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Reaching Out
Looking In
This year's theme focuses on Hope's ever-growing devotion to being a part of the larger world. We have had several events, fundraisers, lectures, sermons, and student-initiated programs that have focused our campus more and more toward the world. We had an extensive effort to help with the Katrina Relief, a sermon series called “Growing World Christians in the Soil of Hope,” an expanding study abroad program, a new building dedicated to global communication and multicultural life, and more students looking to make careers outside of West Michigan.

On the other hand, Hope has been evaluating itself as a college. We have been redefining what we promote and discourage as an institution. As students we have been encouraged to look at ourselves, dig deep, and grow into adults that will better the world. Hope is proud of its heritage and its traditions and is always looking at how to merge tradition with the changes that are required to keep up with higher education.

Hope bases its practices in the doctrine of the Reformed Church in America. As one of only three colleges from this denomi-
The Pine Grove is the crossroads of Hope’s campus. It’s a haven from the rush of cars and downtown, but it’s also a social gathering where students and faculty alike can stop along the sidewalks for a catch-up chat. • photo by Tally Reeverts •
Zach Trumble spent over an hour during the final week of Spring semester in a lightning storm in order to catch just one image of the chapel with a lightning bolt in the background. • photo by Zach Trumble •
nation, Hope carries on the commitment set out by the RCA as detailed at www.rca.org: "[these colleges have a commitment] to learning and research, scholarship and dialogue, and faith and community—all framed with the discipline of the Christian tradition." This commitment has been carried out in the past by 1887 Hope graduate Samuel Zwemer, who took the Christian ministry to Arabia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Zwemer, along with numerous Hope graduates, have found their call in the world beyond the Holland city limits, the state of Michigan, and the borders of the United States.

Other graduates were called back to serve at Hope as professors, presidents, and staff members or within the local community. For example, Isla (Pruim) Van Eenennaam from the Class of 1924 served Hope as head resident of Voorhees Hall and then as Dean of Women from 1960 to 1968. Through her involvement at Hope as an alumna and Sigma Sigma member, she blazed a path for fostering strong leadership in women. As part of this tradition at Hope, the I.VE League, founded in 1992, was
named after such a great model.

This institution with its rich history has entered into a new growing period. Within a short period, Hope has seen the addition to the A. Paul Schaap Science Center and the building of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication and the DeVos Fieldhouse. The college also bought more land on 8th Street and began a vast remodeling of Lubbers Hall. The changes are not only physical but also within the student body—the number of applicants has sharply increased and the enrollment has crept up slowly over the past several years. Exploring its direction as an academic, moral, and spiritual body, the college has found new life in the concept of an increased focus on the world while reflecting on the practices and values of the institution. In short, Hope College has responded to the call by reaching out and looking in.
Jeannette Lockard and Abby Kosta enjoy some outdoor studying time. Although the library and the residence halls are popular places to study, many students venture outside when the weather warms up.

• photo by Zach Trumble •
Pages 22-23: Critical Issues Symposium. Students listen to Fracis Bok speak about his experiences as a slave. Some students take this opportunity to get extra credit in a class, fulfill a class requirement, or learn more about the issues facing our "global village," in this case modern-day slavery.

Pages 20-21: Graduation. President Bultman presents the 2006 graduates with a handshake and their representative diploma. This year graduation occurred on a beautiful, sunny day in the Municipal Football Stadium. The actual presentation of diplomas takes approximately an hour.

Pages 10-11: Orientation. The freshmen class of 2005 break into small groups their first few days on campus to create friendships, learn the ins and outs of Hope, and settle into the collegiate life. As they enter their sophomore year, some of these students will participate in Orientation as OAs.
Voted Entertainer of the Year for 2006 by Campus Activities Magazine, Comedy hypnotist Frederick Winters performs his mesmerizing hypnotism on Hope students, while keeping the audience alive with his humorous comedy. Winters, an annual act at Hope, has performed over 2,000 shows while hypnotizing over 125,000 people.
It's no small task for Hope College to welcome over 800 new students and their families to campus. It'd be hard to find another college that provides more services for new students on move-in day, catering not only to the needs of new students, but parents, families and siblings as well. This is what sets Hope apart from the rest!

Orientation Directors Rachel Achtemeier and Katie Randa began staff selection and planning back in February with high hopes for another great year. They spent the summer working with advisor Di- ana Breclaw planning everything from barbeques to information sessions, to move-in day craziness.

Staff began trickling onto campus in early August to begin working and training for the big weekend. Finally, on a warm August morning with the campus covered in orange and blue, Hope College welcomed in the Class of 2009! The Orientation Weekend was themed “LIVE IN ’05.” The weekend proved to be a huge success thanks to the incredible help of over 20 Assistant Directors (AD’s) more than 200 Orientation Assistants (OA’s), and many faculty and staff members who devoted countless hours to making Orientation a success.
"By the end of Orientation I was almost completely, well, oriented." Travis Love

Everything turned upside down during Orientation. Immediately, I had to meet a group of people and learn more about them quickly. Being in the Phelps Scholar Program meant that the process of meeting people was drastically accelerated through living and meeting with the same students. I was constantly seeing familiar faces, which gave me the sense that Hope really is a small college. Of course, when the upperclassmen showed up, the number of people on campus quadrupled. Fortunately, everyone is tolerant of freshmen, like when they get lost. Were it not for Orientation, I think a lot of students would still be wandering campus aimlessly trying to find the "Anderson-Werkman Financial Center" or some other obscure building.
Top to bottom, left to right: 09 Puller Matt Richardson features
the traditional eye makeup
worn by odd year. • photo by
Zach Trumble • Even and odd
year alumni arrive to stand at
the front of the pits to cheer on
this year’s Pull teams. • photo
by Ashley Dehudy • Julie
VanLaan waits for the signal to
begin. Her puller is Matt Rich-
ardson, pictured above.
• photo by Zach Trumble •

“There’s no way to
describe what it feels
like because it is so in-
tense and passionate.”

Tricia Cross

The caller directs the moralers
to signal their pullers to begin.
• photo by Zach Trumble •
Nick Witkowski stands at the
back of the Even year pull line:
the anchor who holds the rope.
• photo by Ashley Dehudy •

Tugging Tradition: a short documentary

Dr. Schock always told me to make work
that mattered to somebody (in regards to
my focus in video production). With that
in mind and friend/former puller Jeremy Cox at
my side, I set out to make a documentary on one
of the longest running college traditions in the
U.S. The experience was amazing! There were
moments when I felt like the bridge that filled that
gap between the freshmen and sophomore ri-
valry. I will never forget the first screening of film.
Their reactions were priceless. I immediately
knew that I had made something that mattered...
and I plan to do a better job next year!
Eighty freshmen and sophomores met on opposite banks of the Black River on the afternoon of October 24th, the freshmen wearing odd year colors of maroon and gold and the sophomore representing even year in red, black, and white. Two different teams, one identical aim: to gain more of the rope that spanned the river than the other team. Welcome to the Pull, the oldest surviving tradition of any college in the United States, 108 years and running.

For three weeks prior to the Pull, each team endures intense practices three hours per day along with all-day practices on Saturdays. Each team works to refine their techniques so that at the end of a three-hour battle, they can be the ones going for a swim and chanting in the river; so they can hear those four magical words: "REEL IN YOUR ROPE!"

This year, at the 108th Pull, the freshmen ‘09 Pull team pulled their hearts out, but could not match the ferocity with which their elder ‘08 counterparts pulled. Winning by a span of 20 feet, 1 inch, the sophomores won by the largest distance in five years. Three weeks of blood, sweat, and tears were poured into the Black River as the victorious sophomores went swimming and took home their rope; a rope that they waited a year to claim.
From my position in the lead car, the Campus Safety truck, in the homecoming parade, I could tell that the Campus Safety officer took the job of leading the parade very seriously. This Campus Safety officer cleared the way for the parade to follow.

This “lead car” signaled those on the streets to make way for the rest of the parade around campus. It also set the pace for the entire parade. The Grand Marshall was the next car, followed by all other floats from different student organizations. Several cars with Homecoming court couples, large floats pulled by trucks, and even a group of international students carrying flags followed the parade route laid out by the Campus Safety truck. Even though I didn’t get to see the parade from the typical point of view, it was interesting being at the front of the parade.

Behind the scenes
by Lisa Harkes

Left to right, top to bottom: The Dutchmen storm the field with raw enthusiasm on October 15 before they won their eighth consecutive Homecoming game. Homecoming Queen Heather Dykstra and Homecoming King Steve Haack

“I felt very loved and honored by the Hope College community.”
Heather Dykstra

show off the traditional wooden shoes during the halftime. Eric Bourassa broadcasts live from the Municipal Stadium for campus station, WTHS. Vikki Graudins tops the Cheerleader pyramid, which during Homecoming, also involved alumni cheerleaders. Nathan Reed and Mark Yapp wave to the crowd while on the Cosmo/Delphi float, which competed in the Homecoming Parade float competition.

• photos by Tally Reeverts •
Homecoming is more than a football game (which Hope has a tradition of winning). It is a series of events celebrating what it means to be a part of this college community.

It began Friday, October 14 with a keynote address kicking off a two-day celebration of the new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Later that night, Hope students traveled out to Teusink’s farm for the annual “Homecoming Hoedown” complete with line dancing, hay rides, and apple cider.

Saturday morning, the campus community participated in the 28th annual Run-Bike-Swim-Walk. After a pre-game student parade through campus that ended at Holland Municipal stadium, Hope played a winning game against Wisconsin Lutheran College. During halftime, seniors Heather Dykstra and Steve Haack were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

This weekend also marked reunions for four graduating classes from 1985 to 2000.

Saturday night was the Homecoming Ball, with a “Music of the Night” theme featuring a live band, catered food, and lots of memories.

by Megan Purtee

2005 was a homecoming to remember

Above: Defense captain Matthew Erb (#96) leads the defense in a play discussion with Coach Ricketts. Below from left to right: President and Mrs. Bultman greet the parade spectators on their way to the big game. Sarah McDonald, Heather Tobert, Janell Ball, Shea Tuttle, Katherine Yanney, Krista Hughes, and Erin LaHotta cheer on friends who are on Court. Waiting for the parade, Sarah Rollins prepares to rock out with her mp3 player on the Alpha Gamma Phi float. Nixon Omollo leads the International Relations club in a chant as they walk down Columbia Avenue. • Photos by Tally Reeverts •
Nykerk is a 71-year-old Hope College tradition where women of the freshmen and sophomore classes compete in the areas of Play, Song, and Oration. Though the audience gets to enjoy an amazing evening of talent, they don’t fully see the work done by the amazing men and women who gave tirelessly of their time to make this a spectacular event.

The freshmen class began the evening with the ever-popular song “Build Me Up, Buttercup” and spiced things up with props and motions. Freshman orator Barbra Rubio gave a compelling speech titled “The Voice of Liberation.” Finally, the freshmen play, “Do You Yabba Dabba Do?” gave a funny look at Hope College from the Flintstones’ point of view.

The ‘08 Song girls presented a jazzy version of “Over the Rainbow” with colorful props. Sophomore orator Anna West challenged the audience with her speech, “(Welcome to) Our Global Neighborhood.” And the sophomore play “The Phantom of the Nykerk” made attendees laugh with the “Romeo and Juliet” twist and surprise characters like Britney Spears and Napoleon Dynamite.

While only one class could win the Nykerk Cup, everyone gained smiles, friendships, and memories, and a love for the tradition of Nykerk.

The class of 2006 wins their second cup

by Rachel Achtemeier

Gifts of Change
Opposite page, top to bottom, left to right: 08 Playgirls are shocked by the Phantom's note. 09 Song prepares to begin the show. Odd year play brings the Flintstones to Holland. Morale boys provide entertainment at intermission. 09 Coaches Kristen Greshel and Ana Frikker encourage their girls.

"When the curtain opens, it's this amazing feeling." Erika Oglesby

before they sing. This page, top to bottom, left to right: Props and hand motions add to each song's performance. Sophomore orator Anna West makes an emphatic point. White gloves are part of the traditional song girl uniform. Freshman Barbara Rubio speaks about liberation. Even year coaches Suzzy Lockwood and Rachel VandeGiesen make some fun motions as part of the warm-up tradition. After a month of hard work, the class of 08 is rewarded by receiving the Nykerk Cup. • photos by Zach Trumble •
Hope College students joined together in an innovative way to combat the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina upon the Gulf Coast. “Pulling for Hope” was a collaborative student-led effort joining student leaders and administrators in a new way. Overseen by Student Congress, various student organizations contributed both time and money to the cause and within two weeks, a week-long event was underway.

During the “Pulling for Hope” week, fund-raising events included collecting cans for the American Red Cross, a Blood-Drive hosted by Alpha Phi Omega, a 53’ semi-truck collecting food and goods hosted by Volunteer Services and staffed by Greek Life, and a benefit concert with Josh Schicker (a local Holland artist) hosted by WTHS campus radio and the Milestone yearbook. Overall, the efforts raised over $4,000, more than 30 tons of food and goods, and 99 pints of blood. Hope College also opened its doors to displaced students and research graduates affected by the hurricane.

This experience allowed student organizations to pull together with the rest of the country to aid the victims on the Gulf Coast.

by Lauren Engel
There is no finish line... until we find a cure!

Opposite page, top to bottom, left to right: Haleigh Heneveld helps load the semi truck to send supplies to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. • photo by PR • Women’s Issues and Environmental Issues jointly hosted a benefit concert to raise money for those along the Gulf Coast. Musician Josh Schicker also held a benefit concert, sponsored by WTHS. • photos by Ashley DeHudy • Members of Greek Life donated time loading the truck (top) and collecting donations (below). •

“I was inspired to see Hope really pull together for a great cause.”

This page: Chemistry Club members support the cause. Decorations were common among the teams. Signs lined the path. Each group had a tent where there group kept warm throughout the night. • photos courtesy of Lelah Haggart •

 Relay for Life by Lelah Haggart

On October 21, 2005, teams from Hope organizations and residence halls gathered in the Pine Grove to kick off the 20th annual Relay for Life event. For 12 hours, each of the teams had members walking around the Pine Grove to raise money for the American Cancer Society’s cancer research. This year’s theme was “Hawaiian Islands.” Several activities and events took place throughout the night, including a Tug of War, limbo competition, open mic., and live performances. The Relay began at 7 pm Friday with the opening ceremonies and victory lap of the cancer survivors. A separate ceremony honored cancer victims, whose names were read from white bags placed along the sidewalk with a lit candle inside.
This page, top to bottom, left to right: Jeff Weber and Kyle Barnes smile after the ceremony. Sarah Blankenship sings the Alma Mater at the end of Commencement. The entire crowd rose and Hope students and graduates sang for their school. Before the ceremony, Erica Oosting gives a tender hug. Graduation remains a time for tearful goodbyes as Hope graduates prepare to enter life beyond college. Walking through campus is a tradition prior to the graduation ceremony. Andrew Abela and Rachel Achtemeier make their way across the stage. Diplomas are blank on graduation day, and actually received in the mail days later. A sea of caps is an unforgettable sight on this day in May. Opposite page: Digital cameras prove an invaluable asset to doting parents. Dr. Rhoda Janzen reads a poem written for the occasion. Graduates watch their friends cross the stage. Taping the tops of caps is common. Sona Smith raises her fist in joyful celebration as she receives her diploma. • photos courtesy of PR •

"I got the most out of my education, my relationships, and my walk with Christ."

Bethany Metters

excerpt from commencement speech poem

Seeking the Spheres

My friends, what you seek pulls you forward beyond the click and clack of rhetoric, beyond the sound of motion's certainty, a night train that rushes the tunnel before you see it. You will pass through to vistas unseen, you cannot stop, the train is a silver streamlined verb forever acting in the future. Listen, then, in the hours before the dawn. If you are awake, press your forehead to the glass and consider the world as it slides by, how distant cities pass and recede, how space and scope before you seem to spin. Travelers, seek the spheres. Your destination never nears. You do not finish here. You begin.
Under a cloudless blue sky on a Sunday afternoon in May, 622 graduates gathered one last time as students of Hope College. The commencement ceremonies were held at Holland Municipal Stadium on Sunday, May 7. Family, friends, and members of the Hope College community gathered to celebrate the culmination of the collegiate education of class of 2006.

The Commencement address was entitled “Seeking the Spheres,” and given by Dr. Rhoda Janzen, assistant professor of English. Dr. Janzen stressed the importance of metaphor as a guide for living. In honor of the occasion, she wrote a poem, “the first poem I have ever written specifically for 622 people” (see below right for the last stanza of the poem).

As the graduates walked up to receive their diplomas, parents and friends cheered as they raced to capture the moment on film.

The day marked the 141st Hope College commencement ceremony.
As a student on the CIS committee, it was an honor to be asked to introduce Paul Rusesabagina, who spoke on his personal experience with the Rwandan genocide. Additionally, I thought it would be good for some students to personally talk with people who have actually experienced the effects of genocide and even slavery. So the evening Francis Bok spoke, the former Sudanese child slave and now antislavery activist, some Hope students also heard a first hand account of the Sudanese civil war from Hope student Peter Pan. I would encourage students to participate in future CIS events because they really are great ways to truly learn about the critical issues of our time.

"I can only guess that we had nearly 2000 for the Paul Rusesabagina Lecture."

Opposite page, top to bottom, left to right: Paul Rusesabagina's pre-CIS speech was so well-attended that the overflow seating from Dimnent Chapel also filled the nearby Knickerbocker Theatre. Doris Bergen spoke about the Nazis through the perspective of their Christian roots. Students attend a lecture and take notes. Two keynote speakers graced this year's CIS, and Francis Bok, a former slave to the Arab militia, spoke on Tuesday night.

All photos courtesy Public Relations.
Due to the recent genocide in Sudan and the controversy over U.N. involvement, this serious topic became the focus for the 2005 Critical Issues Symposium, titled “From Auschwitz to Darfur: Genocide in the Global Village.”

As a lead up to the discussion, CIS showed the film “Hotel Rwanda.” Paul Rusesabagina, the real-life hero who saved lives during the Rwandan genocide, spoke about his experience.

The CIS committee also brought Francis Bok to Dimnent Chapel for the evening keynote address. Bok’s story recounted both his years as a slave to the Arab militia in Southern Sudan and when he broke free, ending up in the United States alone and struggling in a new culture. He told students to fight the slavery that still persists in the world and to be as educated as possible in order to inform others.

Dr. James Waller of Whitworth College gave a different perspective that focused on how normal people participate in genocide. Several other speakers addressed their particular experience with genocide. Hailed as one of the best Hope Symposia to date, the event allowed students to focus on a critical world issue and how to improve the “global village.”
Dance Marathon 2006 was the most successful in school history, raising $112,670.89 for the kids of DeVos Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network. This entirely student-run event is currently in its seventh year and has become one of the biggest activities on Hope’s campus.

The “Dream Team”—the planning committee behind the event, including senior Amie Ecker as executive director, with senior Jaime Jo Sabol and junior Tara VandeStreek as assistant directors—began their work at the beginning of the fall semester, planning fundraisers, recruiting committee members, and interacting with the Miracle kids and their families. Campus organizations, Greek Life, and sports teams got to know their Miracle kids and families as well as fundraising all year long.

During the marathon, held March 10 and 11, the Miracle families walked around the space-themed gym to thank everyone involved. During a dramatic reveal, the final total was announced and the campus realized what a difference their months of hard work had made. Over the past seven years, Hope College’s Dance Marathon has raised over $482,000.
What draws me back to Dance Marathon year after year are the kids and the families who represent DeVos Children’s Hospital. This year I had the privilege of being one of the Directors for Family Relations, and built some wonderful relationships with the families who are involved. These Miracle Families all have children who are being treated at DeVos Children’s Hospital, and are the inspiration for the event and year-round planning that precedes the marathon. All of the kids love to be involved and hang out with the Hope students, but the greatest gift is how humbled and inspired the students are from these kids’ stories. Participating in Dance Marathon is the least we can do for these incredible kids.

What helps us Dance
by Emily Blauw

“Our miracle families are the reason why we have this marathon.”

Stephanie VanDeBurg

This page, top to bottom, left to right: Miracle children benefit from the money raised by the Marathon, and get to hang out all night. Filling the gym floor to capacity each time the line dance is played. Students cheer for the Miracle families when they enter the Dow. Kids have as much energy as their new college friends. The inflatable slide is a hit for everyone. Students gather at several points throughout the night to listen to the families’ stories.

Photos by Zach Trumble
As the number days remaining in the school year dwindle to a precious few, it is easy to forget the lessons learned since August. For over 300 Hope students, many of the lessons originated during Spring Break.

Students traveled to East Palo Alto, CA; Pompano Beach, FL; Comer, GA; Annville and Hazel Green, KY; Dulce, NM; Queens, NY; Apache, OK; Lysville and Philadelphia, PA; Memphis, TN; Toronto, Ontario; the Dominican Republic; Jamaica; and Reynosa, Mexico.

One of the largest groups served as the fourth group to actively express the “Pulling for Hope” vision to help those in the Gulf Coast in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Hurricane Katrina literally tore apart the city of Gulfport, which became a city where acts of kindness were in abundance. This lesson of love is best summarized by a letter from Wayne Lancaster, one of the hurricane victims (see quote above right).

Regardless if they traveled to Oklahoma, Nicaragua, or did missions in Holland, Spring Break provided many Hope students with the chance to reach out and answer their own calls to serve.
"It seemed that for those few days we were all meant to be together."

A team of 14 left Friday night of Spring Break for the blustery city of Newark, New Jersey. Led by seniors Bill Flavin and Amy Sisson, and accompanied by staff member Wilma Hart, the team went to work with World Impact Inc., a nonprofit mission organization.

Some of the students worked in classrooms at the mission school the organization runs while the others performed maintenance work within the school building. The team also was blessed with a day off, during which they traveled to New York City. Freshman Jeff Mastin said, "The trip was a chance to do God's work with some of the most incredible people I have met."
This page, top to bottom, left to right:

Susan Krueger and Sarah Popovitch square off in a sumo wrestling battle. • photo by Ashley Dehudy • Bungee jumping was a new event at Spring Fling. Flying through the obstacle course, friends furiously race each other or sometimes hold hands down the final slide of the course. Keeping his balance on the mechanical bull, Ryan Gary figures out that it’s harder than it looks. • photos courtesy of PR • The picnic featured hamburgers and ice cream treats. • photos by Ashley DeHudy • Opposite page: 360-Degree bike riding promises to upset some stomachs. Unlike the Pull, the Push is a light-hearted, three-lap race around the Pine Grove. Digital cameras appear in many students’ hands as they race to capture the last few candids of the year. • photos courtesy of PR • After scaling the velcro wall, Megan Vivian takes a break. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •

"I’ve gone every year. Spring Fling is such a blast.”

Lissa Moore

Spring Fling ‘64

by Megan Purtee

The origins of Spring Fling emerged decades ago as the college celebrated May Day. Taking place on the first day of May, these activities were still held outside in the center of campus. One junior woman was elected as Queen of May Day and presided over a Queen’s court. Freshmen women served as a Daisy Chain honor guard, while sophomore women performed the traditional May Pole dance. A Master of Ceremony announced the new members of Mortar Board, while the college men participated in a track meet. That night there was a dinner and a dance (all information provided by the 1964 Milestone yearbook).
At the end of each school year, Hope College students are treated to an amazing event. Spring Fling, held on that Friday afternoon which separates classes from studying for finals, is something anticipated throughout the final hectic weeks of the spring semester. Classes conclude at 3 pm, by which time the Pine Grove is transformed. The center of campus changes from a tranquil meadow into a fun-filled carnival and summer camp-esque picnic.

The annual Push race kicks off the fun with elaborately decorated participants pushing each other around in shopping carts. All over the Grove, students can participate in fun games such as sumo wrestling, velcro walls, mechanical bulls, and bikes that travel in a loop that takes participants upside-down.

At the end of the day students feast on hamburgers and ice cream before settling down to watch a "drive-in" style movie on a projector in the Pine Grove. This day is another example of a unique Hope College tradition, and stands as a truly great way to end the year.
The Environmental Issues Group at Hope is a catalyst for environmental action in the College and Holland communities. Through education and action the group seeks to motivate individuals to understand, care for, and improve the ecological conditions in the areas in which they live. The group strives to participate in events locally and globally that make the world a more environmentally friendly place to live. EIG sponsors guest speakers, organizes the campus recycling program, takes part in the International Coastal Cleanup along the shore of Lake Michigan, and organizes Earth Week. Each spring they hold the Earth Jam concert on campus in the Pine Grove. This day starts with dune grass or tree planting in the morning followed by an afternoon of local music, poems and articles about preserving the earth and opportunities to get involved in local environmental activities.

Environmental Issues

"Local bands with free organic food is a great way to love the earth."

Anna Herzoq

came to enjoy the music. Sarah Popovich looks on as her friend reads a book. Music, poetry, and raffles were all part of the show. Ritchie Latimore and Taylor Hughes relaxed on a blanket all afternoon. Trees were beginning to show signs of spring, which was fitting for a day celebrating the environment. Matt Rycka and members of the Environmental Issues Group enjoy the memorable event they helped to plan. •

all photos by Ashley DeHudy •
Each spring, the Environmental Issues Group hosts Earth Jam, a concert in the Pine Grove. The event takes place in April due to its proximity to Earth Day. Featuring music, poetry, and local artists, this annual event also helps to push the group's agenda for increasing awareness about the environment.

This year, the event also featured free coffee from local shop Lemonjello's, organic food from local bakeries, and a raffle that included gift certificates to local businesses. It occurred after a week of events that included speakers, benefit concerts, and forums to increase awareness about a multitude of issues.

Other environmentally-conscious groups were also in attendance, such as the Geology Club and the Women's Issues Organization.

In years past, rain has driven the celebration into the Kletz, but this year a sunny afternoon with warm spring temperatures was the perfect setting for this relaxing day of music and activism.

by Megan Purtee
The Theatre Department collaborated with visiting professor and director Sean Dooley, to put on the 17th-century play, "The Illusion." This play was written by French playwright Pierre Corneille about a father's struggle with his lost son. The father, Pridament, goes to a sorcerer named Alcandre and asks her to help him find his son, Clindor. Through magic, Alcandre paints the picture of where his son is and the kind of mischief he is currently in. Pridament learns in the end that the illusions he saw were based on top of more illusions.

Actors dedicated themselves to the show; some by shaving their heads, others by stepping out of their comfort zone in terms of costumes, others by learning a new, heightened language.

Reggie Haney, a senior with a major in musical theatre, played Clindor and reflects back on his experience with Dooley and the show: "This was a great experience... The work from every cast member, every production team member, and every crew member made this wonderful project spectacular. I was pleased to end my year with this show."

by Kat Ramsey
A comedy written by William Shakespeare, "Love's Labour's Lost" follows the King of Navarre and the men of his court as they swear off all distractions (especially women) in favor of intellectual pursuits. However, the Princess of France and her attending ladies immediately and as the men pursue them, hilarity ensues.

Director Sean Dooley told PR "I have found 'Love's Labour's Lost' to be the most light-hearted of Shakespeare's comedies, owing much to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'" The play was set in the academic world of the 1920's (see below quote for more unique touches). Says Dooley, "The play is filled with clowns and lovers whose ineptitude leads to much merriment."

"Our wooing doth not end like an old play; Jack hath not..."
Directing and acting professor, Daina Robins, guided four young women through difficult roles portraying two women, both during childhood and adulthood. Actors Kate Goetzinger (Adult Patsy), Whitney Thomas (Francesca), Laura Van Tassell (Young Patsy), and Barbara Rubio (Marie) trained hard to develop genuine characters over the five-week rehearsal period, while Reagan Chesnut (Stage Manager) helped to guide and plan the entire experience.

From the first read-through until the last performance, there was a sense of love and commitment for the show. It was not uncommon to see remembrances of the text backstage or to hear the cast and crew quoting the lines. Gumdrops became the favorite pre-show snack, and became a cast tradition to warm up with the hokey pokey before each performance.

"Perfect Pie" concerned tough subjects of trauma, rape, love, and rejection, and so faculty and students came together after each performance for a talk back session. This production was produced without fear and strived to touch both audience and artist alike.

"I will not forget how you are carved in the palm of my hand."

Perfect Pie

by Whitney Thomas
The play is a beautiful story of what it means to be different.

Michelle Bombe

by Megan Purtee and Kelly Sina

Opening the Theater Department’s 2005-2006 season, Strider is based on a Leo Tolstoy story of life seen through the eyes of Strider, a piebald horse. Characters include other horses in the stable, as well as Strider’s master and people he encounters. To add to the fun, the master’s story closely resembles that of his horse.

In order for the actors to transform themselves into horses, they spent three weeks acting the part of an animal. They concentrated on the differences between horse and human movement, and also played horse games in the Pine Grove.

Love triangles, life hardships, and facing mortality wove throughout three stories in this work, with a realistic look on the trials of love.
This page: top to bottom, left to right: Serenading from above, the chapel choir evokes a sense of grandeur in the Dimmnent Chapel. Participating students perform at all four Vespers performances. Chelsea Kramer sings in the chapel choir. Also from the balcony, members of the flute choir perform. David Lee plays the viola in the Symphonette. The chapel choir sings a Christmas carol. Opposite page: top to bottom, left to right: Candles carried by Emily Nelson and Katie Card mark the beginning of the concert.

Professor Brad Richmond conducts the chapel choir. Jeff Brown sings in the chapel choir. Sean Daezner plays the organ in the program. Chapel Choir sings in their traditional robes.

Looking in Vespers

Source: Hope PR

Thousands of members of the Holland and Hope communities gather for Vespers services each year. For many families, the event has been a highlight for generations. Christmas Vespers was first held in 1941. The program was sponsored, the “Anchor” noted at the time, by the college’s Musical Arts club as the first of a series “designed to give music students of Hope an opportunity to perform in public and to bring to public attention the work of the music school.” Vespers today takes place on a scale that 1941’s organizers could scarcely have imagined. The college regularly starts receiving inquiries about tickets in August. Demand is so high that almost all those available to the general public are sold during the first morning they are offered in mid November.
A Hope tradition for more than 60 years, Christmas Vespers takes place over four concerts in two days at the beginning of December. Hope's College Chorus, Chapel Choir, Symphonette, and several organists perform to sold-out crowds in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Christmas Vespers was first held on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, at 4 p.m.—only hours after the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Approximately 500 attended.

Today, the single concert has expanded to four to accommodate a demand over half a century in the making. The college regularly starts receiving inquiries about tickets in August. Almost all tickets available to the general public are sold during the first morning they are offered in mid November.

Christmas Vespers is also featured on PBS stations and radio stations around the country. The broadcast received a Michigan Emmy for Multiple Camera Field Directing in 2004.

Hundreds of students participate through singing and playing instruments, and thus the tradition lives on.
The warm potpourri of freshly brewed coffee and warm pastries right out of the oven fill your senses when you first walk in the door. You turn and look over your shoulder just in time to see the sun start to shine through the window to say good morning. Most people only get to experience this once in a while, but as a JP’s employee, I get to experience this almost every day. JP’s is a local 8th street coffee shop critically acclaimed for its world famous coffee and baked goods. It is the place many local residents, students, and entrepreneurs come to meet, socialize, and study. JP’s, along with other local coffee venders, seems to be the fuel this college and town run on. In the past decade JP’s has made itself known as not only a top-notch coffee shop, but it has become a landmark, safe-haven, and an absolute necessity to all departments, students, and anyone else just looking for a boost.

JP’s: an inside look
by Christopher Maybury

“Studying is like a party, only except totally the opposite.”

Top to bottom, left to right:
Lemonjello’s coffee shop opened a new addition this year.
• The striped awning invites students into JP’s.
• Students read in the sunny Pine Grove.
• Sophomore Anne Hoekstra studies for a psychology test.

Spanish homework occupies freshman Brittany Ryzenga in the Kletz.
• Overlooking Gilmore, this rotunda is popular for study groups.
• Students read for their government class.
• Chemistry homework is done in a science lab.
• Sophomore Rick Rivera takes a break at work to print a report for his business class.

The Science Center’s couches provide downtime between labs.
• Senior Bethany Metters studies while working at Student Development.
• photos courtesy of Tally Reeverts & Megan Purtee
In the midst of student activities, participating in sports, and juggling internships with part-time jobs, many Hope students barely have time for their original purpose here: to learn. Preparing for classes outside the academic setting can be difficult, and students often find themselves reviewing notecards before chapel and finishing accounting homework while answering phones at work.

Freshmen and seniors alike travel outside their dorms and cottages to find a place to concentrate. Newly-opened campus facilities such as the Science Center and Martha Miller provide ample armchairs and study carrels for hours of reading and note-taking.

Just a few blocks from campus, many 8th street businesses offer comfortable booths and tables to spread out (see sidebar by Chris Maybury). The recent additions to local coffee shops such as Lemonjello’s and JP’s have cemented these two hangouts in the minds of Hope students as genuine study spots. Hope College takes pride in its identity as an institute for higher education, and the students here prove they are serious about their classes.
In 2005, the very successful Legacies: A Vision of Hope Capital Campaign came to a fruitful conclusion with commitments totaling nearly $141 million, almost doubling what the college’s campaign consultants initially thought “might” be possible. Several building projects have recently been completed on campus as a result of that campaign.

Years in the making, the magnificent A. Paul Schaap Science Center opened fully in the fall of 2004, transforming the west side of campus. A few blocks away both the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication and the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse likewise redefine the college to the east.

All three projects were cornerstones of the Legacies campaign, and their realization reflects the generous support of thousands of alumni, parents and friends of the college.

Hope College, however, is about much more than bricks and mortar. Hope is about students who learn and grow within walls, on playing fields and the walkways in between.

Though the campaign, when gauged by dollars raised was certainly a resounding success, the true measure of achievement is impact of those gifts on the lives they touch.

It is an impact that will continue as the new buildings and the campaign’s important enthusiasm on endowment provide space and resources that the entire Hope community can enjoy for decades.
When the college hired the new Ticket Office & Event Manager for the new DeVos Fieldhouse, they knew what they were getting. This type of work was nothing new for Anne Bakker, a ‘85 Hope graduate who has been active in the area of student activities for more than 20 years. She was a director of student activities for 15 years at Hope College and at Grand Valley State University. The new addition of the fieldhouse to the college has made a huge impact on the students, the school, and the surrounding community. According to Bakker, she has had the privilege to orchestrate it all with the help of her 50 plus student staff members. “I have heard nothing but great things. It is such a huge improvement over the Civic Center. People simply love the building,” said Bakker who coordinated the fieldhouses opening ceremony on Nov. 11, 2005.

Opposite page, top to bottom, left to right: Media Productions II students, Kristin Rose and Jason Cash tape portions of the twice weekly live news show The Lakeshore Report, which aired on MacTV. The Fieldhouse was used for many purposes including graduation commencement practice. The jumbotron became an attraction at the fieldhouse. Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams went undefeated in the fieldhouse. The Alumni Association held the Senior Celebration banquet in the fieldhouse. This page: The entrances to the new buildings greet visitors. Anchor advisor, Kathy Nathan, advises from the comfort of their new offices. The upper rotunda serves as a meeting area. Johanna Swanson works on show prep for The Lakeshore Report. Dew Crew members take ownership of the new DeVos Fieldhouse.

Bakker makes return
by Jason Cash

“Overall the response has been tremendous.”
Anne Bakker on the impact of the fieldhouse
Pages 54-55: The new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication provides a new area for the International Studies Department to hold gatherings. These international students hang out in the Rotunda, a popular place for small get togethers, studying, and visiting.

Pages 58-59: Theatre is a huge part of Hope’s campus. The play “Strider” helped theatre students explore the task of becoming an animal. This play particularly moved from the “horse” world to the human world and showed the aspects of the human character.

Pages 62-63: Retiring from full-time professorship, Jack Ridl gives a poetry performance at Lemonjello’s Coffeehouse as part of his new book of poems. Although Ridl is cutting back on his class load, he will still teach an advanced poetry class in the fall of 2006.
In her photography class, Laura Kinnas carefully decides which photographs to process for a project. As part of the Art Education track, Kinnas must become well-grounded in the many media of art as well as the practices and philosophies of education. • photo by PR •
The recently completed Martha Miller Center has been fully occupied this year. The building serves to house the departments of Communication, International Education, Modern and Classical Languages, and Multicultural Life.

On October 14, 2005, a dedication ceremony marked the start of this collaborative effort between the four departments. They were brought together to implement a program for “Global Communication,” which is designed to strive towards the goals of collaboration and global awareness in cultural understanding to develop student’s inter-communicational skills.

The Martha Miller Center was not only a means of department collaboration and global awareness, but for most students it is also a place to study and relax.
The building houses three conventional spaces: the twin rotundas, located on the first floor and second floors, and the lounge.

The Martha Miller Center was developed for the inclusiveness of Hope College and to bring students together in preparation for life after graduation. A life hopefully filled with the use of practiced and perfected communication skills and a greater appreciation for the differences that unite us.

THE ROTUNDA

The Rotunda of the Martha Miller Center is the most prominent characteristic of the building, as well as the focal point for the two wings. It also serves to accommodate the student life of the building. The tall circular rooms are home to very comfortable padded lounge chairs, a selection of hard tables, some paper easels, and even oversized bean bag chairs for the casual studier. The two-floor Rotunda is symbolically the anchor of the building, to relate the idea of four distinct departments coming together as one. Globally thinking, the Martha Miller Center physically connects communication to international culture, student to student, and therefore student to world.
The DeVos Fieldhouse is named after one of the five couples to contribute to the $22 million project. The other four couples have other various rooms named after them such as the DeYoung Volleyball Gymnasium. The wooden parquet floor is made out of maple trees from Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, and actually “floats” making for a softer landing. Of the 3,200 seats, 850 of them are cushioned, and they are all as close to the floor as they can get, thanks to one of the steepest arenas around. • photo by Tally Reeverts •

Our House!

"This is our house!" The words flank every entrance, shout from every speaker, and just emanate from the newly inaugurated DeVos Fieldhouse. For most attendees at the season opener for the men’s basketball team, the world was orange for hours afterward. The infamous Dew Crew, sponsored by Mountain Dew, never sits down at any game and represents the spirit and the pride of the student section for Hope. With an estimated 400 members, the Dew Crew rocks the house of any team and especially their own. "Our House" always brings a sense of unity to the sporting events held there and will for many years to come.

by Abigail Infante

The completion of the DeVos Fieldhouse brought many new resources to the college, all of which have contributed greatly to their respective recipients. However, the recently completed Devos Athletic Training Room has completely changed the shape of Hope’s Athletic Training Program, from top to bottom. Not only has it opened the world of learning to all the students involved, but it has created a place where athletes can get the best treatment available.

The new equipment has really changed the way the Certified Ath-
letic Trainers and the Athletic Training Students can develop a rehabilitation program for an athlete. It keeps them active by providing cross-training in the SwimEx hydrotherapy pool, and offers diverse opportunities to perform the same exercise many different ways.

The Training Room, located at the west end of the building on the first floor, is 3,500 square feet out of the 102,000 square feet that make up the Devos Fieldhouse. For the convenience of the Athletic Training program and the athletes it serves, the Smith Weight Training Center is also on the first floor, adjacent to the Athletic Training room.

Especially for the students, the convenience of two classrooms just upstairs from the Training Room provides the space for the classroom learning not far from the practical learning.

The Devos Athletic Training Room has opened the door to an amazing world of learning for all of Hope College.
Strictly speaking, the CrossRoads Project at Hope College strives to help students figure out what they want to do with their lives and how they can be of service to a much wider world. They describe their own mission as "Thinking Theologically About Career, Calling, and Life," and wish for their participants to leave the program with a better understanding of themselves, the world, and of God. Since so many students come to Hope without a vocational plan, an academic program such as CrossRoads is receiving quite a bit of business. The specific ideals expressed at CrossRoads will have many an impact for years to come.

ROAD LESS TRAVELED

The CrossRoad’s Project is a relatively new program on Hope College’s campus that focuses exploring vocation from a theological perspective. This project’s goal is to provide opportunities for students to explore how faith, career, calling, and life are related.

In late October, several Hope students took a break from their hectic routines and set off to Camp Henry in Newaygo, MI for a weekend retreat. While there, students joined forces with

Samantha Miller, one of CrossRoads frequent attendees, contemplates her life’s upcoming challenges at a CrossRoads gathering in an on-campus cottage. This meeting was one of many on-campus and off, that prepared students through open discussion, Biblical studies, prayer, and input from teachers. *photo courtesy of The CrossRoads Project*
others from Calvin and Alma in an effort to discern personal callings. This weekend was especially geared to those with possible callings to leadership and ministry.

Students had the opportunity to interact with a panel of current seminary students and experienced pastors to hear how the call to ministry took shape in their lives. In addition to this, students were led in a number of spiritual exercises and encouraged to spend time in personal reflection. The insight gained on the retreat was not just limited to calling. In the words of Hope freshmen, Nik Burkhart, “This retreat really helped me realize the scope of the Christian faith—that it’s not just isolated to our campus, or other colleges, but is really a much larger thing.”
The Women's Issues Organization (WIO) experienced a season of renewal and invigoration this year at Hope. Timmer Cottage, the WIO on-campus house, started the year with a donation of new furniture for the cottage's living room where WIO meets. After Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, WIO responded by co-sponsoring a benefit concert with the Indie Music Club. The concert, planned in just under a week, raised over $500, contributing more to Hope's pool of donations than any other student organization. WIO's annual Take Back the Night event drew large crowds of students and community members this fall; together, participants walked the campus to reclaim it as a safe space for women. This spring, WIO organized self-defense classes for men and women on campus, providing an opportunity for the community to confront sexual violence. WIO also screened the film Invisible Children for a week in Winants Auditorium, inviting the campus...
to increase its awareness of the impacts of genocide in Africa. At the close of the school year, members of WIO also supported the rally protesting Dr. John Hanson's dismissal by providing meeting time and materials to make signs advocating diversity and commemorating a much-loved professor. Throughout the year, membership increased and discussion flourished, as the group planned future events, defined long-term goals and enjoyed the open, feminist company.

This year, one of the Women's Studies biggest events was the Invisible Children walk and camp out in downtown Grand Rapids. The event was held on Saturday, April 27, 2006. Freshman Hilary Pitchlynn says of her feelings on the walk: "Any action I can take personally that can raise awareness to end such [human rights] violations is my duty as a decent human being and Christian." A total of 52,000 people from around the world marched on one night to support the children in Uganda, to experience what it might be like to be an "invisible child."

**INVISIBLE CHILDREN**
The Hope College Dance Department continued to grow this year with over 100 students enrolled. Many majors and minors took upwards of six or seven dance classes, all counting for one credit and requiring over four hours of class time per week. As in all of the fine arts, dedication was key. That dedication paid off in the department’s first concert of the year, the fall Student Dance Concert. The student-led concert consisted of works in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and hip-hop, and was a tremendous success. The fall semester ushered in the arrival of two guest teachers, Jackie Bird and Jon Lehrer. Each guest teacher choreographed a piece for the next concert, Dance 32. The auditioned concert, performed in the DeWitt Theater, nearly sold out all three nights. On the final night, Hope College Dance Department alum gave a tribute to Maxine DeBruyn, the founder of the department. Rehears-
Dance 32 is the most celebrated and anticipated dance show of the year. This year was the 32nd annual production choreographed by Hope faculty and preformed by Hope dancers. The Dance Department currently has 89 Dance majors and 33 Dance minors. Hope is only one of three liberal arts colleges in the nation that is fully accredited in Dance.

• Photo by Zach Trumble •

als for the Spring Student Dance concert were well underway shortly after the end of Dance 32. The second student-led dance concert was especially large this year since the Dance Composition class consisted of over 40 students, with each choreographing a piece. This final production completed another successful year for the Dance Department.

HIP HOP CLUB

Hip Hop Clubber Amanda Piagnarelli only goes to Hip Hop Club because she likes to dance. This club has up to 40 attending members at a time, all of different backgrounds and majors. Other campus programs that are attended strictly for fun include the Pom Pon squad, groups such as Young Life, Student Congress, the Pull team, or Nykerk. These extra-curricular activities are great for students who just want to get away from their studies for awhile and meet new people. The fact that 90% of these groups do volunteer work says that they are working on reaching out to more than just the Hope Community.
A selection of International students and alumni gather at the International Student Alumni Reception. With most alumni choosing to stay in the United States as long as possible after their education at Hope, they usually love to speak with the current students. * photo courtesy of International Studies Department

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

With a total of 33 different countries represented in the International Studies Department, a worldly education is guaranteed. Coming from countries such as Trinidad or even Cameroon, the international students at Hope find themselves engulfed in real American culture. With little time to learn English and high expectations, Hope provides a challenging array of course options for the international student becoming domestic, or the domestic student wishing to study topics of international concern. Hope officially offers over 60 countries for students to study abroad in, covering every major of study. And with more than 100 off campus options on 6 continents, the International Studies Department is touching far more than the outskirts of the Earth.

by Stelios Alvarez

The International Education Department is a prime example of Hope College’s dedication to multicultural exposure and embodies the values of a liberal arts education. With valuable and committed staff members, this department serves as a bridge between cultures. The yearly show entitled “Images” highlights the cooperation between students of various horizons and draws a sizeable crowd of interested Holland community members and Hope College students. The department also sets itself apart from
the strict academics in that it offers numerous activities and social gatherings so that international students and ‘traditional’ Hope students can get together and have a great time. Whether huddled around pizza, packed in a Hope van for a field trip, or simply relaxing in the International Lounge; students express their innate desire to learn from one another’s cultures and points-of-view. The move from the Fried International Center to the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication also stresses the College’s esteem for international contact in the hope to further global communication. Observing the changes in our global society, Hope College continues to strengthen ties with global community in keeping with the mission of Hope College. The International Education Department serves as a window of hope in a world that becomes closer and smaller every day.
The Pre-Professional Program at Hope is not only preparing students for their particular professional field, but also for life. With a thorough education in the sciences, English, arts, and mathematics, students wishing to go on to graduate schooling have much more of a firm basis for excellence. Whether it be law, journalism, social work, veterinary medicine, or any of the other sixteen pre-professional programs, students leave Hope competent and compassionate people. Although the requirements for entering various professional schools differ greatly, Hope is consistently preparing pre-professional students for a much wider world.

SO SPECIALIZED

The Pre-Health Professional programs at Hope College have been rated as one of the best in the nation. Students involved in the pre-professional programs at Hope know that they have received an extensive education that has prepared them for many types of professional school. Admittance into any category of professional school is very high for Hope graduates. The students involved with the pre-professional programs...
are well informed and advised as to what courses to take, and what type of preparation is needed to achieve a high score on the entrance exam for professional school. Within the first year at Hope, students meet with Pre-Professional advisor Dr. Mungall to discuss the types of requirements and recommendations needed to be successful in the student's area of interest. Whether it is in the Medical, Dental, Pre-Vet, Law, or any other pre-professional programs at Hope, there are specific guidelines laid out so that the student knows what classes are required for the next level of schooling, and what classes do not need to be taken. Along with class requirements, the students are also told what extracurricular activities will increase their chances of being accepted to a professional school, such as volunteering and job shadowing. Overall the Pre-Professional programs here at Hope along with the hard work of the students allow for a successful experience when trying to be admitted to a professional school.
by Whitney Thomas

The whole of Hope’s Theatre Department devoted hours this season to presenting plays that illuminated various hard-hitting aspects of human nature. In the first production of the year, students explored their animalistic side, becoming horses in Strider. Later in the season, magic graced the stage as a cast developed the story of The Illusion. In the second semester, four women faced difficult memories and harsh realities in Perfect Pie, and a larger cast jubilantly explored the world of Shakespeare’s Love’s Labor’s Lost.

There were also two student productions this season. Coffee Bar, written by senior NoahDavid Lein, launched the audience into a world filled with betrayal, dependence, and twisted friendship, while Spinning Into Butter opened the difficult topic of racism in schools similar to Hope College.

Throughout this past
school year, the department produced shows that push real issues into the lime light. Whether it was through a story illuminating mortality or young love, a story of deep friendship or the social mirages of life, students became the story-tellers of our time.

The productions in the Theatre Department were five very powerful and controversial productions. From dealing with racism on a small college campus in Spinning Into Butter, to dealing with the sense of self in Perfect Pie, the Theatre Department showed more than their share of worldly concern. Even though the department does not directly reach out into the world through their productions, they do in a way by making their audience think about themselves seriously. Terribly graphic productions such as The Illusion, aid in this "changing the world" attitude as well. Bringing audience members out of Holland, MI and into the real world.

PERFECT AS PIE?
Written by: Patrice Roberts

The 2005-06 year was a great year for Psychology department faculty and students alike. Faculty members excelled in class as well as outside of class, and students worked hard on their research. Dr. Tom Ludwig was the recipient of the Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology award from the American Psychological Foundation, which honors professors for excellence in the teaching of psychology. Dr. David G. Myers published a book called *What God Has Joined Together: A Christian Case for Gay Marriage*, as well as numerous other publications. Dr. Charlotte VanOyen-Witvliet, who does extensive research in the area of forgiveness submitted two journal articles for publication in two peer-reviewed journals, and they were published in 2005. Dr. Lorna Hernandez-Jarvis also had an article published in a peer-reviewed journal on her family research. Dr. Charles
Summer independent research students Tyler Boonstra and Patrice Roberts, look over their research with Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown. The professor watches over about seven students in their independent research, which is about average for the professors in summer research studies.
* photos by Emily Southard *

W. Green was the recipient of the Vanderbush-Weller Award, which is an award that honors professors for their dedication and positive impact on students. Dr. Scott VanderStoep was also appointed the new Psychology Department chair for the 2006-07 academic year. Student achievements include four MPA regional awards for the quality of their undergraduate research under the guidance of Dr. Jarvis and Dr. Jane Dickie, and one student received the National American Psychological Association research award under the guidance of Dr. Dickie.

DEEPER STUDIES

The students of the Psychology Department are not only majors in psychology. They are better people. Better people because of an intensive program starting with basic theories in psychology, to practical experiences in internships, and finally to faculty-involved research. Students can receive psychological expertise for use in fields such as mental health, social work, medicine, ministry, law, and education. They also can participate nationally in the honor society for psychology majors, Psi Chi. In the photo left, Patrice Roberts wraps up a day of studying sound waves for her summer research.
Professor Jack Ridl, known for his love of poetry, was one of the founders of the Visiting Writer’s Series in 1985 which brings other published authors to Hope College to read, speak, and share their experiences.

OPUS!

OPUS is a Hope College student-run literary magazine that publishes once each semester. Beyond this basic function, OPUS strives to nurture and promote an artistic community at Hope College. This involves many aspects: interacting with the greater West Michigan artistic community through both attending and hosting events such as poetry readings or art shows, bringing students together to dialogue on the personal views concerning all aspects of art, hosting workshops for student art, publishing and promoting student work biannually, providing students with an opportunity to gain experience in the industries of editing and printing, and much more.

OPUS!  

by Megan E. Hunt

Every year in the beginning of April, the Hope College campus is magically blanketed with poetry overnight. Early risers can find little pieces of paper taped to signs, in bathroom stalls, and on the backs of classroom chairs. Sometimes, months later, those who are lucky will find a poem that the custodial staff missed, tucked in a corner or between the pages of a library book. When stumbling across these little pieces of literature, the discoverer is often perplexed. Where did these poems appear from? Why are they there? April is National Poetry Month, the perfect time for poetry lovers
to share their favorite poems with the rest of the student body. These poetry blitzers are comprised of current and past poetry students, their friends, and other lovers of the written word. Late at night, they stealthily go from building to building, leaving behind a trail of stanzas, rhymes, and poetic lines, hoping to catch the eye of an unsuspecting passer-by.

This year, the poetry blitz continued throughout the entire month of April. Once a week, a small group of poetry students met on the weekend, stacks of poetry in hand, to celebrate their favorite poets and cover buildings on campus with small copies of their favorite pieces. Operating under pseudonyms like Mikhail Gorbachev, Judas, Acer, and Albatross, the group kept the poetry blitz alive all through National Poetry Month.

Even though poems all over campus might not be something that everyone loves to see, most of the campus appreciates overnight delivery of a beautiful art in written form. It's an event that faculty, staff, and students look forward to every year.
For an art major, studying abroad is not quite like most other majors. Where most majors require greater amounts of studying, a studio art major merely requires time, creativity, and a lot of space. Therefore, art majors must find all of those in one internship. Whether in the New York Arts Program, the Chicago Semester, the Philadelphia Center, or even a semester in Vienna or Paris, art majors find themselves delving into art of the past, present, and future. What do all of these places have in common? They all provide a kind of learning environment that cannot be found on a college campus: real, practical experience.

ABROAD ART

The Art and Art History Department this year has been looking in through its two student shows and faculty show in the DePree Art Gallery, as well as reaching out through the Gallery’s feature of a Michigan photographer working in the Sudan and an infamous local stained glass artist. Hope is different than most of the other schools accredited by the National Association of Schools of Arts and Design because of its liberal arts education. Art majors at Hope have countless opportunities to learn about their craft from their teachers’ own studios and works, as well as

One of the most popular classes in the art department is basic photography, which has become by far the most sought-after. Taught by Professor Steve Nelson, the basic photography class lets students from any field of study explore their creative side without needing to be technically experienced, just creative enough to step into a black and white world and “capture.” • photos courtesy of the art department •
through the works constantly coming through the Gallery. The liberal arts education gives students a history of their field through the twelve credits of art history they have to take, but also through the effect that the arts have had on the sciences, education, politics, or communication. Majors are also required to take almost every basic course offered, with the understanding that each course has something to benefit the next, and then up to the third course level in their chosen concentration. In every course students benefit greatly from group critiques, input from experienced but understanding faculty, and a high creative energy that runs throughout the historically creative building that is the DePree Art Center.

*Wherefore Art?
What you need to know about Jack

Jack grew up in the worlds of sports and the circus. His father was the basketball coach at Westminster College and the University of Pittsburgh. Jack was a point guard and a shortstop. He spent a lot of his time with his cousin who was a circus man. Jack's poems often reflect these influences, as does his teaching!

“the circustrator”

There are some professors whose classes and involvement make Hope College a better place to be. English Department professor and published poet, Jack Ridl, is one of those. A member of Hope’s faculty since 1971, Ridl has certainly left his mark.

In 1985, he was one of the founders of the Visiting Writer’s Series which brings other published authors to Hope College to read, speak, and share their experiences. Ridl has received a number of awards during his years at Hope: Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award (1976), Michigan’s Professor of the Year (1996), Favorite Faculty/Staff Member (2003).

However, more important than these awards is the fact that Ridl has become a favorite among his students. His passion for writing and his love for his students are legendary. Anyone who has taken one of his poetry classes knows that it is an incredibly special experience whether they’re a part of his May term class or his beginning, intermediate, and advanced poetry classes. Ridl always has a kind word and encouraging advice to share when needed. There’s also his undeniable enthusiasm for poetry and the process of writing. Students who have taken part in his classes learn to love and appreciate the entire creative process through his guidance and through the safe space that his poetry classes become. Jack is one of those teachers that will be impossible to forget.

Jack Ridl

academic support center

art & art history

Left to right: Janet Pinkham, Jacqueline Heisler, Lisa Lampen, David James

Front, left to right: Kristin Van Haitsma, Jennifer Gardiner-Lam, Carol Mahson
Second row: Steve Nelson, John Hanson, Bill Mayer, Pedar Dalthrop, Katherine Sullivan, Judy Hillman, Bruce McCombs

Academics
Front row, left to right: Joan VanHouten, Leah Chase-Waller, Christopher Barney, Aaron Best. Second row: Virginia McDonough, Kathy Winnett-Murray, James Gentile, Lori Hertel, Gregory Fraley, Donald Cronkite, Timothy Evans, Debbie Swarthout, Thomas Bultman, Gregory Fraley.

Front row left to right: Dr. Teresa House!, Dawn DeWitt-Brinks, Dr. Deirdre Johnston, Isolde Anderson. Second row: Dr. Christian Speilvogel, Dr. James Herrick. Not Pictured: Rebecca DeVries, Dr. David Schock, Rob Pocock.

Left to right: Kristen Johnson, Dr. Charlotte VanOyen-Witvliet, Dr. Nancy Miller, Joanne Stewart, Michelle Bombe, Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger, David Cunningham.

Left to right: Herb Dershem, Charles Cusack Ryan McFall, Matt DeJongh, Mike Jipping.

What you need to know about Bruce

Bruce McCombs received his BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art and his MFA degree from Tulane University. Bruce actively displays his prints and paintings nationally and internationally. Most recently, his work has appeared in shows in Norway, Taiwan, Columbia and Yugoslavia. Bruce's artwork has been procured by many permanent collections both nationally and internationally, including The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Whitney Museum of American Art, the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., and the National Museum of Fine Arts in Hanoi, Vietnam.

"the real realist"

To many Hope College students, Bruce McCombs is known as the real realist. To students looking for their general education credits in art, he is known as the “really good draw-er”, to friends and colleagues he is merely Bruce. Bruce started at Hope College in 1969, a draw-er, a printer, and an artist, he quietly made his way into the hearts of his successive classes. After a few years as a master printmaker, and most likely tired of the black and white world, Bruce opened up his “Pleasantville” eyes, to a glass of water, a new set of Cotman Watercolors, and a new world. He began his journey in watercolor attempting to still be involved in printmaking, but finding himself much too drawn, he leapt with faith into the watercolor world. Not knowing if his drawing skill would carry him as it had so well in printmaking, he worked and worked on his coloring skills, as well as his “wet-into-wet” technique, continually working and refining. Never having been a fan of the art critique, he was pleased to find that many people enjoyed his unique perspectives on certain aspects of their lives that they had managed to overlook. From cars or trains, city-scapes or Hope College scapes, Bruce McCombs captured the onlookers’ eyes and hearts from all over the world to right here in Holland.

Written by: Emily Southard

Bruce McCombs

music

Front row, l to r: Julia Randel, Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, Linda Dykstra, Andrew Le. Back row: Brian Coyle, Mihai Craioveanu, Huw Lewis, Robert Hodson, Blair Martin, Charles Aschbrenner, Richard Pippo.

nursing

Front row, left to right: Catherine Clarey-Sanford, Paulette Chaponniere, Vivi Voskuil. Back row: Deb Sietsema, Amanda Barton, Tamara George, Nancy Barnum, Susan Dunn, Melissa Westerhof.

Department Photos
Dr. Patricia Roehling, psychology professor and department chair, has been at Hope since 1987. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Wayne State University. Her research interests include: psychotherapy, alcohol abuse, eating disorders, and work and family issues. In 2005, her book The Career Mystique: Cracks in the American Dream was published and won the 2005 Award for Excellence in Professional and Scholarly Publishing. It was named the best book in the category of Sociology and Social Work. Dr. Roehling is an ad hoc reviewer for Human Relations, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Journal of Studies on Alcohol, Journal of Occupational Health Psychology, and Sex Roles: A Journal of Research. She also teaches Introduction to Psychology, Behavior Disorders, Organizational Behavior and Clinical Psychology. Written by: Patrice Roberts

Patricia Roehling

What you need to know about Patricia

Patricia has two children, Alex, who is a freshman at the University of Michigan and Julia, who is a junior in high school. Her non-academic interests include running (she completed the Chicago Marathon in 2004) and other outdoor activities.
Left to right: M. Cristina Williams, Alfredo Gonzales, James Boelkies, Lannette Zylman.

Front row, left to right: Doug Dygas, Jon Huiskens. Back row: Maura Reynolds, Merrie Bannick, Carol De Jong, Sharon Hoogendoorn.

Left to right: Donald Luidens, Debra Swanson, Lisa Lampen, Deborah Sturtevant, Melissa Villarreal, James Piers.


Front row, left to right: Lynn Japinga, Boyd Wilson, Steven Hoogerwerf, Andrew Yan. Back row: Jeff Tyler, Steven Bouma-Prediger, Barry Bandstra, Wayne Brouwer, Phillip Munoa, Kent Van Til.

The men’s basketball team fell one game short of playing in the Sectional Championship. The Flying Dutchmen ended their season with an impressive 28-3 record.

In their winningest season in Hope history, the women’s soccer team made it to the NCAA tournament. This year, Hope shared the MIAA title with Calvin College. Hope gained an at-large berth in the tournament. The lucky number for the men’s golf team isn’t 7 or 13—it’s 17. This year, as in 1987, 1988 and 2000, the Dutchmen placed 17th in the Division III NCAA tournament. The tournament was held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Hope’s highest scorer was Tommy Yamaoka at 36th place.
Going up for the basket, Megan Noll evades the Denison defense. Noll played 20 minutes of the Hope Dutch's 25th consecutive victory. Just the first game of the post season, the Flying Dutch went on to sweep the Division III Women's Basketball Tournament, bringing a First Place trophy to Holland.
Senior Erica Pagorek slide tackles the ball and helps her team reach a 2-0 shut out against Saint Mary's.

* photo by Zach Trumble

**Dominating Dutch**

By: Zach Trumble

The Flying Dutch started their season off with a blazing four game shutout streak against Elmhurst, Illinois Wesleyan, and MIAA opponents Kalamazoo, and Saint Mary's. Continuing to remain supreme in the MIAA, they dominated a 2-1 victory over Alma, and swept Alma and Olivet in shutouts. Their longest winning streak in history came to an end (2-0) in a showdown between arch rival Calvin, the only other unbeaten MIAA team. However, the Dutch struck back with another series of shutouts, this time five in a row, four of which were MIAA games. Avenging the earlier loss to Calvin, the Flying Dutch beat the Knights 2-1 tying for first place in the MIAA. The race for the MIAA Championship was on as Hope posted their 16th victory tying the school record. The Dutch went on to break that record with 18 wins posting a MIAA record of 15-1. This record tied them for the MIAA Championship, sharing the crown with rival Calvin. The Flying Dutch suffered a tough first round loss in the NCAA Division III tournament to DePauw, Indiana (5-4). Both teams were scoreless through 120 minutes of regulation and overtime forcing a one-on-one penalty kick showdown. Three players were presented all-region Division III honors, defender Rachael Sauereman (07), midfielder Ellie Tresslar (08), and goalkeeper Holly Nestle (07). This is the largest number of Hope honorees in a single season.

Hope 2 Kalamazoo 0
Hope 2 Saint Mary's 0
Hope 4 Alma 0
Hope 3 Olivet 0
Calvin 2 Hope 0
Hope 3 Adrian 0
Top to bottom left to right: Senior Kendall Aliber looks for a pass in a shutout against Davenport. Jumping over her opponent, Senior Marie DePetris heads the ball to Lauren Stieper. Double trouble Kristine Krcmar (#12) and Linnae Klompmaker (#13) put the squeeze on two St. Mary's players. Hope goes on to win 2-0. Negeen Masghati, team captain and midfielder, dribbles the ball down the field. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Scoreboard

Hope 7 Tri-State 0
Hope 2 Saint Mary's 0
Hope 2 Albion 0
Hope 2 Alma 1 (ot)
Hope 2 Olivet 0
Hope 2 Calvin 1
Hope 7 Adrian 0
Hope 3 Tri-State 0
Hope 5 Kalamazoo 0

Front row left to right: Tricia Miedema, Kayla Fryczynski, Negeen Masghati, Rachael Sauerman, Erin Dargis, Kendall Aliber, Tess Scholtz; middle row: Elisa Tresslar, Sarah Cochrane, Lea DeWitt, Stephanie Bysma, Holly Nestle, Lauren Peters, Stefanie Haba, Julia Fischer, Ashleigh McNeil, Lindsey Cole; back row: assistant coach Gretchen Tanis, assistant coach Kate Thayer, Lauren Stieper, Marie DePetris, Catie Neidlinger, Erica Pagorek, Kristine Krcmar, Emily Tyler, Dawn Gillam, Linnae Klompmaker, Amanda Friedlne, assistant coach Lindsey Engelsman, head coach Leigh Sears

Women’s Soccer
Top to bottom, left to right: Senior and team captain Geoff Meyer, honored as the MIAA 2005 Most Valuable Player, takes a shot. Devin McNeil, Hope’s other team captain, also a senior, was named a NCAA Division III All-American player. Goalkeeper Kevin Butterfield blocks a shot and helps the Dutch win 9 MIAA shut-out games. Controlling the ball down the field, Junior Bain Rumohr assists his team in a 2-0 victory over John Carroll.

* photos by Zach Trumble *
Senior Karter Klingenberg shoots in a goal to assist his team to a 2-0 shut-out against John Carroll. Klingenberg scored 12 goals this season tying him for league leader in goals scored. • photo by Zach Trumble

The men’s soccer team had a record-breaking fall season. Led by a solid group of six seniors, the Flying Dutchmen broke the single season winning streak record of 12 wins. After starting the season with one win and two losses, Hope won 15 straight games and clinched the MIAA championship. Other highlights of the year included an unprecedented 9-0 victory over league rival Kalamazoo and winning the Wilmington College soccer tournament.

Not only did the team break the winning streak record, but senior captain Geoff Meyer tied the single season assist record for the MIAA with 13 assists in 14 games. Meyer also earned NCAA First Team All American, NCAA All Region, and was voted MIAA MVP by the league’s coaches.

Senior Devin McNeil earned NCAA Second Team All American, NCAA All Region, and MIAA First Team for the third consecutive year. Other All MIAA First Team members included senior Karter Klingenberg, sophomore Dan Tressler, junior Pat McMahon, and senior goalie Kevin Butterfield. Senior Bryan Johnson was voted Second Team All League, and Honorable Mention All League recognition was awarded to senior Phil Lepper, junior Craig Root, and junior Bain Rumohr.

In a close game, the team lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to finalist Gustavus-Adolphus, the Flying Dutchmen worked hard to improve each game, and show the nation that “Hope plays, Hope wins.”
The women’s cross-country team had a very strong year with many great performances. The team, consisting of 26 women, began the season with a big win at their home course, Ridgepoint Church in Holland, and kept the momentum going throughout the season. Led by Lisa Peterson, Amanda Huck, Leslie Tableman, and Kelli Zoellner, the team stormed through the mass of competitors.

Through heat and humidity, rain and mud, frost and cold, the women kept mentally tough and worked hard. The team traveled to Ohio, Wisconsin and other parts of Michigan to compete against a variety of strong Division Three schools. The women placed second in the MIAA Conference and had seven All-Conference awards, finishing in 11th place out of 31 teams in the region.

by Alison Mejeur

Through heat and humidity, rain and mud, frost and cold

Mentally Tough

Leading the pack: Hope runners Amanda Huck, Anne Hoekstra, Leslie Tableman lead the pack at the beginning of the race, contributing to the 2nd place finish at the Aquinas Invitational. • photo by Zach Trumble
9th place - Harriers Test DIII Championship

5th place - Oshkosh Invitational

2nd place - MIAA Championship

11th place - NCAA Great Lakes Regional

Front row, left to right: Jessica Previch, Emily Wandell, Brietney Lewis, Alison Mejeur, Leslie Tableman, Heather Kamps, Natalie Dall'Olmo, Sara Omanson, Kinsi Hower, Claire Tyner; middle row: Leah Koopmans, Katie Greenland, Holly Greving, Mackenzie Snyder, Lydia Hartsell, Cayla Henn, Lisa Peterson, Barbara Schornstein, Kelli Zoellner, Anne Hoekstra, Amanda Huck; back row: Sarah Multer, Ashley O'Shaughnessey, Holly Becker- man, Kate Freshour, Katie Robinson, Andrea Oosting, Laura Jackson, Britta Trepp, assistant coach Kristen Post, assistant coach Bryan VanZanten, assistant coach Rick VanderVelde, head coach Mark Northuis.

Top to bottom, left to right: Heather Kamps rounds the corner of the final stretch of the course. As a 2004 All-MIAA first teamer, Kamps brought a lot of experience to the team. Anne Hoekstra passes a struggling Albion/Alma runner. Hoekstra placed 3rd in the season opener Vanderbilt Cross Country Invitational. A pack of Hope runners pushes forward on a hot, sunny day. Nearing the end of the course, Sarah Multer finishes strong. She won All-MIAA first team honors and placed 17th at the MIAA Championships. • photos by Zach Trumble•

1st place - Vanderbilt Cross Country Invitational

6th place - Aquinas Invitational

2nd place - League Jamboree

7th place - Lansing CC Invitational

10th place - Harriers Test DIII Championship

Top to bottom, left to right: Carl Morrison (09) works hard while running up a hill while being encouraged by head coach Mark Northuis. Justin Bazek (06) steadily makes strides through the middle section of the course. Kyle Barnes (06) and Seth Weener (08), named one of the Most Improved Runners, keep pace with each other up a large hill, using the buddy system for motivation. Matt Casillas (06) focuses on the runner in front of him, looking to pass. Casillas was the top Hope finisher at Harriers Test DIII Championships Course, coming in at 53rd. • photos by Zach Trumble•
This year’s Dutchmen men’s cross country team started off their season with a bang; the team won the Vanderbilt Invite, sharing the title with the women’s team for the first time in seven years. The team focused on qualifying for the National Championship as they raced in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin throughout October. Among these competitions was the Oshkosh Invite, during which the men were within striking distance of four nationally-ranked teams. In November, they gained second place in the conference behind the defending national champions, Calvin College. Seven of the men were named to the All-MIAA team.

They arrived at the regional competition with high hopes of a nationals berth, but unfortunately their top seven runners faced injuries and fatigue. In spite of the loss, the future remains bright, thanks to a group of promising underclassmen who have improved their running with leaps and bounds.

by Kyle Williams

Despite Injury
Running Strong

Jeff Weber (06), Alex Wood (07), and Aaron Kenemer (07) run as a pack at the Vanderbilt Crown.

*photo by Zach Trumble*
Cheerleading requires dedication, energy, and trust; this past season, Hope's team demonstrated all of these qualities. During August, the team showed their dedication by attending a cheerleading camp, sponsored by Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Hope competed in three competitions in the Small Coed Division while at camp. They earned a first place trophy in the Cheer competition and second place trophies in the Sideline and Fight Song competitions. Lead by coaches Wes Wooley and Anne Slaughter, this past cheerleading season was the longest in four years, lasting from Hope's football season in the fall through Hope's basketball season, ending in the NCAA tournament in March. During a dramatic men's basketball game at Western University, Hope's cheerleaders led their fans to overpower the home crowd.

With only six team members returning from last season, Hope added nine new cheerleaders. After some roster changes during football season, captains Rachel Streelman (06) and Amanda Scheerenga (08) led the team to grow in skill and trust throughout the basketball season. The future looks great for the cheerleading team, as only two members, Rachel Streelman and Tony Kreucher, are graduating, leaving six freshmen and six sophomores.
Top to bottom left to right: **Tony Kreucher** (06) wakes up the crowd at a Hope football game. **Team captain Rachel Streelman** (06) cheers for the Dutchmen at a home football game. **Alicia Voyles** (08) raises a sign during a basketball game in the DeVos Fieldhouse. **Emily Mills** (08) keeps the crowd interested during a timeout. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Left to right: front row: Monica Martinez, Tiffany Timmer, Allison Rogowski, Stephanie Hansens, Tara Gustin, Kandace VanDahm, Jenna Carlson; middle row: Karena Schroder, Lauren Oldfield, Rachel Streelman, Crystal Frost, Emily Mills, Vikki Cradins; back row: Assistant Coach Anne Slaughter, Alicia Voyles, Amanda Scheering, Tony Kreucher, Jon Wissink, Amanda Gurtler, Laura Adams, Head Coach Wes Wooley.

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**Highlights**

1st place Cheer - Universal Cheerleading Association Competition

2nd place Sideline/Fight-song - Universal Cheerleading Association Competition
Top to bottom, left to right: Placekicker Nate Barnett went 25 in a row on Points After Touchdown (PAT), extending his career total to 106. Running back Troy Blasius catches an interception against Adrian. David Booko, Running Back, fends off a tackle. Quarterback Joe Schwander wasn't afraid to run the ball and picked up 486 rushing yards this season along with 1,746 passing yards. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Front row, from left to right: Eli Cryderman, Josh DeHaan, Gabe Warren, Andy Doupe, Scott Greenman, Joe Schwaner, Joe Diekevers, Matt Erb, Dan Scholfield, Justin Fitzgerald, Andrew McKay, Nate Barnett, Brady Wilson, Joe Kik, Dustin Fiddler; second row: Dave Booko, Matt Rugenstein, Brett Lucas, Colin Balas, Kevin Roschek, Lance Rogers, Jack Nummendor, Joe Hersel, Brandon Kaiser, Kris Gillhespy, Nick Oostveen, Josh Thornton, Bobby Knight, Tim Carter, Derek Cooper; third row: Makana McCarty, Mike Brusko, Chris Bowen, John Deuker, Jack Kiefer, Jacob Droppers, Drew Weigl, Bryan Turner, Justing Caserta, Ryan Reynolds, Nick Gerenke, Joey Gobe, Doug VanEerden, Troy Blasius, Kevin VanderBosch; fourth row: Drew Engels, Josh Kortz, Glenn Clarke, Josh Lanser, Josh Ullman, Jeremiah Budd, James Snyder, George Klupchak, Thad Goodchild, Mike Kolanowski, Brent Solberg, John Neffke, Nick Flop, Brandon Clark; fifth row: Jason Copelin, Frank Felice, Joel Bont, Bobby Brown, Ben Smith, Keith Thompson, Erik George, Blake Carbon, Chris Banko; Jason Elzinga, Dean Klingenberg, Doug Persson, Chad Rector, Steven Mostrom; sixth row: Ed Beyne, Casey Smith, Jeff Reardon, Josh Iman, Justin Csernai, Ryan Dykhouse, Drew Moore, Ryan Costella, Matt Diesenhofer, Tim Bassett, Matt Clagh, Matt Krnzenow, TJ Schutt; seventh row: Chris Wendt, Aaron Wilson, Jeremiah Clements, Tyler Gortnight, Brody Csernai, Jon Oman, Mark Neitzol, Bryan Reiderbach, Kiel Reidenbach, Kevin Mill, Mike Pass, Matt Anderson, Mike William; eighth row: Kyle Eynick, Mike Mers, Luke Leinweber, Dan Salamango, Ryan Smith, Jake Manning, Greg Paval, Paul LaRue, Dakota Couseineau, Dan Burns, RJ Casey, Steve Stetson, Kurt Twichell, Andy Vander Yacht; ninth row: Drew Moore, Eric Ladomery, Andy Johansen, Zach Huizing, Sean Pope, Spencer Duits, Jonny Krupnik, Joel Wils, Joel Bont, Rick Rhodes, Andy Serrano, Jay Martello, Eric Adamczyk; back row: Dr. Todd Harburn, trainer Kirk Brumels, student trainer Ali Young, student trainer Joe Banish, assistant coach Chad Miller, defensive coordinator Joe Knapp, assistant coach Chris Mendeh, assistant coach Stu Fritz, head coach Dean Kreps, assistant coach Branden Graham, assistant coach Jim DeHorn, assistant coach Doug VanderMeer, videographer Doug Wermeyer, equipment manager Gordon VanderYacht, student trainers Amanda Friedline, Alyssa Alsum.

Scoreboard

Hope 13 John Carroll 38
Hope 12 Depauw 38
Hope 7 Wheaton 48
Hope 38 Kalamazoo 7
Hope 24 Olivet 31
Hope 38 WI Lutheran 7
With fans cheering, the Hope College football team enters the field in traditional style, an intimidating wall of blue and orange.

*photo by Zach Trumble*

The football team ended their season in second place in the MIAA, with league record of 5-2 and 5-5 overall. For the tenth consecutive season, the Dutchmen were .500 or better, a feat never matched before in Hope’s ninety-seven year history of football.

The offense was anchored on the arm of quarterback Joe Schwander, and in the legs of sophomore tailback David Booko. Schwander finished the season with 1,746 yards passing and 486 yards rushing, while Booko became the ninth tailback in Hope history to rush for over 1,000 yards. He also finished the season with an MIAA leading 11 touchdowns.

These accomplishments would’ve been impossible without the offensive line, lead by senior Josh DeHaan, named for the second time to the All-MIAA First Team.

Defensively, the Dutch were anchored by All-MIAA First Team linebacker, junior Zach Huizing, and sophomore defensive end, Matt Reugenstein, who combined for an astonishing 144 tackles, 12 of them for a loss, four sacks, three interceptions and one fumble recovery. The defense also benefited from junior Nick Oostveen’s 60 tackles and three interceptions, along with sophomore Troy Blasius’ 50 tackles and six interceptions.

For the special teams, senior place kicker Nathan Barnett tied an MIAA record for most consecutive Points After Touchdown (PATs) with 30, a school career record for most PATs was 105. Through there were many individual accomplishments during the 2005 season, the Dutchmen played as a team, united as one.

**United As One**

**Playing As A Team**

*by Eli Cryderman*

Hope 42 Adrian 21

Hope 0 Albion 34

Hope 42 Tri-State 10

Hope 38 Alma 20

Football
This past fall, the Hope College Women’s Flying Dutch volleyball team posted a 27-8 record while capturing the MIAA league championship with a 16-0 league record, under the helm of second-year coach Becky Schmidt. With a three-game sweep over rival Calvin in their second match of league play, the Dutch ended a 10-match winning streak held by the Knights dating back to the 2001 season. The Dutch continued their success posting a 16-match winning streak. At one point they were ranked fourth in the Great Lakes region among NCAA Division III teams.

Other highlights included the setup of a new tournament coined the “Border Battle” in which the MIAA teams of Hope, Calvin, Alma and Kalamazoo took on the NCAC teams in Ohio of Hiram, Ohio Northern, Mount St. Joseph and Wittenberg. The Flying Dutch were also ranked sixth in fan attendance in all Division III schools. Coach Schmidt was named MIAA Coach of the Year and receiving All-MIAA First Team honors were senior Julie VanderSlice, junior Amber Hoezee, and junior Stephanie Poll. Lindsey Schaap received Coaches Honorable Mention and Shawna Buche received the Outstanding Contribution Award.

Head coach Becky Schmidt gives the Dutch a pep talk, while also helping them correct their mistakes during a timeout. Second-year coach Schmidt was named the MIAA’s Coach of the Year. • photo by Zach Trumble •
Hope 3 Kalamazoo 0
Hope 3 Olivet 1
Hope 3 Adrian 1
Hope 3 Kalamazoo 0
Hope 3 Tri-State 0
Hope 3 Calvin 2


Top to bottom, left to right: Natalie Hoogeveen watches the ball into her arms for the serve receive pass to the setter. Team MVP Julie VanderSlice blocks the rightside attack. Shawna Buche, the libero, anticipates the dig. Lindsey Schaap, a middle blocker, dominates the opposing middle hitter's spike. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Top to bottom, left to right: Lisa Ekdom mentally prepares herself for a race. Sarah Johnson comes up for air while swimming the 200 Butterfly. Swimming the 500 Freestyle, Erica VanGilder pushes past the competition. Listening for the starter, Brittaney Reest takes her marks for the backstroke. • photos by Zach Trumble•
Over the whole season, Hope swam well, winning seven of their ten dual meet match ups. Led by senior captains Lisa Baran, Lisa Ekdom, Meagan O’Neil, Ashley Tillman, and Erica Van Gilder, the goal of a unified team was realized. As for invitational performances, the team finished 5th in December at the Wheaton Invite and 1st at the Quad meet held here in Holland in January.

February brought about the league meet, held at Jenison High School, where Hope was crowned MIAA champions in six events and established two conference records set by junior Lisa Smith. Overall, Hope took a second-place finish to a strong Calvin team, naming many individual swimmers to the All-MIAA team, including seniors Lisa Ekdom and Meagan O’Neil, juniors Lisa Smith and Sarah Diekevers, and freshmen Andrea Keller and Brittney Reest.

Continuing on to the national level, Hope’s team, made up of returnees Ekdom, Trisha Meier and Smith joined by rookies Laura Ansilio, Jenny Carr, Diekevers and Reest traveled to the University of Minnesota in March. They returned with All-American finishes by Smith in the 100 and 200 Butterflies; Trisha Reest in the 100 Backstroke; as well as the 400 Freestyle Relay team of Laura Ansilio, Ekdom, Meier and Smith. Hope also finished with Honorable Mentions by Smith in the 50 Freestyle and by the relay teams in the 200 Freestyle and 200 Medley Relays.

by Lisa Ekdom
Men’s Swimming enjoyed another successful season under John Patnott in his twenty-sixth year of coaching. A new MIAA rivalry emerged in the wake of Hope’s second-place finish to Olivet at the conference championship meet. Hope was edged by a score of 559 to 532, a narrow margin of victory that could have easily been swung by a single event. Nevertheless, every single swimmer and diver enjoyed life-time bests at the meet, an indication that the men reaped the benefits of five months of rigorous training.

Memorable season highlights included the men’s 200 free relay smashing the team record by nearly one full second, and the men’s 400 medley relay coming from behind to beat the Comets in a key MIAA race. The Dutchmen were led by five captains, consisting of juniors Jake Holton, Kyle Waterstone, Jeff Holtman and Karl Hoesch, and senior Kurt Blohm, the league MVP and record holder in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Hope’s NCAA qualifiers consisted of a five-man crew of Blohm, Holton, Jeff Vroegindewey, Chas Vanderbroek and Ryan Vogelzang. The men finished sixteenth overall after several All-American relay performances including a historic consolation final in the 400 free relay in which the men were touched out by the Emory Eagles.

Despite many pre-season doubts, the 05-06 Dutchmen fought and earned their spot in Hope swimming history, a long tradition of nationally recognized student-athletes. The bar was set for future Hope swimmers.
Top to bottom, left to right: Kevin O'Brien takes one last breath before hurtling to the finish. Swimming the butterfly, Brad Lininger helps his 400 medley relay team win the heat at Albion. Photos by PR.

Kurt Blohm, an NCAA All-American, views the water as he steps up on the block. Jeff Vroegindewey taking his marks for backstroke, his leg of the 400 medley relay. Photos by Zach Trumble.

Scoreboard

Hope 130 Albion 92
Hope 110.5 Alma 83.5
2nd Place MIAA Championships
16th place NCAA Championships
Top to bottom left to right: Joanne Stewart looks for a pass at the top of the key. Megan Noll drives to the hoop against Calvin. Jennie IntVeld dribbles toward the hoop. Bria Ebels drives past a Calvin defender. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Seated from left to right: Jordyn Boles, Brieann Bryant, Courtney Knox, Linda Ebels, Ellen Wood, Stacy Warsen, Kate Reincke, Lindsay Lange, Julie Henderson, Becky Bosserd; standing: head coach Brian Morehouse, JV coach Colleen Corey, assistant coach Becky Sutton Klinger, Bria Ebels, Kaitlyn Kopke, Jennie Intveld, Joanne Stewart, Sarah Jurik, Megan Noll, student assistant coaches Abbey Tucker and Morgan Hughes, assistant coach Colly Carlson, assistant coach Dean Morehouse.
Before the first game of the 2005-2006 season, the Hope College women's basketball team sat in the brand new locker room in Devos Fieldhouse and listened to the magical words of the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh the Places You'll Go." Coach Brian Morehouse envisioned a season of greatness for his team, and his players proved up to the task.

Hope opened with three wins, but then suffered an early season loss to Wheaton College. This forced the women to refocus on what had won them games: defense, rebounding, and taking care of the basketball. Hope went 16-0 during the league’s regular season, then won three home games during the MIAA tournament to clinch the automatic bid to the national tournament. They featured the league’s best scoring and rebounding offense, along with the best team defense.

The Flying Dutch played six games on the road during their run to the 2006 NCAA Division III National Championship. Touring three states over three weekends, the Dutch battled against unruly crowds, long bus trips and supposedly higher ranked opponents.

Hope’s season ended full of accomplishments. The Dutch won the regular season league title, along with the MIAA tournament championship. Coach Morehouse was honored as the WBCA Division III Coach of the Year. Hope tied the record for most wins in a season (33) while bringing home the ultimate hardware. The team’s defense continually shut down All-Americans from other teams.

Women’s Basketball
This year, Hope College’s basketball teams finally had a place to call their own - the new Devos Fieldhouse. Led by senior captains Andy Phillips, Greg Immink, and Jeff Carlson, the Flying Dutchmen went undefeated on their new home court. Supported by their home victories, the Dutchmen finished with a 28-3 record, setting a new school record. The Dutchmen finished second in the MIAA regular season to rival Calvin College. Revenge was earned, though, when the Dutchmen won the MIAA tournament with a 68-55 victory over Calvin in Grand Rapids.

Hope and Calvin played again a week later in the NCAA tournament where Hope forced a last-second miss to win by three points. Hope's season ended at Wittenberg University in Ohio, where an amazing comeback attempt fell short in an NCAA “Sweet Sixteen” matchup against the Wittenberg Tigers. Andy Phillips of White Pigeon, Mich., and Greg Immink became the 28th and 29th players to score 1,000 or more points finishing with 1,200 and 1,113 points respectively. Phillips and Immink joined senior teammate Eric Voisin of Suttons Bay, Mich., on the All-MIAA first team.

The Flying Dutchmen return 12 varsity players for next season, including starters Stephen Cramer (07) and Marcus Vanderheide (08). The next season will be coach Glenn Van Wieren’s 30th as head coach. The team and coaches would like to thank their fans, especially the Dew Crew, for the support they have given throughout the season.

by Tony Kreucher

The New House!

Hope 78 Kalamazoo 49
Hope 78 Olivet 53
Hope 58 Albion 76
Hope 73 Calvin 55
Hope 77 Adrian 51
Hope 85 Alma 76
Hope 75 Tri-State 59
Top to bottom left to right: Forward and captain Jeff Carlson (06) looks to pass into the lane. Carlson was one of four seniors to finish their college basketball careers in the inaugural season at the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Guard Stephen Cramer (07) dunks on a break away during the first game of the season. Cramer went on to lead the Dutchmen in scoring at 11.8 points per game on the season. Marcus Vanderheide (08) goes up for a three-point shot over a defender's head. Vanderheide shot over 58% from the three point line, a team best. Brett Jager (07) drives to the paint past a Calvin defender, aiding the Dutchmen to a home win, a feat they accomplished all season long. • photos by Zach Trumble •
Left to right: head coach Eva Dean Folkert, Brittany Philo, Kristi Yamaoka, Holly Sneller, Julie Hoogerhyde, Tarin Coulas, Julie Pollock, Cassie Hildebrandt, Brittany Posma, Kim Harrison, Vanessa Phan.

13th place - Laker Fall Classic GVSU
3rd place - MIAA Jamboree at Calvin
4th place - Olivet women's Invit.
3rd place - MIAA Jamboree at Olivet
3rd place - MIAA Jamboree at Adrian
5th place - Manchester Invit.
1st place - Hope/Calvin Fall Invit.

Top to bottom left to right: In her senior year, Julie Pollock provided a huge lift for the women's golf team as a returning letterwinner and co-captain. **Brittany Philo**, carefully lines up for a putt. **Julie Pollock** receives some coaching from head coach Eva Dean Folkert before teeing off. **As the** team's other co-captain and also a returning letterwinner, Brittany Philo ended her college career with avengence. • photos courtesy PR •
Success on the golf course entails not only skills with the clubs but strength of mind and character. The women's golf team exhibited all of these characteristics throughout the season. Under the direction of a new coach, Eva Dean Folkert, the Dutch succeeded with a comeback year on the golf course. After finishing 7th the previous year in MIAA standings, the team ended the 2005 fall season in 3rd place, only 13 strokes behind the leader. Co-captain Brittany Philo earned All-MIAA 1st team recognition, averaging 86.0 strokes; freshman Kristi Yamaoka started off her career with an average of 88.4 strokes, placing her on the All-MIAA 2nd team. The spring 2006 season, although short, produced 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishes.

Not only did the Dutch have a good season on course, they enjoyed time as a team. "I couldn't think of a better group of ladies to spend my senior year playing golf with. They truly are incredible people," said Julie Pollock, co-captain. The practices included hard work, mental motivation, and laughs. The tournaments consisted of long car rides, beautiful courses, and the enjoyment of playing golf in the sun. Despite the typical frustrations golf cultivates, the attitude of the team can be summed up in one word—enjoyment.

by Julie Pollock

Teammates Kristi Yamaoka and Julie Hoogerhyde join each other in a golf cart during a team practice. • photos courtesy PR •
The Hope Men’s Golf Team, a group with no seniors coached by Bob Ebels, captured its sixth MIAA Championship in the last seven years in record form. The Dutchmen, led by four talented sophomores and junior captain Nate Golomb, set an MIAA season record for team scoring an average 296 strokes per round. Two Hope golfers captured medalist honors in conference play as well—Matt Lapham once and Tommy Yamaoka twice. Hope placed all five members on the MIAA All-Conference Teams. First Teamers included Yamaoka, Lapham, and Ryan Sheets while Nate Golomb and Steve Martindale captured Second Team honors.

The highlight of the season was not winning another MIAA Championship however. The Dutchmen’s strong play in the fall and spring earned them a selection to play in the NCAA Division III National Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska, for the fourth time in school history. With probably the youngest team in the field, Hope finished 17th place out of 23 teams at the National Tournament, won by host Nebraska Wesleyan. It was a learning experience and a great chance for the golfers to bond, build memories, and prepare for next year’s undeniably high expectations as everyone will return.

by Nate Golomb

Sports

1st place - Olivet Comet Classic
4th place - at Albion
1st place - at Olivet
1st place - Red Poling Classic
13th place - GVSU Invit.
1st place - at Kalamazoo
2nd place - at Tri-State
Top to bottom left to right: Steve Martindale heads to the tee. Teammates and good friends Ryan Otto (left) and Nate Golomb (right) prepare to tee off for the Dutchmen. Team captain Nate Golomb drives the ball with ease, setting the tone for the team. Matt Lapham watches his ball after he hits off the tee box. • photos courtesy PR •

2nd place - at Hope
1st place - at Adrian
2nd place - at Calvin
2nd place - Siena Heights Tournament
4th place - Ohio Tournament
3rd place - Spring Arbor Tournament
1st place Furniture City Classic
1st place NCAA Div. III Championships

Front row, left to right: Matt Lapham, Tommy Yamaoka, Steve Martindale, Rob VanDette, Scott Peterson; back row: head coach Bob Ebels, Donald Scholten, Dan Oumedian, Ryan Otto, Nate Golomb, Ryan Sheets.
Top to bottom, left to right: Erin Bradley high fives a fellow teammate. **Three** time returning letterwinner and team co-captain, Anneliese Fox, smiles after winning a match. **Freshmen** Kim Coleman talks to Coach Karen Page. Amy Norris returns the ball after a strong serve. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Front row left to right: Kimberly Coleman, Ashley Leary, Christine Garcia, Amy Norris; back row: head coach Karen Page, Anneliese Fox, Lauren Field, Samantha Stille, Erin Bradley, coach Tiger Tuisink

**Scoreboard**

Hope 9, Adrian 0
Hope 9, Olivet 0
Kalamazoo 6, Hope 3
Hope 9, Tri-State 0
Led by seniors and co-captains, Anneliese Fox and Erin Bradley, the Dutch opened their season with a series of matches against top ranked Midwest teams. They began the outdoor season with their Spring Break trip to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Despite the rain and cold, the women kept their spirits high with Hope College pride. The experience bonded the team and allowed the Dutch to play many outdoor matches.

After Spring Break, the Dutch focused on the MIAA conference. Fox led the singles lineup at #1 for her 4th season followed by Samantha Stille, Ashley Leary, Bradley, Amy Norris, and Coleman. Returning MIAA #2 doubles champions, Bradley and Norris teamed up again until an injury cut Norris’ season short. Freshman Lauren Field stepped in numerous times for the Dutch. The Dutch qualified for the Midwest Regional in Madison, Wisconsin, for the first time since 2000. Hope College hosted the MIAA tournament at Holland H.S. Making history, Fox captured the #1 singles title and won 1st team all-conference for her 4th year and received the MIAA MVP. Stille won the #2 singles title for Hope at her old high school. Leary took 2nd at #3 singles after a hard fought match. The team finished in 3rd place at the conference tournament.

Fox makes history in MIAA tournament

by Ashley Leary
The Hope Men's Tennis team ended their season in Kalamazoo. This year, the Flying Dutchmen had a talented crew of 5 seniors, six freshman, and one junior. Led by Senior captains Andy Ruemenapp and Robert Dody, the Dutchmen ended their season with a second place finish in the MIAA; defeating Calvin and Albion at the conference tournament in Kalamazoo. Two-sport standout Andy Phillips finished second in the third singles flight as did freshman John Scholtz in the sixth flight. All three Hope doubles teams advanced to the championship finals before bowing to Kalamazoo.

In his 11th year as head coach, Steve Gorno provided leadership in practices and matches assisting the Dutchmen to achieve their goals as a team. The team had an outstanding Spring Break season in Hilton Head, defeating a few higher ranked regional opponents. Ruemenapp was named to the All-MIAA first team while Andy Phillips and Stephen Malvitz received second team honors. Ruemenapp was the co-recipient with Julian Seelan of Kalamazoo of the Stowe Sportsmanship Award while Dody was presented the Lawrence Green Scholarship which honors the memory of the late Lawrence “Doc” Green, longtime Hope coach.

By: Mark Johnson

Players unified for one common goal
Calvin 5, Hope 4
Hope 6, Albion 3

2nd Place MIAA Tournament at Kalamazoo

Scoreboard

Front row left to right: Zach Huber, Mark Johnson, Tyler Depke, Andy Ruemenapp, Stephen Malvitz; Back row: Cameron DeHaan, Nate Reed, Travis Kingma, John Schlotz, Andy Phillips, Zach Hoernschemeyer, Robert Dody, head coach Steve Gorno

Top to bottom left to right: Zach Huber (06) reaches for the ball. He finished his first season with 14 single wins. Andy Phillips (06) smashes the ball over the net finishing his season with 40 total career wins in singles matchups. Robert Dody (06) returns the ball and finished his season with 19 wins in singles matchups and 32 wins in doubles matchups. Andy Ruemenapp (06) puts some muscle into his return finishing his season with 55 career singles wins and 51 doubles wins.

• photos courtesy PR •

Top to bottom, left to right: Kaitlyn Kopke participates in the 4x100 meter relay. Lissa Moore enjoyed a successful season, especially on the 100 meter hurdles. Monique Hoyle contributed in the 1500 meter run. Jennifer VanderMeer went to nationals for pole vaulting and achieved All-American honors for the third consecutive year. • photos by Zach Trumble •

Scoreboard

Hope 107 Albion 82
Hope 165 Tri-State 7
Hope 131.5 Alma 56.5
Calvin 124 Hope 67
Hope 137 Adrian 15
Hope 124 Olivet 57
By: Scott Langille

Two All-American performances at Championships

The Flying Dutch crowned two All-Americans at the 2006 NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships. Junior Jennifer VanderMeer was honored for finishing sixth in the pole vault by clearing 12-2 1/2 while Sophomore Lindsay Lange was honored for finishing third in the seven-event heptathlon with 4,790. Lange won two of the seven events, the 100-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash. VanderMeer and Lange were honored for the third and second year, respectively.

Seniors Maureen Warfield and Laura Borovsky also competed at the NCAA Division III track and field championships in the pole vault. They finished 13th (11-6 1/2) and 15th (11-6 1/2) respectively.

The Flying Dutch opened the outdoor season with a spring break trip to Orlando, FL with stops at the Shamrock Invitational at Coastal Carolina University and the Emory Invitational at Emory University.

Four athletes achieved All-MIAA honors at the 115th Annual MIAA Field Day hosted by Albion College. Junior Leslie Tableman and Lindsay Lange were honored for the second consecutive year, while Junior Michelle Scott and Freshman Nora Kuiper were honored for the first time. The Flying Dutch finished second as a team.
Distance runners, Aaron Kenemer and captain Jeff Webber, both proved to be assets to the team as Kenemer clocked in an 800-meter season best and Webber returned once again to the NCAA All-Americans in the 1,500-meter run. • photo courtesy PR •

Distance runners perform at NCAA Championships

By: Scott Langille

Junior Ryan TerLouw achieved NCAA All-American honors in the 1500-meter run for a second consecutive year by finishing fifth in the event with a time of 3:51.72 at the 2006 NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships. TerLouw also set school records in the 3000 and the 5000-meter runs.

The team opened the outdoor season with a spring break trip to Orlando, FL with stops at the Shamrock Invitational at Coastal Carolina University and the Emory Invitational at Emory University.

The Flying Dutchmen finished third as a team at the 115th Annual MIAA Field Day hosted by Albion College. Four Hope athletes achieved All-MIAA Honors. Senior Jeff Weber (800m and 1500m) and junior Scott Langille (pole vault) were honored for the second consecutive year, while senior Matt Svoboda (jumps and hurdles) and Ryan Terlouw (800m and 1500m) were honored for the first time.
Top to bottom, left to right: Joe Seymour displays his running abilities by competing in the 100 meter dash. Team captain Matt Svoboda participates in the 100 high hurdles. Despite an ailing injury, Mike Wilburne contributed to the 200 meter dash. Jason Todd runs the 400 meter but competed in the 800 meter as well. • photos by Zach Trumble

Front row; left to right: Sean Bergsma, Rob Shooks, Mike Wilburne, Matt Svoboda, Forrest Gordon, Nick Zendler, Zach King; Second row; Nate Vandeguchte, John Kay, Kyle Barnes, Jade Anderson, Jason Todd, Karl Morrison, Sam Baker, Scott Langille, Jeff Layman; Third row; Head coach Kevin Cole, Coach Mark Northuis, Jeff Weber, Sandy Frye, Paul VanderVelige, Joe Seymour, Rob Bailey, Ryan Terlouw, Aaron Kenemer, Coach Henry Chen, Coach Walt Kooyer, Coach Joel Teft; Fourth row; James Ralston, Seth Weener, Jon Narlock, Blake Carlson, Eric George, Andrew Denninger, Dean Klingenberg, Andrew Filler

Scoreboard

3rd place - WMU Invitational
3rd place - MIAA Field Day at Albion
50th place - NCAA DIII National Championships
Top to bottom left to right: Emily Adams (06) makes a diving stop and throws the ball in. Kelsey Guisbert (06) pitches during the MIAA Tournament held at Hope. Student assistant and team manager, Nicole Izenbaar, celebrates with the team. Kelli Duimstra (09), 1st base, stays alert during the MIAA Tournament held at Hope. • photos courtesy PR •

Front row, left to right; Emily Adams, Kelsey Guisbert, Libby Hammon, Becky Whitman, middle row; Erika Guijarro, Becca Baker, Kylee Brouwer, Laura Tanouye, Jessica Regnerus, Angie Randall, Amanda Guijarro, Lauren Kucera, back row; head coach Karla Wolters, student assistant/manager Nicole Izenbaard, Maddie Garcia, Kelli Duimstra, Katie Immink, Meagan VanderMaas, Casey Feltner, assistant coaches Deb Sleeman, Matt Sleeman

Scoreboard

Hope 5 Kalamazoo 1
Hope 6 Kalamazoo 0
Hope 5 Saint Mary’s 2
Hope 0 Saint Mary’s 1
Hope 8 Adrian 0
Hope 5 Adrian 1
Hope 5 Alma 2
Hope 4 Alma 3
Hope 5 Olivet 0
Hope 12 Olivet 1
What a phenomenal year the 2006 Flying Dutch softball team had. They started off the season by setting a new record for the number of games won in Florida, 9-2, toppling the competition and dominating the Rebel Games (8-0). The Flying Dutch took the MIAA by storm.

They defeated all of their MIAA opponents except for a split with St. Mary's. The Flying Dutch concluded league play with a record of 15 wins and one loss, thus claiming the MIAA League Champions.

They finally were able to play in front of their home crowd and put on a tremendous show for the fans during the MIAA Tournament. A victory over Olivet and St. Mary's automatically placed the Flying Dutch in the Championship game against defending MIAA champions, the Alma Scotts. The Flying Dutch pulled off the victory to assert supremacy over the MIAA as the League and tournament champions.

The Flying Dutch (#7 seed) took the "WE RUN THIS" attitude to Rock Island, Ill. where they began the NCAA regional tournament with a 5-2 victory over Augustana (#2 seed) and a 2-0 victory over the University of Chicago (#6 seed). The two victories again placed the Flying Dutch in the Championship bracket. However two losses, one to top-seeded UW-Eau Claire 1-0 and the other to Coe, Iowa 3-1 ended their run in the NCAA tournament. Although there was no Cinderella story for the Flying Dutch softball team, their accomplishments this past season, including having the winningest season in school history (32-14), made the 2006 season one to remember.
Rick Huisman, the Hope pitching coach, was correct in his prediction at the beginning of the 2006 baseball season. He told all the players that he would thoroughly enjoy this year's Flying Dutchmen Championship Team. Sure enough, winning 19 of their last 21 games, the baseball team was crowned Conference Champs.

In pre-season action, Hope came away from their annual trip to Florida with a 5-5 record, and the players soon realized they needed a challenge. Head Coach Stu Fritz focused on each individual for the upcoming 28-game league schedule because every member of the team would be needed to win the championship. Halfway through the year, Hope was ranked 4th in the MIAA standings. However after sweeping Kalamazoo, Tri-State, and rival Calvin, the Dutchmen sat in 2nd place. In the last series of the season the Dutchmen took three from the Olivet Comets to tie the Adrian Bulldogs for the top spot in the league.

Five outstanding seniors led Hope for the 2006 season: Jon Edmondson, Josh Hundt, Geordie MacKenzie, Nate Brandon, and Mike Howes. The former three led with a strong offensive year—the latter two posted respectable pitching records, often shutting down opponents. Each not only led with the respect and pride of a true Dutchman, but they also led with their play on the field.

Alma 5, Hope 4
Hope 13, Alma 2
Adrian 15, Hope 1
Hope 2, Adrian 1
Adrian 6, Hope 1
Adrian 10, Hope 4
Hope 5, Albion 2
Albion 3, Hope 2
Hope 10, Albion 5
Albion 6, Hope 3
Hope 6, Alma 1
Hope 5, Alma 3
Hope 12, Kalamazoo 0
Hope 9, Kalamazoo 4
Scoreboard

Hope 5, Kalamazoo 4  
Hope 9, Kalamazoo 0  
Hope 8, Tri-State 0  
Hope 6, Tri-State 4  
Hope 9, Tri-State 1  
Hope 3, Tri-State 2  
Hope 13, Calvin 4  
Hope 2, Calvin 0  
Hope 10, Calvin 9  
Hope 9, Calvin 1  
Olivet 9, Hope 7  
Hope 11, Olivet 9  
Hope 5, Olivet 3  
Hope 9, Olivet 0

Left to right, top row: Coach Mike VanBeek, Coach Boeve, Mike VanderVelde, Matt Sattler, Tom Plasman, Dustin Wuis, Mike Howes, Nate Brandsen, Anthony Pastrick, Kurt DeHorn, Jon Moerdyk, Scott Sommavilla, Coach Rick Huisman, Coach Stu Fritz; middle row: Andrew Bedan, Joey Goeb, Bart Bultman, Justin Pratt, Bill Lutke, Brian Guerrero, Matt VanderVelde, Matt VanBeek, Paul Neumann, Matt Richardson, Coach Rich Hayes; front row: Mike Rogers, Jeff Ichesco, Josh Hundt, Tim Judson, Jon Edmondson, Brett Kingma, Geordie Mackenzie, Ben Strong

Top to bottom left to right: Pitcher Mike Howes (06) throws a strike. Matt VanderVelde (07) makes a solid hit. He batted .387 this season. Scott Sommavilla (08) batted a .341 this season with two home runs. Catcher Bill Lutke (07) stays on top of the ball. Photos by Zach Trumble.
Page 150: During nice weather, the benches outside the Van Wylen Library become a great spot to have a conversation after class or people watch.

Page 201: Orientation’s PlayFair is a frenzy of freshmen and Orientation Assistants in the Dow Center. This is perhaps Hope’s largest “mixer” during the entire year. After PlayFair, students also enjoy a Luau in which students can dance, grab snacks, and meet their new classmates.

Page 127: The White Cross Project took place on campus for the first time this spring. Late on a stormy Sunday night, Residential Life staff pounded 1,700 wooden crosses into the ground to represent the number of alcohol-related deaths per year among college-aged people.
Longtime Dew Crew member Billy Statema cheers on the Dutchmen in the new DeVos Fieldhouse, sporting a popular Dew Crew t-shirt. The Dew Crew sold over 700 shirts, a record number for the men’s basketball student section. • photo by Zach Trumble•
Success is not a result of spontaneous combustion; you must set yourself ON FIRE!
Addressing envelopes, senior Lisa Baran works for Conference Services, which operates during the summer months. Although Baran walked across the stage at Graduation, she has a semester of student teaching left.

Photo by Tally Reeve
Cook Hall above was completed at the end of the year after almost a year's worth of construction. The addition added over 60 beds to Cook. Lubbers Hall went under construction a couple of months before the end of the year, starting with small projects like moving professors to new offices. After students moved out, the construction workers moved in and began ripping walls out. • photos by Tally Reeverts •
Lindsey Baird
Nursing
Grant, MI

Daniela Banu
Math/Comp. Sci./French
Holland, MI

Lisa Baran
English—Secondary Education
South Lyon, MI

Jessica Barker
Chemistry/Spanish
Ada, MI

Kyle Barnes
Physical Education
Easport, MI

Brian Barry
Spanish/International Studies
Plymouth, IN

Amanda Best
Spanish/International Studies
Grand Rapids, MI

Autumn Bills
Psychology/Computer Science
Flushing, MI

Jennifer Blackman
Political Science/Sociology
Chicago, IL

Sarah Blankenship
Music Education—Vocal
Hoffman Estates, IL

Emily Blauw
Psychology
Holland, MI

Kurtis Blohm
Engineering—Chemical
Wilmington, OH

Ashley Boer
Art—Studio Art
Modesto, CA

James Boerkoel
Art—Studio Art
Fennville, MI

Jennifer Boone
Music Education—Vocal
Wyoming, MI

Rachel Borgeson
Public Accounting
Grass Lake, MI

Laura Borovsky
Public Accounting
Livonia, MI

Erin Bradley
Exercise Science
Hastings, MI

Derek Brown
Music Performance/Jazz Studies
Lakeview, MI

Katherine Brown
Art—Studio Art
Macomb, MI
Zachary Bush
Biology/Religion
Ludington, MI

Erika Byker
Music Education—Vocal
Hudsonville, MI

Adriana Canche
Art Education
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Lynn Cargill
Chemistry—ACS
Hart, MI

Elizabeth Carlson
Physics
The Woodlands, TX

Meredith Carlson
Special Education—LD
Deerfield, IL

Megan Chambers
Language Arts Composite
Adrian, MI

Kelly Charland
Psychology
Naperville, IL

Lori Clark
Comm./Poli Sci./Women’s St.
Kalamazoo, MI

Adam Claus
Psychology/Religion
Ada, MI

Rachel Cochrane
Religion
Watertown, WI

Emily Cornell
Political Science/Comm.
Grapevine, TX

Jeremy Cox
Communications
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Kyle Cox
Chemistry
Marshall, MI

Jennifer Crisman
Math—Secondary Education
Downers Grove, IL

Sean Daenzer
Music Performance
Mount Clemens, MI
In a crowded gym, Kurt DeHorn takes a shot in a korfball match against a European team, which took place November 1, 2005, in the Dow Center. This year Coach Karla Wolters introduced korfball to West Michigan and to Hope College as a class. Several Hope College students and alumni joined together as Hope’s team that learned the sport over the 2005-2006 academic year. Now to the sport, the Hope team took some pointers from the visiting team, which had several nationalities represented, many from the Netherlands. After the spring semester, the Hope team traveled to Europe to play some matches and to train with the European teams.

Korfball is popular sport in Europe and is the only co-ed sport in the world. It’s a mix of basketball and Ultimate Frisbee rules. *photo courtesy PR*
Left to right: John Rodstrom takes a big bite out of a burger at Spring Fling. • photo by Ashley DeHudy • Rachel Cochrane tries her hand at operating a lathe in Scotland. She was abroad during the Fall semester. • photo courtesy Sara Pillow • Pat Ratliff, well-known for his balloon skills, distributes clusters of balloons across campus in preparation for parents and freshmen flooding the campus. • photo by PR • Amy Sisson, Dance Marathon Director of Public Relations, celebrates at the revealing of the total. • photo by Zach Trumble •
The brain child of Tally Reeverts, Beverly Rudolph (Reeverts' mother), and Wilma Hart, the Hope College-themed quilt given to Diana Bredclaw took a team of people to complete. Reeverts proposed the idea and her mother and Hart met to finalize design ideas. Rudolph made the quilt over a week's time and sent it to Reeverts. Hart then mass emailed students, faculty, and staff who knew Diana well. While Diana was out of the office for meetings, Hart had people come to a small office in Student Development to sign the border of the quilt. With the quilt, Hart also had a memories book available for people to write notes or put in letters. At Diana's going-away party, friends of Diana presented the quilt to her. Surprised and appreciative, Diana, through tears, thanked the people present for putting so much effort into a very special quilt.
Perhaps Lubbers is not the first place students think of as a warm and dry haven from the cold, but during December the heated building and bright lights gave a great contrast from the cloudy and dreary days.

In the fall and spring months, Frisbee golfers can be seen across campus. The popular pastime had a few adjustments to make during the year. In November, the tree that served as a hole was taken down by a wind storm. Also, the flag pole by Dimnent Chapel was also taken down. To top off the year, Lubbers Hall went under intense remodeling, thus removing the hole near Durfee to be shut down lest a frisbee be lost. But for these die-hard trollers, it's all about making adjustments to keep enjoying their sport.

* photo by ZachTrumble
Top to bottom: Rosie Barton-Devries and Trygve Johnson have a candid conversation about the role of alcohol in life during Monday chapel. Wooden crosses filled the Pine Grove, surprising students and raising questions. The crosses stayed out all day, sending a powerful message across campus. *photos courtesy PR*.

In April, the Residential Life and Housing Programming Committee, chaired by Matthew D'Oyly, Residential Life Coordinator of Kollen Hall, presented the White Cross Project, a three-day look at the role alcohol plays in the lives of college students. This was a program in partnership with Campus Ministries, the Dean of Students Office, Creative Dining and the Counseling Center. 1,700 crosses were placed in the Pine Grove, each cross representing the death of a college-aged student, related to alcohol last year. The placing of the crosses was done during the night, so students were faced with a spine-tingling image the next morning. Events continued throughout the week, with chapel services, conversations in resident halls and a mocktails night in Maas, to promote safe and responsible drinking. The three-day long event occurred the week before Spring Break, reminding students to have a safe and sober one.
Top to bottom: The doors from the student lounge to the DeWitt patio usually bear a lot of beating, but on a November Sunday afternoon, a windstorm was too much for the hinges. The breaking of the hinges cracked the glass, and the wind picked up the shards and blew them around the patio. That same afternoon, the wind took down the beloved golf hole next to Voorhees. Hope's electrician had to fix the electrical box, which controls a good portion of Hope's electricity. Voorhees residents also went without electricity for the afternoon. • photos by Tally Reeverts •
Julie Pollock  
Chemistry—ACS  
Midland, MI

Kevin Pomeroy  
Management  
Rudyard, MI

James Post  
Computer Science  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Leah Post  
Special Education—El  
Palos Heights, IL

Michael Poublon  
Computer Science  
Hemlock, MI

Aaron Powell  
Audio Rec.—Comm. Composite  
Palos Heights, IL

Joshua Powell  
Psychology  
Palos Heights, IL

Elizabeth Preston  
Social Studies—Elem. Education  
Quincy, MI

Sarah Quesada  
Communication/French  
Athens, GA

Allison Quigley  
Fine Arts Composite  
Holland, MI

Kathryn Randa  
English  
Naperville, IL

Stefani Raterink  
Nursing  
Coopersville, MI

Nathan Reed  
Exercise Science  
Glen Arbor, MI

Sarah Reese  
French  
Ann Arbor, MI

Carrie Reif  
Spanish  
Saint Joseph, MI

Jamie Reitsma  
Language Arts Composite  
Dyer, IN

Jennifer Richardson  
Social Work  
Lawton, MI

Kristi Richardson  
English/Political Science  
Cadillac, MI

Andrea Ritter  
Special Education—LD  
Geneva, IL

Abigail Rockwood  
Music Performance  
Holland, MI
John Rodstrom  
Biology  
Mount Vernon, OH

Rebecca Rooy  
English/Political Science  
Shelby, MI

Andrew Rose  
Management  
Rochester Hills, MI

Maureen Rosner  
Psychology/Sociology  
Mattawan, MI

Amber Ross  
Communication  
Mooresville, NC

Rachelle Ruark  
Social Studies--Elem. Education  
Canton, MI

Kellyn Rumpsa  
Special Education--El  
Holland, MI

Audrey Ryckman  
Chemistry/Management  
Lancaster, OH

Alana Sabene  
Science Composite  
Grandville, MI

Jaime Sabol  
Accounting  
Novi, MI

Courtney Saltarski  
Biology  
Kentwood, MI

Kye Samuelson  
Communication/Spanish  
Saint Paul, MN

Chiara Savage  
Music Performance  
Kailua, HI

Lindsey Schaap  
English--Secondary Education  
Holland, MI

Jessica Schmidt  
German/English  
Portage, MI

Susan Scholten  
Political Science  
Allendale, MI

Kathleen Schonfeld  
Psychology  
Howell, MI

Amy Schuster  
Economics  
Schaumburg, IL

Anne Schuster  
Classical Studies  
Dublin, OH

Matthew Schwabauer  
Theatre/English--Writing  
Rohnert Park, CA

People
The Senior Art Show, "Wherefore Art," took place in the DePree Art Gallery during the last month of school. The Studio Art majors presenting included Rachel Achtemeier, Amy Back, Amanda Berinski, Ashley Boer, Katherine Brown, Adriana Canche, Jessica DiBernardo, Holly Dustin, Dustin Fiddler, Rob Fron, Kent Osborn, Alexandra Snyder, Lindsay Strahle, Sandie Timmer, and Jonathan White. Anne Bast also presented for Art History. *photo courtesy PR*

Keirsten Schwanbeck  
Music Performance  
Williamsport, PA

David Sedjo  
Economics  
Spring Grove, IL

Elizabeth Shaw  
Communication  
Tulsa, OK

Emily Shebak  
Communication  
Northville, MI

Rebecca Shubert  
Special Education–LD  
Novi, MI

Jennifer Shuck  
Social Studies–Elem. Education  
Greencastle, IN

Andrew Shults  
Psychology  
Grand Ledge, MI

Elizabeth Shuter  
Biology Educ./Spanish Educ.  
Muskegon, MI

Rebekah Shyne  
English–Secondary Education  
Flint, MI

Katherine Skaff
Before being released into the "real world," Hope College seniors prepare for the end-of-the-year ceremonies. Top to bottom: Seniors enjoy a banquet in the DeVos Fieldhouse, courtesy of Alumni Relations. Seniors received food, a few party gifts, and information on how to stay in contact after graduating. Practice makes perfect for Graduation. Seniors practiced commencement inside, but the weather held out and it took place in the Municipal Stadium. *photos courtesy PR*
Top to bottom: Rachel Achtemeier, Jennifer Shuck, and Jason Cash make sure the Orientation events are going as planned. The Student Union Desk serves as Orientation headquarters. Jaime Sabol leads a group of freshmen in some ice breaker activities. Although they may seem a bit childish, these activities help bring new students out of their shells. Katie Randa applaudes the efforts of new students as they finish up a game. Seniors, though they are conditioned veterans by their fourth move back to campus, still participate in Orientation because they love helping new students adjust to college. They pass their knowledge to the new class. • Photos by PR •
Perhaps second to the Tulip Time parades in popularity, the Memorial Day parade brings several excellent marching bands as well as many boy scout troops and other veterans out to the streets of Holland. Starting promptly at 9:30 am, the parade started on College Avenue and ended in the Municipal Football Stadium, purposefully passing by the patriotically decorated cemeteries. • photo by Tally Reeverts •
An underclassmen strums his guitar in the Pine Grove during the early warm weather in March. *photo by Zach Trumble*
Ayannah Abiade, '09  
Kalamazoo

Lauren Adams, '07  
Central, IN

Sam Adams, '07  
Fort Wayne, IN

Amanda Allen, '07  
Naperville, IL

Victoria Allen, '09  
Williamston

Jeff Ambrose, '08  
Midland

Jennifer Amisson, '09  
Hopewell Jctn., NY

Sommer Amundsen, '07  
Coon Rapids, MN

Monica Anaya, '09  
Holland

Caitelen Anderson, '07  
Albuquerque, NM

Sarah Anderson, '08  
El Paso, TX

Daryl Andresen, '09  
Park Ridge, IL

Valerie Arnold, '07  
Midland

Victoria Baar, '09  
Holland

Benjamin Bach, '09  
Missoula, MT

Branden Bacon, '07  
Sheboygan, WI

Samuel Baker, '09  
Grand Rapids

Rachel Bakken, '07  
Golden, CO

Steven Barbachyn, '07  
Kalamazoo

Ashley Barbieri, '09  
Haskell
Students relax and do homework in the Kletz in front of the big screen television. Here students can get something to eat, grab some coffee, or listen to great music every Wednesday night. During the lunch hour, students will turn on a baseball game or midday programming for a quick break between classes. Over Easter, the Kletz provided prizes in a school-wide Easter egg hunt. Mark Humberstone was the winner of an iPod Nano. • photo by Tally Reeverts •
Kaitlyn Becker, ’09
St. Joseph Dykstra

Brianna Bedsole, ’09
Rochester Dykstra

Holly Bekius, ’08
Spring Lake Cook

Stephanie Poll, ’07
Grandville Sligh

Jeannette Benner, ’09
Kentwood Scott

Catherine Bennett, ’09
Arlington, TX Voorhees

Nicole Bennett, ’09
Trenton Dykstra

Jonathan Berghorst, ’09
Zeeland Durfee

Justin Berry, ’08
Carlock, IL College East

Jessica Biniecki, ’09
Athens Scott

Lauren Blews, ’07
Dewitt Welmers

Taylor Blom, ’09
Holland Durfee

Jennifer Bockstege, ’09
Mims, FL Dykstra

Brent Boersma, ’09
Holland Durfee

Abigail Bolkema, ’07
Flushing Schrier

Timothy Boman, ’09
Rochester Hills Kollen

Rebecca Bombard, ’07
Batavia, IL College East

Tyler Boonstra, ’07
Fennville Cook

Lisa Borton, ’09
Hudson Dykstra

Amanda Bos, ’09
Grand Rapids Dykstra
Holland State Park, conveniently located 10 minutes from campus, is a great place to hang out with friends, enjoy a day at the beach, or even go sailing. Student relish the free off-season parking to go see the ice formations over the pier or take a chilly walk along the beach.

• photo by Tally Reeverts •
It's Hard to Say Goodbye

The long time Director of Student Activities and Assistant Dean of Students, Diana Breclaw, decided to leave her position at Hope College, which took effect after Fall Break. She began at Hope in July of 1999 and stayed through the end of Orientation 2005. Many students were surprised at her resignation, but Diana was well supported in her decision to move back to her hometown of Glen Ellyn to start a business. As a token of appreciation, Student Development sponsored a going away party for all students, faculty, and staff who wanted to say thanks to Diana for the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm she put into her job. Several people came through the Kletz to talk, take pictures, and hang out. Diana, though she knew it was time to leave, had a difficult time saying goodbye to her co-workers, students, and her favorite college.

Top to bottom, left to right: Dean Frost and Diana pose for a last picture at her party in the Kletz. A group of students close to Diana get together for a quick candid before surprising her with a signed blue and orange quilt. Diana talks to Rachelle Ruark, an Orientation Assistant Director for 2005. Diana as director of Orientation welcomed seven classes to Hope College. • photos by Tally Reeverts •
Did you know?

• 3,141 students were enrolled at Hope in Fall 2005
• Hope offers 80 majors

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Hope offers a wide variety of options for students to become involved in the Hope community. Groups try to recruit new students by showing what a particular organization does and inviting them to sign up.

Some organizations use free t-shirts and goldfish to attract students. Hope offers some unique opportunities not offered in high school.

Groups such as CASA, the Milestone, SAC, WTHS, various sororities and fraternities, Lacrosse, and the Chess Club all set up stands on the Dewitt patio on a warm late August evening for students to check out their clubs.

*photo by Tally Reeverts*
Laura Coombs, ’09
Muskegon, Dykstra

Beth Anne Cooper, ’09
Bardonia, NY, Dykstra

Christine Corbin, ’07
Holland, Holland

Tarin Coulas, ’08
Lansing, Gilmore

Carolyn Courtade, ’09
Jenison, Phelps

Kariayne Cozzie, ’09
Evergreen Park, IL, Scott

Shannon Craig, ’09
Naperville, IL, Voorhees

Edleda Crawford, ’09
Madison, TN, Scott

Benjamin Crumpler, ’08
Nashville, TN, Voorhees

Darcy Cunningham, ’07
Interlochen, Doesburg

Micaela Cypher, ’09
Coarsegold, CA, Van Vleck

Amanda Dale, ’09
Grinnell, IA, Wyckoff

James Daly, ’08
Chelsea, Voorhees

Trevor Daly, ’08
Trinidad, Voorhees

Nazly Damasio, ’09
Grand Haven, Voorhees

Evelyn Daniel, ’08
Dearborn, Voorhees

Amanda Danielson, ’07
Alto, Patterson

Kristi Dannenberg, ’09
Zeeland, Gilmore

Joel Darin, ’09
White Lake, Durfee

Tiffany Day, ’09
Zeeland, Zeeland
Sarah Dean, '09  
Sewanee, TN  Dykstra

Julia Defoe, '09  
Springfield, IL  Voorhees

Cameron DeHaan, '09  
Cadillac  Kollen

Daniel DeHaan, '09  
Mattawan  Durfee

Ashley Dehudy, '07  
Norton Shores  Gazelle

Jason De Jong, '09  
Holland  Phelps

Christopher Dekker, '08  
Jenison  Cook

Jennifer Delasko, '09  
Ortonville  Galmore

Hillary Delhagen, '09  
Pultneyville, NY  Voorhees

Arianna Della-Coletta, '09  
Portage  Dykstra

Josh Delo, '09  
Holland  Kollen

Andrew Denninger, '08  
Winfield, IL  Durfee

Sheila Den Ouden, '07  
Paramount, CA  College East

Tyler Depke, '09  
Grayslake, IL  Scott

Ashley De Vecht, '09  
Byron Center  Dykstra

Neal DeVoid, '07  
Lowell  College East

Abigail DeVuyst, '08  
Webster, NY  Lichty

Meghan DeWees, '09  
Bay Village, OH  Scott

David DeWitt, '08  
Sioux Falls, SD  Durfee

Richard Dewitte, '09  
Santa Fe, NM  Wyckoff
Relaxing under a shady tree, Erin Poll reads for class while soaking up the great weather. Students, in their free time, walk through the Pine Grove, sketch for art class, lay out on blankets, or play the immensely popular Frisbee golf. At the first peak of sun and a warm breeze, students stream from the residence halls to take advantage of the wonderful space. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Shayna Drost, ’08
Charlevoix
Jennifer Duesterdick, ’09
Niskayuna, NY
John Dulmes, ’08
Osage, WI
Derek Duncan, ’08
Morrow, OH

Samantha Dunmire, ’09
Sarasota, FL
John Dusenbery, ’09
Geneva, IL
Esther Dwyer, ’08
Granville, OH
Carleen Dykstra, ’09
Hudsonville

Kathleen Eagen, ’07
Lake Bluff, IL
Marti Ebert, ’07
Springfield, IL
Adam Eidson, ’09
Grand Haven
Brian Eisinger, ’08
Grand Blanc

Kelly Ellis, ’09
Maple City
Michelle Ellis, ’09
Muskegon
Matthew Ellison, ’09
Midland
Gray Emerson, ’09
Holland

Brian Emling, ’07
Oxford
Dan Emmendarfer, ’08
Muskegon
Erika English, ’09
Waukesha, WI
Chris Erickson, ’09
Madera, CA
Top to bottom: Over the summer, the Martha Miller Center went from a hole in the ground to a completely finished building. Students enjoy its nice facilities, especially the Rotunda, which provides an excellent study area. The DeVos Fieldhouse was in the midst of construction when students migrated back to campus. The Fieldhouse was mostly completed before basketball season, and the minor details were worked on throughout the rest of the year. The Kinesiology Department, including Athletic Training, were able to move into their new facilities at DeVos during Christmas Break.
The beautiful fall weather encourages students to take time to talk and relax on the benches outside the library. With the Peale Science Center in full use, the space between the Vanderplex and Science Center become grounds for socialization between classes and a quick short cut to the popular Centennial Park.  • photo by Ashley DeHudy
Susan Flower, '07
South Haven...South Haven

Jason Folkert, '09
Hudsonville...Kollen

Michael Forbes, '07
Lone Tree, IA...Zwemer

Daniel Forro, '09
Tawas City...Phelps

Anne Foster, '09
Holland...Cook

Valerie Foster, '09
West Chicago, IL...Kollen

Stephanie Fowler, '09
Silverthorne, CO...Dykstra

Aarthi Francis, '07
Ann Arbor...Cook

Sarah Franks, '07
Sturgis...Lampen

Kate Freshour, '09
Bloomington, IL...Dykstra

Ana Frikker, '07
Troy...Blue

Margaret Fylstra, '07
Hinsdale, IL...French House

Anna Gagliardi, '09
Midland...Phelps

Sarah Gall, '08
Franklin Park, NJ...Gilmore

April Gamble, '09
Cadillac...Voorhees

John Ganta, '09
N. Chubra, Oman...Wyckoff

Christine Garcia, '08
Battle Creek...Phelps

Madeleine Garcia, '09
Reno, NV...Phelps

Tracy Garcia, '09
Holland...Dykstra

Heather Garrett, '09
Climax...Dykstra

Underclassmen
Bultman’s Backyard Barbeque offers a free meal to all students in the Pine Grove with exceptional entertainment provided. Eric Hutchinson fans show off their new vibrant green t-shirts. The popular Eric Hutchinson is "pretty good" according to his t-shirt, but he is talented enough to be a favorite live performer at Hope.
Forrest Gordon, ’09  
Rockford.........................................Cook
Tommy Gordon, ’08  
Ada..................................................Kollen
Tonisha Gordon, ’09  
Grand Rapids..................................Scott
Jennifer Grasman, ’09  
Byron Center.................................Dykstra

Viktorija Graudins, ’08  
Kalamazoo......................................Kollen
Kate Greenwade, ’07  
Owosso...........................................Fried
Jillian Greshel, ’09  
Trenton.............................................Gilmore
Alex Griffith, ’09  
Naperville, IL.................................Durlee

Allyson Grinage, ’09  
Centennial, CO.................................Scott
Krista Grothus, ’08  
Zeeland..........................................Van Vleck
Ashley Gronevelt, ’09  
Holland...........................................Van Vleck
Daniel Grubben, ’09  
Wheaton, IL......................................Cook

Ashley Grunenberg, ’09  
East Lansing.................................Phelps
Lauren Grumm, ’07  
Grand Rapids.................................College East
Ashlea Guerney, ’08  
Greenville.......................................Voorhees
Brian Guerriero, ’09  
Clare..............................................Kollen

Nicole Gugino, ’07  
Holland..........................................Ross
Vanessa Gugino, ’09  
Holland..........................................Dykstra
Leah Guttersen, ’09  
Ada..................................................Dykstra
Daniel Guy, ’09  
Kalkaska........................................Cook
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*154 People*
Richard and Helen DeVos traveled a long way from the beautiful Florida sun to the snowy winter of Michigan, yet their faces were beaming with smiles. The weather outside may have been frigid, but there was plenty of warmth to go around in the newly dedicated Richard & Helen DeVos Fieldhouse on the campus of Hope College. “Helen and I are honored to be a part of this,” said Richard DeVos, the co-founder of Alticor, the holding company for several firms including Amway Corp., which he also is a co-founder. “We’ve always loved Hope.”

The DeVoses’ $7.5 million donation that led the fundraising effort for the 102,000-square-foot fieldhouse that opened in November, 2005 on Fairbanks Avenue between 9th and 11th Streets. Richard DeVos spoke to the large audience in the Fieldhouse, made up of students, faculty, staff, and donors, and thanked the Lord for his heart transplant in 1997. He said good architects designed the fieldhouse but said he’s thankful for “the great architect who has his hand on this school,” a comment in reference to God.

The DeVoses were very pleased with the end result of the fieldhouse, as they were a large part of the planning. “This is a day we have long anticipated,” Hope College President James Bultman said before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“We’re so grateful to so many different people who allowed this project to come to fruition. We want to thank the DeVoses for their leadership gift.”

The fifth annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance was held in addition to the dedication at the fieldhouse. About 200 Hope students presented the findings of their 138 research projects.

Underclassmen

Tara Henderson, '08
Wheaton, Il..................Gilmore
Courtney Hansen, '09
Hopewell Jctn., NY........Kollen
Sarah Herington, '08
Grand Rapids...............Voorhees
Amanda Herron-Wheeler, '09
Holland ......................Holland

Clayton Heylmun, '09
Petoskey ......................Kollen
Stephen Hile, '07
Monroe ......................Dosker
Nova Hinman, '09
Portage ......................Dykstra
Anne Hoekstra, '08
Kalamazoo ....................Phelps
Jacob Hoekstra, ’09
Grandville, .................. Kollen
Rob Hoff, ’09
Clarkston, .................. Cook
Hilary Holbrook, ’09
Hopewell Jctn., NY, Dykstra
Katie Holm, ’09
Naperville, IL, Dykstra

Ashley Holtgrewe, ’07
St. Peters, MO, Columbia
Michelle Holthaus, ’09
Pella, IA, Dykstra
Maya Holtrop, ’08
Beverly Hills, Voorhees
Peter Holzinger, ’09
Racine, WI, Kollen

Krista Homakie, ’09
Cass City, Dykstra
Amy Howard, ’09
East Lansing, Phelps
Becky Hughes, ’08
Paw Paw, Phelps
Zac Huizing, ’07
Grand Rapids, Holland

Russalle Hull, ’09
Ludington, Dykstra
Megan Hunt, ’09
Santa Maria, CA, Voorhees
Megan Hunter, ’09
St. Ignace, Dykstra
David Hunyadi, ’09
Kalamazoo, Kollen

Lydia Hussey, ’08
Marion, NY, Gilmore
Amanda Hutchins, ’09
South Haven, Dykstra
Katie Immink, ’08
Hudsonville, Gilmore
Ruth Ippoliti, ’07
Carmel, IN, Cook
Coach Michael Ricketts gives directions to the defense at the Homecoming game against Wisconsin Lutheran College. Aside from the game, a dedication for the new Martha Miller Center for Global Communication, an exhibition of paintings of the Hope campus, the 28th annual Run-Bike-Swim-Walk, and reunions for four graduating classes from 1985 through 2000 all help Hope celebrate its tradition with current students and alumni. • photo by Zach Trumble
Students gather to listen to a speaker at the Critical Issues Symposium. This year's symposium on genocide in the global community was one of the most well-attended in recent years. • photo by Zach Trumble •
Deanna Kalafut, '09
Justice, Il .................. Dykstra
Dan Kalaward, '08
Portage ..................... Kollen
Bethany Katerberg, '07
Grand Rapids, College East
Courtney Kauflman, '09
Sturgis ...................... Voorhees

Laura Kawiecki, '07
Midland ..................... Kuizenga
Jonathan Kay, '08
Three Rivers ................ Durfee
Shova KC, '07
Kathmandu, Nepal ...... Kooiker
Hayley Keeler, '07
Plainwell .................... Beck

Gretchen Keillor, '09
Ravenna, OH ............... Dykstra
Lauren Keiser, '09
Otterbein, IN .............. Van Vleck
Andrea Keller, '09
Kokomo, IN ................ Dykstra
Ricky Kelley, '09
Burton ....................... Kollen

Colleen Kelly, '08
Naperville, Il ............... Gilmore
Aaron Kenemer, '07
Zeeland ..................... Belt
Alex Ketchum, '09
Woodland ................... Wyckoff
George Khoury, '09
Jerusalem, Israel .......... Voorhees

Sarah Kibbey, '09
Maple City .................. Gilmore
Melissa Kilbourn, '09
Suttons Bay ................ Kollen
Joshua Kinder, '08
McHenry, Il ................ Kollen
Jeremy Kingma, '09
Beverly Hills ................ Durfee

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Josh Shicker

In Dimnent Chapel, students and community members sit back and relax as they listen to the acoustic melodies of Josh Shicker. In an act of generosity, Shicker agreed to donate some of his concert's proceeds to Pulling for Hope, Hope's Hurricane Katrina Relief effort.

Shicker worked with Jason Cash and Jon Ornee to coordinate the benefit concert. At this concert Shicker also released his newly recorded album. *photo by Tally Reevert•

Travis Kingma, '09
Mattawan..........................Durfee
Sarah Kirby, '07
Naperville, IL......................Dorian
Meagan Kistler, '08
Ludington.........................Phelps
Claudia Klimkowski, '08
Carmel, IN.........................Phelps

George Klupchak, '08
Naperville, IL......................Durfee
Ross Knoll, '08
Grand Haven......................Phelps
Courtney Knox, '09
Lawton.............................Gilmore
Mari Jo Koedyker, '09
Grand Haven......................Gilmore
Daniel Koenig, ’09  
Midland  Phelps
Jillian Koestner, ’07  
Phoenix, AZ  College East
Kimberly Koetje, ’08  
Chicago, IL  Delphi
Michael Koets, ’09  
Grandville  Kollen

Sarah Koon, ’09  
Columbus, OH  Gilmore
Jonathan Koopmans, ’09  
Holland  Durfee
Abby Kosta, ’07  
Grandville  Pieters
Marina Kovalyuk, ’08  
Moscow, Russia  Scott

Melissa Kowalk, ’09  
Eaton Rapids  Dykstra
Rachelle Kreuze, ’09  
Kalamazoo  Dykstra
Elizabeth Krohmer, ’09  
Grand Rapids  Dykstra
Brendan Krueger, ’09  
Canton  Wyckoff

Nora Kuiper, ’09  
Kalamazoo  Dykstra
Ryan Kullavanijaya, ’09  
Clarendon Hills, IL  Phelps
Amy Kunzi, ’09  
Hudsonville  Dykstra
Allison Kurtze, ’07  
Carson City  Delphi

Caitlin Lamade, ’09  
Wheaton, IL  Gilmore
Brenna Lamphear, ’09  
Grand Rapids  Dykstra
Elise LaRoche, ’09  
Hudsonville  Dykstra
Rachel Larson, ’09  
South Bend, IN  Dykstra

Underclassmen
Malinda Lasater, '08
Goddard, KS Champion
Ritchie Latimore, '09
Dayton, OH Wyckoff
Caitlin Lautz, '09
Wheaton, IL Van Vleck
Miriah Lawrence, '09
Sterling, NY Voorhees

James Leadley, '09
Dexter Kollen
Andrew Lee, '09
Fair Lawn, NJ Kollen
Miriam Lee, '07
Allen Park Brumler
Michael Leman, '09
Elmhurst, IL Durfee

Sarah Lemieux, '09
Lake Bluff, IL Voorhees
Liana Lemke, '09
Caylord Dykstra
Chris Lewis, '09
Troy Phelps
Andrew Liang, '08
Holland Centurian

Molly Lien, '07
Midland Voorhees
Kristina Lilly, '07
Mount Pleasant Sligh
Michele Lindstedt, '09
St. Charles, IL Dykstra
Brad Lininger, '09
Kalamazoo Kollen

Christina Lis, '09
Novi Dykstra
Daniel Lithio, '09
Downers Grove, IL Phelps
Megan Lobe, '08
Marshall Kollen
Jeannette Lockard, '07
Clinton Township Welmers
not all work...

Top to bottom, left to right: **Giving**
the Bayshore Christian Ministries van a bath, Cara Schrottenboer, Sarah Moore, and Katie Munz also manage to get wet in the process. In East Palo Alto, California, washing vans was one of many work projects for this Hope College mission trip team. **Joel** Pierson, Dave Nyitray, and Jeff Ambrose stop to get a little climbing in at the Willie “Woo Woo” Wong Playground while visiting Chinatown in San Francisco during Spring Break. **Beth** Krohmer and Sarah Moore enjoy some Starbuck’s coffee after a long day working on their mission trip to East Palo Alto.

Bradley Lockwood, ’08
Palatine, IL ...............Centurian

Leanna Longwell, ’09
Homer ....................Van Vleck

Travis Love, ’09
Livonia ......................Scott

Kali Ludwig, ’08
Hinsdale, IL ...............Kollen

Karen Luidens, ’09
Altamont, NY ..............Scott

Jean Daniel Lussier, ’08
Leniwsle, Canada .............Durfee

Jacob Lyons, ’09
Lake Orion ...................Voorhees

Stephanie Machiela, ’09
Zeeland ......................Phelps
“Trick or Treat!” Enthusiastic kids from the Holland area came to Hope for a safe and fun evening of candy, and lots of it. Students loved seeing all the creative costumes and festive children. Residence halls were open to the community all evening. Decoration contests were held and students, too, couldn’t resist the chance to dress up themselves and get candy from their peers. The wide array of creative outfits covered everything from pirates to The Spice Girls.

• photos by Heather Garrett •
Summer tutoring programs start up after most Hope students leave. In the library, this tutor plays a game with a student around the fun three dimensional chalkboards. • photo by Emily Southard•
The downtown shopping is not only extremely popular with tourists, students and their parents enjoy strolling up and down the quaint streets, window shopping or grabbing a cup of coffee and a seat for some good conversation.

• photo by Tally Reeverts •
Shauna Masura, '09
Rolling Meadows, IL Phelps

Chris Maybury, '08
Holland .................. Durfee

Marjorie McBride, '09
Sparta .................. Phelps

Matt McCabe, '08
Brighton .................. Kollen

Erin McCarthy, '09
St. Charles, MO ........ Dykstra

Makana McCarty, '09
Kurtistown, HI .......... Kollen

Emily McConnelly, '08
Arlington, VA .......... Voorhees

Megan McCormick, '08
Davison ................. Gilmore

Christopher McChee, '09
Kalamazoo .............. Kollen

Margaret Mcgurn, '09
Traverse City ............. Dykstra

Colleen McKinnie, '09
Sterling Heights ...... Van Vleck

Evan McLean, '09
Crystal Lake, IL ........ Durfee

Bryan McMahon, '09
East Tawas ............... Phelps

John Mc Nutt, '09
Elgin, IL .................. Kollen

Nikolas McPherson, '07
Rochester Hills ........ Wyckoff
As students continue to reach out in an effort to change the world for better, several students brought the issue of Northern Uganda's disappearing youth. For 20 years the Lord's Resistance Army has been participating in a war where the LRA has resorted to abducting children in order to increase their number of soldiers. In order to escape this, children have been commuting from the rural areas of Uganda to large cities where they can safely sleep at night.

The film, "Invisible Children," was shown for a week on Hope's campus, and students were encouraged to join the Global Night Commute in Grand Rapids on Saturday, April 29, 2006. As part of a larger effort internationally to bring awareness, 136 cities across the globe participated with 29,000 Americans pledging to participate. The participants also took part in a letter writing campaign to inform politicians of this crisis.

Hope students made a large sacrifice in time since the Commute took place the weekend before finals. The focus on Africa within the student body culminated at the end of the semester with this final push for awareness before students left for the summer.
Provost James Boelkins speaks to new students at the New Student Opening Session, which marks the official beginning of the new school year. The Provost serves as the chief academic officer and thus helps coordinate and advocate for all activities related to faculty and the academic program.
Some diehard Hope students back up their teams with unending support. Hope’s Hockey fans prepare to take the extra step, even if that involves standing in an ice arena for hours. On a cold winter weekend night, students drive down US 31 to The Edge arena in order to watch the Hockey team smash their opponents into the boards. The Hope-Calvin rivalry especially brings in standing room-only crowds, who wave white towels and fill the arena with chants and enthusiasm. These dedicated fans cheered on the Hockey team throughout their 24-8-2 record. This was the team’s fifth straight trip to the American Collegiate Hockey Association’s tournament where they faced sixteen other teams. The team was rewarded for their season of hard work with a fifth-place finish. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Many students recount studying abroad as one of the best experiences of their college careers, and they usually choose to take a semester abroad during either their sophomore or junior year. Hope provides opportunities across both stateside and across seas. From South Africa to London, from Japan to Chile, students not only learn in their classes, they also become experts in a new language and a different culture. One of the best opportunities of studying abroad is the ability to travel to new areas.

For those students who can’t afford to take a semester off or who love being on campus during the school year, Vienna Summer School or other summer terms provide the experience without the huge time commitment.

Thea Neal, Liz Otton, Sarah Baumgartner, and Mackenzie Smith pose for a shot in front of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, DC. They took their homework-free day to see the sites in the capital while on a tour of many memorials during Cherry Blossom Festival. • photo provided by Thea Neal • Where the sea meets the land, Nicole Brace and Alyssa Johnson explore the area near a Scottish castle during a weekend trip. Brace and Johnson were just a few of many Hope students who studied abroad in Aberdeen, Scotland, during the Fall semester. • photo provided by Sara Pillow • Hope students studying in Vienna, Austria attend the opening dinner celebrating the programs 50th year. • photo courtesy of Megan Purtee •
Sometimes there is virtue in necessity. In the early summer of 2006, a delivery truck mistakenly backed into the “Hope College” arch that stands facing College Avenue in front of Graves Hall, damaging both the metal arch itself and the brick pillars that hold it. After five weeks away for repair, the arch returned better than ever. In fact, who knew? It turned out that the letters in “Hope College” were made of brass, a quality hidden by decades of weathering and long lost to institutional memory. Cleaned and polished and now protected by a coating that should insure that they maintain their brilliance for years to come, they again shine brightly in the sun. While away following the mishap, the metal arch that supported the letters was sandblasted and repainted. Repair work also included casting new cement caps to go atop the brick pillars and replacing...
bricks that were damaged in the accident. The pillars were donated by the Class of 1912 as the “front entrance” to campus in the days when Hope was largely bounded by College and Columbia avenues and 10th and 12th streets. The arch was added in 1940, given by the college’s chapter of the national Blue Key honor society. Currently, the campus occupies some 120 acres, although not all contiguous, ranging from Central Avenue to the west past Fairbanks Avenue to the east, from Eighth Street to the north to 15th Street to the south. Even so, the arch continues to serve as a landmark. It can’t help but do so, both as a distinctive campus feature in its own right and standing as it does surrounded by historic structures like Graves, Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Voorhees Hall, and by relative newcomers like the Van Wylen Library and the A. Paul Schaap Science Center. • courtesy of Hope PR •

Carl Morrison, ’09
Pickford.......................... Scott
Carolyn Morse, ’08
Naperville, Il......................... Phelps
Kyle Mosher, ’08
Oakhurst, CA....................... Durfee
Nicole Moss, ’08
Battle Creek......................... Gilmore

Jenna Mulder, ’08
Queensbury, NY.............. Sutphen
Keith Mulder, ’08
Portage.......................... Phelps
Nicole Mulder, ’08
Jenison.......................... Gilmore
Sarah Multer, ’09
Plainwell......................... Gilmore

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The $22 million DeVos Fieldhouse, which opened October 2005, already received a facelift. Stairs at the new facility were replaced because they failed to meet building code requirements.

"It was determined that some, not all, were approximately one-sixteenth of an inch from meeting the minimum requirement for a stair width - from front to back of the step," said Tom Renner, Hope College spokesman.

Only the stairs in the 11 single-seat aisles were affected. The steps went from a three-step to a two-step design between the rows both to comply with the code and enhance safety, Renner said.

Cost of the changes were minimal and were shared between the college, contractor, and architects.

The job was completed in time for Tulip Time.
Can you do a handstand? Climb a tree? Seniors David Boersma and Jon White sure can as they relax in the warm sunshine in the Pine Grove, and if you’re lucky they may even show you how it is done. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Odd Year Moralers prepare for the Pull. Girls gathered in the third floor of Dykstra Hall to decorate white sweat pants in their year's colors. Walking up the stairs, one would turn into Cluster 3-2 and see a sea of girls, spread out with paint in hand. The girls brought out a computer to play music, and spent time together laughing and talking while showing their team spirit. • photo by Heather Garrett •
Originally started as a light-hearted take on the Pull, The Push has evolved into a race involving shopping carts and elaborate costumes. Students line the course throughout the Pine Grove (see photo, right), eagerly awaiting the moment when this year’s outlandish costumes will be revealed (below). Here Ronnie Friend pushes Brad Houzenga along the sidewalk. Both team members wear roller skates as part of their group’s costume. • photos by Megan Purtee •

Pushing for Spring

Scott Peterson, ‘09
Seattle, WA ................. Durfee
Alisha Philo, ’08
Greenville .................. Cook
Lani Pickard, ’09
Shorewood, MN .......... Dykstra
Tracy Piersma, ’09
Rochester Hills ............. Dykstra

Joel Pierson, ’07
Traverse City ............... Kraker
Anna Pillot, ’09
State College, PA ........... Scott
Sara Pillow, ’07
Elkhart, IN .................. Boers
Dylana Pinter, ’08
Mundelein, IL ............... Cook
Tamara Pischke, '09
Maple City .......... Scott
Thomas Plasman, '09
Downers Grove, IL ... Kollen
Izumi Pointer, '08
Ann Arbor .......... Cook
Nikita Pointer, '09
Ann Arbor .......... Voorhees

Rebecca Pommerening, '09
Zeeland ............... Phelps
Amanda Pontier, '09
Kijabe, Kenya .......... Van Vleek
Kelly Post, '09
Hudsonville .......... Dykstra
Kristen Post, '07
Peoria, IL .......... Schnier

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In the final minutes of the Pull, each team's banners are ripped down. No longer does Even Year see only their colors of red and white, nor does Odd Year only focus on maroon and yellow. For the first time in the competition, the teams can nearly look each other in the eye across the churning waters of the Black River. Coaches, Pullers and Moralers, both the current ones and those from years past, stand at the head of the line and encourage the Pullers and Moralers to hang on until the end.

• photo by Megan Purtee •
Christian musician and guitarist Matt Wertz has played on Hope's campus every year for three years in a row.
• photo by Ashley DeHudy •

Laura Purves, ’08
Gibsonia, PA...............Phelps

Emilie Putrich, ’09
Arlington, IL...........Dykstra

Jennifer Pyle, ’07
Hinsdale, IL..............Fried

Tyler Racey, ’08
Ludington.............Wyckoff

Gloria Rak, ’07
Geneva, IL...............Schrier

James Ralston, ’09
Holly.......................Durfee

Kendall Ramsden, ’08
Grand Haven...........Kollen

Megan Rapelje, ’08
Petoskey..............Cook

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The newly named A. Paul Schaap Science Center gives Hope College one of the nation’s premiere undergraduate science education facilities. Hope has been recognized multiple times nationally as a leader in undergraduate science education and for its emphasis on research-based learning. Most recently, the 2006 edition of the “America’s Best Colleges” guide published by “U.S. News and World Report” included Hope in its listing of colleges and universities that are outstanding in their emphasis on undergraduate research or creative projects. Although the schools on the list have been unranked numerically in recent years, Hope was tied for fourth place in the U.S. when the category debuted in 2002. In May, 2006, the center was named in honor of alumnus A. Paul Schaap ’67. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Brent Boersma and Jon Oegema compete in "The Push" dressed as Fruit of the Loom fruits during Spring Fling • photo by Heather Garrett •
Ashleigh Rios, '09  
South Haven, ..........Lichty
Ryan Ritter, '09  
Maumee, OH..............Wyckoff
Allison Rivers, '09  
Mount Prospect, IL........Lichty
Anna Roberts, '09  
Metamora..............Scott

Courtenay Roberts, '07  
Cleveland, OH...........Cook
Leticia Parker, '09  
Holland...............Scott
Lindsay Roberts, '09  
Manistee...............Dykstra
Julie Robinson, '08  
Warsaw, IN............Brownstone

Laura Robinson, '08  
Barrington, IL.........Van Vleck
Katie Robrahn, '08  
Grand Rapids..........Wyckoff
Stephen Rodriguez, '07  
Macomb.............College East

Andrew Rogers, '09  
Sheridan...............Wyckoff
Jerusha Rogers, '07  
Fort Kent Mills, ME.....Welmers
Laura Rojeski, '07  
Mount Pleasant..........Poll
Diego Romero, '09  
Holland...............Scott

Katie Ross, '09  
St Louis Park, MN.......Dykstra
Samuel Rossman, '09  
Belmont...............Kollen
Barbra Rubio, '09  
Holland................Scott
Carmen Ruffino, '09  
Holland..............Scott

Did you know?
Hope has students from 43 states and territories and 32 foreign countries
In 1974, Hope College student Janet Chandler disappeared one winter's night while working her job as a desk clerk at the Blue Mill Inn. Her body was found the next day along a highway. Her murder went unsolved for more than a quarter century -- until a Hope College documentary film directed by Hope professor, Dr. David Schock, drew out more witnesses.

“It’s a rare chance to be in a position where you can do something that will result in justice,” said professor David Schock. “I’ll tell you what -- it’s humbling. It’ll knock you to your knees.”

Schock got the idea to make a movie about the 1979 case after talking with a retiring Holland police captain who remained troubled by the lack of a resolution. His class produced an 80-minute documentary, “Who Killed Janet Chandler?” which aired on a Grand Rapids public television station in January 2004.

It helped renew public interest and generated new leads for investigators to follow, resulting in an arrest of Robert Michael Lynch, 66, of Three Oaks, Michigan according to Attorney General Mike Cox during a news conference at Holland police headquarters. Lynch was arraigned in Holland on two counts of felony murder and one count of premeditated murder in the strangulation death of 23-year-old Janet Chandler.
All spiffed up and ready to go, Hope students attend the annual Winter Fantasia dance put on by the Social Activities Committee at the Amway Grand in downtown Grand Rapids. • photo by Tara Fisher •
A relaxed Hope student enjoys a good read during the Earth Jam festivities held in the Pine Grove.

• photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Rev. Trygve Johnson endured his first full school year on campus as the newest Dean of the Chapel. Johnson has been credited with breathing a breath of fresh air through Campus Ministries. Meanwhile, weekly Chapel services and "The Gathering" continue to be enormously popular on campus. • photos by Tally Reeverts and Public Relations •
Chelsea Schrotenboer, '09
Zeeland........................Gimore
Christine Schultheis, '09
Fowlerville........................Lichty
Randall Schultz, '09
Grand Haven....................Voorhees
Erin Schumaker, '08
Bowling Green, KY.............Gimore

Diana Schwab, '09
West Bloomfield....................Scott
Lynde Seaver, '08
Grand Haven......................Voorhees
Emily Seib, '09
Waukesha, WI.....................Gilmore
Meghan Servais, '09
Grosse Pointe Woods.............Scott

Joseph Seymour, '08
Holland..............................Durfee
Kathleen Shannon, '09
Old Lyme, CT....................Dykstra
Laura Shears, '09
Normal, IL.........................Dykstra
Jason Shirk, '08
Muskegon..........................Cook

Jessica Shugart, '08
Traverse City......................Lichty
Trevor Shull, '08
Macomb............................Cook
Kevin Sietsema, '09
Byron Center......................Cook
Christopher Sikkema, '09
Rochester, MN....................Phelps

Kelsey Silver, '09
Holland.............................Scott
Heidi Simmons, '08
Brookfield, IL....................Cook
Matt Simon, '07
Grand Rapids......................Belt
Kelly Sina, '07
Watertown, WI....................Kollen
Jennifer Skoog, '09
Grand Rapids .......... Dykstra

Mark Slotman, '09
Cedar Grove, WI .......... Durfee

Laura Smallegan, '09
Zeeland ................. Gilmore

Amy Smith, '09
Grand Rapids ............. Lichty

Ashley Smith, '07
Lancaster, PA .......... Welmers

Ben Smith, '08
Vermontville ............. Phelps

Brandon Smith, '09
Kokomo, IN ............... Durfee

Casey Smith, '08
Holland .................. Durfee
Students stream out from chapel on a cloudy, snow-dreary day. The month of December topped the charts for snowfall. After Thanksgiving, it snowed all the way through the end of the semester. This page: This student just got out of his last final for the semester. In celebration, he takes a dive into snow.

Courtney Smith, '08
Hudsonville.................. Kollen

Molly Smith, '09
Urbana, IL.................. Dykstra

Robyn Smith, '09
Brown City.................. Van Vleck

Trevor Smith, '09
Holland...................... Durfee

James Snyder, '09
Pickford...................... Scott

Mackenzie Snyder, '09
Paw Paw...................... Wyckoff

Zachary Snyder, '08
Grand Rapids................ Kollen

Kari Soderstrom, '07
Madison, CT.................. Kuizenga

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Samuel Adams diligently practices the piano in one of the private practice rooms available for music students in Nykerk Music Hall. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •
Students become hypnotized when hypnotist Frederik Winters comes to campus. • photos by Zach Trumble •
Windmill Island is the location of many events both in the community and for campus activities, including the Hope College sponsored "Community Day." A beautiful spot to play "tourist," the island was also the destination for the Annual Run-Bike-Swim-Walk. • photo courtesy Public Relations •

Kara Tabor, '09
Hanson, MA.............. Dykstra
Melyn Tank, '09
Midland ..................... Lichty
Sean Tarnas, '09
West Bloomfield ......... Phelps
Alexander Taylor, '08
Burlington, WI............ Wyckoff

Joy Taylor, '09
Hudson, FL ............... Dykstra
Allison Templeton, '09
Appleton, WI .............. Scott
Katie Terpstra, '09
Zeeland ..................... Gilmore
Derek Terrell, '09
Lexington, KY ............. Scott
The Orientation Assistants get the first taste of Phelps Dining. After a couple of months at Phelps, freshmen come to get the hang of the “scramble” system as well as get to know the staff members that make Phelps run efficiently. Over the past few years, Phelps has made several improvements to meet student demands. Management added a few waffle makers, which are especially popular during weekend meals. A few extra stations are the hot sandwiches and the “blue plate” meals that take dining off the beaten path.

* photo courtesy Public Relations *
Part of the “joys” of college is buying books. Many students race to the Hope-Geneva Bookstore upon their arrival on campus in an attempt to get a first crack at the ‘used’ book selection, all in hopes to save a few valuable dollars.

* photo courtesy Public Relations *
Allison Van Beek, ’09
Libertyville, IL.............. Dykstra
Kandace Van Dahm, ’09
Riverside, IL.............. Dykstra
Melissa Van Dahm, ’09
Schaumburg, IL.............. Dykstra
Rob VanDette, ’09
Rochester Hills............. Scott

Corey VanDyke, ’08
Hickory Corners............ Wyckoff
Evan Van Heukelom, ’09
Zeeland..................... Kollen
Julie VanLaan, ’09
Grand Rapids.............. Dykstra
Kylee Van Oostendorp, ’09
Zeeland...................... Gilmore

Jacklyn Van Prooyen, ’09
Orland Park, IL............ Voorhees
Laura Van Tassell, ’09
Spencer, IA.................. Voorhees
Mari von Websky, ’09
Holland........................ Durfee
Lyndsey Van Wyk, ’09
Bloomingdale, IL........... Dykstra

Jonathan Van Wyngarden, ’09
Holland...................... Kollen
Sarah Van Zanten, ’09
Hudsonville.................. Dykstra
Matt VandeGuchte, ’09
Hamilton...................... Kollen
Nate Vande Guchte, ’08
Hamilton...................... Durfee

Andrea Vandenburgh, ’08
Jackson...................... Gilmore
Sarah Vander Heide, ’09
Grand Rapids.............. Dykstra
Anna Vander Zouwen, ’07
Midland...................... Pieters
Megan Vandermaas, ’09
Hudsonville.............. Dykstra
The final celebration at Dance Marathon consists of the unveiling of the total money donated to the Devos Children’s Hospital, a huge balloon drop from the ceiling of the Dow Center, and lots of cheering by all involved. Pat Ratliff, Event Management Director, coordinated the balloon drop. There were approximately 800 balloons put into the net which all had to be blown up and tied by hand. Moralers jump up and down on their last legs, thinking about the end of the 24 hours on their feet. The miracle children and siblings consider the balloon drop the cherry on top of the entire event. *photos by Zach Trumble*
Registration can be a daunting task when embarking on a journey through college. Scheduling classes seems difficult at first, if not overwhelming, but caring professors and advisers from the Registrar’s Office take time to work students through the process. They help students consider their major or interests and couple those with classes they will need in order to graduate. Here Maura Reynolds highfives Stephanie Hansens after a successful registration.
Did you know?
Hope has 11 residence halls, 15 apartment complexes, and 72 cottages on campus.

Amy VanDerMeulen, '08
Marshall..............Gilmore
Matt VanderVelde, '09
Grandville.............Kollen
Molly VanDeursen, '09
Sullivan, IL............Dykstra

Rebecca VanGessel, '09
Grandville...............Dykstra
Brooke Van Hoven, '09
Hudsonville...............Dykstra
Elissa Van Nest, '09
Ferndale..................Van Vleck
Daniel Vasko, '07
Camden...............Kollen

PlayFair is a huge event taking elements of icebreakers, mixers, and motivational activities, which creates a unique atmosphere in the Dow Center. Freshmen and Orientation Assistants gather to do back-to-back dances, find groups of people with the same birthday, and learn a lot of new faces and names. Left to right: The Orientation Assistants start PlayFair by drumming the gym floor and then forming a human tunnel for the freshmen to run through. Approximately 700 students congregate to bond as a class and to meet new people.
As far as records show, this pow-wow is Hope's first ever on campus. Native Americans and students gathered on campus, first in the Pine Grove and then in Maas Auditorium due to rain. To aid in the celebration, Phelps Dining served food typical to Michigan tribes. • photo by PR •
Cameron Voyles, '07
Fremont..........................Cook
Lara Wagner, '07
Northville...........................DeGraaf
Meghan Wahl, '09
Defiance, OH.....................Dykstra
Verena Walter, '09
Neustadt, Germany.............Poll

Kensley Walters, '08
Allendale..........................Phelps
Joshua Warner, '08
Huntertown, IN....................Cook
Kyle Warner, '07
W. Bloomfield....................Vander Borgh
Ronna Warner, '09
Plainwell..........................Kollen

Audrey Wasielewski, '09
Traverse City.....................Dykstra
Ailie Weaver, '09
Grand Ledge........................Phelps
Samantha Webbert, '09
Holland..............................Gilmore
Amy Weber, '09
Hoffman Estates, IL...........Dykstra

Sara Webster, '09
Kalamazoo........................Phelps
Heidi Weir, '08
Dearborn..........................Cook
Rachel Wendt, '08
Hanover Park, IL..............Kollen
Ashley Westcott, '09
Newaygo..........................Voorhees

Andrew Westra, '09
Spring Lake........................Kollen
Paul Whalen, '09
Wescosville, PA.................Scott
Leah Wicander, '07
Mount Pleasant...................Pieters
Brian Wiest, '07
Fargo, ND.........................Oggel
Nykerk coaches and executive board members man the Nykerk table, christened by the Nykerk Cup, at the Activities Fair during Orientation Weekend. • photo courtesy PR •

Theresa Wigton, '09
Maple City .................. Scott
Alexa Williams, '09
Kalamazoo ................... Dykstra
Morgan Willming, '09
South Haven .................. Dykstra
Emily Wilson, '07
Cedarburg, WI ............. Brumler

Erica Wilson, '09
Auburn, IN .................. Phelps
Jonathan Wilson, '09
Grand Rapids ............... Kollen
Derek Wimbley, '09
Detroit ....................... Scott
Heather Winchell, '08
Rochester, NY ............. Gilmore

People
Hope students have traditionally been good at aiding others in their time of need. The campus proved this once again with the victims of Hurricane Katrina, pulling together resources and food items to send to those in need through the all-campus effort called ‘Pulling for Hope.’ Here Jennica Skoug and Lauren Engel sort through the last few items to go into the truck. • photo by Ashley DeHudy •

Meghan Winer, '09
Ada............................Dykstra
Jacob Wingate, '09
Tustin..........................Durfee
Yvette Wissner, '09
Sebewaing.....................Phelps
Matthew Wixson, '08
Albion...........................Durfee

Dan Wizner, '07
Hemlock........................Smith
Joseph Woldring, '09
Hamilton.......................Kollen
Scott Wolf, '09
Bath............................Kollen
Rebekah Woods, '09
Lowell..........................Dykstra

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Dave VandeWaa talks with Professor Kathleen Verduin after his 11:00 am British Literature II class in Lubbers Hall. For VandeWaa, British Literature II is not only enjoyable but also fulfilling a requirement for his English minor. • photo by Heather Garret •
When the President's away the squirrels will play. The tree outside President and Mrs. Bultman's house houses several squirrels. On a warm and sunny afternoon, the squirrels were caught chasing each other. • photo by Tally Reeverts •
Page 230: A CASA volunteer makes a craft with a local student who participates in the CASA program. CASA volunteers work either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to their schedules. The experience impacts both the young student and the college student.

Page 235: Erika Oglesby and Megan Purtee, both Vanderprov members, act out a scene that is part of a game. Audience members can choose the circumstances of the scenes, which leads the way to inevitably hilarious improvisation. Vanderprov draws capacity crowds to their shows.

Page 216: Nicholas Engel, the Campus News Editor for Hope's newspaper The Anchor, checks over his layout in the newspaper's new office, which habitates the southwest corner of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. This year also marked a new style for the paper.
Stephen Pels takes his place in front of the goal during the pre-game warm-up. In this January 29 home match against Calvin, the Flying Dutchmen took the victory 5-0. • photo by Zach Trumble •
Operation: Live In Oh-Five. T minus three months, two directors were hard at work. In addition to interviewing and selecting the staff during the spring, they spent their entire summer vacation working in the basement of DeWitt, attending countless meetings, scheduling hundreds of spectacular events, organizing the small army of students who run orientation in the fall, and any other odds and ends to make orientation all it can be. T minus two weeks, twenty-five assistant directors arrived on campus and spent fourteen hours a day until school began finishing all the prep work, wrapping up loose ends, training the orientation assistants, and ultimately running the actual orientation. T minus four days, two hundred orientation assistants moved in, began training and got psyched for the largest incoming class ever. They were the first faces of Hope these new families saw in just a few short days. T minus zero, over four thousand first year students, transfers, parents, siblings, and friends descended upon Hope's campus. The orientation staff met the caravans at the sidewalks and parking lots, unloaded, and delivered everything to the rooms for the families making move in a breeze; they lead the small groups throughout the weekend, familiarizing the new students with Hope, from the nuances of eating in Phelps to never picking up a stray Frisbee in the Pine Grove; they attended all of the fun and exciting events with the students; they were the friendly face and the caring heart these students deserve in this new and sometimes challenging adventure called college. Orientation, in all its glory, no matter how spectacular, would be nothing without the group of students that sacrifice much to make others' first experience be the best it can be. • article by Ryan Lincoln • photos courtesy of Public Relations •
The Residential Life and Housing staff at Hope College are all dedicated to enhancing a student’s total educational experience by providing and facilitating an enjoyable on-campus living experience. Living on campus is an integral part of a student’s total education and can be an exciting and rewarding experience. Residents meet new people, are exposed to new ideas, cultures, and develop friendships that can last a lifetime. The Residential Life and Housing staff are highly visible in Residential Halls, cottages, and apartments. Each and every staff member can be seen providing assistance to students in many different methods, from providing informal counseling, to roommate mediation, to a helping hand with moving, and getting acquainted with Hope College. Residential Life and Housing staff provided many unique and new learning opportunities during the 2005-2006 school year. They included everything from the White Cross Project; giving students an in-your-face look at the amount of alcohol related deaths in one year, to an event about eating disorders called Andrea’s Voice, a foundation started by Doris and Tom Smeltzer, to the Student Leadership Team planning an Iron Chef-Hope Style. Learning opportunities continued in each community, such as Kollen and Cook halls, fundraiser for Dance Marathon called “Did you hear the BUZZ about Dance Marathon?” They raised money by shaving their heads. In Wyckoff a night of “He said She said,” or in Dykstra a resident sharing her own experience when it came to drinking. Learning opportunities come in many unique and different ways, a student can always find something exciting going on in a residential hall, cottage or apartment complex. article by Matthew D’Oyly
This is a wonderful year for the Social Activities Committee (SAC). SAC is comprised of about thirty students who love to have fun and are committed to ensuring the rest of the campus has fun too. This year SAC organized and sponsored over two hundred events! For example, the annual Labor Day Picnic provided students the perfect opportunity to enjoy some delicious food, great music, musician Eric Hutchinson, and beautiful weather together after a fabulous summer and kick the school year off right. In addition to the numerous movies, comedians, a hypnotist and other artists brought to campus next year, the committee decided to screen *Crash* free of charge in the Kletz with pizza and pop. After the provocative, real life drama depicting race relations in the city of Los Angeles concluded, SAC held a round table discussion comprised of Hope faculty and staff to debrief and discuss the important issues the film addresses. Students were able to ask tough questions and discuss openly. The film proved to be a great springboard into the discussion, and the event was a tremendous success. SAC also hosted Mini Camps, a first Generation Puerto Rican immigrant singer/song writer, and Thea Monyee, an awesome African-American slam poet. These amazing women challenged and inspired the audience with their words and tremendous talent. Spring Fling wrapped up the year as usual with a carnival-style celebration including a BBQ, huge blow-up activities, and festive 80s/90s rock music. The dedicated students sacrificed many long weekend nights to ensure all these great events were a success. *article by Ryan Lincoln*

### Social Activities Committee

Some of the events planned by SAC include Spring Fling. They coordinated Bull Riding, Sumo Wrestling, and a giant Velcro Wall. SAC also provides all kinds of food for the Spring Fling BBQ. *photos courtesy of Public Relations*
The last school year has proven successful for the club due to the efforts of hardworking members, club leadership, and campus staff members. The Business Club underwent many changes and has evolved quite well. Last year, the club was a very different organization. This year they changed its name from Synergy Business Group to the Business Club, and revamped with new leadership and a new vision. The club started meeting weekly to discuss business news and topics, listen to business leaders, and plan several campus events and group trips. In this evolution process, the member base increased outstandingly to forty, with anywhere from seven to fifteen members attending the meetings on a weekly basis. Using the past for an example, the Hope College Business Group hopes to create a clear picture of where the organization is going and what it will look like when we get there. There are several key elements that create the vision of the Business Group’s future including: networking, real world experience, entrepreneurship, service, and campus enrichment. *story by Brad Matson*

“There are several key elements that create our vision... entrepreneurship, service, and campus enrichment.”

*Brad Matson delivers a speech at one of the regular weekly meetings. Members took a break from touring the Chicago Board of Trade, The Merchandise Mart, and the Federal Reserve for some Chicago style pizza. Sarah Pratt and Bethany Wallin discussed the topic at one of the weekly meetings. At the Federal Reserve Bank, the club posed in front of a cube of $1 million in one dollar bills. *photos courtesy of Brad Matson*
For those involved in the oldest continual collegiate athletic event in the nation, the Pull really is what life is about. Those three weeks in September take on a particularly unusual energy, where, for the individuals involved, life is “pulled” into a dimension of new parameters. Real-world events exhibit a foggy, muted quality, as friends and classes, studying, social work, and sleep go into standby mode. As with all preceding Pull seasons, this year began with two teams, each committed to emerging as the victor. Once again, the even/odd aggravation rubbed old scars raw, and became simply a matter of “getting even.” Last year created heartbreak for the 08 team, as they gave too much rope to the ‘07 victors. What was given away last year by a narrow margin was not about to be given away this year by any length. It sounds simple... Recruit the best pullers. Ferret out the best moralers. Train hard. Bond. Practice hard. Practice harder and longer. Bond more. Strategize. Motivate. Unify. Show up, pull hard. Win. What do you say to engage a team of individuals into giving more physically than they are capable of offering? How do you motivate and encourage each individual to death-grasp a pipe of grimy hemp for three hours, when every fiber of their beings says “let go?” Pull was a war of mental magnitude. On September 24, 20 pullers and 20 moralers, along with their 11 steadfast coaches, gathered on the north shore of the Black River to face the other side. Harnessed into custom “vests” with a king’s ransom of duck tape, the pullers positioned themselves in their pits one final time, with their loyal moralers at their sides. It was time to “Get Even.” It was the time to be Even. Heave by heave, inch by inch, minute by minute. The orange rope mark progressed through pit one, then pit two, almost to three. With endurance, beyond measure, minutes turned to hours and inches to feet. Sweat turned pits to mudbaths, and bodies steel into frozen contortions. It was time. Vibrant banners, once landscape billboards blocking view of the south shore, sailed in shreds against the fall sky, revealing the battle-worn opposition. Frenzied last calls rallied a final heave, and then it was over. Even got Even. By 20’, 1”, revenge was realized. Two teams, a chunk of rope, a dirty river, and a perfect fall day. The spirit of The Pull endured. This year, it was about “Getting Even.” • article by Tisa Thompson • photos courtesy of Matt McCabe •
The cool silence of that September Saturday exploded with the arrival of the 2009 Pull Team upon the banks of the Black River, where they climbed into their pits clad in maroon and gold, ready to represent Odd Year for the 108th Pull of Hope College history. Twenty first-year men and twenty first-year women spent three weeks testing the limits of their bodies and minds in the sweltering September heat, steeling themselves against the formidable class of 2008, and pushing each other to new heights of competition in the most taxing, strategic, and long-standing tug-of-war tradition in America. Their efforts were valiant, and although the sophomores ultimately prevailed, the freshmen team exemplified the tenacity and resilience that their coaches had stressed throughout their training. “I can’t express how proud I am of the 09 Pull Team,” says coach Joe Albers. “They pulled until the end, and they never gave up. I know for a fact that next year this loss will be a strong asset in retaking our rope.” The 09 Pull Team overcame many obstacles along the road to September 24th—including shifting practice fields, low participation numbers, and distant training areas that needed to be reached on foot—but they arrived on Pull Day as a unified body, prepared to shoulder the Odd-Year tradition with the vigor and kinship of the century of pullers which had passed before them. “Those three weeks show you who you are,” says Zach Hoernschemeyer, Pit #2. “You realize that it’s not about you. It’s about a team, and a brotherhood, and a family.” In time, the yells of Pull Day faded, the mud of the Black River washed away, and the rope burns healed, but each member of the 09 Pull Team had learned lessons that would stay with them for a lifetime.

*article by Christian Piers *photos by Zach Trumble*
Amnesty International (AI) is the world’s largest independent human rights organization. AI, founded in 1961 by British lawyer Peter Benenson, deals with issues such as genocide, torture, death penalty, child soldiers, the arms trade, forced prostitution, and AIDS. The Hope College chapter was founded in 2001 and became an official student organization in 2002.

During the 2005-2006 year, the number of events and members has increased significantly. This was most likely due to the Critical Issues Symposium topic of Genocide in the Global Village. Weekly meetings consisted of education through film showings and guest speakers, in addition to responding to Urgent Actions. Urgent Actions usually concern violations of freedom of speech, freedom to peacefully assemble, or right to due process. These are cases that Amnesty International believes merit urgent response and for which they encourage letter writing to government officials to enforce current pertinent legislation. One of the members joked, “I wrote a letter to Ayatollah Khomeini today. What did you do?” These letters, combined with those of other AI chapters, create piles of letters that have in fact released prisoners who were unjustly imprisoned.

One of the most successful events this year was the Focus Week on Human Trafficking. Four speakers spoke about the thriving market of modern slavery and informed members that in some countries human trafficking is more profitable than drugs. At two out of four events, there were over twenty-five people.

Although AI discussed some difficult issues this year, members believe that one person and one letter can in fact make a difference. • article by Kathleen Ludewig •

Engineers Without Border’s Hope chapter was established as an official chapter of EWB-USA in the spring of 2005. The goal of the organization is to partner with developing communities to improve quality of life through engineering projects. These projects are implemented throughout the world and range from water purification systems to bridge design and construction. There are approximately 25 members involved, as well as three advisors who are Hope faculty and staff.

A major focus of EWB-Hope’s efforts in the last year was obtaining their first international engineering project through EWB-USA. After an extensive application process, EWB-Hope was given the task of finding potable water for a community of approximately 300 people in the West African country of Cameroon. Over Spring Break, four team members and one faculty advisor traveled to the community of Nkuv for a site assessment trip in order to take water samples and to understand the problem better.

For two weeks in May, members returned to Nkuv to implement a pilot system for the community. Throughout the school year, the group was involved in extensive fundraising and engineering design for finding the best solution. Peter Njodzeka, a local villager in Nkuv, has said that “so many things in our province have been abandoned. Engineers Without Borders - Hope is striving to make a difference in this abandoned community by bringing to them a basic luxury – clean water. • article by Kim Mosley •
Sacred Dance Ministry is an organization dedicated to encouraging dance as worship. This year approximately thirty dancers of all different dance background dedicated themselves to Bible study, worship, and rehearsal every Saturday morning. Each dancer is placed in a small group with a student choreographer to work on a dance piece for a semester or the entire year. Dancers then perform at church services or Hope’s chapel or Gathering. These groups also foster personal and community spiritual growth and explore improvisational dance as worship.

Sacred Dance sponsors the Spring Worship Service that brings all the pieces together into a worship service in Dimnent Chapel. Another highlight from this year was the evening Advent Service held at nearby Pillar Church during the fall. This service followed a more traditional format with dance, music, scripture, sermon, and prayer fully integrated.

Through choreographed and improvisational dance, the dancers, choreographers, and congregation learn not only to see how different people worship, but often about the gifts of God’s grace and truth. Sacred dance is a prayer, a story, a song, a lesson, and so much more. *article by Sommer Amundsen*


The Choir worships with many area churches throughout the year, and also joins the Hope College Chapel Band in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Members sing in many of the Chapel and Gathering services during the school year. The choir can also be found worshipping with other West Michigan college/university campus choirs during Gospel Fest and other celebrations during the year. *article by Sarah Loomis*

A student-run organization, Silent Praise started in 1996. Members learn sign language for praise and worship songs, and these songs are performed at local churches, Hope’s chapels and Gatherings. American Sign Language (ASL) is a way to communicate not only the true meaning of the song to the deaf community but also as an alternate form of worship for team members. Meetings occur once a week on campus, and leaders teach each song sign-by-sign to the rest of the group. A Holland-area ASL interpreter serves as a mentor for the group.

This year, Silent Praise decided to hold a weekend retreat at a local church both semesters. The group played games, learned conversational sign language, and got to know each other better.

The young group consisted mostly freshmen and sophomores. Some of the members of the group were able to take an ASL class in order to learn more sign language outside of the weekly meetings. Three members served at a deaf school in Montego Bay, Jamaica, over Spring Break. Every year, Silent Praise tries to expand its view on deaf culture and branch out. *article by Erica Oosting*

These are only a few of the many groups at Hope that make such a contribution to the development of its students. Without them, campus life would not be the same. These groups provide learning opportunities, which the classroom experiences do not usually cover.

*Group Spotlight*
Deciding how to shape the history of an entire school year is a difficult task. Then taking that and turning it into a book takes hard work and creativity. Jason Cash and Tally Reeverts, Co-Editors in Chief, tackled this task for a second year and interpreted the theme for the year as “Reaching Out, Looking In.” From this starting point, Cash and Reeverts chose design themes, hired editors, and began the actual process of gathering pictures and information. Despite a fairly young team of editors and volunteer staff, the yearbook flourished with new volunteers, FYS students, and interest. To kick off the year, the editors put on a “Yearbook Blitz Day” to introduce the school to the 2005 yearbook. After distributing the book, staff concentrated on gathering photos and stories about the many events on campus. This always poses a challenge for the staff and the end of the year provides a frantic search for more information. During May Term, some of the editors and staff stayed on campus to finish up the finals details of the book. In a look back at the Milestone’s past, the yearbook is improving each year in quality of design, photos, and copy. • article by Tally Reeverts

Milestone Staff: Jason Cash (Co-Editor in Chief), Tally Reeverts (Co-Editor in Chief), Megan Purtee (Student Life Editor), Emily Mills (Greeks Editor), Emily Southard (Academics Editor), Heather Garrett (People Editor), Meghan Beachum (Groups Editor), Zach Trumble (Sports and Photography Editor), Lara Wagner (Copy Editor), Ashley DeHudy (Photography Editor).
WTHS began the long and difficult process of reaching out of its longtime home, the DeWitt Center, and looking into its new location in the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication. Under the direction of General Manager Anne Schuster, WTHS took on a new direction and began planning for the future.

Anne and her trustworthy Executive Board staff helped revitalize WTHS and sent a breath of fresh air through the station’s interworking reminiscent of its heyday in the 1980s and early 90s. A visual representation of this began during Orientation where members handed out brightly colored t-shirts advertising the station.

Although WTHS was not able to begin broadcasting from the Martha Miller Center during the 2005-2006 school year, preparations were underway to accommodate the ‘New WTHS’ and its Executive Staff. Fiber-optic wires were run underground connecting the new studios to the antenna tower that remained located high atop the DeWitt Center.

Automation software from Southfield-based ENCO Systems Inc. was purchased for the new studios, providing the station with a complete audio broadcast automation and control system. The system’s rich feature set will enable WTHS broadcasters to ensure reliable, accurate delivery of all audio content on time, every time. The station was also budgeted for numerous staff positions throughout the summer, allowing the station to stay fully functional year-round, a task that is new to the station. • article by Jason Cash • photos courtesy of Public Relations, Jason Cash, Megan Purtee, and Michael Kaffka•

Reaching out of DeWitt... WTHS planned for a landmark move in the fall of 2006.
Nykerk is an age-old tradition that occurs annually at Hope College. It is a great opportunity for women of the freshman and sophomore classes to meet new people and compete against the opposing class. Each of the three different categories (Song, Play, and Oration) each has a different purpose, and the participants all try to work together to achieve the ultimate goal: The Nykerk Cup. The “Song girls” performed the song “Over the Rainbow.” They practiced for two hours each day while the “Play girls” rehearsed an amazing drama created by the student coaches called “The Phantom of the Nykerk.” The performance included popular themes of today, including The Phantom of the Opera, Napoleon Dynamite, and Britney Spears. The orator provided the audience with a strong performance speech on the topic “Gifts of Change.”

For new members of the team, they were unsure of what to expect, but they met amazing people and developed skills that will last them a lifetime. Nykerk is a tradition at Hope similar to The Pull, and although it does not require as much physical strength, it is a major commitment and developing competition. As Nykerk participants, the women fulfilled major. “Song girls” were required to match perfectly, have their hair all the same way, and sit completely still with a smile glued to their faces for the entire three-hour performance. At the end of the competition, they were instructed to wait until they heard the most glorious words of all, “Song girls, you may now relax.” At that time, the entire bleacher of women sighed and slumped down into a comfortable position. All of the hard work and dedication paid off. The competition was extremely close, but at the end of the day, the even year class of 2008 took home the Nykerk trophy yet again. The feeling was surreal. For most, it was a mixture of emotions because many will not be able to go through the Nykerk experience again next year. Without all three categories, Nykerk would not be the same. Each year, everyone works together to win the trophy although there are separate categories. *article by Chana Ritsema*

*Even Year Nykerk*

Calista Peterson and Bryn Carter prepare for the big competition by dressing in their costumes. The cup was secured after much deliberation; the class of 2008 was well deserving. Even Year Song performed the classic, “Over the Rainbow.” Erika Oglesby, Play participant and '08 Play Coach is excited about the win. '08 Play stole the show with their very own version of the “Phantom of the Opera.” *photos courtesy of Zach Trumble and Erika Oglesby*
The Nykerk competition was started by Dr. John Nykerk in 1935. The 71-year tradition was continued as the freshman Class of 2009 put forth an extraordinary effort to win the Nykerk Cup. Practices started on October 12 and just three weeks later, on November 5, the freshmen displayed their talents.

The competition opened with Odd Year Song. Flowers popped up, mustache masks and baseball caps were worn, and many impressive movements were performed as the Odd Year “Song girls” sang “Build Me Up Buttercup.” They were led by their coaches Kristen Greshel and Ana Frikker; Kristen was the musical director and Ana choreographed the motions.

The Odd Year Play was entitled “Do You Yabba Dabba Doo?” It was written and directed by Play Coaches Jennifer Stults and Lauren Grumm. The play told the story of the VanderStone and VanRubble family. The audience watched as Bam Bam VanRubble and Cal fought for the love of Pebbles VanderStone.

In accordance with the oration theme, “Gifts of Change,” freshman orator Barbra Rubio eloquently delivered her speech “The Voice of Liberation.” She spoke about the importance of accepting others and abolishing stereotypes by relating to the audience her own experiences with these topics. Barbra was coached by Lara Wagner and Deborah O’Connell.

Throughout the entire Nykerk process, the girls were constantly entertained and surprised by their supportive “Morale boys.” Guiding the men of 2009 were Song Morale Coaches Daniel Wizner, Matthew Boote, and Billy Statema and Play Morale Coaches Adam Carpenter, Matt Dannenberg, and Josh Payne. The men provided comic relief through skits and encouragement through notes and candy after the girls finished their often stressful daily practices.

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Dance Marathon is Hope College's largest student-run philanthropy. Over 700 students were involved this year in one way or another, whether it be through dancing, moraling, or taking part on a committee. Dance Marathon is a year-long fundraising endeavor for DeVos Children's Hospital that is topped off with a 24-hour on-your-feet event. Local bands and entertainers keep all participants enthusiastic while "Miracle Families" from the hospital come and speak to keep the dancers motivated.

Throughout the year many events are held in an effort to raise awareness and money for the hospital. Some events include a date auction, blitz week, and a "Giving Hope to Kids" auction that features art work, jewelry, crafts by the kids, and many other great items from local businesses.

Held on March 10-11, 2006, this year's Marathon, in the space-themed Dow Center, marked Hope's seventh Marathon, and it proved to be another record breaking year, raising $112,670.89. This brings the seven year total to nearly $500,000. The money raised funds for programs at DeVos Children's Hospital directly through the Children's Miracle Network such as Child Life, Poison Control, Child Abuse and Prevention, Safe Kid, and many more.

Tara Vandestreek, one of this year's Assistant Directors, had this to say about the 2006 Dance Marathon, "It has been an amazing experience being involved in this event. I take a lot of pride in the success of this year's Marathon, and it touches my heart to know that I am taking part in helping the lives of the kids and families at DeVos." •article by Jaime Jo Sabol•

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The Sigma Sigma Sorority raised over $12,000 to benefit DeVos Children's Hospital. Over the course of the year, Hope students raised $112,670.89. Every penny helps to comfort the patients and families at the Hospital. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children makes dancers forget about the time they have been on their feet. Tommy Gordon spends time on the dance floor with the miracle child sponsored by the Emersonian fraternity.
In the summer of 2005, as the early morning sun arose behind the half-constructed DeVos Fieldhouse, there were already plans in the works to create a section—a section that was to be much different from the rest of the Fieldhouse. The men in charge knew that a home had to be made that would accommodate those infamous fans that proudly call themselves... the Dew Crew. This exclusive section is there to serve one purpose and one purpose alone... to cheer. From the moment the Crew first set foot in the door, they made themselves right at home and even christened the court with a bottle of Mountain Dew.

The Dew Crew has been a huge part of Hope Basketball. “It’s been contagious, it generates and invigorates the students. These kids are connected to the players. They are with them in classes and in the dorms and now, they huddle with them before the game,” said Coach Neil, founder of the Dew Crew. This year was no exception. With both the men’s and women’s teams going undefeated at home, the Dew Crew really had something to cheer about.

This year’s crew proved that they not only were able to cheer Hope onto victory at home, but they also traveled in huge packs, much like the arctic caribou, to many of the away games and even the tournament games that were hundreds of miles away, not to mention all of the crazy outfits and painted faces that accompanied them. From “Painting the DeVos Orange” and doing “The Wave” to cheering on the Men’s team while they crushed all of Calvin’s dreams and cheering on the Women’s team in Springfield, MA, this year, was a year that will be remembered...for all time. • article by Chris Maybury • photos by Zach Trumble •

Dew Crew

Dew Crew members join the huddle to spark enthusiasm before a big game. Brandon Smith painted his face to show his true colors: orange and blue. What is Dew Crew without the Dew? Mt. Dew is passed out at every halftime to re-energize the crowd for the second half. Longtime MIAA basketball referee Ernie Cryer performs his traditional pre-game stretch for the last time as he was honored by Hope and the MIAA for his retirement. Matt Simon celebrated the opening of the DeVos Fieldhouse at the Dew Crew Tailgate Party.
The 2005 school year was an exciting one for the Hope College Republicans. In the first few months back on campus, they had the opportunity to spend the weekend on Mackinac Island for the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference. There the biggest names in statewide and local races met to network and exchange their ideas and goals for the upcoming elections. The Hope College Republicans talked to people such as Mitt Romney, the Governor of Massachusetts, and Terri Lynn Land, a Hope College Alumnus and Michigan Secretary of State.

The theme of the first semester was Social Security reform and finding solutions so those currently paying Social Security might receive it in the future when they retire. This topic fired up many Hope College Republicans as it directly affected them and others in their age bracket.

The Hope Republicans kicked off the spring semester with a visit from Gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos and U.S. Senate candidate Rev. Keith Butler. The event had live media coverage from News 8 and was the first college visit by Mr. DeVos. Later that semester, fellow College Republicans at Western Michigan University invited the Hope College Republicans to hear New York Times Bestseller Ann Coulter as a guest speaker at their campus. One of the last big names to visit Hope's campus was Michigan Republican Party Chairman, Mr. Saul Anuzis, who gave an insightful breakdown of the forecast for Michigan candidates in the Gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races.

Young republicans had the opportunity to meet Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts; he is running for President and his father was Governor of Michigan. Members of the club would meet regularly in Lubbers Hall. Curt Aardema had the opportunity to shake hands with Newt Gingrich. Students who went on the Washington, DC, trip experienced all the luxuries of a big city, including riding on the Metro.
The Washington, DC trip was a highlight for many of the members of Hope Democrats. It is something that they look forward to all year. •photos courtesy of Hope Democrats•

This year served as a year of change for the Hope Democrats. Though one of the main focuses of the organization will always be the election of Democratic candidates to public office, the group has added an additional goal. We believe that a major problem throughout the country is a lack of information on the problems that everyone faces. In the spring semester of 2006 the organization attempted to reach across partisan boundaries and examine the issues facing this country.

As the war in Iraq has been a very divisive issue in America, the Hope Democrats felt that it was an important issue to address. The Iraq issues week successfully presented the problem and through a number of speakers allowed a fuller and more diverse discussion of the issue.

On the more partisan side of things, the Hope Democrats hosted a meeting with Mark Brewer, the chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, as well as Mara Vanderslice and Eric Sapp of Common Good Strategies. This meeting allowed Hope Students to speak directly to leaders within the Democratic Party regarding the role of religion in politics.

All things considered, this was a very successful year under the able leadership of Amy O’Connell, Laura Stark, Annika Carlson, Brian Straw, Shannon Craig, and Danielle Revers. Though the organization struggled throughout the first half of the year the Hope Democrats truly went out on a high note. •article by Brian Straw•
Jenna Witten, backed by the rest of the squad, executed their program during halftime of a football game. Guy-Girl Pom is a highlight of the year for team members and the audiences alike. Kristin Rose and Erica Hess were so pumped to perform at a Detroit Pistons Pre-season game. Danielle Johnson danced her way through the routine. The highlight of every halftime, whether its football or basketball is the Pom Squad.

The squad has performed for many Hope students, professors, and supporters, but this year it was invited by Hope Alumnus Paul Rabaut to perform at the February 8th Pistons pre-game show at the Palace of Auburn Hills. “We anxiously awaited the Pistons performance for three months, so we had plenty of practice before taking center court,” said Co-Captain Kristin Rose. “The actual performance was completely surreal and will hopefully be repeated next year.” • article by Erica Hess • photos courtesy of Kristin Rose and Zach Trumble •
For the fifth straight year the Hope College hockey team made its presence felt in the ACHA DIII National Tournament. After starting the program only 10 years ago, the hockey team has become a well-known contender at the national level. During the 2005-2006 season the team managed to record just eight losses, two ties, and 24 wins. Starting the first week of school with tryouts and ending the national tournament just into March, the commitment of the players and coaches cannot be doubted. This commitment showed through during the national tournament, where the team's only loss came in overtime to the eventual national champions. The regular season was highlighted by victories over teams such as Ferris State (DII) and the eventual national champion Wright State University. Players receiving First Team All-Conference for the Dutchmen included George Dickinson and Jeff Guy. At the national tournament Jeff Guy and Peter Vollbrecht received 2nd team all-tournament honors. Guy also received 1st team All-American honors, while Vollbrecht and Dickinson received 2nd team All-American honors. Guy and Vollbrecht were joined by linemate Kenny Cooke as Academic All-Americans. The season proved to be a success as the team ended the year with a fifth place finish at the national tournament while entering the tournament as a 10 seed. • article by Peter Vollbrecht•
Improvement. Although the women’s Flying Dutch Lacrosse team won only two games, the team’s skills steadily improved and led to their first win of the season at home against Ferris State. The second win came the following weekend at a tournament at Calvin where the girls dominated Western Michigan.

Ashley Smith had an incredible first season as goalie. The offense was lead by junior Chelsea Short, with an approximate twenty-six goals. Other leading scorers were Allison Pautler and Tracy Benjamin. The Lady Dutch had to say good-bye to their one senior, Elizabeth Bramley, who was also a top scorer.

For this team, the number of wins and losses did not matter. It was about having fun and loving the game of lacrosse. Conditioning began the week after Christmas Break and practices in the DeWitt Tennis Center started several weeks later. Why practice for months for a three week season? Sydney Konny, president of the Lacrosse Club Team, gave the explanation: “We practice throughout the school year for a three-week season. We love to play and that’s why we practice.” article by Heather Garrett•

If you have a comment or concern about Hope College’s campus, who do you direct it to? One of the ways is directing it to Student Congress. Student Congress is a collection of elected representatives from around campus brought together to effectively protect the rights of students.

Student Congress met on Tuesday evenings but was also involved in various campus governance boards and committees on campus as well. A few of these boards and committees included Campus Life Board, Extra Curricular Activities Committee, Administrative Affairs Board, and Residential Life Committee.

A few of the initiatives that Student Congress worked on included an environmental proposal, a campus aesthetics proposal, a day of racial awareness seminars called “Teaching Hope,” and creating a mascot. Most of these initiatives were spawned from student concerns or comments brought to the full congress or to the individual representatives.

The Speaker Series was also a little different this year because, instead of having just one speaker, Student Congress branched out our efforts and brought in two speakers. The first was Robert Bullard who spoke on environmental justice, and the second speaker was Cleve Jones who enlightened us on the growing problem of AIDS/ HIV in the United States and globally. By working effectively with the administration and providing innovative programs for the students, Student Congress was able to fulfill its role on campus. • article by Lauren Engel• photos courtesy of Sara Pillow•

“Student Congress is a collection of elected representatives from around campus brought together to effectively protect the rights of students.”
In the CASA tutoring program, students from local Holland schools in grades one through five met with Hope College student tutors twice a week after school. Hope tutors were expected to provide each CASA student with academic assistance while making learning fun and exciting. One major goal was to help each student develop a passion for reading. Another goal was to introduce CASA students to the college environment. Tutors were expected to be good role models, providing CASA students with positive encouragement and helping them establish and accomplish goals.

A typical session began with a snack, which gave students and tutors a few minutes to talk and catch up. Academic tasks were next on the priority list. Students read aloud, practiced their spelling words and completed homework and worksheets. At the conclusion of each session, students and tutors had time for enrichment activities. From football to flashcards, there were many different options for enrichment time.

Looking back on the year, several highlights include pumpkin carving, a St. Patrick’s Day party, the Holiday celebration and painting windows in the Cook Hall lounge. During the last week of school, tutors, students and families were invited to an end-of-the-year party where they joined together to celebrate. Students sorted through hundreds of free books and chose their favorites to take home. Families and tutors had time to visit and enjoy food before saying goodbye for the summer. Overall, the year was a success. The students and tutors both look forward to being reunited next fall. •article by Jennifer Harris*

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Aaron Green spent time carving jack-o-lanterns in the fall with a CASA student. Jennifer Harris helped a student with an arts and crafts project. Teaching small motor skills is one goal of CASA; here Aaron Green helped a second grader with an art project. CASA students are transported to and from school by Van. •photos courtesy of Jennifer Harris*
Volunteer Services kicked off the year by assisting with Orientation and A Time to Serve. Students also participated in Make a Difference Day, volunteering at Holland Rescue Mission and helping to prepare the thrift stores for the holiday season. During a monthly event, 30 students spread Christmas cheer with the residents of Resthaven Care Community and enjoyed baking cookies and caroling. “The two hours we spent at Resthaven made my day,” said freshman Claire Nicely. “Spending time with the people there was a blast. It helped me realize how special and fun seniors are!”

Volunteer Services is open to all students and is committed to serving needs on campus and in the community. The group strives to provide a means of cultivating volunteerism in the Hope College Community through group and individual volunteer work. Through this work the group hopes to instill a life-long dedication to service and volunteerism.

Co-Directors Jess DiBernardo and Sarah Pratt were the student directors of Volunteer Services and enjoy connecting Hope Students and student groups with community organizations. This year, the City of Holland and Volunteer Services have connected, working together for many events in the community including the Children’s Advocacy Center’s Chili Cook-off and the Culinary Cabaret benefiting the Community Health Center. Through community and campus outreach, Volunteer Services strives to positively impact the Holland community and its residents. *article by Sarah Pratt*

**Volunteer Services**

Shana Mack and Matt Richardson weeded gardens in a nearby neighborhood during A Time to Serve, which draws several students out on the first Saturday of Fall semester. One student spent time cleaning a kitchen. Allison Mills touched up the paint outside. Jenny Schwartz and a friend did landscaping around a house. Others planted flowers in a yard. *photos courtesy of Public Relations*
Hope College’s Habitat for Humanity chapter became official on campus during 1993. Since then, it has been active in the Holland community, working on various houses as well as fundraising and building a house on the corner of 19th Street and Columbia Avenue in 1996. One of the more popular projects has been a Spring Break trip to various parts of the country.

During the spring semester of 2006 the Hope College Habitat for Humanity took a group of twenty-two students and one faculty advisor on a mission trip to Sumter, South Carolina. “It was a great experience,” said Laura Buck, ’07. The team worked primarily on putting up vinyl siding, an ongoing housing project, as well as installing the doors and windows. The group was housed in the Alice Drive Baptist Church, and was facilitated by their Americorps representative, Simon Lank, as well as the Sumter Habitat for Humanity foreman, affectionately known as “Bob the Builder.” This mission trip continued the Hope College Habitat for Humanity’s annual participation in the collegiate challenge program in which colleges from all over the nation travel to over two hundred and fifty host affiliates and raise over 1.2 million dollars annually. • article by Danilton Clarke•
Megan Beggs, Bethany Katerberg, and Lauren Adams sort donated items at a Holland area Salvation Army. Amanda Allen and Sheila DenOuden volunteered to prepare a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. APO members chatted about their experiences around a campfire. Among them was Ellen Arellano-Soriano, who recently accepted an invitation to become an honorary member of APO and is an advisor for the chapter. Katey Masterson and Bethany Katerberg manned the canteen station during a blood drive held by APO.

Alpha Phi Omega

“A co-ed fraternity? How does that work?” have been the questions many members of the Alpha Phi Omega have to answer. “That’s right,” we say. “We’re an international co-ed service fraternity. That’s how we roll.”

Alpha Phi Omega is based on the principles of friendship, leadership, and service. The group meets weekly to coordinate service events within the community and to help out in whatever ways they are able. They also do various social events and even won a prize this year for their volleyball team that competed during Intramurals. The organization also hosted the first ever “Ugly Contest” to raise money for Dance Marathon. In the contest, various professors dressed up and advertised themselves in an attempt to win the title of “Ugliest Professor.” Students and faculty throughout the campus were encouraged to vote with their change, and at the end of the contest, Alpha Phi Omega found that poetry professor Jack Ridl (bearing a goofy grin and a Tom Cruise mask) won the title. More importantly, the contest raised hundreds of dollars for the children in DeVos Children’s Hospital.

In addition to the “Ugly Contest,” Alpha Phi Omega ran the campus-wide blood drives, volunteered at Ronald McDonald House, the Humane Society, Warm Friend, and various other organizations within the community. “This year has been so great for us,” says Katey Masterton, long-standing member of the group. “We’ve grown a lot and we’re really excited about what more we’ll be able to do this coming year.” The group has high ambitions for reaching out to do more service, and they’re always looking for willing people to come and contribute to the fun!

•Article by Bethany Katerberg • photos courtesy of Branden Bacon•
As Treasurer Jordan Siemon read a poem of inspiration, Christian Piers & Maggie Machleit are inducted onto the leadership board. Lea Blackney & Alyssa Alsum talk to some parents of graduating seniors. Mortar Board sells flowers at Graduation as a fundraiser for the organization and as a service for parents. New Mortar Board members participate in the induction ceremony that took place in the late spring. These juniors will go on to lead Mortar Board in the fall.

Mortar Board

Mortar Board, a national senior honor society with chapters at 218 different colleges and universities, is an organization dedicated to scholarship, leadership and service. Hope College’s Alcor Chapter, currently in its 44th year, manifests these characteristics as its 35 members offer their time and talents in both the planning and implementation of a variety of service projects. This year’s Mortar Board, along with advisors Nancy Portfleet and Mrs. Bultman, met every other week to discuss and plan upcoming events, which ranged from a Homecoming book drive to benefit schools flooded by hurricane Katrina to the annual “Wearing of the Blue Breakfast” in honor of high-achieving freshmen and sophomores. Mortar Board’s spirit is captured in the quality with which every task is undertaken, and in the ownership and dedication with which members plan and participate in service events. Relay for Life’s “Team Mortar Board” was headed by Becca Schewe and Erica VanGilder; this event raised money and awareness for cancer prevention and treatment. The Mortar Board team ended the 12-hour tag-team walking marathon with fervor, earning the award for the highest fundraising team.

In February, Lisa Wisniewski and Lisa Baran organized a Valentine’s Day Dance for People with Disabilities—one of the organizations most affable and well-attended activities. Mortar Board members boogie-woogied the evening away in Maas Auditorium with participants of Holland’s Special Ed Ministries—it was indeed a celebration! Mortar Board was also involved with Blood: Water Mission’s “1000 Wells Project.” Organized as a collaborative activity—with organizations such as Acting on AIDS and Amnesty International—participants “fasted” from all beverages other than water for two weeks, and donated what they would have spent on other beverages towards the construction of a clean-water well in Churo, Kenya. Over $1700 was raised towards the project’s $6000 goal.

*story by Jennica Skoug *photos courtesy Sara Pillow*
Vanderprov: they’re funny. Or so their t-shirts say. Hope College’s Improvisational Group, Vanderprov, kept Hope students laughing all year long with their performances in Wichers Auditorium. Vanderprov’s performances consisted of head-to-head competitive improv formatting with an orange team and a blue team battling for the audience’s laughter. Games performed at shows were similar to MTV’s “Wildin’ Out” and “Whose Line Is it Anyway?” but of course, with a Dutch twist. The comedy act ended the year with a competition with rival, Calvin’s improv team in Wichers. Members of Vanderprov for the 2005-2006 school year included: Senior Christina Judson; Juniors Ashley DeHudy, Andrew Liang, and Megan Purtee; Sophomores Jeffrey Ambrose, Katie Cornell, Jenni DeRuiter, Calista Peterson, and Jason Shirk; Freshmen Justin Barigian and Graham Carlson. President for the year was sophomore Erika Oglesby. •story by Erika Oglesby•
"The Evil Dancenator is at it again! Stealing the Elements of Dance, the Evil Dancenator is on the verge of Performance Destruction and Total Dance Dominance! Can her Evil plot be stopped? Only the Dance Teacher, with the help of his Clever Friend Dr. Physics, can stop her! Super Heroes, Desperate Dancers, and Marvelous Movement bring a fast paced and fun dance experience to children K-6, as the Dancers seek to outwit the wily Evil Dancenator. O! Will there ever be a Finale Grande? You’ll find yourself dancing with delight at the surprise ending!"

-- Linda Graham

Strike Time Dance Company is a Hope-based company that tours elementary schools teaching kids about dance through a fun interactive dance-play. This year the theme was dance and physics. The kids learned the three elements of dance: space, time and energy, as well as four of the main dance forms: ballet, tap, jazz, and modern. In addition, humor and drama was used to help the kids understand that the science of physics is pertinent in everyday life, especially dance. The physics concepts of force balance, gravity, energy transfer, and much more were explored throughout the show.

Directed by Maxine DeBruyn and Linda Graham, Strike Time toured on twelve school days and performed thirty shows, each an hour long. It makes for long and exhausting days, but the members of the company all agree that the smiles of the children make it all worth it.

Cast: Evil Dancenator: Joanna Leeman; Dr. Physics: Sommer Amundsen; Dance Teacher: Jonathan Rau; Whiney Ballet Dancer: Heather Robertson; Perky Ballet Dancer: Robyn Anderson; Matter of Face Ballet Dancer: Carrie Brandis; Captain Space: Jamie Thompson & Pamela Rexius; Captain Time: Ashley Perez; Captain Energy: Courtenay Roberts; Directed by Maxine DeBruyn and Linda Graham.
Hope's Asian Perspective Association (HAPA) is an organization dedicated to promoting cultural awareness on Hope's campus. The goal of this year was to expand beyond Hope and begin networking with other Asian student unions at nearby colleges. HAPA's executive board members participated in the Mid-West Asian American Student Union (MAASU) Conference at Michigan State in the fall. "MAASU really encouraged us as an organization. "We all got to attend several different workshops and speakers and then come back to Hope equipped with new ideas and leadership skills," said Vice-President Amanda McConnell.

HAPA had the opportunity to strengthen relationships with the Asian Student Union at Grand Valley State during their annual Spring Festival. President Xing Wen Wu and Treasurer Shova KC remarked, "It has been a memorable experience meeting and working with Asian students from Calvin College and Grand Valley State University. Knowing that there are other groups that are dedicated to the same goals as we are has strengthened us. We plan to continue supporting each other in the future."

HAPA has several traditional events that it participates in every year. Along with the Black Student Union and La Raza Unida, HAPA helps decorate a float and walk in the Homecoming Parade. Images is always a popular event and HAPA spends hours practicing for their performance. This year, members choreographed a dance to the song "Chamma Chamma" from the movie China Gate. HAPA hosts karaoke nights during the year and also helps organize, run, and cook for the International Food Fair. In addition to these events, this year executive board member Natalie Grand put together a workshop on Affirmative Action. A huge success, several students attended not only to express their opinions, but also willing to learn more about this controversial issue. •article and photos by Elizabeth Brichacek•

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Andrew Lee, Derek Terrell, Sarah Brower, Angela Matusiak, and Shova KC cook for a Korean BBQ. Karaoke night at the Kooiker Cottage with a few of the Phelps Scholars: Debby Li, Sarah Brower, Lindsey Hall, and Amanda McConnell. In the new Martha Miller Center, Shova KC and Amanda McConnell watched a DVD of an international student's home. Matua Kobia, Vidhan Rana, Xing Wen Wu, Kevin Smittie, Thomas Matthews play Monopoly at the annual Spaghetti and Game night.
“Through her degree in social work and her biblical study she was well prepared to be a blessing to the world.”

Darcy Quick

Alumna Darcy Quick ‘06 died on Friday, June 16, 2006, as the result of a tragic hiking accident at Mount Rainier National Park.

A 2006 graduate, she had been working as a seasonal employee at the National Park Inn in Longmire, Washington, in addition to leading Bible studies with co-workers and participating in a Christian ministries program.

Twenty-two years old, she had grown up in the Pacific Northwest, graduating from La Salle High School in Milwaukie, Oregon. More recently her family has lived in Winfield, Illinois.

She majored in social work at Hope, and her future plans included social work and ministry. Her activities as a student included the Alpha Phi Omega national service organization, tutoring with the Children’s After School Achievement (CASA) program, Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, participating in the spring break mission trip program, the Union of Catholic Students and the Outdoor Adventure Club.

“The campus community is deeply saddened by the news of Darcy Quick’s tragic death,” said President James Bultman ’63. “Darcy was a student who took full advantage of the academic and co-curricular programs at Hope. She engaged in many service activities at the college and the community that distinguished her attendance here. Darcy was highly respected, even admired, for her positive influence on others. She was educated and prepared to make a difference in the lives of others with her degree in social work.”

“The senior body mourns the death of Darcy Quick, a beloved member of the Hope community,” said Bradley Matson, a senior from Traverse City.

“Darcy was known for her cheerful character, a friendly attitude, and an open personality. Darcy has been a valuable member of the Hope church body; actively participating in the bible studies, prayer meetings, and mission trips. Through her degree in social work and her biblical study she was well prepared to be a blessing to the world; however, we may take comfort knowing that she is now in a better place. She was a dear friend to many, including me, and I thank God for the time we had with her, during late night bible studies and mission trips. Darcy will be missed and admired for what she added to the Hope community.”

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“Often, while sitting at my desk droning over a paper or reading assignment, I would be delighted to hear a knock on the door and smell the aroma of Darcy’s hand-baked cookies. Though sometimes slightly burned, those cookies were the best because of the love that shone through Darcy’s smile as she held out the unexpected treat. She absolutely loved people and she would visit them any chance she got just to show them. How she found the time to bumble through the dorms, sit down and actually have full-length conversations during stressful weeks, bake goodies (even though she was allergic to a good number of the ingredients), selflessly volunteer with Alpha Phi Omega, and still be prepared for her classes is astonishing. I couldn’t help but smile whenever I saw her, and Hope will not be quite the same without her infectiously spunky attitude.” *by Bethany Katerberg*
“We mourn the tragic death of Paul Baeverstad. He was a beloved student full of so much promise for the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents, Mark and Katie, and sister, Katrina.”

-President Bultman

The tragic loss of a dear friend is something very difficult to deal with, but Paul Baeverstad will forever live on in our hearts. Paul had the unique ability to touch and connect with everyone he met. That speaks volumes to his character. Paul was a confident individual who knew exactly who he was. His one of a kind laugh, quirky humor, and unforgettable smile are some characteristics that made up his personality. His love for the outdoors allowed Paul to experience new things and face new challenges. He was a strong man with a soft heart. Paul found a way to brighten every day and put other people before himself. Paul was an engineering major at Hope College who loved being active as well. One could find Paul on the Frisbee golf course, at the soccer field, skiing down a mountain, or simply hanging out and being the great friend he was. Paul was a serving officer of the Cosmopolitan Fraternity and an excellent leader. Undoubtedly he will be missed and our sympathies go out to his family and anyone who had the privilege to meet him. Memories of Paul will forever be engrained in our hearts and minds. This loss is troublesome but the memories of such a great man will help carry on the legacy of Paul Eric Baeverstad for all of time.

•Matt Moorehead, Brian Charlton, and Scott Neckers on behalf of the Cosmopolitan Fraternity•
"Memories of Paul will forever be engrained in our hearts and minds."
Aside from service opportunities, fraternities also foster fun. In the case of Jason DeJong and Billy Valentine, they enjoy a little cool down via water at the Cosmo formal. After pouring all the water, DeJong’s shirt was totally soaked through.

Greek organizations are highly involved in one of Hope’s largest organizations, Dance Marathon. Addison Haynes and a Miracle Child take advantage of the 96 crayon options to work on a project at the crafts table.

New Kappa Chi members enjoy some outdoor iceskating. During New Member Education, the bonding that occurs between the new members as well as among all sisters is an important part of sorority life. The friendships formed during this period will last a lifetime.
Part of Hope’s Greek tradition involves a week of sports-related competition, called Greek Week. SIB Allison Trotter plays Powder Puff football off campus. Although this competition is not school-affiliated, winning, as the Kappa Chis did this year, is still important.
This year has been an exciting and captivating experience for the 42 men of the beloved Fraternal Society. The values of friendship, love, and truth inspired the Frater men to be better individuals not only on campus but off as well. Members are involved with Lacrosse, Hockey, Baseball, Football, and Soccer. These men thrive within the Fraternity and as leaders in their respective sports.

Aside from sports, members held positions ranging from IFC president to Dance Marathon Dream Team to Baker Scholars. The Fraternal Society raised money for both Dance Marathon and the West Michigan Parkinson’s Association through the Stu Post Parkinson’s Raffle. The Society held events to honor the professors that give them a great Christian education and also held a CASA party for the Holland’s underprivileged youth. Some of the members were also involved in tutoring for programs such as LEAP, a Core City tutoring program.

Members of the Fraternal Society have also set up checks and balances to maintain their grades, and they also have had a considerable amount of men sign a pledge to speak out against the mistreatment of women. The society is committed to keeping such values a part of their now ongoing tradition that has lasted 172 years.

• written by Matthew Wilkins

Matt Wilkens
Management/Chemistry Major
“My favorite part of Greek Life at Hope is being part of something larger than myself. Being Greek is not only being a part of an organization, it’s being part of a family.”

Dr. James Bultman
President
“Being a member of the Fraternal Society was helpful with connections and lasting friendships. I’ll always remember the Friday night literary meetings that produced so much laughter. When I see current actives wearing the fraternal letters, I’m reminded of our common heritage at Hope.”
Opposite page: Steve Martindale, Chad Schwabauer, and Matt Wilkens spend time at Hog Bash, the fraternity's date night/camping trip, shooting potatoes into the lake with their potato cannon. This page: top to bottom, left to right. **Even** in the winter, members of the Fraternal Society manage to surf. **One** of the Fraternal member's favorite times of the year is Hog Bash. Nick Wycowski, Jordan Windfield, Ben Rinker, and Matt Churchill huddle together in the back of a car to keep warm. **Chad** Schwabauer hangs out at a friend's house talking to his fraternity brothers after a Rush event.

**THE FACTS**

The Fraternal Society  
**Founded:** 1834  
**Colors:** Blue and Gold  
**Motto:** The Few and Chosen  
**Number of Actives:** 42  
**Sister Sorority:** Sorosis Society  
**Service Projects:**  
- Dance Marathon  
- Stuart Post Parkinson's Raffle  
- Professors' Brunch  
- CASA

1st Row: Brian Gatliff, Adam Magoon, Scott Rynbrandt, Patrick McMahon  
2nd Row: Cullen Kronemeyer, Jack Abe, R. Todd Ricksen, Dan Tobert, David Sedjo, Dan Winter, Peter Spina, Matt Wilkens, Ryan Payne, Chad Shwabauer, Ben Rinker, Jeff Guy, Brett Schlender, DJ Scholten, Jacob Droppers, Karter Klingenberg, Daniel Keogh, Kyle Manny  
3rd Row: Mitch Curry, Matt Anderson, Brett Kingma, Jordan Cooper, Matt Churchill  
4th Row: Dan Chesney, Ryan Kelly, Kevin McMahon, Kevin Burnham, Tim Judson, Seve Martindale, Andrew Bedan, Nick Witkowski, Jon Shaver, Jordan Winfield

Omicron Kappa Epsilon
THE FACTS

The Sorosis Society
Founded: 1905
Colors: Red and White
Motto: Strength and Honor
Flower: Yellow Rose
Jewel: Pearl
Number of Actives: 53
Brother Fraternity: Fraternal Society
Service Projects: Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, Harbor House, Nykerk Breakfast.

1st Row: Courtney Saltarski, Molly Caesar, Katie Schonfeld, Jaime Jo Sabol, Kylee Tamminga, Alesha Ruscett, Leah Post, Amie Ecker, Amanda Gonzales, Julie Miller, Katie Winkle. Missing from Photo: Chanel Duval, Katie Taylor, Amber Hauptman, Marti Anderson, Elizabeth Blosh, Megan Courtney, Betsy DeKleine, Libby Klooster, Kate Stacey
2nd Row: Amanda Scheeringa, Meggan Delmonico, Brittany Berry, Summer Pickhover, Tarah Kapinga, Emily Mills, Laura Johnson, Kali Hess, Chelsea Stephenson, Val Foster, Laura Rojeski, Shauna Markby, Beth Krohmer, Katie Rhem, Jess Stokes
4th Row: Sarah VanderHeide, Sarah Vernon, Christie Carrier, Greeks

Opposite: Meggan Delmonico, Chelsea Stephenson, and Laura Rojeski prepare for their sub sale early on a Sunday morning. These subs go to students during exam week to help them through the stress. This page: top to bottom, left to right. Chanel Duval, Jordan DeVries, and Amanda Gonzales enjoy the weather on Spring Fling. Niki Moss, Morgan Boyle, and Emily Mills help Amanda Scheeringa pick out a dress for the spring formal. Showing compassion for her ill sister, Kelly Sina plays nurse for Jess Stokes. Marti Anderson and Kendall Ramsden help out with Habit for Humanity.
A CENTURY OF SISTERHOOD

The Sigma Sigma Sorority celebrated 100 years of sisterhood this fall with Homecoming festivities that brought back alumni from all over the world! Entire pledge classes returned to gather with other Sigma alumni for a literary meeting, brunch, and the Homecoming parade. Alumni brought old photo albums and each decade shared tidbits about their experiences of being a Sigma Sigma. Following that, the active members talked about their current involvements on campus and what has changed in the sorority over the years.

During the fall, not only did the Sigmas commemorate their 100 years, but they also carried on traditions such as the formal in Chicago and date nights. Spring semester brought diligent preparation for Dance Marathon, a 24 hour event that raises money for DeVos Children's Hospital. The Sigmas raised more than any other student organization with over $12,000. After a successful Rush program that included line dancing and hay rides at Tuesink's farm, as well as bowling and karaoke, the Sigmas welcomed their nineteen new members into the sorority.

Then
Jan DeWeert Zessin
Media Services/ Library
“Being a Sigma definitely enhanced my organizational and leadership skills. I feel a sense of pride when I see the current Sigma actives wearing their red sweatshirts.”

Now
Kylee Tamminga
Special Education for Emotional Impairments
“When I see a faculty member that was part of Sigma Sigma, I think how awesome it is that this organization has been around for over 100 years! Even throughout the years Sigmas have held onto many values and traditions that this organization is based on. No matter when they were active, they still feel like sisters. It is always fun to sit and talk about then and now.”

The Sigmas revived an old tradition by hosting a Spring Retreat at the cottage of one of the members. After grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, several women gave talks on issues such as spirituality, sexual assault, and addictions. There was open discussion after each set of talks, allowing the Sigmas to talk openly and honestly about the way that these issues have impacted their own lives. This meaningful retreat won the “Outstanding Sisterhood Event” award given out at the Greek Awards Ceremony.

As always, the Sigmas divided their energies this year between community service, fundraising, special events such as the informal in Cadillac, and time spent cherishing the friendships that bind them together.

written by Laura Johnson
1st Row: Joey Orr, Oliver O’Brien, Adam Ringnalda, Grant Wenster, David Visintainer, Mike Kelly, Mark Yapp, Charles Knouhuizen, Steve Schuling, Steve Frazier 2nd Row: Grant Prutzman, Maris VonWebsky, Randall Johnson, Lance Postma, Daniel Koenig, Alex Behm, Jeff Slaughter, Nate DeJong, Michael DeYoung, Jordan Timmer, Mike Amerman, Joel Evenhouse, Phillip Lepper, Daniel Tressler, Jesse DeBoest 3rd Row: Nathaniel VanHorn, Nate Reed, Chase Morris 4th Row: Matthew Moorehead, Daine Doctor 5th Row: Ben Bradley, Jason DeJong, William Valentine, Kyne Wilson, Paul Baeverstead, Cam Dehaan, Christian Piers

The Cosmopolitan Fraternity  
Founded: 1890  
Colors: Lincoln Green and Pearl White  
Motto: Unity through Diversity  
Number of Actives: 49  
Sister Sorority: Delphi Sorority  
Service Projects:  
Relay for Life  
Dance Marathon  
Beach Clean Up  
AIDS walk  
Heal with Teal  
Earth Day Awareness

THE FACTS

Top to bottom, left to right: Nick DeKoster, Jesse DeBoest, Cam Schuler, and Mike DeYoung enjoy some good Cosmo bonding time. Scott Neckers and Mike DeYoung work as a team in order to win the foosball match. Helping his brother cool off after some dancing at the formal dinner, Billy Valentine takes the opportunity to pour a bottle of water over Jason DeJong’s head. Paul Baeverstead and Oliver O’Brien give a group hug to Matt Moorehead as part of his birthday celebration. Anytime Phelps is open, a large group of Cosmos can always be found at their table. They take this opportunity to bond together as a fraternity.
The Cosmopolitan Fraternity is drawing to the end of its 116th year on campus with nine new members and an eye to the future. The fraternity participated in many campus activities this year, including Mortar Board, the Pull, tennis, soccer, and Spring Break mission trips. Cosmo athletes included 1st-singles tennis player, senior Andy Ruemenapp, and second-team All-American soccer player, senior Devin McNeil. Cosmos were recognized for holding the highest fraternity GPA and for being the “Most Spirited” at Relay for Life—both for the second year running—and were distinguished among Greeks with an Outstanding Brotherhood Event Award.

Junior Christian Piers organized “Greek Men Take a Stand,” a group of 120 fraternity men pledged against sexual harassment, and senior Nick DeKoster coordinated the Heal with Teal 5K run with the Center for Women in Transition to raise awareness about Sexual Assault. Nick was also awarded Greek Man of the Year.

In addition to their involvements on campus, the Cosmos enjoyed the traditional outdoor activities that characterize their fraternity, including Spring and Fall Canoe Trips, respectively on the Manistee and Pine Rivers of Michigan, and Cosmo Ski Trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, (open to the entire campus) over Christmas Break. Many Cosmos also took to the woods during Spring Break, with nine men hiking through the Great Smoky Mountains, and six others camping in Kentucky. “The ice-storms in the Smokies pushed us to our limits,” said junior Jeff Slaughter. “There’s nothing like ice, bears, and the wilderness to bring brothers together.”

written by Christian Piers
Ellen Tanis Awad
Coordinator of Student Activities and Greek Life

“While a student at Hope, I loved being involved not only in my sorority, but also active within the larger Greek community. As I work with Greek Life at Hope currently, it is exciting to see women continuing the traditions of not only my sorority, but each sorority at Hope. I think it is a valuable experience and am happy to be able to support current Hope Greek students.”

Now
Amanda Piagnerelli
Dance Major

“I chose to join a Greek organization because I thought that it would give me a chance to meet a lot of people as well as get involved in Hope College events on campus. I think that being a member of a Greek organization is going to prepare me for the future because it has taught me a lot of responsibilities as well as people skills.”

Then

This year, the sisters of Delta Phi have proven that their navy blue sweatshirts are not what make them unified, but their dedication to the sorority. Each week at business meetings, the Delphis spend time planning future social and service events. Despite busy schedules, the members of Delta Phi placed great importance on service. The Delphis were enthusiastically involved with such activities as Relay for Life and Dance Marathon. Other service projects included painting nails at local nursing homes and helping out at the nearby Critter Barn. Delphis not only spent their time volunteering but socializing at formals and date nights.

This spring, the Delphis welcomed into the sorority eighteen new members, who have brought a significant amount of enthusiasm and spirit to the organization. The Delphis were sad to say goodbye to their graduating seniors, but know that the sixteen of them have amazing memories to take with them. These graduating seniors left with the assurance that whenever they step foot on Hope’s campus in the future that the Delphis will warmly welcome them back. From the new members to the upperclassmen, Delta Phi was unified by traditions, memories, and genuine dedication to the sorority and each other.

• Story by Ashley Joseph•

UNIFICATION THROUGH SERVICE
Opposite page: Kim Koetje and Claire March listen intently to Jess Gibson tell a story. Gibson served as the Delphi cottage spring RA. This page top to bottom, left to right: Kari Zwingelberg watches as her teammate goes up to bat for the annual Greek Week wiffleball tournament. Talking to a friend at the Cosmo Date Night is Missi Rossi. Amanda Piagnerelli, Jess Gibson, and Russalle Hull enjoy a night of dancing together. Leah Guterson pitches for the Delphi wiffleball team to win the Greek Week tournament.
The Emersonian fraternity, bonded together by their mutual study of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was founded in 1919 as the Emersonian Literary Society. The Greek letters Phi Tau Nu stand for Philius (love), Teme (honor), and Nike (success). These are the principles that best describe their philosophy. The spirit of the Emersonian fraternity can be captured in part by the words of the Emersonian President of 1924:

"To foster the literary capacity of the individual student; to make him more proficient in his preparation for his vocation; to make him more at ease socially; to develop his moral sense of values; and, above all, to add those qualities which mark him as a man and a Christian gentleman—these are the ideals which we hold up before us as we are banded together under the name of Emerson. Success through love and honor - this is Emersonian."

The Emersonians are involved in Dance Marathon, Intramural Sports, Orientation, Hope Food Drive, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, Varsity Football, PULL, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Ski Club, Interfraternity Council Executive Council, and Mr. Dutch Pageant.

The men of Emersonian are experiencing a rekindling of spirit in recent years and are striving to return to their roots of strong brotherhood and unity. •Paul Carollo•

Paul Carollo
Management Economics Major
"Originally I thought I would never join a greek organization at Hope, but after seeing the friendships and brotherhood that only a fraternity could give me, I knew I had found something I wanted to be involved in.

My favorite part of Greek Life at Hope is the countless ways it offers you to get involved and really make a difference."
Opposite page: Addison Haynes takes time at Dance Marathon to get to know one of the Miracle Children by coloring together. Paul Corollo and Brian Hiem enjoy the friendly competition as they wait for the next ball to be hit at the annual Greek Week wiffle ball tournament. Competing in the Mr. Dutch competition are Paul Corollo, Tommy Gordon, and Brady Jensen. Jake Gilliard walks past Kollen while breathing a big sigh of relief after finishing exams. The week of exams was above 70 degrees almost every day and students took advantage of the warm weather to study outside. Talking on his cell phone, Andy Crowder takes a timeout during the wiffleball game.

The Emersonian Fraternity
Founded: 1919
Colors: Maroon and White
Motto: Love, Honor, Success
Number of Actives: 32
Sister Sorority: Sibylline Sorority
Service Projects:
Relay for Life
Hope Food Drive
Dance Marathon

THE FACTS

The Sibylline Sorority
Founded: 1919
Colors: Chaste Grey and Sky Blue
Motto: Friendship, Love, and Loyalty
Flower: Yellow Rose
Jewel: Pearl
Number of Actives: 81
Brother Fraternity: Emersonian
Service Projects: Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, Nursing Homes

Front Row: Megan Werley, Jennie Rice, Megan McCormick, Kaitlyn Becker, Julie Cardella, Heather Mandel, Jenna Tremeth, Stephanie Poll, Monica Martinez, Leah Dejonge. Second Row: Amy Evenhouse, Angela Pscholka, Nikki Leger, Mollie Payne, Kristen Hutchins, Marissa Groff, Andi Peeler, Emily Griffin, Anne Lockwood, Kim Coleman, Allison Adams. Third Row: Lauren Reus, Shanda Lockhart, Erin Sundberg, Ellen Kleman, Beth Gleason, Jenna Cotlaro, Deena VanAssen, Nora Slenk, Colleen Sullivan, Kendall Alber, Sarah Mignin, Ruth Hagen, Betsy Scott. Fourth Row: Sarah Shaheen, Emily Sterley, Melissa Kilbourn, Eden Jager, Melissa Sapp, Dani VanderLugt, Megan Sedjo, Libby Cassell, Jenna Grove, Rachael Sauerman, Jami Rubin. Fifth Row: Christine Moore, Lauren Harmer, Cara Brondyke, Abby Joyce, Emily Blacquiere, Kristen Rose, Sarah Wright. Top Row: Audrey Tetro, Emily Shebak, Katie Eisenga, Lori Harmer, Cara Brondyke, Abby Joyce, Elly Blacquiere, Kristen Rose, Sarah Wright. Opposite page: A few SIB sisters enjoy the sun at Spring Fling where many students say good-bye for the year. This page: top to bottom, left to right: Some of the new members perform in the lip sync at Dance Marathon. It's tradition that the new members of each sorority and fraternity put on a lip sync. Despite the camo, a SIB sister spots Emily Griffin in the Pine Grove. This year the SIBs celebrated Spring Fling by making their own t-shirts. Jenna Grove joins in the dancing at Dance Marathon. Dancing at the Cosmo formal, Stephanie Poll and Megan Werley show off their moves in the late night hours.
This year was an amazing one for the Sibylline sorority, which was quite active around campus during the Fall semester. Three Sib sisters led the Odd Year Pull Team as Morale Coaches, while many Sibs participated in the campus-wide Relay for Life. In order to get excited for the Relay and raise money for the cause, the Sibylline sorority put on the first ever Raffle for Relay. The fundraiser was held behind the Sibylline and Emersonian cottages and included activities and games, such as a pie-in-the-face stand. The main attraction of the event, however, was a three-on-three basketball tournament.

In the Spring, the Sibylline sorority was fortunate enough to welcome twenty-five new amazing women into their organization. This put the total number of active Sibs to eighty-one women. The spring held many incredible times for the organization. Aside from informals and formals, the girls participated in Dance Marathon, raising money for Devos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Also, the spring semester marked a new step for the Sibylline Sorority. One of their latest volunteering activities has been with Nursing Homes in the Holland area. Throughout the school year, the members of the Sigma Iota Beta sorority continually demonstrated their motto of friendship, love, and loyalty, both to one another and to their community.

written by Christina Tedesco

Katie Wright
Language Arts Composite Major
“| love being Greek at Hope when everyone comes together for a common goal. Take Relay for Life or Dance Marathon for example: look at the phenomenal things we can accomplish when we work together.”

Courtney Childs
Assistant Director of Admissions
“I really enjoyed rush. Meeting future SIBs with new energy and spirit always brought the organization closer together. Knowing the ideals of the sorority are being carried on by young women is exciting. I feel honored to be a part of the Greek tradition at Hope.”
The Aracadian Fraternity
Founded: 1946
Colors: Blue and White
Motto: Service Love Wisdom
Number of Actives: 24
Service Projects:
Dance Marathon
Book Drive
Canned Food Drive
Relay for Life

THE FACTS

This page: top to bottom, left to right: Serenading some friends, Jon Ploch shows off his electric guitar skills. Shaun Smith demonstrates his acrobatic abilities outside of Kollen. Brian Bussema, Shawn Evers and Shaun Smith watch their teammates during the annual wiffleball tournament. Sending the wiffleball off into left field, Andrew Schueneman scores an RBI for his team. Opposite page: Patrick St. John enjoys the weather as he gets some last minute studying in before exams start.
Now

Gabe Macias
Management Major
“...I will always remember the traditions that the Arcadians had with other sororities, but especially the ones with my brothers.”

Then

The Arcadian Fraternity began in 1946 and was built on three life skills: service, love, and wisdom. For service, the Arcadians provided for others in need by contributing work to community projects. The love and respect of the members and alumni create a bond that has brought the brothers together as more than a group but a family. The Arkies take the commitment to wisdom seriously because they dedicate themselves to the outstanding education they receive at Hope. These three things together provide a good outline for the brothers in the Arcadian Fraternity and helps each member carry out proper actions.

This year has been full of excitement and work as the Arcadian Fraternity allowed two new classes into the system. With lower numbers coming into this year, the Arkies had a fall and spring Rush, which brought in some great new members who now shape a large proportion of the fraternity. With numbers at a higher level, the Arkies had members in Relay for life, Dance Marathon, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Lacrosse, and many campus jobs that provide a service to the students at Hope College. This year was a great success for the men of Arcadia, and they look forward to the future to see what challenges and accomplishments arrive for them.

Wes Wooley
Graphic Designer/Cheerleading Coach
“My favorite part of greek life was feeling connected to an organization that stood for something and had a history that I would be a part of. Today, when I see the boys in blue sporting Chi Phi Sigma around campus, I have a real sense of pride that something that meant so much to me while I was at Hope is being sustained by the next generation. And, hopefully, in some small part, I helped to create and preserve a meaningful legacy to others, now and in the future.”

*written by Matthew Cowie*
The women of the Alpha Gamma Phi Sorority embraced their strong sense of sisterhood this year. The year began with a barbeque, and the president, Emily Liang, started with a new concept of a sorority goals meeting. There was a recent addition of a sisterly buddy system where every week each sister spent time with a different woman from the organization. At Homecoming, the sorority had a blast dancing on their float. During their fall informal, they got turned around in a corn maze at Crane’s Apple Orchard. On date night, the sorority cooked dinner together and then went laser tagging and cosmic miniature golfing. The Wind-mill on 8th St. provided a place for brunch and lots of laughs, and at night dancing at the dance clubs of Grand Rapids contributed to weekend entertainment. After a successful Rush, we extended bids to five phenomenal women who would greatly contribute to the sisterhood of Alpha Gamma Phi. Spring formal served as a fun event for the sisters and their dates. At graduation, the sorority tearfully said goodbye to three seniors, Kat Ramsey, Chrissy Wahlstrom, and Emily Liang, all destined for great things in this world. The sisters of Alpha Gamma Phi have flourished and grown immensely stronger as individuals and as sisters.

written by Larissa Mariano

Then

Mary DeYoung
Associate Professor of Math
“When I see today’s Alpha Phis wearing their green sweatsirts, the word “sisters” comes to mind—that and the words to some pretty crazy sorority songs! I am still connected to some of my Alpha Phi friends in deep ways. Even when we don’t see each other often, we are still able to support each other through some of life’s difficulties.”

Now

Larissa N. Mariano
Political Science
Women’s Studies Major
“My favorite part about being a part of Alpha Gamma Phi is that I am able to be real and very honest with some of the most phenomenal women which I am honored to call sisters. They all love me unconditionally and accept me for who I am and where I am in life.”
Stephanie Hansens demonstrates her flexibility at Dance Marathon. Hilary Pitchlynn eagerly awaits the ball in the outfield at the wiffleball tournament. Alpha Phis win first place in the Lip Sync competition at Dance Marathon, which took place in the early hours of the morning. Reading from a journal, Kat Ramsey wows her sisters with her diction. Opposite page: Emily Liang, caught in mid-swing, cranks one past the short stop at the annual Greek Week wiffleball tournament.

1st Row: Sarah Popovich, Megan Dougherty, Karis Granberg-Michaelson, Anna Pilot, Emily Hunt, Rachel Dorr 2nd Row: Mia Rizzo, Katharine Ramsey, Monica Calhoon, Christine Wahlstrom, Emily Liang. Not Pictured: Larissa Mariano, Hilary Pitchlynn

The Alpha Phi Sorority
Founded: 1957
Colors: Forest Green and Gold
Motto: Friendship, Anchor of our Strength
Flower: Yellow Carnation
Number of Actives: 16
Service Projects:
Relay for Life
Dance Marathon
aiding AIDS walk

THE FACTS
The members of Alpha Theta Chi have maintained their presence on Hope’s Campus for twenty consecutive years. The fact that its legacy continues is due to the fact that Centurians believe in admitting new Centurians every year that have consistently displayed exemplary character and enthusiasm not only towards Alpha Theta Chi, but for Greek life on the whole. This year was no different. The Centurians now number twenty-nine and they have been able to accomplish great things in their growing numbers. Centurians all firmly believe that they are defined by these three words: Brotherhood, Service and Character. Each of these three values lends meaning to the other. Service is an essential part of the organization and is pivotal in the development of personal character of its members. This year alone, the Centurian fraternity has participated in fundraising for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life Foundation, raised funds for children in need of medical attention through Dance Marathon, and labored to improve Holland’s natural habitat at the DeGraaf Nature Center. Another important service project that the Centurians have concentrated on this year is a pen-pal project, set up by Alpha Theta Chi’s own Jeffrey Brown, to provide positive role-model type leadership to elementary school children in the Holland area who are considered at-risk. The Centurians feel that, by writing and communicating with children in Holland, they can make a vital improvement in the lives of Holland’s impressionable youth. This has been a year in which Alpha Theta Chi has taken initiative and played an influential role within the Holland community.

• Story by Bradley Lockwood•

Then
Scott Wolterink
Vice President for College Advancement
“It’s always great to see current students proudly wearing the Centurian letters. It’s a reminder of the comradery and friendship I developed while at Hope.”

Now
Bradley Lockwood
Psychology Major
“I chose to become a Centurian to get involved on Hope College’s campus and to meet people. The comradery that exists between the brothers of Alpha Theta Chi is something that I will remember forever. The feeling of being a part of something worthwhile is a rewarding part of Greek life for me.”
THE FACTS

The Centurian Fraternity
Founded: 1966
Colors: Red and Black
Motto: The Strength of Brotherhood is the Unity of Diversity
Number of Actives: 29
Sister Sorority: Dorian Sorority
Service Projects: Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, DeGraaf Nature Center, Pen-Pal Project

Opposite page: Cents and Dorians wave to the crowd along the Homecoming parade route. This page: top to bottom, left to right: Greeting each other, Matt Kryger and Ryan Jackson go in for the chest bump. Cents enjoy cooking and eating a meal together at their cottage. Adam Witt takes a seat before going to the Dorian formal. Chris Riley plays the guitar for some late night entertainment.

1st Row: Keith Fraass, Mike Vanderwheele, John Ganta, Brandon King, Nathan Sayer 2nd Row: Justin Subania, Zach Gray, Ken Underwood, Andrew Abala, Bradley Lockwood 3rd Row: Brian Wyns, Andrew Liang, Peter Mattson. 4th Row: David Weatherly, Matt Kryger, David Rawlinson, Jeff Brown, Jonathon VonKoenig.

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The Dorian Sorority
Founded: 1921/1988
Colors: Lavender and Gold
Motto: Simplicity of Manner, Strength of Purpose, Beauty of Character
Flower: Yellow Rose
Number of Actives: 38
Brother Fraternity: Centurian
Service Projects: Relay for Life Dance Marathon Jingle Bell Ball at Warm Friend

1st Row: Jamie DeVries, Stephanie Kay Van Stee, Jessica Everelt, Ashley Oberg, Casie Tubbs, Candice Evenhouse, Megan Chambers, Devin Wehrmeyer. 2nd Row: Marie Graves, Lauren Halvorson, Rachel Le, Stefanie Greybar, Bethany Wallin, Bethany Lieberman, Shannon Harburn, Elisa Ortega, Caroline Coleman, Jennifer Thompson, Elisa Preseau. 3rd Row: Malory Lynch, Kristin Johnson, Kristen Gruenberg. 4th Row: Meg Estochen, Stephanie Pasek, Julie Tillman. 5th Row: Ashley Gruenberg, Stacey Harburn, Emily Owens, Abby Drake, Heidi Weir, Emily Donahue.

Opposite page: The Dorians enjoy dancing at their spring formal. This page: Top to bottom, left to right: Sporting all Dorian Purple, Candice Evenhouse hangs out with her sisters before the Homecoming Parade gets started. New members perform a lip sync dance on the Dance Marathon stage. Bowling at the Dorian’s 80’s themed Date Night is Stephanie Van Stee. Kristen Johnson, dressed as a butterfly, hangs out in front of some stage scenery.
CONTINUING PHILANTHROPY

This year, the Kappa Beta Phi sorority thrived once again—even in West Michigan’s winter! This group of young women delighted in serving others, and so they continued the philanthropy project for this year, challenging themselves to raise money for a fund for Holland High and Zeeland East High School students who need help with extracurricular equipment costs. In conjunction with Hope College’s values as a Christian college, they have also started an all-inclusive Bible Study for our sorority.

The purpose of Greek societies has often been questioned at Hope, and on the national level as well. As an organization, the Dorians feel that Greek life at Hope is unique, and richly complements the academic excellence that this college is known for. The sorority provides an outlet for outstanding involvement with Relay for Life, Dance Marathon, local nursing homes, and Habitat for Humanity.

As they complete another wonderful year, the Dorians will miss the dear seniors as they graduate, but they feel confident that the leadership, teamwork, and heart-to-heart friendship found in Kappa Beta Phi will bless their journeys forever.

Article by Caroline Coleman

Candice Evenhouse
German for Secondary Education Major

“...The friendships I’ve made within my own sorority as well as others is something that I’ll always remember. I joined because it seemed like a fun way to get to know people. I had no idea the positive effect it would have on my life.”

Then

Stephanie Greenwood
Director of Parent Relations

“My favorite part of belonging to a sorority was building close friendships that are still strong today. Seeing current Dorians wear their letters brings back great memories. It’s wonderful to see all Hope’s Greek organizations so involved in service projects to benefit the community.”

Now

The Kappa Chi Sorority
Founded: 1962
Colors: Maroon and White
Motto: Pledging Honor, Giving Friendship
Flower: White Rose
Number of Actives: 30
Brother Fraternity: none
Service Projects:
Dance Marathon
Relay for Life
CWIT
Homeless Count

THE FACTS

This page: top to bottom, left to right: Elise Nelson and Lara Wagner dance the night away at their first Kappa Delta Chi formal, dubbed “Arabian Nights,” in Canada. A few Kappa Chis make it around the ice rink in Grand Rapids on a cold winter afternoon. After the two-week long New Member Education, old members activate the new members. At the end of the event, new members can relax and enjoy wearing their letters. Two Kappa Chis socialize at a bowling party. Rush events such as bowling help interested women find the sorority that best fits their personality. Opposite page: The Kappa Chi sisters gather around the dining room table to decorate ornaments for a Christmas tree decoration night.
Chartered in 1962, this forty-fourth year of sisterhood has been wonderful for the Kappa Delta Chis. The Kappa Chis are a diverse group of women who come from a variety of backgrounds. They pride themselves on the many unique personalities within the organization and on developing strong friendships.

This year, Kappa Chi has participated in Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, and the Center for Women in Transition (CWIT) Homeless Count. The Kappa Chis had a wonderful Rush this year and gained seven new members. There were many fun events such as baking cookies for CWIT, ice skating in Grand Rapids, bowling trips, and Parents’ Brunch. There have been other great events such as a formal in Windsor, Canada, and date nights. At the Greek Awards this year, Kappa Chi was presented an award for having the highest cumulative GPA average of any sorority at 3.49. This has been a fun year for the Kappa Chis, and they hope to continue the tradition of friendship and sisterhood.

*written by Megan Kaliszewski*
National Fraternity in Local Greek Life

The Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity was founded at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. The original suggestion for a new fraternity came from Jabez William Clay, a giant from "a hearty Green Mountain family." In 1873, Clay along with a group of five others who came from "varied backgrounds, ages, abilities and goals in life," came together to try to form a "society to promote morality, learning and social culture." The creed was written 61 years later in 1934. "Though the admonition against 'bigness for bigness' sake' was always there, the demand to serve campuses wherever they might be was equally loud." Phi Sigma Kappa now has 79 chapters with over 2,000 actives. Hope's Tau Septation Chapter was chartered on September 20, 2003, with appearances from "brothers" around the area. Soon after, they began preparation for Rush followed by a New Member Education, consisting of reviewing the last meeting, discussing the book "Hills and a Star," having new member mixers, learning history, and singing songs. "Tau Septation now has 26 actives but also considers these other 2,000 members they are yet to meet "brothers." (Info from Phi Sig Hope website and www.phisigmakappa.org)

Hope’s Phi Sig chapter had a banner year in 2005-2006. Members started the year by making a trip to the Phi Sigma Kappa National Convention in Las Vegas in August where over 100 chapters were represented. Fall semester highlights included volunteering at Windmill Island's annual Holland-o-Ween festival, where the brothers helped local children carve pumpkins and presented trick-or-treating safety tips; organizing Hope's largest Greek-sponsored event, the Third Annual Fall Bash, in November with the SIBs; and volunteering at a senior citizens Christmas dance in December.

In the spring, the chapter initiated the largest pledge class in its history, took a brotherhood ski trip to Cadillac, fielded two intramural softball teams, organized a golf outing for brothers and their fathers, and participated in Dance Marathon.

A sobering occurrence was the death of the fraternity’s Dream Child, Travis Hulsman, a few weeks prior to Dance Marathon. A few brothers were at a Phi Sigma Kappa Regional Conclave in Milwaukee when they received word that Travis' condition had worsened. After presenting this information to the representatives of the other chapters at a Conclave meeting, the men gave $500 out of pocket immediately. This money went to a scholarship fund, started by Travis' parents in his memory and Dance Marathon.


- written by Thad Goodchild •

Here

Nicholas Oostveen
Business Management Major
"I believe that being a part of a Greek Organization will help my future career because there is a large responsibility of all the members to set and achieve goals."

There

MAKING HISTORY AT HOPE

266 Greeks
Phi Sigs work together on a construction project. Batting for the Phi Sigs a brother cracks one to the outfield, contributing to their very successful IM softball season. Phi Sigs work together to move a couch. Dalen Mendiola helps a young Holland community member cut a jack-o-lantern at their annual Holland-o-Ween service project. Opposite page: Checking the schedule, a few Phi Sigs make sure their Holland-o-Ween event runs smoothly.


Phi Sigma Kappa
Founded Nationally: 1873
Tau Septaton initiated at Hope: 2003
Colors: Red and Silver
Motto: The Golden Rule
Flower: White Carnation and White Tea Rose
Number of Actives: 26
Service Projects: Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, Holland-o-ween, Hurricane Katrina Relief Truck, Travis Hulsman Scholarship fund, Church Clean up

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ENRICHING HOPE’S CAMPUS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a national, historically black organization that was founded in 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women dedicated to sisterhood, scholarship, and service. The Tau Psi Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta’s 975th chapter, was chartered at Hope College on April 24, 2005. Tau Psi opened up the year with the first annual CTenesis: A Crimson and Creme Dream ball fundraiser. During the terrible events of hurricane Katrina and after hearing stories of many displaced Delta sisters, a Hurricane Katrina Relief fundraiser was coordinated. Tau Psi has worked very closely with the Office of Multicultural Life and many student organizations in putting on various Black History Month events and the Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP) fundraiser, which was a huge success. Tau Psi was also very active in the Martin Luther King week celebration by hosting the Affirmative Action Luncheon and the Diversity in the Workplace Networking Seminar and Reception.

Tau Psi has taken a personal interest in spreading HIV/AIDS awareness by participating in a HIV/AIDS walk in Grand Rapids, having weekly World Aids Day events in the month of November leading up to World AIDS Day, and leading HIV/AIDS Campaigns in Grand Rapids with other Deltas. Tau Psi has gained so much from Hope and has greatly enriched Hope’s campus in return. The Charter members of the Tau Psi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta are thankful to everyone who helped make this dream a reality!

*Story by Sona Smith*

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Delta Sigma Theta

Patrice L. Roberts
Psychology Major

“I chose to join a Greek Organization because I love the fact that they stand for community service. Also, some organizations are founded on Christian principles, and I like the feeling of closeness and sisterhood among the organizations. I also like the atmosphere of pride among Greeks. Everyone proudly represents their organization and takes their missions and goals seriously.”

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National Sorority in Local Greek Life

“Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The first public act performed by the Delta Founders involved their participation in the Women’s Suffrage March in Washington D.C., March 1913.” “The Tau Psi Chapter at Hope College was initiated as the 975th chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated on April 24, 2005.”

(Info found at www.hope.edu Delta Sigma Theta page)
Opposite page: Members of both Hope’s and Grand Valley’s Delta Sigma Theta chapters enjoyed a formal called Genesis: Crimson and Creme Dream. Jennifer Blackman and Jessica Rankins spend time studying together. A tradition of the Deltas, the Hope chapter members perform a step show outside the stairway to the Dewitt Center. Sona Smith and Samara Webb spend some time together after the chaos of Rush and New Member Education. Performing in a step show, Sona Smith and members of the Grand Valley Delta Sigma Theta Chapter take part in well-attended performance at Grand Valley.

THE FACTS

Delta Sigma Theta
Tau Psi initiated at Hope: 2005
Colors: Crimson and Creme
Motto: Intelligence is the torch of Wisdom
Flower: Violet
Jewel: Pearl
Number of Actives: 6
Service Projects: Hurricane Katrina Relief, Black History Month events, LAUP fundraiser, MLK Celebrations, HIV/AIDS walk

After a long travel by plane, the Dutch set down their bags while they wait to check in. The bench, a key factor in the team’s success, jumps up as the clock runs out. The team lifts up the trophy in triumph while the media soak up the intense emotion. Bria Ebels, Linda Ebels, and Coach Morehouse talk with reporters at a press conference. A circle is a significant symbol in this team’s success. Everyone contributed and made a difference in the team’s performance for the season.
Congratulations, Hope College women's basketball team. Today is your day. You're national champions. No one stands in your way.

Dr. Seuss, author of the "Oh, the Places You'll Go" book that motivated you, would be so proud. You came to the birthplace of that notable author and had every one of your fans cheering loud. You played with courage. You had bounce in your feet. You dribbled away with the Division III trophy because you would not accept defeat.

Oh, the places you went! Massachusetts. Indiana and Ohio. Miles and miles, you definitely traveled for a while. You had to sleep in hotels. You had to fly in planes and ride the bus. But you didn't care, you don't make a fuss. Still, you looked up and down the court with no fear. When the so-called experts favored other teams early, you lurked in the rear.

Opponents, some of the best in the nation, fell one by one along the path. Denison. Capital. Washington-St. Louis. DePauw. Scranton. Southern Maine. All of them yielded to your wrath. During the NCAA tournament, wild, crazy things can happen -- and frequently do. Just watch "Sportscenter" these days. Upsets pop up anywhere, anytime, against teams even as talented as you.

But even as the March Madness reached a fever pitch, you didn't fret. You understood you had to be cool when the heat of the moment made you sweat. Unlike others, it's definitely true, bangups and hangups do not bother you. Like your coach, you followed your gut. You persevered even during tough times when it seemed you were stuck in a rut. You played hard. You played smart. After a gutsy NCAA tournament run, no one can ever question your heart.

Points had to be scored. Games had to be won. You didn't mind, you did what it took to be No. 1. You never lagged behind because you had the most speed. Once you passed the whole gang, you never surrendered the lead. You shot, and you passed. With so many players performing so well, no wonder you left opponents gassed. All the magical things you did with that ball made you the winningest winner of all.

With trophy in hand, you're coming home with a full head of steam. Ready for anything, even a repeat, because you're that special of a team. So ... be your name Ebels or Wood or Henderson. Or Noll or Boles or even Warsen.

You're a wonderful group who's given your fans much fun. Go enjoy the moment. The title has been won.
It is a sad honor to eulogize my colleague and friend, Janet Andersen, who was killed in an automobile collision this past Thanksgiving Day. Many of you may have known Janet through the AWM, or through Project NeXT (she was a mentor), or through the few Midstates Science and Mathematics Consortium (she had directed it since 2002). You may know her from her textbooks: Projects for Precalculus written with Todd Swanson and Bob Keeley which received an MAA award for “Innovative Programs using Technology.” She and Todd also wrote Precalculus: A Study of Functions and their Applications and the recently published Understanding Our Quantitative World.

But even if you knew all of that about her, you knew just the tip of the iceberg. Janet came to Hope College in 1991 and took the institution by storm. There is literally no corner of it that she has not influenced. She directed our newly designed campus-wide General Education Program for four years. She directed our natural science GEMS program (stands for General Education - Math and Science) for five years. She even single-handedly revamped the pledging system for our Greek program. If Janet saw something that could be done better, she did it. She never asked how much work it would take. Thus her days often started by 8:00 a.m. and lasted until midnight.

Her teaching methods were totally innovative - leading to the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. This past semester, for example, she taught Abstract Algebra. Many of you know the challenge of teaching an upper-level math class comprising students with a wide range of abilities. Janet’s solution: To get a C in her class, students had to successfully solve routine homework problems. To get a B, they had to solve more substantial problems on tests. To get an A the student had to do two original projects - something that applied the Algebra or extended what was done in class. Great idea - but obviously lots of work.

She also had an active research program - actually two of them - both in collaboration with biologists from Hope College and applied mathematicians from around the country (such as Jim Keener from The University of Utah). Grad students are said to turn coffee into theorems. At the local coffee shop Janet turned discussions over tea into grants, research programs, and conferences. Anything worth doing was worth doing with at least six more people - either faculty or students. Next semester she was planning to teach for the second time a Math-Bio course - conceived and co-taught with a biologist - in which math and biology students need to interact with each other to build and understand the models.

If you don’t know Janet, the above description may lead you to think she was hurried or hectic. Not at all. We will miss her most for her barefoot strolls down the hallway - stopping into offices to chat. In many ways she was a mother to our students and to us in the department - sympathetic, ready with good advice, always willing to listen, never in a hurry to leave.

It is customary to close a eulogy with a moment of silence. But Janet was not about silence. She was about building community. So let me suggest instead that we honor her by taking a moment to greet those around you. If a friendship or collaboration results - it will be a fitting tribute to Janet. May her influence live on. Thank you.

In Loving Memory

"While I did not get to say goodbye, I feel somewhat comforted knowing that I did have the chance to tell her how she's impacted my life. I may not walk into class barefoot everyday like she did, but her influence will be felt in my life forever.” Mark Thelen

“I will always remember Janet fondly. She was a difficult teacher, but I learned more from her than words can express.” Rhonda Kuiper Pardue
In memory of
Janet Andersen
Killed in a car accident on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2005.

“She lived more during her 47 years than most of us will live in 94 years.”
Brian Yurk

“I’m really going to miss talking to her and having her around as a constant inspiration for the type of educator I would like to be in the future.”
Michael Cortez

“You syllabus, almost long enough to be its own textbook, showed that you really cared about whether your students were learning something they could take with them, not just memorizing enough facts to pass the exam. And it showed you wanted your students to really care, too. You are not defined by a grade. In my opinion, your worth is defined by being a creation of God. How many math professors write that in their syllabi?”
Michael Cortez

“It is common when someone dies to overdo the eulogy, so I will say briefly that there were things Janet did that drove me crazy. Her take home exams were far too hard; I remember celebrating when I got a 70%. Her insistence that I should take Mathematical Biology knew no bounds, but of course we all know now that is where the money is.... She was fun, passionate, knowledgeable and a little bit crazy which is everything a good math teacher should be.”
Andrew Wells

“I have never known anyone quite like Janet. She laughed a lot, throwing herself totally into that too. She spoke big.... All of Janet was wrapped up in every conversation, so that even if it was a little thing, she made me feel that I was in on something big. This conversational style mixing together volume, thoughtfulness, periodic emphasis and care for the one she was talking with was absolutely unique.”
Donald Cronkite

“Janet was an incredible person. At last Tuesday’s faculty meeting she spoke so eloquently to the truth that all faculty are responsible for trying to make Hope College, and the world, a better place, where all people are treated humanely. I will never forget the tremor in her voice—she felt so strongly, and was willing to speak up.”
Priscilla Atkins

“One of Janet’s best questions during our frequent discussion about teaching and learning was always “So where is the learning?” That question captures what she really wanted for all students all the time. She helped all of us who knew her become better teachers and learners.”
Mary DeYoung

“What a pleasure it was to work with her, to fathom her fascination, to mitigate her fear, and to see her find God in the talents that she had been given as a teacher and role model for students. I shall miss her willingness to share and to experiment.”
Stephen Hemenway
Bruce and Bonnie with their motorcycle. Bonnie remembers “One of our favorite pastimes in the summer & fall was riding our Gold-Wing [motorcycle]. We did this as often as we could.”

Posing for a candid picture around the house, Bruce loved time with his family. His kids, Tim, Tammy, Dennis, Darin, say of his dad, “Dad was a great man who left a legacy behind for the rest of us to model our lives. ‘Based in Faith.’”

Of Bruce’s and Bonnie’s pride and joy, Bonnie relates “God blessed us with four wonderful children who have blessed us with eleven beautiful grandchildren, and number 12 on the way. Our tradition in the summer was to go for a long weekend to Traverse City. We had so much fun.” •photos provided by Bonnie Rietman

Steve DeRidder and Bruce Rietman are all smiles for their move into the new portion of the Peale Science Center in 2003. •photo provided by Chris Barney
As part of the day shift, Bruce Rietman was always on campus early in the morning. Before most students were even thinking of getting up, Campus Safety and EMTs were called to the Science Center on February 8, 2006, at 6:15 a.m. Bruce had a heart attack in his office at the Science Center and, despite everyone’s best efforts, he passed away.

Even though many people were shocked to hear of his death, Bruce is remembered more for the amazing person he was than for his death. The building services manager not only performed his job well, he also loved the people with whom he worked. Melanie Mason said, “I sure remember Bruce’s special laugh!... How often do you get a boss that you can brag about, what a nice guy Bruce was.” Mary VanKlompenberg added “I remember the time he caught a bat in the basement of VanVleck, what a riot!”

More importantly, Bruce was a family man. His grandkids explain, “Grandpa was great. He always played with us and made the best pizza.” Bruce’s other half, Bonnie, who also works for Physical Plant, remembered, “When we recently had a baby shower for our son and his wife, one of our granddaughters said ‘Make sure you tell them about Grandpa.’ That says it all. We love you Grandpa!”

Bruce was a God fearing man: living a life in line with 1 Cor. 13. This along with the unconditional love he gave his wife, children, and grandnchildren is his legacy.
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Closing
Looking at the entirety of Hope's journey, the academic year of 2005-2006 looks like just another tick mark on the line of time. In many ways this year was yet another cycle of the Pull and Nykerk, midterms and finals, spring break and Spring Fling. Yet to those of us who have experienced this year as part of our college career, it remains unique and special—a part of our growing and developing as individuals. This was the year we finally brought home a women's Division III basketball championship after several good runs. This was the year the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication was first open for classes. This was the year we lost four members from the Hope family; two students, one faculty and one staff member passed away. As time passes, the year will fail to be as sharp and memorable as it is in 2006. For each student, faculty member, staff member, and anyone who observed Hope, this year marked the end of a tough freshman year or the unforgettable experience of studying abroad. Some of us got accepted into our dream graduate school.
and others of us are taking paths we never imagined when we arrived during Orientation. Many of us learned what friendship really means and just how much we really don’t know about the world and ourselves.

As a matchless milestone in each of our different lives, this year is significant in that we were constantly reaching out to a neighbor, a stranger, ideas, and causes. We reflected, looking back on ourselves as individuals and as a collective, learning that support makes all the difference and we have a strength that was there the entire time. As unique as each of our experiences were, we had equally similar and shared experiences—traversing campus during a huge snow storm and staying up ’til 4 am to finish a 10-page paper and two pots of coffee. In our actions and thinking this year, we contributed to Hope in two very important ways: we changed Hope as an anomalous group of people and we carried Hope’s traditions on to the next successors. In our work as individuals, classes, students, professors, clubs, athletes, and discoverers, we put our specific stamp on Hope by...

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A-D Storm surge
The 2005 hurricane season led to a record 27 named storms—14 of them hurricanes—with several of them striking the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Losses were estimated at $57.6 billion in the U.S. from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, with those first two storms throwing more than 500,000 people out of work. Here’s a breakdown of some of the damage:

- Katrina struck the tip of Florida before making a beeline for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Aug. 29, destroying homes and businesses and taking more than 1,200 lives.
- New Orleans flooded after levees broke, leading to many rooftop rescues. More than 25,000 people, including the 23,000 who fled to the New Orleans Superdome, were sent to Houston’s Astrodome for temporary shelter.
- The Mississippi coast took a direct hit, with high winds and 20-foot high waves leveling buildings and even moving casinos off their moorings.
- About 372,000 children from all three states started school in different cities or were being home-schooled; and approximately 18,000 college students from Louisiana spent the fall semester at other universities.
- Rita struck three weeks later in Louisiana and Texas. In one of the largest evacuations ever, 2.8 million people in southeast Texas, including Houston and Galveston, struggled to leave.
- Arlene hit Mississippi and Alabama, while Dennis struck Alabama and Florida. Ophelia stayed offshore of the Carolinas and Virginia and pummeled the area with heavy rains.

E. Hurricane tragedies widespread
Wilma hit Mexico first, stranding tourists and damaging Mexico’s resorts and economy. The tragedy was much greater in Guatemala following heavy rain from Hurricane Stan. More than 650 people died and more than 370 were missing after massive landslides there buried communities. Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica also reported deaths and damage from Stan.

Have you made any type of donation to the hurricane relief efforts along the U.S. Gulf Coast?

- **YES** 57.7%
- **NO** 43.3%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.
F. New day in Iraq
Coalition troops, mostly from the U.S., remained in Iraq to put down insurgents as the citizens continued their quest for democracy. Iraqis approved a new constitution in October and their Parliament in December, in an effort to set up their new government.

G. New terrorist attacks
London felt the wrath of Islamic extremists when four bombs went off July 7, killing 56 people and injuring 700. Alarming was the fact that the four suicide bombers were Britons. An attempted attack on July 21 was thwarted and the suspects were caught. Bali, Indonesia, was the site of a suicide bombing again following one in 2002, and three suicide bombers attacked three hotels in Amman, Jordan.

H. More of Mother Nature's wrath
A severe drought provided kindling for wildfires that consumed hundreds of thousands of acres and hundreds of homes and businesses in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Colorado.

I. Palestinians elect change
Members of the Hamas organization, which calls for the destruction of Israel, won a majority of the seats in the Palestinian Parliament in January. The United States, the European Union and Israel have labeled Hamas a terrorist group, and were carefully watching the change of government.

J. Top court shuffle
Two vacancies were filled on the U.S. Supreme Court. John G. Roberts became the new chief justice, replacing William Rehnquist after his death. Samuel Alito took the seat of Sandra Day O'Connor, who retired.

K. Matriarchs pass on
Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, two leaders of the civil rights movement, died within a few months of each other. Parks was remembered for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. King was the wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and she founded the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta to carry on his work.

L. Gas, oil prices heat up
High gasoline prices increased even more following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil refineries in the Gulf region. Prices were up already because of increased summer demand, higher crude prices and less refining capacity worldwide. Winter heating bills also surged as oil companies tried to repair damage and restore production.
M. Mountain tragedy
A massive earthquake in the mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October killed more than 79,000 people, injured almost as many, and left about 3.3 million homeless as winter approached. Donations were lacking and relief supplies were slow in reaching the needy.

N. New Pope
Joseph Ratzinger, a 78-year-old German cardinal, was installed as Pope Benedict XVI. Benedict, who now leads the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, worked closely in the Vatican with his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

O. Flu scare for the birds
Medical officials put the world on notice after a strain of avian flu was detected in some isolated human cases in China and Hong Kong. After more cases popped up elsewhere, the World Health Organization urged countries to prepare for a possible pandemic. There were concerns not only about migratory birds spreading the disease, but commercial fowl shipped for consumption.

P. Nuclear concerns
The U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany continued to pressure Iran to reduce its nuclear activities, and wanted the United Nations security council to impose sanctions.

Q. Should they listen in?
The National Security Agency came under fire for using electronic eavesdropping without warrants. The practice began after the 9/11 attacks to fight terrorism, and while the Bush administration, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defended the practice, others argued it was illegal.

R. Mining tragedies
Sixteen West Virginia coal miners died in separate accidents in January, as did one miner in Kentucky. In the first accident at the Sago mine in West Virginia, a terrible miscommunication led the families to believe the men were alive after a 41-hour rescue.
S. Stroke affects election
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke three months before March elections. Sharon had formed a new political party, Kadima, and was seeking support at the polls as he attempted to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians.

T. Tsunami recovery
Tourists began returning to areas in Asia where a tsunami swallowed people, towns and livelihoods on Dec. 26, 2004. Aid came from across the globe to the dozen countries that were hit. In the U.S., the relief effort was headed by an unlikely pair — former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

U. Paris ablaze
France endured 18 nights of rioting that started in the poor suburbs of Paris. The arsons and other acts of destruction began after the accidental electrocution of two teens who thought police were chasing them, and turned into protests against the government for racial discrimination and unemployment.

V. A new money man
Ben Bernanke was appointed by President Bush to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve board, a position that directs monetary policy for the U.S. and affects your wallet. Bernanke, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, replaced Alan Greenspan, who was the much-watched Federal Reserve chairman for 18 years.

W. ARRGG!
An old-fashioned battle of the sea was won with today's technology. Pirates attacked the Seabourn Spirit cruise ship off the coast of Somalia with grenade launchers and machine guns, but never got close enough to board. The cruise ship crew used a sonic device to send an ear-splitting noise toward the pirates, then shifted to high speed and changed course.
A-E Games of Turin

Turin, Italy stepped onto the world stage and played host to the Winter Olympics for two weeks in February. It was the largest Winter Olympics ever, with 2,500 athletes representing 82 countries competing in 84 events.

Long-track speedskating turned into one of the American team’s best events. Shani Davis (A) won the Gold medal in the men’s 1,000 meters and became the first African-American champion in Winter Olympics history. Former inline skating champion Chad Hedrick became an Olympic speedskating champion in the men’s 5,000 meters just three years after taking the Ice in the sport for the very first time. They were joined at the top of the podium by teammate Joey Cheek, who sprinted to Gold in the men’s 500 meters.

Snowboarding was also ruled by the U.S. Shaun White (B), nicknamed “The Flying Tomato” for his bright red hair and acrobatic moves on the extreme sports circuit, won the Gold medal in the Men’s Halfpipe. The 19-year old White showed nervousness when he fell during qualifying, but he recovered to win the Gold with a flourish in the finals. Other American winners included Hannah Teter in the Women’s Halfpipe and Seth Wescott in the Men’s Cross.

Ted Ligety (C) gave the U.S. ski team a boost by winning the Alpine Combined. It was the first Olympic appearance for the relatively unknown Ligety. He became only the fourth American male to win an Alpine Olympic Gold medal.

It was not all positive news for the U.S. Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (D) poignantly summed up the highs and lows of the Olympic journey. Jacobellis was easily racing to victory in the finals of the Women’s Cross when she threw too much style into an aerial and crashed. Jacobellis was unable to recover in time to keep her lead, and she was forced to settle for the Silver medal.

Figure skater Michelle Kwan (E) was forced to withdraw because of injury. Several other U.S. stars, including skiers Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves and figure skater Johnny Weir turned in disappointing performances. Figure skater Sasha Cohen, a Gold medal favorite for the U.S., stumbled to a Silver medal after falling during the Ladies free skate.
F. Men of Steel
The Pittsburgh Steelers capped an improbable championship run by defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL, 21-10. Pittsburgh was the last team to qualify for the AFC playoffs, and the Steelers made it to the title game by becoming the first team in NFL history to win three straight playoff games on the road. Wide receiver Hines Ward was chosen Super Bowl MVP after he grabbed five catches for 123 yards, including the game-clinching 43-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

G. White Sox champs again...finally
The Chicago White Sox eased the pain of long-suffering Windy City baseball fans by winning their first World Series title in 86 years, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. Chicago was dominant in the playoffs with an 11-1 record.

H. Back on the ice
After losing an entire season to labor strife for the first time in league history, NHL owners and players settled their differences and returned to the rink. The new season arrived with a slew of rule changes as well, designed to speed up the game.
I. Danica in the driver’s seat
Danica Patrick was not the first woman to ever race in the Indy Racing League, but she might have made the biggest splash, qualifying and finishing fourth at the Indy 500, the highest finish ever by a rookie driver. The 23-year-old Patrick went on to win IRL rookie of the year after several top 10 finishes.

J. A bumpy ride
Cyclist Lance Armstrong pedaled his way through another newsworthy year, winning the Tour de France for a record seventh consecutive time, then retiring from the sport, announcing his engagement and break-up to rock star Sheryl Crow and again being forced to respond to doping allegations from the French media.

K. One for the ages
USC’s Heisman Trophy teammates, running back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, were not quite good enough to win a third straight college football national title, as the Trojans fell to Texas, 41-38, in the dramatic championship game at the Rose Bowl. Texas quarterback Vince Young stole the show, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 seconds left.

L. No more T.O.
Just one year after helping the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl, wide receiver Terrell Owens got suspended from the team in mid-season, due to his detrimental conduct. The problems started when the outspoken and controversial Owens got upset that the team would not re-negotiate his contract.

M. Sensational Stewart
Behind a season that included five wins and 24 top 10 finishes, NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second Nextel Cup championship. Often referred to in the past as the bad boy of racing due to his short temper, Stewart joined Jeff Gordon as the only multiple Cup winner among active drivers.

New studies showed that the high school sport with the largest increase in participation was bowling.

Hurricane Katrina forced many New Orleans sports teams, including the NFL’s Saints and NBA’s Hornets, into playing long stretches on the road.

The first World Baseball Classic took place in the spring.
N. Golden retirement
Considered by many the greatest golfer of his time, Jack Nicklaus decided to retire from competitive golf at the age of 65. Nicklaus won 18 major championships in his career, more than anybody in history. In his final round at the British Open, Nicklaus ended in style by sinking a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

O. Two of a kind
The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, respective winners of the previous two NBA championships, continued their domination. The two teams met in the 2005 NBA Finals, with the Spurs winning in seven games. Both rolled along during the 2006 season, compiling two of the best records in basketball by the All-Star Break.

P. Cleaning up the game
Baseball's steroid use scandal continued, with many high-profile players even testifying at Congressional hearings. Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmeiro denied use, then tested positive and was suspended during the season. After the 2005 season, Major League Baseball instituted a stricter steroid testing policy.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game, the second highest individual total in NBA history.

USC running back Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote.

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer stayed number one in the world by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.
A. Shuttle back in orbit
Two years after the Columbia tragedy grounded NASA’s manned space flight program, space shuttle Discovery returned NASA to outer space with a successful two-week mission. However, anxious moments came after foam insulation knocked loose on take-off caused a two-day delay in Discovery’s return to Earth.

B. Science or religion?
Communities and school districts ferociously debated the merits of Intelligent Design, a concept that asserts certain aspects of the living world seemed to be caused by an intelligent source, rather than a random process such as natural selection. Opponents claimed it was religion masquerading as science, while proponents insisted it should be a respected point of view.

C. Space tourist
American scientist Gregory Olsen paid $20 million for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. Olsen, the co-founder and chairman of his own fiber-optics company, made the trip aboard a Russian rocket and became only the third civilian to become a “space tourist.”

D. 360 around the world
Microsoft released its newest gaming system, Xbox 360, just in time for the holidays and prompted shoppers to camp out in lines to gobble them up. The consoles were also launched with a new expanded service from Microsoft that allowed gamers worldwide to play one another.

E. Generation MySpace
Teens continued becoming more immersed in the internet. MySpace.com, an online social community geared toward young adults and musicians, became one of the fastest-growing websites on the internet. Just two years old, MySpace’s membership approached 50 million users and began getting more hits than Google and AOL. Elsewhere, popular online encyclopedias like Wikipedia started to be viewed as viable reference tools, despite debates regarding its accuracy.
F. Lost World
Conservation groups on an expedition into the remote tropical jungles of Indonesia discovered dozens of new animal and plant species. The scientists reportedly found up to 20 new types of frogs and a species of tree kangaroo (pictured) that was previously thought to be extinct.

G. Park for free
Salt Lake City joined a growing list of American cities that began offering free metered downtown parking for more environmentally friendly vehicles. To qualify, cars needed to get at least 50 miles to the gallon or be a hybrid powered by an alternative fuel. Other cities that offered similar programs included Austin, Texas and New Haven, Conn.

H. Landmark surgery
Doctors in Miami successfully removed a 16-pound tumor from the face of Marlie Casseus, a 14-year-old Haitian girl suffering from a rare genetic disorder. Casseus was brought to the United States for the procedure after aid workers in Haiti discovered her case. Donations from all over the world helped Casseus' family pay the medical bills.

I. Monkey business
A group of American scientists announced that they successfully decoded the DNA of the chimpanzee, considered the closest relative to humans in nature. By comparing thechimp DNA to human DNA, the doctors hoped to discover the roots of various diseases.

What is your favorite website?

- Myspace.com 25.7%
- Google 11.5%
- Xanga.com 5.7%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

NASA launched the New Horizons probe, with a planned trip to explore the planet Pluto expected to take 10 years.

Due to high costs, Sony pulled the plug on Aibo, its robotic dog program.

Australian doctors Barry Marshall and Robin Warren won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for their break-through research on stomach ulcers.
A. By George, a great year
Already one of America’s most popular movie stars, George Clooney
added critical acclaim to his resume by earning two Oscar nominations.
Clooney received a Best Supporting Actor nod for his role as a CIA spy in
the thriller *Syriana*, and a Best Director nomination for the Edward R. Murrow
biopic *Good Night, and Good Luck*, which also was nominated for Best
Picture.

B. A slice of real life
The films honored with Best Picture Oscar nominations relied heavily
on real events. *Munich* told the story of fallout from the terrorist attacks
at the 1972 Olympics, *Good Night, and Good Luck* focused on 1950s TV journalist Edward R.
Murrow, and *Capote* examined the life of famed writer Truman Capote. Other Best
Picture nominees included *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crash*.

C. King of the mountain
An updated version of the classic tale of *King Kong* made it into theaters around
New Year’s. The big-budget, special effects blockbuster once again told the
story of the giant ape discovered on a mysterious tropical island, who is brought
to Depression-era New York as a side-show act.

D. May the force be with you...
always
The long-awaited final movie in the *Star Wars* saga, *Revenge of the Sith*,
dominated the box office and became one of the highest grossing films of all-time, earning nearly
$400 million. Despite the critical and financial success of *Sith*, series
creator George Lucas vowed the story was over and no more *Star Wars* movies would be made.

E. Not Lost on the audience
Lost, ABC's adventure series about a group of people stranded on a mysterious island
after a plane crash, won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards and continued to
attract nearly 20 million viewers each week.

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon both got
Oscar nominations for playing Johnny and June
Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*.

Popular children's tale, *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was made into a hit movie.
What is your favorite type of music?

Rap/Hip-hop - 27.9%
Rock - 26.5%
Country - 15.8%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

F. Back in the spotlight
After her career seemed derailed due to a series of highly publicized emotional troubles, R&B singer Mariah Carey staged a huge comeback when her new album, *The Emancipation of Mimi*, ended up as the highest seller of the year. The record earned Carey three Grammy awards.

G. Can't get enough CSI!
TV viewers continued to be infatuated with CBS' batch of crime dramas. *CSI* was still the most watched show on network TV. *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York* also drew huge ratings.

H. 50 Cent worth millions
Rapper 50 Cent put out another hit album, with *The Massacre* selling more than 5 million copies. He also starred in the hit movie *Get Rich or Die Tryin*, which was loosely based on his life story.

I. Potter mania rampant again
Release of the sixth book in the popular Harry Potter series created quite a stir. *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* sold more than 10 million copies, and author J.K. Rowling stunned many readers by killing off one of the story's main characters. The latest Harry Potter movie (based on the fourth book), *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, ruled the box office in the fall.

J. Familiar faces
Ratings showed that several familiar TV shows continued to be big hits with the young teen audience. *Gilmore Girls*, *The OC*, *Smallville*, and *Veronica Mars* were among those that stayed popular.

K. Penguins everywhere
Documentary film *March of the Penguins* drew in nearly $80 million at the box office, a previously unheard of figure for its genre. Critical praise and positive word of mouth helped the movie, which fascinated millions with its story about the mating rituals of penguins at the South Pole.
L. Whole new idols
Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of musical reality TV show *American Idol*. By the spring, 24 new hopefuls were picked as finalists for the fifth season. Meanwhile, past winners Kelly Clarkson and Fantasia became the first Idol alums to earn Grammy nominations.

M. Womack wins
Straying away from the trend of pop-infused country music, Lee Ann Womack was rewarded with three wins at the CMA Awards. Womack's traditional country record, *There's More Where That Came From*, won Album of the Year and her ballad "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" won Song of the Year.

N. The first lady
So when will the U.S. have a female president? In the world of fictional TV, it happened this year. ABC's *Commander In Chief* cast Geena Davis in the role of the president, and the drama series became the highest-rated new show on the air.

O. Gone, but not forgotten
Famed American comedian Richard Pryor died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Other noteworthy entertainers to pass away included R&B singer Luther Vandross, actresses Anfie Bancroft and Shelley Winters, and actor Pat Morita, the beloved Mr. Miyagi from *The Karate Kid* movies.

P. 8 is enough
On the 20th anniversary of his famous charity concert *Live Aid*, music producer Bob Geldof reprised the event by staging *Live 8*, a series of charity concerts that took place in eight countries during the first week of July. Estimates indicated that more than one million people attended and more than 1,000 musicians performed at *Live 8*. 

Green Day won five honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.

Shock jock Howard Stern jumped to satellite radio, signing a $500 million deal with Sirius.
Q. Good works rewarded
U2 lead singer Bono received another prestigious honor, but this one had nothing to do with his music. Bono, along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, were chosen Persons of the Year by Time magazine for their global charitable efforts to fight poverty and disease.

R. Kanye keeps up
Controversial rapper Kanye West made headlines for his music, with his latest album Late Registration earning eight Grammy nominations, and for his mouth after he criticized President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina.

S. A new job with Disney
Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Computers, strengthened his status as a pop culture icon after his Pixar Animation Studios, the creator of popular computer animated movies like The Incredibles and Toy Story, agreed to a merger with longtime partner Walt Disney Pictures. In the process, Jobs became the largest shareholder in Disney.

T. A million questions
Author James Frey garnered critical acclaim for his best-selling self-help memoir A Million Little Pieces, which told the story of how he overcame a life of crime and drug addiction. However after much public scrutiny, Frey admitted that large portions of the book were exaggerated and embellished.

U. Back on the air
A grassroots fan movement, driven largely by DVD sales, prompted Fox to bring back animated comedy series Family Guy. The show, centered on the wild antics of an off-the-wall Rhode Island family, a diabolical one-year old baby and their talking dog, had been cancelled by Fox in 2002.
A. I want my iPod TV
When Apple Computers developed the latest generation of its popular iPod digital music player, users were thrilled to find they could now download video files. In the first three weeks of the new service, iPod users bought more than one million video podcasts.

B. Movies at home
Box office numbers were down and movie theaters sold fewer tickets, but many industry analysts said the decline was due to the growing number of people with high-tech home theaters simply choosing to wait a few months for films to go to DVD.

C. A chip in poker craze
While some analysts think poker peaked in popularity, the card game remained a pastime, with some teens holding supervised games at home and watching tournaments on television. Some adults spoke out against teens playing poker, since it is gambling.

D. Digital revolution
Downloadable digital music continued to drastically alter the recording industry. Studies showed that the sales of CDs and albums were down eight percent over the previous year, while sales of digital singles increased 150 percent.

E. Play for work
It's not just fun and games. More colleges began offering courses and degrees related to video games as the industry becomes serious business. The colleges are feeding a demand for skilled developers and technicians.

F. Blog this
A study showed that half of all teens and 57 percent of teens who use the internet have created a blog or website or posted something online. The study by Pew Internet and American Life Project was conducted to look at falling newspaper readership.

G. Shrug it off
For dressing up this year, shrugs and gauchos were the rage for girls of all ages, while other students who wanted to dress down did not even bother with regular clothes – they just wore their PJs to school.