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He will succeed John Jacobson, who has held office since July 1, 1988.

Bultman was chosen following a nationwide search that began shortly after Jacobson announced his retirement plans last January.

Bultman’s involvement at Hope did not end with graduation. Shortly thereafter, he joined the education faculty in 1968. He later served as department chair and was the dean of social sciences from 1982 until his departure in 1985.

Bultman was also active as an assistant football coach, and was head baseball coach from 1971 to 1985.

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James Bekkering’s experiences at Hope might have been a little different if he hadn’t met James Bultman.

Bekkering ‘65, Vice President of Admissions, was paired with Bultman ‘63 in Kollen Hall during Bekkering’s freshman year. Bultman was a junior and the Resident Assistant.

“As an incoming freshman coming to Hope, I didn’t realize how fortunate I was to have him as a roommate,” Bekkering said. “He set an incredible example for me.”

During the 1960s quiet hour began at 7 p.m. and ended at 1 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.

“He had an incredible sense of self-discipline. The guy was able to do it all,” Bekkering said. “He was able to have a lot of different items on the plate and had the organizational skills and discipline to do them all well.”

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.

Campus hit with record snowfall

SARA E LAMERS

While some to some the natural occurrence of snow and ice may suggest a winter wonderland, to others it can prove to be a curse.

Such was the case for the snow removal employees of the Physical Plant who contributed 143 hours of overtime to clearing parking lots and sidewalks after the initial storm covered the campus in white.

“Normally we don’t have that kind of overtime, but with the extent of the storm, we needed extra help,” said Gerald Rademaker, Director of the Physical Plant.

While the snow has decreased, winter conditions are still on the mind of many individuals.

The wintry conditions have shown no partiality towards students returning for the semester.

Mimi Wacker ‘99 had “the worst drive” in her Jeep Cherokee with Amanda Black ‘99 returning from Indianapolis on Sunday, Jan. 9.

“Indiana was fine, but once we entered Michigan, it got worse,” Wacker said. “We were on (the U.S. 31/S-106 split). I felt in control of the (top). We were going with the flow of traffic, about 55 m.p.h. The car started sliding, then we spun around (in a 180-degree turn), and we slid into ditch to the right of the road. The Jeep rolled twice and landed right-side-up.”

Wacker and Black had no injuries and the tumble did not break any of the Jeep’s windows.

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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 this meeting.

As graduation nears, Fretz felt that his search for a job would interfere with effectively filling his role in congress. ‘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.

‘I’d hate to go backwards when we’ve made so much progress,’ said Fretz’s departure. Marolt feels that Congress will continue to build on the successes of the year. ‘This just reinforces the responsibility and respect Congress deserves,’ Marolt said. ‘Matt did a very admirable thing.’

Fretz’s resignation will be named at this meeting. If he had not resigned, other positions besides Vice President still need to be filled, in addition to several other positions. Despite Fretz’s departure, Marolt 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.’

Student Congress Vice President Fretz resigns

Round Robin kicks off annual Greek Rush events

Sara E Lamers

campus beat editor

With the adoption of a new NME policy and the hiring of a new advisor, members of Greek Life feel 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.

“At nice to meet everyone in the sorority and get a full representation of what each was like and what they entail,” said Amy VandenSlicke (‘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 VanHoose (‘99), Pan-Hel Vice President. “It was a very admirable thing.”

Among the speakers is James Kennedy, assistant professor of history. He is currently involved in research high energy phenomenon and blood pressure.

There’s a wide variety of things to get people involved in Greek Life,” said Kate MacDonells (’00), Pan-Hel Vice President. “It is a good time for Rushers to get to know each other as well as the actives.”

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 Rush will conclude for fraternity and sorority Rush last week.

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. The event combines a series of seminars, a luncheon, and a home men’s basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 23.

“The winter season is a good opportunity for the staff to showcase their special interests or projects which they have been working on,” said Lynn Ponder, 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 can only maintain their new year’s resolutions for a small period of time. Another seminar of local interest explores the religious history 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 1:15 p.m., one may explore the stars with the Hubble telescope, travel to India, or hear the first hand 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 history. He is currently in the process of writing a book on the history of the Dutch use of eutanias.

Biography 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 ensembles will perform.

The speakers are chosen by the Alumni offices on the recommendations of the Provost 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.

Ponder has already received over 300 reservations and 100 tickets and attendance is required for the luncheon and also recommended for the seminars. For information, call the college’s Office of Public and Alumni Relations at (616) 395-7860.
The event featured speaker Frank Wu, the Gospel Choir, and student readings.

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The ninth annual commemorative service was held in Dimnent Chapel Monday.

The theme of "A Catalyst for Change: Renewing Dr. King's Dream," the program featured the Hope College Gospel Choir, excerpts from Dr. King's speeches, Scripture readings, and a keynote address given by Frank H. Wu, associate professor and supervising attorney with Howard University of Law in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Wu began his address by speaking of a personal experience of discrimination. "This is the story of a lack of people and equipment," he said.

"Our big temperature swings are our most noticeable effect," said Van Heukelom, with the money, Phelps can send cans and other minorities," he said.

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"The program was created to be an additional service to the community," he said.

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All the president’s people

When James Bultman begins his tenure as the President of Hope College, there should be 3000 students waiting to shake his hand.

Every student should take five minutes of their time to spill concerns about the college, their classes, their lives in general.

The president is the most powerful individual 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 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 he 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 bent learning curve

It’s hard to distinguish who those who pay tuition at Hope College are from students who are retired. Many who have retired regularly would down on Fretz and see him as another irresponsible college kid, with his head in the sand and arms flaring. What I see is a student-adult who cared enough in this in the status quo. But when those in power give the students responsibility, students want no blame. They want to becottled and invulnerable, as if frommolly and daddy could fix things. The border to the real world is too close and often students feel that heat.

When Student Congress Vice President Matt Fretz (’99) announced that he was retiring, it was with a heart that young individuals would down on Fretz and see him as another irresponsible college kid, with his head in the sand and arms flaring. Instead of the real world approach he decided that rather than be a burden to Student Congress, he would step down. He accepted the reality that he would not be able to fill the position as he saw fit. And by doing so, he accepted blame and made no excuses. He wouldn’t be able to do the job and stepped aside.

Often we can’t accept this. Students power giver in thought, make poor decisions, whatever and pass the blame. Point fingers. Make excuses. Hide and look for someone else to clean up the mess. If Fretz had wanted to, he could have stayed on Congress. He could have finished the semester, graduat- ed, moved on. Only he would have been the most powerful person, the president should be sure the students are heard.

To the Editor:

What a wonderful year it has been for Student Congress. The year began with over a third of the student body voting in the general election for student representatives. We have seen unparalleled cooperation with the administration and faculty regarding issues pertinent to us as students.

Open channels of communication have been created between Hope students and the Holland Police Department. The $55 ten lunch pass, formerly for commuter students, is now available for all students living off campus. We have continued cooperation with the Campus Life Board, the faculty, IFC, and Pan Hel to have seen the establishment of a long term evaluation process for New Member Education, leaving current policies in place for the next four years unless the need arises for change.

Students donated several hundred meals to food drives for the Holland City Mission. Change machines are on their way to on campus laundry facilities. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is coming to Hope as part of the continuing Speaker Series.

With these accomplishments, and many others already under our belt, the sky is the limit for the future. Congress is in a wonderful shape, this fact is part of the reason which makes a very personal decision a little easier. There is a need for the Vice President of Student Congress to be capable of devoting their undivided attention to the future and fulfilling the duties of the job.

Due to personal reasons I no longer feel I have the 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 for- ward to seeing where Congress goes from here.
Art and Faith Intersect

DANA LAMERS, editor

The Lewis Event was so refreshing because it tore apart some of the myths of what Christian art is or has to be. It used to be that "Christian art" at the Church was all the best artists and composers to work to permeate everything I do. My art is the way I see the world, through a lens of faith.

Slocum. "I was excited to see so many people come and go. I never had quite that quality and creativity do not exclude people who are not usually overly interested in typical arts or Christianity.

The meeting served as a chance to play in an atmosphere new to the world of arts, and vice versa. Artists get to hear about other art forms and their own faith.

We will figure out if we should do this again with arts or with a different discipline," said Tanis. For the organizers of the event, the weekend was the realization of months of work.

"I saw some new faces," Moore said. "It was excellent, very true to the book." Tanis said. "Karen Mulder (who was a speaker for the weekend’s sessions) worked for the C.S. Lewis Foundation and was taken by the piece and would like to see it happen again. This could be the beginning of something bigger."

The performers enjoyed the event, the sessions they performed in, and the experience as a whole. The artists loved it," Tanis said. "It was rewarding for them to get a warm response and good contact with the crowd. Ferdinand Ortega even was quoted to see so many people come and go, said Sully Moore. "I was very happy about the turnout; it was very well attended.

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Art and faith are not just parts of our life. They permeate everything I do. My art is the way I see the world, through a lens of faith.

Slocum, Sixpence None the Richer

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"I went basically for the entertainment," said Dan Zoller. "I went for the art and faith, not to exclude anyone who is not usually overly interested in typical arts or Christianity.

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I was very well attended."
Meeting me

Wow. I can hardly believe I'm back at this computer screen typing a column as the intermission rolls on. Again. Seems like it's been ages. I guess it has been awhile.

Some of you may not recognize me as part of the Ask-staff because I wasn't there last semester. This past fall I had the opportunity to study off campus as part of the Oregon Extension program. I got to live in the woods in a little cabin, read a lot of books (including The Brothers Karamazov), wrote a few papers, visited San Fran, Seattle, the Oregon coast. I got to meet some incredible people and made some friends that I will have for life.

But mostly, I got to meet me. Not the person who was on some quest to "find myself" when I took off from O'Hare airport last August 29. I really had no idea what I might find when I went out to the Pacific Northwest. What I did discover was a chance to experience life away from home, from Hope. Basically away from everything that has been my life for over 21 years.

Don't get me wrong — I was itching to run away and escape everything. I just discovered over the course of the semester that being out of the world that defines us can give us a chance to explore different sides of our personalities, sides we might not even have known existed.

Personally, I found that I love to lip sync to cheerful Eighties songs (for example, "Making Love (Out of Nothing At All)") by Air Supply; I learned it's really cold to skinny-dip on the night of the first snowfall; from personal experience I can truly say that it doesn't hurt that much to move, my nose pierced. I rediscovered that Flaugh, a lot. Seriously though, I had almost four months to really look inside myself and ask the questions that beg to be answered but that I'm often too scared to confront. Things like who I really am and who God is and how all works together. I don't really know if I came to any sure conclusions, but I think maybe I'm just searching for answers that taught me a lot. I got to go inside myself to places I'd never been before and look honestly at my life and other's.

Although I no longer there, I have kept many of the lessons I've learned with me. I hope I can continue to be open and honest with myself and others, and be always willing to ask the tough questions, no matter how hard they might be to answer. And I hope we can all have the chance to visit our own Oregon. If you have the chance to go off campus, let me highly recommend it, it's been a highlight of my Hope career and one of the best experiences of my life.

Even if you don't go somewhere, allow yourself to explore what's inside without being scared at what you might find. Let your mind wander a bit in those quiet moments that most of us avoid like the plague. Maybe you'll find tough questions or maybe just a sappy, old love song. Either way, you'll get to meet someone you might like a lot you.

KATE FOLKERT

Meeting celebrities like Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks, Mark McGwire, Steve Martin and more sounds like a great way to spend a semester. 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 job that I had to do," said Rodgers. "I also got to sit in on the editing and watch the interview Kate Couric did with the producer of Sesame Street and Elmo."

Rodgers other big project was to research for the year-ender, a compilation of the big news events of the past year. She was personally responsible for finding information on Mark McGwire and steroid use.

"Working with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer every day made me realize they were just people.

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 highlighting the 35th anniversary of "Sesame Street."

"I helped write the script, then logged everything, which means I wrote down every single thing that is said and where it is on the tape," said Rodgers. "I also get to sit in on the editing and watch the interview Kate Couric did with the producer of Sesame Street and Elmo."

The producer had collected every radio call from every home run Mark McGwire hit during the season, she said.

For the in-terviewer, Rodgers helped set up the segment with the graphics editor. Her ideas were used and seen in the final product that aired.

As far as what the internship taught her, Rodgers felt her background from Hope was beneficial.

"I really enjoyed being away. It gave me a chance to really grow up," she said. "There, I was where I wanted to be. I felt allowed to be my own person."

Despite less than ideal living quarters, Rodgers found things in the city were great.

"I loved it," she said. "There was always something to do."

For Rodgers, the semester was memorable for another reason. Both she and her boyfriend were in New York together and were engaged at the 020 of the U.S. Open. "We scalped tickets and saw Pete Sampras play afterwards," she laughed.

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 a foot in the door and a step in the right direction," she said.
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. I’m excited and I’m already getting senioritis, but on the other hand we are right now.”

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.”

“I’ve done a lot of planning and work on my own,” said Wezeman, “but I’ve gotten a lot of advice from peers, advisors, and professors.”

Graduate Schools

For some students, finding a career and paying off college loans are right now among the top priorities on their list. For others, finding a job is a concern that they have been focusing on for years.

Most seniors taking the graduate school route are now in the waiting stage, watching the mail for acceptance letters, which usually start appearing by Spring Break.

“I’m hoping to get into graduate school,” said Angela Benson (‘99). “I’ve done all the application process, now I’m just waiting. It’s kind of frustrating. I just want to know what I’m going to be doing the next two years.”

Benson did her background work on her own.

“I looked for web pages for schools. Most have online forms to get applications,” she said.

Job Search

Job Search workshops are already supposed to be on the path to locating a possible career and building a network of contacts in fields of interest.

“We won’t be more ready than we are,” said Tim Bekkering (‘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 in.”

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. Very specific information on cover letters, as well as thank-you letters, follow-up letters, job acceptance letters, and letters of refusal.

Interviewing

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Strings highlight Great Performance Series

KATE FOLKERT
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 be performing 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 NHK Shinsei Symphony Orchestra in Tokyo, and the Handel and Haydn Society in Boston.

Tickets for the concert are available at the door. Cost is $15.50 for adults, $10.50 for senior citizens, and $6.50 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.

Photo courtesy of Public Relations Office

Old meets new
New choir director joins music faculty

KATE FOLKERT
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 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 in volved with this for so many years that I could just give them a call and they could help me out.”

In addition to continuing these 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 a focal 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 summers, and 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. The weekend has arrived, and in Holland, Michigan, there’s really 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 hometown, 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 fondly dubbed “The Pit” by Hope seniors. 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 bit of fun.”

Well, that’s what they did in the seventies for weekend fun, but that seems hard to apply to today’s weekends. I know the feeling well. It’s the weekend, the single thing that has been your lifeline 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 or Leonardo DiCaprio, you sit down in front of the TV, and find yourself completely in the minority. Also, there was a tournament going on that night.

“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.”

“Taco Night” was 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 created in the spring of 1982. The party was titled, “Ten Years From Now,” and was held at the Crow in Saugatuck. Soon to graduate, seniors dressed up as what they thought were their future professions. The seniors who created the party told the Anchor in 1982, that they wanted to remain anonymous, and this is to be seen as “seniors doing for seniors.”

“Too often today people aren’t willing to take chances. Of course it is one thing to go to a movie-theater, and another to setup a weekly dinner, but both ideas were things that people decided to gamble on. The first skinny-dipper could have gone to the beach every weekend on his own and could have been labeled a freak, just as the first taco dinner could have been labeled as lame because the guess of honor had only a three-person audience. The point is that these people tried something new, something that I don’t see a lot of on campuses.”

“Every year, we have a winter wonderland, but it also provided an opportunity to remove yourself from the routine weekends in front of the TV, and find something new and creative to do. Some good conversations, don’t talk at the TV. The other day some friends and I went to a pool hall but not too far off campus. It was scary because none of us had played pool, and when we arrived, we found ourselves completely in the minority. Also, there was a tournament goting on that night. We played only two games, but it took us more than an hour. In the end, we decided it was a lot of fun, and it was pretty inexpensive too. It was scary to go into there because it is not exactly a well-known Hope College hangout, but in the end, it was a new experience for us, and it was definitely better than watching Big again.

“Playing in a Winter Wonderland”

As everyone has no doubt noticed, great heaping piles of white snow covered 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 ways to enjoy it.

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For Hope freshman Alicia Kaneshiro (’02), the typical Holland snowfall came somewhat as a shock. A native of Hawaii, this past year has been Kaneshiro’s first winter and her first time experiencing the snow firsthand.

“I think it’s pretty amazing,” said Kaneshiro, “the way it’s everywhere. [Snow] makes everything look the same.”

This past weekend, Kaneshiro and her good friend Sun Troyer (’02) built Alicia’s first-ever snowman outside of Van Vleck Hall. The endeavor took the pair about an hour.

Kaneshiro confessed that making a snowman was harder than it appeared.

“I was surprised at how heavy the snow was,” she said. “The hardest part, though, was trying to find buckets for his hands.”

Troyer admitted that building a snowman was more difficult than she had anticipated as well.

“It was hard because I hadn’t been a snowman for a while,” Troyer reported.

Overall, Kaneshiro appears to be enjoying her first winter in Holland, even if it is different than 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 sides of their house, measuring 12 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 long “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 25-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 doubt that the snow will return.

And with it all, the fun that a Hope student can imagine.
Thanks for understanding and listening. Even when I don't make sense (which is most of the time).

Senior Legacies - You are all doing a great job. Let's keep the fire and fun going this semester! - Dan

Squirrelly Collector - It was really nice to spend some time with you. Nice to spend some time with you.

Liz & Al - I wear the post hall and all those gorgeous guys calling our names! Next week, same time?

Zuverink Women - We deserve a break (already). Let's get some rest and go swimming this Friday! - Steen

Hey Slick! Watch out for icy patches and quit grabbing people's butts.

Superwoman - Was that you I saw walking away from my neighbor's house at 4 a.m. last night? Parental breaker!!

Poll Cottage - Who's got World Cup Fever? - Q

Senior Legacies - You are all doing a great job. Let's keep the fire and fun going this semester! - Dan

Milestone Editors - I love you guys! You are the absolute best. You are making some great progress. Welcome to the best year ever!

Listen to Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon. 4-6 Sundays on WTHS 89.9 for your favorites.

To the best roomies in the world: Thanks for understanding and listening, even when I don't make sense which is most of the time.

Editors: Thanks for all the help. We love all you guys most of the time. Anyways. - J & C

VY Party of 6: You guys rock! I'm so glad that I met all of you this year and I hope our good times will continue through this semester.

Matt Scoot is horny. '02 Song Girls should call him for a hot date sometime.

Continue through this semester. 

Lanky: When Weezer gets back together, I will consider going with you. Provided you can wear my combat boots.

Remember with ATA, you're on your own. Don't be a lemming!

Sarah: Don't be a lemming!

WHO (Women's Issues Organization) meeting this Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at Zuverink Cottage. Open to both women and men!

Someday everyone will be sorry for making fun of a certain Superwoman.

Sheryl Crow has much more musical talent than the Beastie Boys.

Bultman from I

Broadening is positive that Bultman will fill the expectations expected 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. I will focus my energy on giving Northwestern the attention it deserves and I feel President Jacobson deserves this time as well to make his final months the best."

Under Bultman's leadership Northwestern increased its endowment from $2.5 million to $25 million, raised more than $30 million for capital campaign projects, included the renovation of several classrooms. Jacobson expressed confidence in Bultman's ability to fill the role of president.

"Dr. Bultman has fourteen years of successful experience as a college president," he said. "He knows Hope College well and will continue to lead Hope in the direction spelled out in A Vision of Hope, a vision of Hope's future adopted by the Board of Trustees. Hope has a bright future under Dr. Bultman's leadership and he will continue to build upon the college's strong foundation."

These sentiments were echoed by several administrators.

"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 in 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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The Flying Dutch move to the top of the MIAA

ANDREW KLECEK
staff reporter

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

The hard work has been paying off. Last Friday the Flying Dutch showcased their past 19 dual meet wins, and Calvin showcased their past 19 league championships. The rivalry also had 70 wins apiece, and Calvin coach Kevin Vasey Streett said, "We'll come back strong."

The league championships will be held February 10-13 at Hope. The team will look to repeat as league champions, Hope will look to gel back into the top of the league, and Calvin will be our hardest competition at the rest of the year. We need to win every time we play. We don't come easy," Van Wieren said.

Basketball team take to the road after loss

PAUL LOODEEN
sports editor

Good teams win at home, but the great teams win on the road — Brian Morehouse
Women's basketball coach

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

And according to head coach Glenn Van Wieren that's not going to cut it if the Flying Dutch 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 drubbing at the hands of rival Calvin, the Flying Dutch look to contend with a 6-8 overall mark, 2-2 in the MIAA.

The Flying Dutchmen have been unable to put together a streak in the league. Following a 74-69 defeat of Oliver, Hope lost to Albion 70-61 in a last-second backdoor cut. Hope stopped Kalamazoo 81-68, before dropping to Calvin.

They whipped us, I do realize that. They stepped up good," Van Wieren said.

Hope hasn't put back to back wins since following up a 64-67 Wheaton victory, with a 102-53 drubbing of East-West, III. In the first round of the Russ DeVette Holiday Classic, in late December.

The match up between Hope and Calvin showcased the past 19 league champions, Hope with the past 12 and Calvin with eight of their own. (Hope, Calvin and Albion tied in 1980-81). The rivalry also had 70 wins apiece, and Calvin coach Kevin Vasey Streett said, "We'll come back strong."

Calvin took control early, taking a 43-32 halftime lead. Hope was able to pull within one point when Kyle VanderWall ('01) hit a three to make it 48-47 with 14:33 left. But then the Knights defense clamped down.

Hope didn't score another field goal until Kyle 'Helps' ('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.

"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, and only a narrow miss by Mark Bray ('00) kept the team from winning.

"It's a game of whatever, inches, feet, yards, whatever," Van Wieren said. "But we still haven't won a game against Hope."

"We'll have more games just like this. We'll be just fine, but we're going to have to be ready every time we step on the floor."

Several individuals have shown signs of stepping up for the Flying Dutchmen. Pat Stegeman ('99) and Chris Vander Slike ('99) have shown leadership, while Craig Veldman ('00) has stepped into the starting lineup with the departure of Josh Cantor ('00).

"Craig is becoming more and more a complete player," Van Wieren said.

Van Wieren has also been pleased with the play of his bench. "Every single player has been making a positive, integral, significant contribution to this team and that's the beauty of this team right now," Van Wieren said.

Hope will look to get back into the league championship hunt with a game tonight at Alma, before hosting Adrian Saturday at 3 p.m.

"We need to win every time we play. Wins don't come easy," Van Wieren said.
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 is 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. 3. At St. Mary’s. The winning streaks are carrying on a tradition of excellence that has marked them for a number of years. Starting before I arrived on campus. Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams are fighting for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association crown, while individuals work to make times for qualifying in the NCAA Championships.

The hockey team is still struggling even though much improvement has taken place since its inception two years ago. However, they still stand a chance to qualify for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament in March. These are just a few of the changes this season, not to mention the loss of talented players from last season. Don’t get on their case or stop going to the games because they are having difficulties now. Every team has a period of transition, and head coach Glenn Van Wieren will find some way to win and put the team back on top.

The men’s team is having a great year so far but have a tough road in front on 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 of dueling it out for the top spot in the MIAA, and this year should be no different. The hockey team has also had a lot of adversity this year. Losing two close games to Calvin 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) was sent to the hospital in the first period of that same game for stitches. Brandon Johnson (’02), back spasms against Central Michigan, and Jon Kopchick (’02) received a concussion in the Central Michigan game.

Add the fact that some players have transferred or are ineligible 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 can remember that happening since I have been here. It is great, but at the same time, the men’s game against Calvin did not sell out until the Tuesday before the next game. That is the first time that I can remember that happening so late in the season since I have been here.

I never have seen crowds at the swim meets to support both teams, which have been very successful in the past and even now. If anything, it is an all season fun and supportive your athletes that play (for and represent you and the college.

Andrew Kleczer

COOLING DOWN:

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

Andy Kleczer, staff reporter

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ENGLISH from 6

One finalist, in addition to Montano has been on campus for the Ethnic American Literature opening, and the third will be visiting soon. The finalists for the creative writing position have yet to come to campus.

Decisions concerning which candidates will be extended invitations to join the Hope college faculty will be made in late January or early February for the opening in Ethnic American Literature, and announcements concerning the creative writing position will be made in mid February. Schukel said that they may hire up to three professors to fill the openings.

Andrew Kleczer

Men finish just behind K-Zoo

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