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Board selects Bultman as Jacobson successor

During the 1960s quiet hour began at 7 p.m. and ended at 9 a.m. Bekkering and Bultman would hole up in their room and study following dinner and football practice. When Bekkering’s second semester rolled around he noticed that some of his friends hadn’t returned. He found that many hadn’t studied enough and had different priorities.

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In addition to being an RA and member of the football team, Bultman was a chemistry major and starting shortstop on the baseball team. On Friday, Dec. 11, Bultman was elected the 11th president of Hope College by the Board of Trustees. Bultman will assume office on July 1.

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Student Congress Vice President Fretz resigns

MICHAEL ZUIDEMA
editor-in-chief

Due to time constraints and conflicts, Student Congress Vice President Matt Fretz ('99) turned in his resignation at last Thursday’s meeting.

Fretz will serve through Thursday, Jan. 21. A new vice president will be named at his meeting. As graduation nears, Fretz felt that his search for a job would interfere with effectively filling his role in student government. "A lot of it had to do with the fact that there is a certain level of attendance and availability that is expected of every member of Congress, especially me," Fretz said.

Fretz said that his search for a job would in-include the need to attend numerous meetings required. If the search had not continued, impeachment proceedings might have taken place.

Instead of putting Congress in the position to remove me, I chose to quietly, Fretz said. "There’s no need for that. There are plenty of quality people to do my job.”

Fretz has started searching for a job and living conditions in the Holland and Grand Rapids areas following graduation.

Congress will conduct an internal vote for a replacement, Thursday, Jan. 14. Students will give nominations and majority vote will be taken and a new Vice President will be named.

“I’m glad for (Fretz) because it opened up things he needed to do, and I’m glad for student congress,” said Dana Mareott ('99), Student Congress President. “I’m glad for the student body because he wasn’t going to be able to fulfill his job.”

Congress will have to fill several other positions besides Vice President. A student will have to be named as Board of Trustees Liaison, an Appropriations spot filled have to be filled, in addition to several other positions.

Despite the turnover, Fretz feels that Congress is continuing to move in the right direction. “Congress has been so good, I’d hate for me to be the reason it would look bad,” he said. “I can leaving knowing Congress is where it should have been for the past few years.”

“I’d hate to go back when we’ve made so much progress.”

Despite Fretz’s departure, Mareott feels that Congress will continue to build on the successes of the year. “This just reinforces the responsibility and respect Congress deserves,” Mareott said. “Matt did a very admirable thing.”

Round Robin kicks off annual Greek Rush events

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

With the adoption of a new NME policy and the hiring of a new advisor, members of Greek Life felt certain that this year’s traditional Rush, which was kicked off with the annual Round Robin on Sunday, Jan. 17, should prove enjoyable for all involved.

Many students enjoyed the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the various organizations.

“It was nice to meet everyone in the sorority and get a full representation of what each was like and what they entail,” said Amy VanSlyce (‘01). “Mostly I’m doing it just to get involved in something on campus and meet people.”

Approximately 200 women turned out for the event which was designed to familiarize Rushers with various sororities through skits, songs, and videos.

“The event went very well and we were very excited with the turnout,” said Sarah VandeHooze (‘99), Pan-Hellenic Council President.

“The event is designed so that the women can be exposed to each group in an informal way and given everyone a chance to mingle.”

The revisions of the group’s New Member Education proposal work will continue throughout the semester break and provide a balance of power between the Pan-Hellenic and Interfraternity Councils and the Campus Life Board.

Greek Life also welcomed Helenic Life, which was newly organized. A graduate student, Greenwich State University, has been involved in the National Greek Organizational.

“I’m excited about Bloom being here,” said President. “She has many new ideas and because she is new to Hope she comes in open-minded without any biases toward specific groups.”

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At the event, which proceeded the beginning of formal Rush events, was required for all interested women. Tickets were sold for $5 each and each rusher must have a representative from each sorority initial her ticket. If an individual was unable to attend Round Robin, she could come in open-minded without any biases toward specific groups.

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Open events are spread apart so that students can attend many of them, while closed events, which require an invitation, overlap to force students to decide between organizations.

“If students are not invited to a closed event, they are encouraged to then go to other open events,” VandeHooze said. “It is important to understand that each group can only invite a set number of people to closed events and each sorority has their own standards as to how they choose.”

Rush will conclude for fraternity on Saturday, Feb. 6 and on Wednesday, Feb. 10 when sororities will host their formal tea. Bids for sororities will go out later that night and due back the following week, while bids for fraternal rushes will be mailed in Friday.

The New Member Education process meetings will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14 for both men and women.

Winter Happening showcases faculty seminars

ERIN HUBBARD
staff reporter

The annual Winter Happening is an effort on the part of Alumni Relations to abate the effects of “cabin fever” that commonly comes with winter weather. The event combines a series of seminars, a luncheon, and a home men’s basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 23.

“The event is an opportunity for the staff to showcase their special interests or projects which they have been working on,” said Lynn Powe, Assistant Director for College Advancement of Alumni Affairs.

The first series takes place at 9:30 a.m. and will include three seminars. For those interested in keeping their New Year’s resolutions there is a seminar on losing weight or more specifically, why most people don’t actually have difficulty with doing this.

The seminar is titled "The Psychology of Weight Control.”

A second seminar, titled "Happiness and the Psychology of the Netherlands.” A more visual and interactive seminar will be sponsored by the Strike Time Dance Company.

In the second wave of seminars, taking place at 11 a.m., one may explore the stars with the Hubble telescope, travel to India, or hear the firsthand experiences of Hope’s student worship program. The more brave may plunge into the theory of chaos.

Among the speakers is James Kennedy, assistant professor of physics. He is currently in the process of writing a book on the history of the Dutch use of euthanasia.

Biological Department Chair Christopher Barney will give insight on his research involving the role of hormones in water balance and blood pressure.

Marc Baer of the History Department will present information on 18th century British while Dr. Timothy Pennings of the Mathematics Department will explore chaos and dynamical systems.

Lastly the event will feature the Strike Time Dance Company. Its purpose is educational and it is made up of Hope College dancers.

Afterwards, a luncheon will be served indoors, where student musical groups will perform.

The speakers are chosen by the Alumni offices on the recommendation of the Professors although the offices have been approached by professors with special projects they wish to present. If a seminar is well received the professor is usually asked back in a few years.

Invitations are sent out in a sixteen mile radius from Holland with people coming from as far away as Kalamazoo.

The guest list includes former Alumni, local residents, parents with their children, and students.

Powe has already received over 300 reservations and 100 tickets have been sold for the luncheon. Advanced registration is required for the luncheon and also recommended for the seminars. Information can be obtained by the office of Alumni Relations at (616) 395-7860.
The steps near Lubbers and Phelps are parked on sidewalks or in places around grounds equipment and to remove snow, areas that have been designated places for students like it.

Bill Steffen, Chief Meteorologist at WZZM 13, says that Holland has received 42 to 51 inches this month. "Our big temperature swings are due to La Nina, which is the opposite of El Nino," he said.

NWS Meteorologist Tom Hultquist said, "Temperature should remain mild through next week, with rain instead of snow."

According to Steffen, "There is arctic air over Alaska and little ice on the lake, so we can expect more snow later in the winter. We should return to the cold in the first week in February."

Steffen has predicted 87 inches of snow for the Holland area this winter. Holland averages 84.2 inches of snow each winter.

According to Hultquist, Holland receives greater amounts of snow because of its proximity to Lake Michigan, causing higher amounts of lake effect snow. "Lake effect snow is similar in theory to a thunderstorm," he said. "There is warm, moist air at the surface and cold air aloft, as several thousand feet above the surface. Near the shoreline, these two air masses converge, causing showers, and in rare cases, lightning."

Steffen warned that winter will last longer than last year. "We could expect a snowstorm between mid-March and early April."

The college closed on Monday, Jan. 4 and Thursday, Jan. 7.

The decision to cancel or delay classes is based on a variety of input: Director of Public Relations Tom Renner reviews weather reports and contacts the Provost if he feels the conditions could prove threatening. From there, they meet with the President, who makes the ultimate decision.

It is important to keep in mind that unlike public schools our students are already here, so unless the conditions for moving around on campus are hazardous we tend not to close," said President John Jacobson. Jacobson stressed that students or faculty who commute should use their best judgement if they feel conditions are unsafe for travel. He encouraged students to speak with professors to inform them of the reasons for their absence.

"Our main concern is always the safety of students, faculty, and staff," he said.
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Vice President explains situation behind resignation

In the December 9 issue of the Anchor, Jeff Burgess ('99) was inadvertently labeled with Emily Cassell's ('99) name in the "Seen & Heard" The Anchor regrets the error.

Due to personal reasons I no longer feel I have that ability, While Congress has been one of my most rewarding experiences at Hope over the last three and a half years, for the benefit of Student Congress and the student body as a whole, I must step down as Vice President. I will be serving through Jan. 21 to guarantee a smooth transition into office for my successor. While not an easy decision to make, I think this benefits all parties involved. It has been my privilege to serve you as Vice President, and I look forward to seeing where Congress goes from here.

Our voices.

All the president's people

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

The best learning curve

It's hard to distinguish whether those who pay tuition at Hope College, or those who are involved in the campus, but few take advantage of this power. The president's job should be to answer the students. The function of a college is to educate students, and as the most powerful person, the president should be sure the students are heard.

The tenure of John Jacobson has been sort of a mystery. The direct results of what Jacobson does are not rarely seen, and part of this is a testament to the quiet nature he works under. Jacobson does not seem obsessed with the spotlight, and because of this his work has never directly visible. But a large reason is that no one knows what the president does in his everyday work.

But when Bultman takes office, the Hope community should demand to know some of the intricacies of the job. Bultman's job should not be a complete secret. The idea that the president's actions while in office should be kept under wraps is silly. The president should work with the students, faculty, and administration, not above them. The president could be considered an employee of the students and faculty, but this rarely seems the case. The president instead works in a cloak of secrecy in his large second floor DeWitt office.

When students have concerns they should be sure to voice them, voice them all the way to the top. The president needs to know the concerns of the students, but the students also need to take the responsibility to voice them. And when those concerns are voiced, the president should take heed to these. Every concern voiced from the Hope community is important, but it is those of the students that should take the highest precedent. The president should answer primarily to the students. Not the Board of Trustees, not the administration, and not the faculty. The students should be the primary focus of the college, and they are often the first forgotten.

The line between active learning and acceptable responsibility becomes fuzzier and fuzzier as time ticks on and issue pile on one another.

The student's role at Hope College has never seemed real clear to me. Those in power possess the students responsibility. Students want no blame. They want to be coddled and invulnerable, as if from mommies and daddy could fix things. The border to the real world is too close and often students feel that heat.

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Art and Faith Intersect

DANA LAMERS

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Meeting me

Kate Folkert

interim editor

Meeting celebrities like Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks, Mark McGwire, Steve Martin and more sounds like a great way to spend some time. For Nikki Rodgers (91), being around famous people became just part of the job this fall. Rodgers had the opportunity to spend time in New York as an intern with NBC's "Today Show." Although it was easy to be star-struck at first, Rodgers said she got over it quickly.

"It kind of wore off when I realized that this was just the beginning. Working with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer every day made real people," she said.

Most mornings for Rodgers began with sorting the mail, which although not very exciting, proved to be useful. "It helped me to learn the executives' and producers' names," she said.

Fortunately, her responsibilities moved beyond the mundane. She had the opportunity to work closely with one producer on the show "What Dreams May Come." The producer had me collect every radio call from every home run Mark McGwire hit during the season," she said.

For the future, Rodgers has been fortunate enough to land a job with NBC as a page. "It's the bottom of the bottom, but it's a foot in the door and a step in the right direction," she said.

Kate Folkert

interim editor

In mid October the English faculty placed ads requesting applicants to fill positions for professors within the department. Over the next month they received over a hundred letters of application.

The field has now been narrowed to three finalists to fill a position in Ethnic American literature and two for a creative writing opening.

The new professors will be replacing three professors that have left or will be leaving at the end of the year.Incoming Professors are scheduled to move into their offices this spring.

"We've been very pleased with the turnout," said Peter Schakel, chair of the department. "The final candidates are very promising." The five finalists are being asked to visit the campus of Hope College. While they are here they are asked to teach a class and present at a colloquium. They will also interview with the president, provost and dean of students, meet other members of the department, and speak with a panel of students.

On Monday, Jesse Montano was on campus for the opening in Ethnic American literature. A graduate of the University of Texas in 1991, he received his masters degree in English in 1996 from Ohio State University. He will complete his doctorate this spring, also from Ohio State. His research is focused on medieval studies, with an interest in ethnic studies. He combines the two by using modern ideas of how cultural identity is constructed and applying these principles to the middle ages.

Of his visit, Montano said it has been, "...truly wonderful. I've talked to a lot of people and had wonderful conversations. I've gotten different perspectives of faculty from different levels, from the president to the faculty.

For him, the appeal of a small liberal arts college like Hope is two-fold: "It gives the ability to teach a wide variety of classes," Montano said. "Also, the students at colleges like these tend to be dedicated, caring and diligent. They are among the best and I think that good students make good professors."
Four Months and Counting

Graduation deadlines, paperwork, life plans, and career decisions loom in front of the last class of the century.

Dana Lamers
Infocus editor

Graduation Day, May 9, is less than four months away and counting. And for many seniors, now is crunch time. The future, the real world, is no longer lingering far off in the future, it’s only a semester away.

“I’m feeling like a lot of seniors are right now,” said Beth Wezeman, ’99. “It’s a bittersweet situation. Exciting and I’m already getting senioritis, but on the other hand we have built our lives around this campus and developed incredible friendships. Hope is kind of a safety net and the real world is scary, we’re going to have to start funding for ourselves.”

Along with the emotional strain of graduation, what most seniors have to deal with by the start of their last semester is where they will be next year at this time.

Career Services calls the senior year the “Implementation” stage, and their office is prepared and designed specifically to address the needs of students planning their futures.

“A lot of people freak out when they don’t know what to do,” said Career Advisor Drew Mackay, ’01. “But they just need to step by step when it comes to finding a job, etc. that will help you the most. You just have to have motivation. You can’t just sit there and watch TV and think a job will come to you.”

This semester alone Career Services is offering several seminars aimed at alleviating the stress of soon-to-be graduating students. Workshops include: Preparing Your Resume, Senior Orientation Session, Senior Sequence,” “Using the Internet in Your Job Search,” Developing Your Personal Job Search Plan, “Skills for Successful Interviewing,” and Planning for Graduate and Professional School.

“The next major event is “Job Pursuit ’99” held at the Sheridan Hotel in Lansing on Feb. 11, where several major corporations will be available to talk with soon-to-be college graduates. Students can register at the Career Services office before Feb. 2.

“The internet is also being used increasingly for job searching. Detailed instructions are available on the Career Services office, but finding relevant sites is just a matter of using search engines effectively.”

Career Services also has a list of employment opportunities in the Holland community.

Employers can be contacted in four methods: personal contacts, “cold turkey” contacts (sending a cover letter and resume to an employer), online job databases, and the “passive approach” (leaving your name on an onionskin that already exists or are published in newspapers, placement bulletins, employment agencies, etc.). Career Services has further information on all four methods.

*Resumes*

“The thought of a resume seems far off, but all of a sudden it’s just time to do it,” said Tim Bekkerink, ’99, who recently had to put his resume together. “I took a Business Writing course and got some information from Career Services. Go see them as soon as you have any questions. They do a good job because they have references for whatever you want to go into.”

A resume is considered to be an advertisement for yourself, it is a snapshot of your job worth to future employers and may be the key to landing an interview, according to Career Services.

Several writing guidelines are available when dealing with resumes and cover letters. Resume and cover letters are extremely important to employers.

Whenever a resume is mailed, Career Services advises that it also be accompanied by a cover letter, which provides a personal focus; each cover letter is unique and specific. Career Services offers further information on cover letters, as well as thank-you letters, follow-up letters, Job Acceptance letters, and letters of refusal.

*Interviewing*

Interviews take practice and need to be prepared for. To prepare for an interview, it is important to know yourself, the interviewer, the position, the questions you may be asked, and the questions you want to ask, according to Career Services literature.

Mock interviews are done in the Career Services office and are videotaped to provide students with a lot of feedback and opportunity to learn and improve.

Several corporations hold interviews at the Career Services offices, with follow-up interviews at their own offices.

*The Real World*

After nearly four years of classes and studying, now is the time seniors will be able to show what they have learned to the “real world” beyond Hope.

“I think we’ll surprise ourselves, we’ll be more ready than we think,” Wezeman said.

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**Job Pursuit ’99**

Sheridan Hotel in Lansing
February 11

3:00

Register at the Career Service Office before Feb. 2.
Strings highlight Great Performance Series

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intermission editor

Coming to Hope College through the Great Performance Series is the Les Violins du Roy, a chamber orchestra based in Quebec City.

They will perform on Jan. 26th at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The group was founded in 1984 by Bernard Labadie, who is the conductor. Since 1988 they have made over eighty concert appearances, in places like Belgium, Spain, Germany, Morocco, Canada, and the United States.

The name of the group, Les Violins du Roy, comes from the renowned string orchestra of the court of the French kings. Using modern instruments, the group performs in the stylistic manner most appropriate to the era in which the music they choose is written.

For the Baroque and Classical period works they present, the group uses baroque bows, which adds to the authenticity of their sound.

At the Hope concert they will be performing Handel’s “Concerto grosso in D minor, op. 6, no. 10,” Mozart’s “Symphony No. 29 in A major, K. 201,” excerpts from Gluck’s “Don Juan,” and Haydn’s “Symphony No. 45 in F-sharp minor” (“Farewell Symphony”).

Since signing a contract in 1992 with Dorian Recordings, Les Violins du Roy has recorded six CDs and are scheduled to release two more this year.

According to the New York Post, “The 13 string players...perform with vitality and keen rhythmic sense. The instrumental selections were dazzling.”

Director Bernard Labadie is also Artistic Director of the Quebec City Opera. He is well known in Canada and the United States for his work with the other group he founded, the chorus La Chapelle de Quebec.

He has been guest conductor of many symphony and chamber orchestras, including the Nihon Shinsei Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, and the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston.

Tickets for the concert are available at the door. Cost is $12.50 for adults, $10.50 for senior citizens, and $5.50 for students.

IF IT’S NOT BAROQUE, DON’T FIX IT: Les Violins du Roy will come from Quebec City to perform in Dimnent Chapel on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m.

Old meets new
New choir director joins music faculty

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intermission editor

Uploading tradition while bringing fresh ideas for the future are the goals of new director of choral activities, Brad Richards. Joining the Hope faculty this fall, Richards has been here for one semester.

Richards received his bachelor’s degree from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and his masters from the University of Illinois. Michigan State University is where he completed his doctorate.

Previously, he has taught at Laurentian University in Canada and Southeastern Louisiana.

“I went from palm trees to snow,” Richards said of his move to Michigan.

As director of the College choruses and Chapel Choir, Richards hopes to continue the strong program Hope already has.

“The tradition here here is pretty strong,” he said. “I hope to keep it going with things like Christmas Vespers and the Chapel Choir tour in the spring.”

Richards had his first experience with Christmas Vespers this past December.

“Nobody could have warned me how much there was to oversee,” he said. “But there are so many other people, who have been involved with this for so many years that I could just give them a call and they could help me out.”

In addition to continuing those long traditions, Richards is looking towards the future.

“I hope to open the programs up more to college community at large,” he said.

He also is considering starting men’s and women’s glee clubs, which would provide training for upper levels, like Chapel Choir, but also offer a social aspect.

“They are more like societies,” he explained. “There is a lot of turnover in college choirs each semester, but a student might join a group like this and stay in it for the four years they are here.”

Of his performance as far, department chair, Wesley Ball had nothing but praise to offer.

“He’s excellent. He has vision.” he said. “He’s reinvigorated the choral program.”

Ball is also excited about where Richards will take the program.

“I think he’s really going to put us on the map,” said Ball. “He’s done a lot of networking, and he teaches at Interlochen in the summer, so he has a lot of connections through that.”

Richards has enjoyed his time at Hope.

“Hope is a great place to be a part of. It has a family feature. When you come in as a faculty member or staff person, or student you can feel part of the tradition and closeness. The longer you’re here the more that proves itself,” he said.

“I’ve been in larger state university settings and they don’t have the same familial feeling.” He is also relieved to have one semester under his belt.

“I can feel a little bit of comfort getting through one semester,” Richards said.

He is currently planning the annual Chapel Choir tour, which is taken over spring break.

“There is good music-making going on here and it is nice to be a part of that.”

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Dipping for Options

It's a warm, late summer day in the mid-1970s, and the anchor has arrived, and in Holland, Michigan, there's not a whole lot to do, so you've got to get inventive. You decide to try the latest trend of your Hope College peers: the homemade, local nude beach on Lake Michigan.

This beach, made popular by some daring Hope students, covered over half a mile of sandy shores, and was near a popular sand dune oddly dubbed "The Pit." By Hope students, as one active skinny-dipper told the Anchor in 1975, "I've been out there several times, and I see nothing wrong with it. It's a lot of fun."

Well, that's what they did in the seventies for weekend fun, but that scene hard to apply to today's weekends. I know the feeling well. It's the weekend, the single thing that has been your lifetime since last Monday, and you are going to do...nothing! Big surprise! Your deciding whether you and your friends should watch Jerry Maguire or Big, and after deciding on Tom Hanks because you've watched Tom Cruise for the past three weekends in a row, you sit yourself down, get comfy, and wait away the night. And imagine all that you could be doing...

It's hard to see options. Take the simplicity that you're out of cash, you have no car, and it's really cold out there. Add to that the fact that you really don't have time, and what's left to do but sit in your room and stare at the wall? There is plenty to do, but you have to be creative and willing to try something new. Too often people get stuck in a funk and decide on nothing good and comfortable to do. Some people of the past did try new things.

Try, for example, "Taco Night," an invention of 1977. Off-campus Hope students looking for a good way to get together with their friends began Taco Night, a meal they held once a week. Taco Night began when three friends decided to invite a different guest of honor each week to a taco dinner for their own establishment. It took only a little time before the dinner became a weekly tradition. Soon, it morphed into a huge dinner party only with all-inclusive party afterward. The night was all about good conversation and good company. It became so successful that everybuddy wanted to have one, and they did. The idea spread to other Hope students, and in a matter of weeks, Taco Night was a weekly tradition at Hope College.

Dipping for Options is a great opportunity for Hope students to get out of their routine and try something new. It's a chance to break away from the norm and have fun with friends. Whether it's a simple beach day or a more elaborate event, try to remember to take risks and be open to new experiences. It's all about enjoying the moment and making the most of the opportunities presented. So grab your friends, head outside, and embrace the outdoors at Dipping for Options.

Playing in a Winter Wonderland

CARRIE ARNOLD  spotlight editor

As everyone has no doubt noticed, great heaping piles of white snow cover Hope’s campus. Although the snow is turning a somewhat murky shade of gray-brown as it slowly melts, this does not mean that the fun is finished. No, as long as snow lingers on the ground, Hope students will find a way to enjoy it.

Before Christmas break, many familiar with the Holland climate wondered where the snow was. However, over Winter Break, the snow came back with a vengeance, dropping three to four feet over the area within a 3-day period. Many other areas in the Great Lakes region, as well as across most of the nation, were also pounded with this intense winter storm. This caused an inconvenience for some people, but it also provided an opportunity for fun and family bonding for others. Even as students returned to campus, the snow remained, as did the opportunities to play in the snow.

For Hope freshman Ali Caneshiro (’03), the typical Holland snowfall came somewhat as a shock. A native of Hawaii, this past year has been Kaneshiro’s first winter in Holland. Overall, Kaneshiro appears to be enjoying her freshman year in Holland, however different it is from Hawaii. “It’s nice to have a change of seasons,” commented Kaneshiro. “I don’t know if I’ll like it two months from now, but I like it.”

While more traditional activities such as building snowmen remain popular, just look in front of Van Vleck and Voorhees Halls as well as those of indoor and outdoor snowball fights and making snow angels, some Hope students have taken these ideas to an extreme.

Jennifer Polsgrove (’01) of Royal Oak, Michigan found herself spending her Winter Break with her older brother, Dan, who was also home from Michigan State University. Over a period of four days, the pair constructed a massive snow fort in their backyard.

“Brother and sister made a enormous pile of snow against the side of their house, measuring nine feet high. The older Polsgrove dug out the snow from the inside out, until he had cleared an area seven feet tall on the inside. On the inside of the snow fort, they built a large “bed” that one could actually lay down on, and impressively, a real chimney. While the fire did melt some of the snow, the fort remained intact.

Polsgrove noted that “It was weird to see my almost 23-year-old brother outside playing in the snow.”

Although the snow of the big storm has begun to melt with the warmer temperatures this past weekend, residents of the Holland area have no doubts that the snow will return.

And with it, all the fun that a Hope student can imagine.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

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(rat-ee-uh-sin-uhate)

v. to reason logically, to calculate

(Definition courtesy of Random House Webster’s College Dictionary)

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George M. Marsden
McAnaney Professor of History
University of Notre Dame

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Quote of the week: “It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.” — Jane Austen

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BULTMAN from I

Bekkering is positive that Bultman will fill the expectations expacted of him as president. According to Bultman, his dedication and love of the Hope community helped him decide to pursue the position. “We remain very excited about the opportunity at Hope,” he said. “We hope to mature and strengthen the community.”

While Bultman and his wife Martha look forward to becoming members of the Hope community, he noted a certain amount of reluctance to leave Northwestern College.

“In the time since making the announcement to the Northwestern community we have received many letters of affirmation and encouragement,” he said. “We are in the process of finalizing many of our plans and starting many new programs. With the move to Northwestern College we will continue to build upon the college’s strong foundation.”

These sentiments were echoed by several administration.

“Dr. Bultman brings to the presidency of Hope College not only a deep love for his alma mater, but also professional experience and personal qualities that equip him very well for this important position of leadership,” said Provost Jacob Nyenhuis. “I have every confidence that he will continue on the path of excellence charted by his recent predecessors. The transition between presidents should be smooth, because President Jacobson is a very gracious and helpful person with a deep commitment to doing what is right for Hope College and Dr. Bultman is equally gracious and considerate.”

In his final months, Jacobson plans to increase minority participation and will continue to seek reconciliation of the Chapel program.

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Men’s basketball falls to Calvin in MIAA action

Mike Zuidema
editor-in-chief

The longest win streak the Hope College men’s basketball team has been able to pull together this year is two games.

And according to head coach Glenn Van Wieren, that’s not going to cut it if the Flying Dutchmen hope to capture a fifth straight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

“It’s going to be a battle every time you’re on the floor. You’ve got to come to play,” Van Wieren said.

“Right now to win our league you’re going to have to put a string together.”

But following a 74-56 thrashing at the hands of rival Calvin, the Flying Dutchmen look to contend with their own streak of one.

“Our longest streak in the league is one game. We need to regroup and we will, I have confidence in this team,” Van Wieren said. “We’ll come back strong.”

The team has shown signs of putting together streaks. Against Albion, Hope had the lead until the backdoor cut. But then the Knight defense clamped down.

Hope didn’t score another field goal until Kyle Holmes (‘00) hit a three with 21 seconds left.

“This is the first time we’ve been beaten this way in a while and they beat us good,” Van Wieren said.

The loss put Hope two games behind the Knights, and continued the team’s inability to string together wins.

“We need to win on the road,” Van Wieren said.

While most Hope College students spent their winter vacation at home relaxing, the swim teams were hard at work. They trained for five hours a day for two weeks.

The hard work has been paying off. Last Friday the Women’s team defeated a strong Kalamazoo squad 140-102.

“We had a really good meet Friday,” said team captain Lenna Durgin (‘00).

The Kalamazoo meet was a fun meet,” agrees Michelle Fangmeier (‘99).

The women’s team has not lost a dual meet in the last two years. It doesn’t look like that streak will be broken anytime soon. The team’s current record is 3-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Conference.

The men’s team has “real solid all year,” according to Patterson.

Hope and Calvin, who are tied for first place in the league, will meet again Saturday, Jan. 23, for a dual meet in Grand Rapids, Tuesday.

Basketball team take to the road after loss

Paul Loodeen
sports editor

Some days you just can’t win. Saturday was one of those days for the Hope women’s basketball team. Calvin came to town and they came to play.

“Calvin came to win, they came to play,” said head coach Brian Motz.

“They made a lot of good shots. Calvin shot well in the first half, they were 15-50 from the floor and 5-6 at the free throw line. This helped them to jump out to a 36-23 lead over the Flying Dutch who only shot 10-30 from the floor and 8-16 from the line.

“We dug a hole in the first half,” said Morehouse.

“We got down to match to early,” said Amy Brower (‘01). “They dictated everything.”

“We got so concerned about Calvin and we got out of our game,” said Kristin Keongsknecht (‘01).

After the first half the Flying Dutch were forced to play catchup to the Knights. It wasn’t until late in the second half that Hope showed signs of life by turning a 55-55 deficit, at 12:12 to go in the half, into a 67-60 deficit with 4:50 to go in the game.

Lisa Hoekstra (‘00), Renee Carlson (‘99), and Tara Hosford (‘99) picked up a comeback but it was not enough to overcome the Knights who won the game 80-67.

“We used all our energy trying to battle back, that we didn’t have the energy to battle all the way back,” Morehouse said.

Morehouse attributes the comeback to the more aggressive play of the Dutch even though they short.

“In the second half we had to prove ourselves on defense which sparked our defense,” Morehouse said.

“We weren’t the same team that played Defense,” Keongsknecht said.

It is only the second loss for the Flying Dutch this season and it is only their first loss in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association play. However the loss is a tough one for the team the rest of the way leading up to the MIAA tourname

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In the bleachers

Welcome back to a second semester of Hope athletics. Another semester starts in the middle of the winter sports season. This year is a little bit different than years past though. This year is the first year in the history of the men’s basketball team not dominating and preparing for the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. Right now, they are struggling to reach five hundred. Yet, this winter sports season is still a season of contrasts.

The men might be struggling right now, but the women’s basketball team has dominated heading into their six-game road trip that starts Saturday, Jan. 23 at St. Mary’s.

The women’s basketball teams are a tradition of excellence that has marked them at St. Mary’s. These are just a few of the players from last season. Don’t mention the loss of talented players from last season. Have difficulties now. Every team has a period of transition, and head coach Glenn Van Weeren will find some way to win and put the team back on track. The women’s team is having a great year so far but have a tough road in front of them. Six consecutive road games: St. Mary’s, Adrian, Alma, Olivet, Albion, and Defiance. They come back home for a game against Kalamazoo, then play their last season game at Calvin.

The Flying Dutch has a short road to a 12-2 mark so far by playing at home, but the road gets a lot longer down the stretch.

Men’s and women’s swimming are strong. The women are undefeated and the men’s only loss is to long-time rivals Kalamazoo. These two teams have had a long history, and there is no talk of reducing it for the top spot in the NCAA Championships. The men’s team also has a long history of adversity this year. Losing two close games to Michigan hurt the team in their conference standings, but not as much as the injury bug has lately.

In the past two years, four different players have missed a game or more. Mike Evink (’01) out with a torn neck muscle in a Friday night game versus Central Michigan, Clark Beacom (’01) sent to the hospital in the first period of that same game for stitches, Brandon Johnson (’02) back spasms against Central Michigan, and Jon Kopcheck (’01) received a concussion in the Central Michigan game.

Add the fact that some players have transferred or are out for personal reasons has hurt them. I guess what I am getting at is that these teams are part of the college and deserve to be supported in good times and in bad.

The women’s basketball game against Calvin was packed and that is the first time I have been there. It is great, but at the same time, the men’s game against Calvin did not sell out until the Tuesday before the game. That is the first time that I can remember that happening so late in the week since I have been here.

Never have I seen crowds at the swim meets to support both teams, which have been very successful in the past and now. If anything, be an all-season fan and support your athletes that play for and represent you and the college.

Andrew Kleczek

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Paul Loodeen

COOLING DOWN: Tom Bowers (’00), Eric Bishop (’00) and Dan Dolby (’99) sit back and watch their teammates battle it out against Kalamazoo on Friday.

Men finish just behind K-Zoo

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