Campus taxi proposed to improve safety

by Cynthia Tanty

campus editor

A campus taxi has been suggested as a means of improving campus safety. Student Congress has passed a recommendation to Vice President William Anderson for a taxi that will run between the boundaries of River and 5th and that of Fairbanks and 16th.

Said Tom Werkmann (’92),"Congress likes it a lot. On-campus students get service from the shuttle bus and off-campus students don't." The recommendation passed to Anderson suggests that there be no charge for this service or perhaps only a charge of 50 cents per ride. Werkmann is also considering selling tickets for rides, similar to those used by the transportation department for off-campus rides. This service is limited to students who have regular internships and jobs off-campus.

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The taxi is viewed as an excellent way to improve safety by those who have suggested it. The shuttle bus only makes certain stops at certain times, whereas a campus taxi can take the place of individual picks up the shuttle bus makes. Said Anderson, "I think we're still trying to decide if we want it. We're not sure if we're going to do it. There are concerns about our being able to do it. Should the college be providing transportation to off-campus students?" An agreement has not currently been reached.

Two Hope women arrested in abortion protest

by Scott Runyon

features editor

Two Hope students were arrested during a peaceful demonstration last Saturday morning at the American Family Medical Center, abortion clinic in Dearborn, Michigan.

It all began as Jennifer McGlynn (’92) and Polly Schuler (’93) got in a car and headed for a suburb of Detroit Friday night. Saturday morning at 9 a.m. they went to a Catholic church in Southfield where they met over 60 others who were to participate with in a demonstration called Operation Rescue.

At the church they all received information including where the rescue attempt would be held, and how to act once they got there. During the demonstration, as well as the many other rescues, as McGlynn and Schuler call them, held around the country, focused on a peaceful attempt to prevent unborn babies from being aborted.

"The media presents Operation Rescue as being a violent thing but it's not," says McGlynn. "The whole point is to be as peaceful as possible. All we do is pray, sing and praise God."

"We can optimistically say that 10 babies' lives were saved," said McGlynn. Ten out of the 12 women who were scheduled Saturday at the clinic did not have abortions but were counseled.

According to McGlynn and Schuler, counseling is one of the things Operation Rescue stresses. They are not leaving the women who were planning to get abortions high and dry. Part of the purpose of a rescue is to get the opportunity to counsel them in the hopes that they will decide not to abort their children.

In support of the demonstration, McGlynn points to the fact that a baby's heart begins to beat at 18 days after conception, which is before the mother knows she is pregnant. "If you know that God created these babies from the moment of conception and has given them life," said McGlynn, "then let's leave it up to God not man."

They arrived at the clinic around 8 a.m., one hour before it opened. McGlynn and Schuler commented they did not want to draw attention to themselves early on and give the police a chance to break them up.

Schuler said, "A police car just happened to be driving by and they saw a bunch of us standing around and so the officer turned the corner and pulled in to see what was going on."

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The owner of the clinic arrived at 8:45, so 40 of them sat down cross-legged and linked arms in five rows at the back entrance to the building. Another 20 or so sat around the less used front entrance. She tried to get to the door by "putting her hands on top of people's heads and climbing over," said McGlynn.

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A couple more police cars arrived but "the problem we presented to the police," said McGlynn, "was that they saw 40 people sitting in front of a door who were all trespassing, and they needed to arrest all of us. They didn't have the facilities to do that initially with only three police cars. So they contained us and every time they would come around to clean the place up."

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College revamps pledging period

by Cynthia Tanty

campus editor

On October 2, the Campus Life Board was presented with recommendations from the Task Force on Rushing and Pledging. The board discussed these recommendations at the following meetings. Said Carol Simon, chair of the board, "We are considering the proposals set forth this summer for fine tuning the Greek organizations and how rush and pledging should be conducted.

During the meeting of October 15, the board unanimously approved the implementation of liaisons for each Greek organization. According to the document presented by the Task Force, the liaison "...will be an active member of the organization who will act as a neutral party between the actives and pledges. He/she has the responsibility of watching the pledgers for non-verbal and verbal signs as to how they are doing with pledging. They will be relaying this information back to the pledge educators, advisor, and anyone else that they thought was necessary to try to eliminate the problems."

Said James Bekkering, "Action taken dealt with the question of monitoring on an annual basis the academic performance of pledges and to place the responsibility on the fraternities and sororities themselves and to develop a pledging program that will not interfere with the academic life of pledges."

A motion was passed at the October 15 meeting to approve the proposed dates for rushing and pledging. The dates for rushing are: Men—January 12—February 1 and Women—January 19—February 6. And the dates for pledging are: February 21—March 7. Another motion which was unanimously passed according to the approved minutes of the meeting is: "All pledge educations/masters will be chosen by each organization by a November 4th deadline. These people will attend mandatory educational training sessions with Susan Frost."

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Students fight judicial boards for their rights

(CPS - The system stinks.

That's what students on a review board at the University of Minnesota say of the school's judicial system. They claim that the school sacrifices fairness for expediency, ignores constitutional rights of due process by giving one person the power of prosecutor, judge, jury and appeals judge, and ignores the constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

"To me, [these violations] sound like a good argument against having the university handle anything that isn't academic," says Jack Stecher, an economics graduate student serving on the committee.

Stecher isn't alone in his thinking. For years, students, faculty, administrators and other scholars have been butting heads on the issue of due process and the right to a fair trial in non-criminal cases in the campus courts.

Universities' "determination to enforce that...rests on the premise that colleges and universities have a jurisdiction over the lives of their students that is independent of the law of the land," writes John Roche, a former member of the Johnson administration, in a recent article in National Review. "The notion is so pervasive that if an agrieved person believes or herself the victim of a crime must 'keep the main chance family' is a jurisprudential absurdity."

Frequently on the opposite side of that argument are campus judicial administrators. Bill Bracewell, director of the Office of Judicial Affairs and the current head of the Office of Judicial Programs at the University of Georgia, says universities justifiably have separate jurisdic- tion.

"Each one of those jurisdictions has a different interest to protect," Bracewell says. Each school, like each city and state, "has a set of regulations that are right for that campus, that are right for that community.

"Bracewell points to the issue of date rape as an example of why campuses need to address criminal charges in their judicial systems.

"If you talk to women, they don't want those men on campus. What if the woman has a class with the man who assaulted her? In some states, the law doesn't even include date rape as a criminal offense, Bracewell says. "Will the institutional defer to the state if the state isn't going to respond at all?"

Bracewell says students need to address criminal complaints because they affect the university community in terms of campus safety and victims' rights to get an education without interference from those who have committed criminal acts against them.

Others disagree with the campus system's ability to handle criminal cases.

"The goal of the campus judicial system is... primarily to protect the interest of the students. The criminal justice system focuses on punishing offenders," says Carol Bohmer, a sociology professor at Cornell University and a former attorney who is a national expert on date rape.

She says that because schools try to afford equal protection to both the victim and the offender, punishments often do not fit the crimes.

One problem in any discussion of how campus judicial systems should operate is the fact that virtually no two systems are the same.

"You'll find that they are anything but uniform," says Randy Beazmore, dean of the Washington and Lee School of Law and a national expert on constitutional law. "The larger universities have more elaborate pro- cesses. The smaller liberal arts schools are less elaborate and their systems are more widely varying because the whole process reflects traditions."

The systems that contrast most harshly are public and private, because public insti- tutions must adhere to state and federal laws.

In September, Liberty University expelled three seniors for worshiping at the Unitas Pentecostal Church, a violation of school policy. Although the school held a hearing on the matter and granted the students appeals based on the school's rules, the students' First Amendment freedom of religion rights were upheld.

Because Liberty is a private school, it is not bound by the Constitution, so that freedom of religion element of the case wasn't relevant.

But, in Minnesota's case, the allegations against the student, including a lack of student's participation in the 18th and 14th Amendment rights - the right to trial by an impartial judge and jury, for example - are worthy of investigation because the school is bound by the Constitution.

"The Constitution has a special bearing because we are a public university," Stecher says.

The Minnesota students say that the school's director of the Office of Judicial Affairs, Betty Hackett, has unilateral power over a student's fate.

"Say you get a letter accusing you of a crime," Stecher says. "You go see a counselor, who is Betty Hackett. You talk to her and she makes a recommendation. She then becomes the prosecutor of your case, which goes into a closed-door hearing. She is not obligated to tell you during counseling that she will be prosecuting you."

Hackett, who did not return telephone calls to her office, did tell the Minnesota Daily that "...obviously, I didn't think this was a fair system."

Currently, the committee reviewing the judicial system is writing two proposals for changing the system - one submitted by the students and faculty members, the other from the administration's members.

Campus security and you

by Ray Gutknecht
Director of Public Safety

All too often we may feel the campus is a safe refuge separated from the community surrounding it and thus not vulnerable, which only makes us easy prey for opportunists.

By calling attention to crime that occurs on campus, we will be equipped to take precautions in providing for our safety and protecting our property.

In the case of the campus crime statistics, we must keep in mind that crime incidence rates are dependent on only those crimes reported. Colleges such as Hope that encourage re- porting by having a formal law enforcement department with state certified officers will likely have a higher reported crime rate than those colleges not having such resources. In addition, Hope College is under stringent crime reporting requirements by the state as a result of having such a department.

Most of the crimes that occur on campus are property crimes and do not involve crimes against persons. To put this in perspective, crime incidents reported to the public safety department over the past three calendar years averaged close to four hundred incidents per year. Twenty six, or about two percent, of these incidents were assaultive in nature and four of these incidents involved sexual assaults.

Two of which were rape, and two involving rape.

More recently, eighty-one one crime incidents were reported during the past two months of August and September, one of which was assaultive in nature. Most of these crimes involved larceny and vandalism. Of the thirty-nine larcenies and twenty acts of vandalism reported, about half involved students as victims and half involved property belonging to the college. The one assault involved a staff member being hit by a pellet from a rifle while being outside the transportation department facility on 19th Street. The staff member was struck in the eye but luckily was wearing glasses and no injury resulted.

Of six larcenies involving items stolen from cars parked in college parking lots, four of the cars were broken into and two of the cars were entered by way of an unlocked door and an open window. Four additional cars were vandalized.

Five bicycles were reported stolen, four of which were not locked. Larcenies involving college property in- volved mainly items that were left unattended such as backpacks, cameras and clothing. There was also a larceny from a dorm room that was left unlocked and also a larceny from a locker that was left unlocked at the Dow Center.

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Recalling history classes back in the Soviet Union, Zrelov commented that his teacher, who was more liberal than him, had tried to tell students the truth about the past. Zrelov said he was taught the Bolshevik Revolution was "a big deal, but wasn't that good for the people." Zrelov said he approved of the social reforms currently taking place in the Soviet Union. He predicted, however, that socialism and cultural differences of our cultures are very different. It's not like there is something in particular that Americans don't understand.

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realistic images of life in the U.S. and other countries.
Zrelov said he believes Americans are well informed about Soviet history and current events, although they cannot always fully understand the events taking place.
He said the American media and public often tend to oversimplify or misunderstand the importance of particular events for Russians.
"Americans make big deal out of things that are not important for Russians, and they don't see the little things that are very important for Russians... they know the facts, but have different understanding of these facts," he explained.
Zrelov said that while in elementary school, he heard a lot of "lies and propaganda" about the U.S. He said that this has changed dramatically in recent years, however, and the media has begun to present more positive and accurate information.

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The blossoming, which meant that we were going to open the umbrellas, was sup-
pended to be scheduled for the 8th of October, but because of the typhoon in Japan, it was delayed for a day. So they finally opened up the 9th of October.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, a spectator was killed when an umbrella was opened due to the strong winds. Rogen learned of the death from his uncle and sister. "The second she told me that, my heart just broke, I couldn't imagine that happening ever."
The exhibit was originally scheduled to stay up until Oct. 30, 1991. However, after the death occurred, work immediately began on taking the exhibit down three or four days earlier than scheduled.
Rogen does not know exactly how the tragic accident occurred. He is currently to talk to his uncle, to learn all the details.

On the day she left, three of the umbrellas broke off due to strong winds. The umbrellas could not be staked down properly. The umbrellas opened, and 115 when closed. Rogen stated that, "The winds get really incredible out there and it just snapped the umbrella off the base."
Despite the tragedy, Rogen found working on the exhibit "an incredible experience." Her favorite part was "getting to know ev-
erybody and just the whole experience of waiting such a major thing come to life."
Working on this project has taught her that, "If there really is a project that I don't think I can finish, I know there's always a way to do it."
Editorial
Using a condom isn’t the only answer

The recent developments revolving around the news of Irving “Magic” Johnson’s testing positive for the HIV-virus, which makes the body susceptible to AIDS, has again brought the issue of “safe-sex” to the attention of the world.

But as “Magic” is being hailed as a hero for dealing with his diagnosis in such a positive way and becoming a spokesman for the AIDS issue, another matter arises, and that is the message being delivered to millions of people around the world.

The message “Magic” is currently proclaiming is clear—practice “safe sex” by using a condom. But is this message complete in combating the problem of the spread of AIDS?

Condoms may be 99 percent effective, but what about the one percent failure rate? There is no guarantee that in using a condom, the HIV-virus will not be transmitted. Some brands of condoms have an even lower effectiveness rate and the whole time we are promoting “safe-sex” by using condoms. Is sex really safe, or would a better term be “safer-sex”?

In the course of this discussion, we have placed so much emphasis on the wearing of condoms that we have failed to realize it is the second option. The first option is the decision of whether or not to have sex at all.

Why is the option of abstinence not being brought up? Vice President Dan Quayle commented that the solution of abstinence has not once been brought up since “Magic” announced his condition.

Without attempting to moralize, just abstaining from sex should be considered an option. Abstinence is 100 percent effective, and should be realized as a viable option. Maybe the catch phrase that applies to drugs, “Just say no,” should also be applied to sex that is not part of a monogamous relationship.

The time has come to address the issue in a different manner and stress abstinence while presenting the other alternatives. It is the 90s and we have known about AIDS for a decade now. It is time our education system caught up with the times.
Letters to the editors

Newspaper bashes radio station yet again

Dear Editors,

This letter is in response to your editorial entitled "Art Student Or- ganizations" published in the Nov. 6 issue of The anchor. I do not understand your reasoning or your reasoning in the editorial.

It seems that less than two years ago when The anchor blasted WTHS for "not being business oriented," we now are allegedly breaking the rules of WTHS, Hope College and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These violations were never proved to exist, but nevertheless the message that WTHS and the management of WTHS received from that series of articles was "clean up your act.

In the two years since, during my tenure as chair of the administration of Manny Brandt in my absence, WTHS has made improvements at a record pace. One only has to walk by our studios or stop in to see the progress that we have made. In addition to this, WTHS is finally gaining respect in the administration, the Hope campus and the Holland community because of the changes that we have made.

Now The anchor has come out and said that WTHS has become "too business oriented" because we are working to improve the way it delivers entertainment. There are two things that really bother me and the rest of the WTHS staff about this statement. First of all, The anchor clearly does not know what it is saying regarding radio in general or WTHS (which stands to reason because none of you have ever been involved with WTHS). In order for a radio station to do the things people want to listen to, it must do what entertainment. Radio must have a consistent sound so that those who tune in at 10 p.m. In order to achieve this consistency, WTHS, and all other radio stations for that matter, must require their disk jockeys to play certain albums (DJ's at WTHS have complete freedom which songs to play on those albums, as well as to six spots per hour where they may play whatever they choose) that are consistent with the sound that we are trying to achieve.

This is no different than The anchor telling its reporters what stories they should be writing, so that these stories appear consistent with what The anchor is trying to do. One only needs to look at any edition of The anchor to realize that it is not very "freedom." All of the stories in The anchor are written in basically the same style, with the same type of information. Yet, one does not claim that The anchor is stifling reporters' creativity. What's the difference?

The other thing that a radio station needs to do to be what their audience wants to listen to, is to have its staff regarding their conduct while in the performance capacity of a staff member. These guidelines are not arbitrary. WTHS must function within the guidelines of the FCC, Hope College and the Holland community in order to maintain its license. The stakes are too high for WTHS to be what people want to listen to. It is our responsibility to keep one step ahead of the policies intended upon us.

For example, if a disk jockey was to say that he or his name was "Cumbersome," he just didn't care) and forget to sign his or her name to the transmitter log, the fine imposed on WTHS by the FCC is $1,000. This is serious stuff. How can The anchor find fault with us for being "business-oriented" and enforcing our policies that are spelled out in the WTHS Code of Conduct (which each DJ learns and signs a receipt when given a position on the air). Yet, one does not claim that The anchor is stifling reporters' creativity. What's the difference?

The stakes are too high for WTHS to "too business oriented" is the position The anchor is coming from. I believe that The anchor must work out its own administrative problems and (I know they exist) before telling other student organizations how to manage their own affairs, especially those organizations that The anchor knows nothing about. As I have mentioned previously, for the first time in WTHS' history, we are doing an excellent job of running the respect of the administration, the Hope campus and the Holland community. Can The anchor say the same?

Finally, my motive behind the editorial was solely to create controversy, as I know The anchor has done in the past with other issues, then there are better ways to go about it than alienating other student organization, especially those that have been nothing but supportive to The anchor for many years.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Allman

WTHS General Manager

Feminism comes in all shapes and sizes

Dear Editors,

In response to the last two weeks of material pertaining to the issue of gender relations, a question emerged to me in the spirit of Socrates. What is feminism? Many people have been heard to answer, "Being a woman." However, upon further thought, typically connecting it with qualifying terms such as raging, ultra, and radical. But if I actually ask what definition of feminism, many folks would fumble around for a reply, and justifyably so. Feminism is a complex term, with varying degrees of intensity. What Clarence Page insightfully pointed out in the Chicago Tribune last week is the disheartening reality that "a considerable number of otherwise intelligent Americans cannot think of feminism as anything other than a radical, wacky, off-the-wall version to come quickly in mind.

So, I am not the one to frighten people, calling them to make sweeping generalizations and derogatory comments, what is it? Mary Stewart Van Leuven, professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Calvin, writes that "radical feminism is easier to stereotype than it is to define." She goes on to say that "Many of its adherents are neither theorists nor activists, but simply women who have "had it" with the forms of abuse that only by staying vocally or stureDtitioushr needto  be criticalof the information ferentiate me from a doormat"

Feminism is in a Different Voice, Gilligan proposes an alter-"

DJ defends decision to format shows

Dear Editors,

I have been a DJ at WTHS for several years. I have seen many changes happen. For those of you who feel that the new format restricts creativity, I would agree. But it makes the DJs try harder with the amount that they have left. What this does is limit the self-indulgent crap that was characteristic of most shows in the past. The complaint that many of the radio station's audience have is that the question is the cause for firing is ridiculous. If the quality of the show factored in anywhere it would be that its inanity was more pertinent than its insanity. Way to go anchor.

Sincerely,

Gary Land

WTHS DJ

Is it "racism" or "civil rights"?

Dear Editors,

I am so angry after reading the article "Racism is a moral issue even here," that I am actually shaking! Why is it that every time anybody brings up the subject of racism, the white race is said to be "racist," but if a person of color were to talk about racism? The term "civil right" implies being civil to each other. Before Jim Hymes starts throwing mud on these two people he overheard, he had better seriously examine his own morals. He obviously has quite a chip on his shoulder. His entire last two paragraphs were racist against white people.

Even discounting that Mr. Hymes is in some way prejudice against the white people of this country, his article still angers me. Did Mr. Hymes hear the entire story between these two parties involved? Does he not understand that in our world where we struggle to communicate even the most basic ideas, it is bene-eficial to create more separation by ignorantly labeling people? Stereotypes render individu-also. Mr. Hymes is this: Did you, Jim, when you finished at-locating your fellow students for a situation you only have limited knowledge of, chose to go out of your way to pick on the white kids. You say how unfair it is for you to be asked to do more of your own re-ponsibility, because of slavery de-cades ago, but remember, this gen-eration is not responsible for past actions.

You may call your white bash-"civil rights," I call it exactly what it is: hypocrisy. How can you expect anyone to take you seriously and give you sympathy when you immediately attack the face of the two Hope students? Well, if your racism is printable, then I'll try your idea about your disgusting article is too.

Next time you decide to attack only one party in a situation where both sides are wrong, you may want to take a closer look at your motives. I have met some of these ten-year-old monsters on campus, and I can assure you that they have nothing personal, not females in general, I was rather frightened and intimidated by these pre-pubescent social deviants. Upon walking home to my dorm, seven or more of these children came racing directly at me on their bicycles, laughing, as I was to really go out of my way to pick on the white kids. You say how unfair it is for you to be asked to do more of your own re-ponsibility, because of slavery de-cades ago, but remember, this gen-eration is not responsible for past actions.

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Respectfully,

Juliana Carlson

Editor's note:

It has come to our attention that many people misread last week's editorial. There was no malicious intent towards WTHS. It was our goal to present ALL student organizations as being a free-form group and a business organization. The radio station was chosen because of the timely nature of the story, not because we are "out to get them." The anchor could have been used just as easily, but a group of back-to-back editors got together and put the editorial. We regret that people misread the editorial and that there have been hard feelings on the part of WTHS.

The editors of The anchor

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Train of thought, an interesting concept sometimes. My thoughts sometimes just sit, sometimes they run away, and sometimes they run amuck. I have inherited a train of thought problem—expecting others to follow mine. There are times when I will be beguiled perhaps, or shock and shout out a conclusion leaving my friend, or it doesn’t often happen, because I really try not to do such things. I’ve tried explaining my thoughts, but it is difficult.

Some years ago now, I was back in the US, when I was back in the US, I used to have a friend. I used to have a friend. She had grabbed my hand and suddenly I see my friend running back in the snow. She had grabbed my hand and suddenly I see my friend running back in the snow. She had grabbed my hand and suddenly I see my friend running back in the snow. She had grabbed my hand and suddenly I see my friend running back in the snow. She had grabbed my hand and suddenly I see my friend running back in the snow.

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Flying Dutch defeat Swedes

by Cal Hodgson

sports editor

Friday, the men’s basketball team got their season underway with a win over a Swedish semi-pro team at the Hope College Dow Center.

The team was named Plannja but they could have been called Pagana as the Flying Dutchmen caught them sleeping and cruised to an easy victory.

The team was finishing a four game schedule in the U.S. and were visibly weary.

"The Swedes looked a little tired," said captain Colly Carlson ('92).

In their first five games, the Flying Dutch included Marcia Vandersall ('94) 18:23, Doug Burchett ('92) 25:12, Scott Patton ('95) 19:04, and Melissa Modderman ('94) 19:04.

Plannja was led in scoring, rebounds, and assists by Andre Davis. Davis scored 12 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and dished out five assists.

Hope’s players as 12 of thirteen players scored.

Mesecar ('93) added 11.

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Calvin included Calvin 32, Alma 43, Hope 53, Alma 92, Albion 108, Kalamazoo 118, and Adrian 137.

Becker ('92), Dana Thompson ('95), Jeanne Kamhelm of Calvin College. Bruininks stated that had brought up his children to heroically standing in the road. This is not the only Man vs. Nature conflict in the movie.

The second comes when Scuro observes city workers sweeping up thousands of dead birds that had become disoriented while flying above the city and dived straight into the pavement, perhaps prophesying humanity’s fate as well.

Aside from the compassionate and riveting images, the film was heavy like a big Italian spaghetti dinner at momma’s. But most thought provoking about the film was its vision of societal change, and the tangled web parents weave. Burchett had brought up his children to be "somebody," he pulled strings for them, he mortgaged his house for them, and sacrificed everything so that they could succeed.

This admirable attempt at parenting, however, doubled back on him. As he visits his sons and grandsons—ones by one—that all his children have been lying to him for years about their successes and failures; they didn’t want him to know their “problems.”

The film leaves the audience with graying questions: how can so many families become fragmented? And how can an intelligent person die of loneliness and depression in this busy era of communication and technology?

Hope runner finishes on top

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It’s not always were you start that counts, but where you finish. Doug Burchett ('92) can tell you that.

Coming to Hope, Burchett was an unouted freshman who found himself Hope’s number 15 cross country runner.

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