published in his name.

GREETINGS FROM HOPE COLLEGE— Critically acclaimed independent musician, Sufjan Stevens, graduated from Hope College in 1998 with a degree in English.

Says Stevens, 36, began at Hope as a freshman in the fall of 1993. He served for a time as the arts and entertainment editor for Hope’s student newspaper The Anchor and submitted work for publication to Hope’s literary publication, Opus. During his junior year, Stevens stopped owing the stigma of Opus as elitist because I was on Opus. I pitted Moxie against Opus and exploited that more than I should have,” Stevens said. In 1996-1997, what would have been his senior year, Stevens left Hope and performed in New York with the band Marzuki. He returned for the 1997-98 school year, and started “Moxie” up again.

This time, he collaborated with his English Department advisor Dr. Stephen Hemenway (who is still a professor at Hope) and Moxie became an independent study project. Stevens graduated magna cum laude from Hope that year.

A letter from the editor in an edition of Moxie published that year reads, “Welcome to the latest flop in print-media technology. Moxie is your very own monthly arts publication exhibiting freely submitted uncensored arts and writing contributions from the Hope College community.” Later in that same column Sufjan states that, “I am indebted to Dr. Hemenway for his tolerance and advice.”
Respect turkey day

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Copy Editor

At the last minute, I bought a bag of popcorn kernels last Sunday. I’m a huge fan of popcorn and I thought it would be more convenient (and cheaper) to have a bag of kernels I could use instead of going to the movies. I’m almost halfway through the bag, and it’s time to remember the Christmas story. The feast has informed me that the feast has more bountiful and the people more compassionate. The Christmas story is the reason for the season. If we try to bring this spirit of giving and kindness into our daily lives, we will be able to create a more authentic to America. Remember in kindergarten when our identities have been placed in Christ, there is freedom to be who he created us to be. If this means taking Dr. Kelso’s uncharacteristically positive advice to live life, and live it to the fullest!}

Instituting an artificially long Christmas season detracts from its singularity and significance. By the time Dec. 25 rolls around, people have become numb to the beauty of this holiday season. Christmas makes the snow more beautiful, the cookies more bountiful and the people more compassionate. This premature Christmas commercialism endangers our children and denies them the opportunity to find their spiritual nature.

Living a balanced life is not easy. Avoiding cookies is not a new concept, and I have an addiction to snacks. Some of my favorites include: fruit snacks, trail mix, Goldfish, chips and salsa. I really should eat about anything you’d find in aisles 6-8 of Meijer.

I bought a bag of popcorn kernels last Sunday. I’m a big fan of popcorn and I thought it would be more convenient (and cheaper) to have a bag of kernels I could make myself if I wanted to snack, but what if you’re the type of person who doesn’t believe in true love, I just want to let people know that these relationships aren’t inherent curses. If you really love someone, and one or both of you need to move, I would recommend taking Dr. Kelso’s uncharacteristically positive advice.

And dating someone who lives hours away should theoretically be easier than ever today. With Skype, texting, voicemail, cars, cell phones, and Facebook chat, staying connected should be a breeze. Unfortunately modern technology has pretty much erased the romantic adventurer who writes letters home to the girl of his dreams by candlelight, but if he could do it, we can do it.

Next summer I’ll be marrying my high-school sweetheart. After almost four years of going to college on opposite sides of the state, I’ve not regretted committing to a long-distance relationship for one second.
I came across the Thanksgiving psalm the other day; little did I know that it is one of the most quoted Psalms of all.

Psalms 100:1 declares "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." It goes on to describe serving him "and (coming) into his presence with singing" (v.2).

But while I haven’t always associated Thanksgiving nor do I think the Aramaic word for thanksgiving referred to the Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims, it only seems fitting to write about the Thanksgiving Psalm right around Thanksgiving.

Like many students at Hope, I love singing in chapel and in church. No matter how well we sing, tone deaf, or pitch off, we are still able to glorify God through it. The lyrics sung in chapel, in our dorm halls at Tuesday night worship and/or many other events are pretty incredible to say the least.

Take “ Hosanna” by Hillsong for example: “We see his love and mercy” Or take “ Hosanna in the highest.” What a mighty declaration (an Aramaic expression declaring, “Save me” or “I pray”)

But when we go further and look at some of these lyrics, these songs of praise suddenly become very challenging. How many times a day do we really get a “near revival, staring as we pray and seek, we’re only prayers, these songs of praise suddenly become very challenging as we sing. No matter how well we sing, tone deaf, off key, and you might just agree! Yeah it’s corny, but take a moment to think about it.

I am proud (and thankful!) to be a part of this country. This holiday and the spirit that it represents make me think of salvation — or even deny the need for it at all. But our society has taken the amazing step of abolishing sin. The point of the gospel, we are told, is “for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

Even his name—“Jesus”—encapsulates his saving mission. Fittingly, the announcing angel at the start of Matthew’s gospel declares that Mary would give birth to a son and “you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

Even his hands: “the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost” (Luke 19:10). John the Baptist understood it was his way of saying that what God was doing was “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). And Paul agrees: “there is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15).

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Project Discussion: What’s your discussion?

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Starr Winter

A new online addiction has hit Hope. It is different than last year’s “Like A Little” obsession. It will get you to stop looking at Facebook and Twitter and instead check your Project Discussion questions.

Project Discussion, developed by Hope sophomores Hayden Davis and Taylor Brushwyler, is a mix of the best parts of Twitter and Facebook. It takes the quick posts of Twitter and mixes it with the interaction of Facebook. It changes things up by having everything in question format.

Users can ask a question and provide other users answers to chose from. For example, a user would ask, “Do people respect Hope College degrees?” and then gave two answers, “yes,” and “no.” Users can click on whatever answer they feel is right. The user can go back and see how everyone voted.

User Taylor Rabbai (’15) said, “I use Project Discussion a lot. I used it for class to ask questions for the group. It provides a good discussion.”

What sets Project Discussion apart from other social media sites is its interaction with Hope College. Hope is a network on the site, but the site was also created by two Hope students.

In addition to being web developers, Davis and Brushwyler are clearly best friends. They are the best kind of best friends; they finish each other's sentences and work together closely on launching the site.

“Taylor is very smart. Hayden has the creative side,” said user Barry DeGraaf, “or better known on Project Discussion as Bigheart.”

The idea just came to me,” Davis, an economics and management double major, said, “I was driving back to Hope from my house and I was on Twitter with my phone and thought ‘I show we can make something like this.’ Back on campus he shared his idea with Brushwyler.

He came in and said ‘Dude I got the best idea,’” Brushwyler said. From there Brushwyler, who is a computer science major, started working on the site with Davis. Davis focuses on the business aspect while Brushwyler does the site programming.

“I had to learn a lot of stuff on my own. We don’t have a class that just teaches this,”

Brushwyler said. They went into full swing to get the site up and running. They launched the site and continue to make it better.

“We drew a lot of this stuff up on a white board. We looked at what stuff we liked and then just kept adding on stuff,” Davis said.

Since launching their beta about two weeks into the school year they have done a lot of improving. They have added “calling out” and even “ranking” for their network.

“I actually came up with the idea of ranking people among their network. Now it is used as like a competition among friends,” Rabbai said.

The site is now out of beta and is growing every day. Davis and Brushwyler think that is probably the coolest thing.

“Seeing other people use something you created is the greatest feeling,” Davis said.

Join the discussion at project-discussion.com.

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Dan Harmon and “Community” are fighting against comedy clichés to create an entirely new show, a show that pays homage to “Cheers,” “Couch Town” and “Arrested Development” while still retaining its own essence.

It’s the rare comedy that allows its characters to evolve past their first season archetypes, a show that isn’t afraid to get serious, or mean, or uncomfortable, just like real life.

So, NBC, as a fan and as a lover of quality television, I urge you to rethink your decision.

“Community” is the rare comedy that showcases an emotional, dynamic group of friends trying to figure out their place in the world. Its importance in the comedy world is unparalleled.

Save a struggling show for quality’s sake, not for money and greed. The Human Beings of Greendale will thank you for it.

“Community.” A classic TV show for years to come.

**CREATING THE NEXT BIG THING — Sophomores Taylor Brushwyler (left) and Hayden Davis (right) mixed Twitter and Facebook to create Project Discussion. The site has risen to 294 with 1239 questions.**

RELAY fights cancer with fun

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“It was very inspirational to hear their stories and know that pretty much everyone, in some way, has been affected by cancer.”

The volunteers were provided with food throughout the event.

There were also a variety of activities including root beer pong, 4-square, bean bag toss, and hilli-ball golf.

“Overall, Relay was a huge success,” said Clark. The event raised $50,663 for the American Cancer Society. This contributes to the total $297,882 that Hope has donated since it began in 2003.

Even more important than the money earned was the number of lives touched by the event.

“I hearted it so much more about the disease and about certain people. It was a great way to get more involved and a great way to give back and show gratitude towards everyone who has ever been affected;” Gallemore said, “Almost everyone you talk to has been touched in some sort of way somehow,” said Clark. “Relay is a great time to share these stories and to support one another.”

Gap year opportunities

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AmeriCorps.

There are also many programs which are focused around Christian missionary work either here or abroad. For those with this interest, there are volunteer organizations for just about every Christian denomination.

Among the options are organizations like Mission Year, Youth for Christ, The Dale House Project, Christian Reformed World Missions, Nicaragua Christian Academy, Wycliffe Bible Translators, the Jesuit or the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and the Mennonite Mission Network.

Students who attended the fair had very positive reactions about their future prospects, some who had never before considered a mission trip during their gap year changed their minds because of the fair. “It really opened my mind to different opportunities,” said O’ Sullivan Scimemi.

If you did not have a chance to attend the gap year fair but are interested in some sort of volunteer corps, all of these organizations have websites where you can get information and apply to become a volunteer.
Hope teams compete on national stage

Bethany Stripp
Staff Writer

Thirty-six Hope College student athletes had the opportunity to compete at some of the highest levels of college sports last weekend as the men’s soccer team competed in NCAA sectional play and the women’s cross-country and men’s runner Nate Love (’12) headed to Wisconsin to compete in the NCAA National Championship meet.

Eight of Hope’s cross-country runners competed in Ohio, Kish, Saturday, at the Division III Championship meet. Love qualified after finishing in 13th at the regional meet on Nov. 12. The women’s squad brought seven runners under the team qualified with a third place finish at regionals.

Shen McCormack (’14) led the Flying Dutch at nationals with a 79th place finish, completing the 6K race in 22:24.63. Kelly Luikin (’12), Meredith Busman (’14), Camille Bort (’14), Kate Nelson (’12), Salome Emmanuel (’12), and Taylor Mattarella (’13) also finished for Hope. The Dutch finished 21st overall out of a field of 32 teams.

Love ended his Hope College cross country career with an 81st place finish out of 279 runners. Love ran a 25:09 8K, 15 seconds faster than his time at regionals.

After a thrilling second round win over Dominican College on Nov. 12, the men’s soccer team advanced to the sectional round of NCAA play for the third time in school history. The Nov. 18 third round game pitted Hope against Luther, who received an at-large bid into the tournament after falling in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference finals.

Luther took the lead in the 35th minute of Friday’s game off a corner kick, but Shaun Gretensta (’12) evened the score in the 76th minute of a penalty kick. The Dutchmen and the Norse from Luther remained tied through two overtimes. Hope scored in the 76th minute of the shootout after two overtime periods.

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Sailing ends season with Emma Biagioni Memorial Regatta

Alex Porter
Guest Writer

The Hope College Sailing Club ended its fall season by hosting college sailing teams around from the Midwest for a final regatta named in honor of a past member.

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The core of the sailing club is made up of about 10 members (both men and women) who consistently practice and participate in the races. However, on any given day, normally dependent on how nice the weather is, up to 30 people attend practice.

“Right now in the club we have people over all the spectrum, from leisurely members to people who want to race and are a bit more serious,” Matthew Heyboer (’14) said.

Senior Jeff Harrison (’12), was one of many casual members who only made it out to a few practices, but he thoroughly enjoyed his time spent with the club.

The sailing club was made up of some cool kids; we didn’t have a super windy fall but going out and sailing on Lake Macatawa was still a lot of fun. We’re blessed to have that resource so close to us at Hope,” Harrison said.

In season, the club generally practices for three hours on Lake Macatawa from Monday to Thursday, Fridays off and then having regattas on Saturdays. Members can choose when they want to go to practice, as it is not mandatory to go every day.

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”It was great to have Coach DeYoung this year; he was an experienced presence out there on the water,” Brandonisio said.

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In Brief

MEN’S BASKETBALL REMAINS UNBEATEN

The men’s basketball team continued to build on its season-opening success on Saturday, triumphing over Spring Arbor 78-56 in a nonconference matchup. The Dutchmen started strong with a basket by Nate Snuggerud (’13) 31 seconds into the game and maintained its lead throughout the game. Snuggerud led Hope for the second game in a row, adding 18 points to the team’s total. Peter Finn (’12) and Billy Rybar (’13) also scored in the double digits, putting up 13 and 11 points, respectively. Snuggerud pulled down nine boards during the game to lead the Dutchmen in rebounds. Buff had eight rebounds and Josh Holwerda (’13) added seven to contribute to Hope’s overall 40 rebounds compared to Spring Arbor’s 33. The Dutchmen will be back in action at Cornerstone University in the Hall of Fame Classic the weekend after Thanksgiving.

HOPE LEADS IN COMMISSIONER’S CUP

Hope College currently holds the lead in the annual competition for the MIAA commissioner’s cup. Hope leads the MIAA in 13 of the 15 sports last weekend as the men’s basketball team remained unbeaten. Hope has earned 103 points. Calvin is in second with 81 points. MIAA schools earn points based on where teams finish in the conference. Hope finished in first or second in seven of the eight fall sports.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SPLITS TOURNAMENT

The women’s basketball team suffered its first loss of the season on Nov. 18, falling 53-62 to Capital, Ohio, in the Mount St. Joseph tipoff tournament. Mad- die Burnett (’12) put up an im- pressive offensive effort in the loss, scoring 22 points for the Flying Dutch. Liz Ellis (’13) followed in scoring with 12. Burr- nett and Meredith Kussmaul (’13) both had five rebounds in the game.

The Dutch returned to its winning ways in the tourna- ment’s consolation game against host Mount St. Joseph, triumphing 81-66. Aller Goree (’12) took team high scoring honors with 17 points. Ashley Baumam (’13) led the team in rebounds with 7. The Dutch take on Aqui- nas on Nov. 26.
James Rogers
Assistant Sports Editor

Basketball returned to Hope College on Nov. 15 with the men’s and women’s teams opening their seasons against Rochester.

Coming off a 23-7 (12-2 MIAA) record from a year ago, the men’s team returns 10 players from last season’s roster.

Last year the Dutchmen were MIAA champions and clinched a berth in the NCAA tournament in head coach Matt Neill’s first year at the helm. This year’s squad is co-captained by Nate King (‘12), David Krombeen (‘12), and Logan Neil (‘12). Krombeen was selected to fill the void left by 6-foot 10 inches and 255 pounds, Vanarendonk is expected to make an immediate impact on the team at the center/forward position.

Three sophomores have made their debut to help anchor the crease in front of the net, including Andrew Haggerty (‘12).

“We have a solid team. It’s cool, calm and collected in all situations. Porter is an ace in the hole, and to have our goaltenders back is huge. One thing one mental lapse could hurt is the game, “ Nowicki said. “As soon as I think about something other than the game, I lose focus and making saves becomes more difficult. But as I play and make saves, I find a groove and ride it.”

So far this season, Nowicki has been in quite the groove for the undefeated hockey team. With his individual target to maintain a goals against average of below 2.00 and have a save percentage of 93 percent or better, he has his hopes set high for not only himself, but for the team as well. After coming within a game of winning a national championship the past two seasons, Nowicki wants to get over the hump this season.

“Coming so close to winning gives me motivation to improve and give the team the best chance at winning every game,” Nowicki said. “I continued to work out off the ice this summer and tried to touch the ice at least once a week.”

Known as “Wicki” by his teammates, Nowicki is respected and liked on and off the ice. His consistency in games and his focused demeanor has caught the attention of alternate captain Andrew Haggerty (‘12).

“Nowicki is the best goalie I’ve ever played for,” Haggerty said. “It’s just incredible to be confident that, regardless of the situation, we’ve always got solid goaltending that’s going to keep the puck out of the net.”

Growing up in Littleton, Colo., Nowicki did not always catch his attention early for various reasons.

“I chose Hope because it was an academically challenging school, and it was different from the large universities,” Nowicki said. “I found out that Hope had a hockey team and it solidified my choice.”

Since Nowicki arrived on Hope’s campus, he has been one of the best goalies in the program’s history. His overall record during his tenure at Hope is 46-12-2-3, with a total of nine shutouts, only two behind the all-time leader. His reputation on the ice gives his team and coach confidence, even when times are tough.

“Having great goaltenders makes all the difference,” coach Chris VanTimmerman said. “A team is going to make mistakes and to have our goaltenders back there adds confidence. Nowicki is cool, calm and collected in all situations and guys read that and feel fed off that.”

The team motto for the season is, “Burn the boats,” taken from the story of Hernan Cortes and the Spanish conquering the Aztec empire, signifying the Conquistadors intent on not leaving the battle until the Aztecs had fallen. The team wants to use this story as a way to tell each other they will not quit until they finish the job of winning a national championship. Coming so close to a national championship two years in a row has motivated Nowicki and the rest of the team.

“Everything we do from here on out is a reflection towards nationals in Atlantic City, N.J.,” Nowicki said. “We have a solid team this year and expect to do well.”

With Nowicki leading the way for the hockey team, come March 17, the Flying Dutchmen may be burning some boats of their own and winning a national championship.

Defensive – Nowicki has been crucial to Hope’s success so far this season and has a career record of 46-11-2.

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