Dean of Chapel candidate returns to Hope

Mackenzie Smith

Reverend Trygve Johnson, a candidate for the vacant Dean of the Chapel position, will be returning to Hope's campus today. Before leaving on Tuesday, he will preach at the Gathering and spend time meeting with students. The times and locations of these meetings will be posted on the KnowHope website.

Johnson is, thus far, the only potential dean of chapel to visit campus. This will be his second visit to Hope. During his first visit last semester, he preached at a chapel service and at the Sunday evening Gathering. He also participated in numerous interviews with faculty and staff members.

The Hope community's response to Johnson's visit was generally positive. Paul Boersma, director of campus ministries, said there were several themes that Johnson's faculty interviewers approved of.

They took a strong liking to his educational background. In small groups he had good people skills and good leadership skills too," said Boersma.

The responsibility for selecting a new dean falls to a search committee composed of three students, five faculty members, four members of the administration and one Board of Trustees member. This committee was created last March, after Tim Brown announced he would not be returning to his position as dean in the fall.

Amy Zwart ('04) is one of the committee's members.

"Reverend Johnson has been invited to return to our campus because we as a committee felt that his original visit did not include sufficient interaction with students to provide the necessary feedback," Zwart said.

Boersma, in his role as a member of the search committee, will stay positive in the job search.

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Thursday marks the beginning of Hope's Martin Luther King Jr. honorary events.

Despite the fact that the observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day falls on Monday, the 14th annual MLK Jr. commemorative service and keynote address, which will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Glen Maysick, executive director of the African American Council of the Reformed Church of America, will present a speech entitled "Dream Deferred." He will also speak in chapel that morning.

"He will talk about King's dream and how it transformed the U.S. during the Civil Rights Movement. King was the sort of leader who looked at things from a love perspective, versus the eye-for-an-eye posture," said Vanessa Greene, director of Multicultural Life.

Greene notes that West Michigan is nationally known as one of the least integrated areas in the nation, and that the minority population along with Caucasians on campus each play a part in diversity.

"Hope's students have not had a lot of exposure to diversity. When a situation doesn't impact you directly, you don't have a reason to think or care about it," said Greene.

"It's hard for many to conceive a dream because they haven't necessarily had the struggles that makes that dream more meaningful for a person of color."

To continue the events, both Cook and Phelps will be serving a "Soul Food" dinner on Jan. 22 for students with meal plans. To follow, several choirs will present a "Gospel Fest" on Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. Hope's Gospel Choir will perform, along with the Messiah Missionary Baptist Church Choir, the Voices of Grand Valley State University and the Brown-Hutchinson Ministries Praise Dance Team.

Greene encourages the community to attend and increase their knowledge of King efforts, as well as the efforts that continue within today's minorities.

"This becomes an issue of truth," Greene said. "How much truth do people really want?"
Along with his faithful canine companion Elvis, Dr. Timothy Pennings will be lecturing at 11 a.m. on "Do Dogs Know Calculus?" Having taught in Hope's department of Mathematics since 1988, this is not the first time that Pennings has spoken at a Winter Happenings event. "About six or seven years ago I spoke on the theory of chaos," said Pennings. This, along with the infinite, is where his professional interests lie. "When Lynn Powe came this year to ask the department if anyone had a seminar idea, I mentioned my work with Elvis," said Pennings. "With all of the recognition that a calculus ability became known to Pennings during a game of "fetch" on a Lake Michigan beach. Knowing that a standard calculus problem is one in which the quickest path from a point on shore to a point in the lake (given that running speed is greater than swimming speed), Pennings noticed that the paths Elvis took were very similar to the paths predicted by the calculus. In his seminar, Pennings will reveal the information that was found when this canine ability was experimentally tested. The media attention that they have received will also be covered, which includes recognition from the Queen of England.

The research is also being included in a book about the most surprising scientific experiments of the past 700 years, written by a Swiss author.

Following the morning seminars, a luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the Hasworth Inn and Conference Center Ballroom. The program will feature Hope's new women's a cappella group. Luminescence. The cost is $11 per person.

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Hannah Rapson (’04) creates her self portrait in one of her last art classes before graduation. After graduation, Rapson is unsure of her future career, but she is looking forward to seeing where life takes her.

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**Men, Women and Rape**

**Phil Wadkins**  
Columnist

Sexual Assault Is A Four-Letter Word

Over Christmas break, my Dad and I drove to Food Lion to buy a birthday card for my mother. We pulled into a parking spot next to a teenager waiting in the passenger seat of a mini-van. As I got out of the passenger door, she slammed the automatic lock. I wanted to tell her, "Please don't lock your door. You don't have to fear me. I hate violence. I would never rape you."

But how could she have known I wanted to say that? To her I was a potential rapist and, like deciding to take an umbrella outside on a rainy day, her choice must have seemed like common sense.

The mere fact that I was a man was all it took to make her fear me.

Women must fear each man they encounter before trusting him. Even non-rapists men maintain power over women because men don't have to be constantly on guard for their safety, an overwhelming uneasiness in any solitude. In short, the threat of rape helps men maintain power over women through a constant state of fear.

Many people are reluctant to talk about sexual assault, to confront its intense emotions.

Those who are willing to talk often lack the expertise to really help. Our culture is full of jokes that imply rape and often reinforce the values that create it. Take, for example, the common tale of a caveman dragging his woman to his lair by her hair. Presumably he has his way with the bloodied woman back in his cave, but the joke never extends that far, never mentions the woman's pain and struggle from being beaten and dragged by her hair. I am hard pressed to remember three blatant examples of rape in sitcoms, movies and popular music.

The majority of scholars from Cultural Heritage Class, most notably Simund Fradis and Karl Marx, shy away from discussing rape. Our culture accepts and promotes rape in its lack of discussions and by allowing the assailants to live without confronting their crimes and by discouraging rape survivors from telling their stories.

Yet, despite the silence, the violent act is everywhere. According to "For Loved Ones of Sexual Assault/Abuse Survivors," a pamphlet found at the University of Illinois, one in four women will be the victim of some form of sexual assault in their lifetime. This is only an estimate because only about 10 percent of rapes are ever reported. Additionally, one in 12 men admit to acts that meet legal definitions of rape, yet few of these men identify themselves as rapists. Rape is not just harms, but a byproduct of the way our culture associates violence with masculinity.

Much of our cultural awareness about rape, such as Hope's self-defense classes or the shuttle van, places responsibility on women to prevent being assaulted. Men are rarely asked to take responsibility for their sexual behavior, to realize the power that even potential rape provides them. Since they generally don't have to fear or take responsibility for it, men can't just ignore the issue and look the other way.

Our society would rather condemn women for wearing suggestive clothing or being unchaste instead of admitting there is something wrong with a gender role that encourages men to rape.

This purpose of this column is to increase discussion at Hope about sexual harassment. Rape is not an issue that only concerns women. It is an issue that affects anyone with a mother, sister, girlfriend or female friend. Understanding, preventing and coping with rape comes from an active community of compassion and discussion.

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**Interested in joining a new organization devoted to bringing out the best in its members?**

Mortar Board has been a part of Hope College for many years. It is an organization dedicated to scholarship, leadership, and service. Please contact any member for information about joining. Interests span majors from a 3.5 GPA or better and who did not receive or return an invitation can go to the Student Union Desk to pick up an application beginning Saturday. (If you did receive and return an invitation, you will be mailed an application.) Applications are due to Student Development no later than Feb. 2.

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Students warned to guard against identity theft

Fraud is not just an abstract problem; colleagues should be aware

INFOCUS

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Every year, over 10 million people are victims of identity theft crimes and students are particularly susceptible. Businesses, the elderly, and anyone who utilizes their Social Security number (SSN) frequently are also vulnerable.

Robert Paige, the U.S. secretary of education says students "get a lot of credit-card applications, but for some this was not the case. Amanda Bertlinski '06 said the transition from Hope to home was difficult. Bertlinski comes from a Christian home, but the emphasis on Christ is almost non-existent.

The FTC continued to its effort to combat identity theft problems with the passage of Section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act on January 1, 2004. One part of the proposal introduces "red flag" indicators of identity theft. Banking staffs now have the opportunity to "identify and maintain a list of red flag indicators of identity theft for use in their oversight of financial institutions they regulate" (pg. 6).

For example, if there is a question of identity between a consumer and a member of the banking staff, the bank will have on file a set of personal questions that only the consumer would know the correct answer to.

Future objectives of the FTC include improving relationships with law enforcement and government agencies, "to promote the investigation and prosecution of identity thieves, to capture more data on identity theft, and to provide more extensive analysis of such data" (pg. 6).
New art faculty exhibit shines

Maureen Yonovitz

This past semester, Hope’s art department introduced two new faculty members: Katherine Sullivan and Israel Davis. Last Friday, these two artists made a different kind of debut in an exhibit featuring their work in the DePree Gallery.

“It’s really a way of introducing Israel and to Hope and introducing Hope to us,” Sullivan said. “Giving them a chance to see what we do.”

Sullivan’s contribution to the show comprises two different bodies of work. The first group includes small paintings from an ongoing seascape series that started in 2000. The second is a series of figure paintings that started in 2002. This is the first time the figures have been shown as a group, and Sullivan believes the seascapes complement these pieces nicely.

“We decided to include the seascapes because the formal decisions in the figure paintings often came directly out of things that happened in the seascape paintings,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan explained that she usually spends two to three weeks working on the seascapes paintings, a week and a half in the fall and a week and a half in the spring. “I see them as a vacation from the studio printings,” Sullivan said. According to Davis, his work in the show primarily consists of clay prints that have a documentary-commentary theme with topics ranging from consumerism to war to the decline of the American bison.

“There’s so much going on in Israel’s work that you don’t get at a first reading,” Sullivan said. “You have to look at it time and time again. That’s what I like about the work. That it has a staying power and a depth, particularly with regard to what his subject is.”

Some of Davis’ work in the show goes back to 2001 while other pieces were just recently completed over break. “I chose works that exhibit best my vocabulary as an artist,” Davis said.

Sullivan admitted that when she and Davis were planning the show it’s simple and direct, which balances the layered complexity of her own work.

The DePree Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Thomas Bacon: brass musician extraordinaire

Renowned French horn player visits

Becky Lathrop

As a member of the Summit Brass, the St. Louis Brass Quintet, The Golden Horn and Opus 90, Thomas Bacon is an internationally celebrated French horn player. He has performed worldwide as a soloist, a chamber musician and a recording artist, and at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, he will be performing with a choir of horns in our very own Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

“It’s a chance to hear an internationally known professional musician perform beautiful music that’s in a setting designed as not as a traditional classical concert or recital but as a spiritual type of evening set to music and I think anyone would enjoy it just because of that,” said Thom Working, instructor for French horn, who helped bring Bacon to Hope.

The program, titled “Concert of the Spirit: A Service of Music and Reflection,” will feature inspirational works by a number of different composers, including Ludwig van Beethoven, Karl Stiegl and Luigi Cherubini. A prelude and a postlude, hymns, prayers, congregational singing, moments of reflection and a message will all be delivered through music, with introductions to the pieces and short inspirational Bible readings provided by Bacon.

Hope faculty member and pianist Jordan Wolfson will be accompanying Bacon, along with 11 members of the West Michigan Horn Choir from the Holland, Grand Rapids and West Shore symphonies.

Excited about the upcoming concert, Wolfe is looking forward to meeting Bacon. “This will be my first time playing with him,” Wolfe said. “It turns out, though, that we have mutual friends and that he used to visit them just down the beach from us at Interlochen!”

Bacon, a Yamaha Performing Artist, has also held positions with the Detroit Symphony, the Berlin Radio Symphony and the Houston Symphony, and has nine solo recordings. More than 50 new pieces have been composed for him and he was also featured in the book, “Twentieth Century Brass Solists” by Michael Meckla.

The concert is sponsored by Yamaha and Meyer Music House and is free and open to the public.

Professors share their poetry

Jack Ridl

The spring semester has begun, although so far we have seen a bit less of spring and a bit more of winter. It’s that time of year when the sidewalks become slick, the inside of doorways become water slides, and the winter winds chill the ears of those unfortunate enough to have forgotten their winter hats.

What better place to be on these days than someplace warm where extremities can regain their forgotten feeling? Or better yet, someplace where one can forget about the winter chill altogether through experiencing award winning poetry created here at Hope by two professors in the English department.

The reading will be held at Tree House Books on Eighth Street at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 as a continuation of the Community Reading Series that began this fall.

The two professors who are going to be presenting both new and old work will be Jack Ridl and Greg Rappleye. Ridl teaches poetry, the Nature of Poetry and Contemporary American Poetry. He is also the founder of the popular Visiting Writers Series, which has brought over 150 writers to campus. He has published many books of poetry, including, “The Same Ghost” in 1985, “After School” in 1987, “Between” in 1988 and “Against Elegies” in 2001. He has also published more than 150 poems in such journals as The New Yorker, Quarterly Poetry, East Yarrow and The Chardon Review. He has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize in Poetry many times for his work.

“It’ll toss out a few visits to the circus and some other poems particularly appropriate for a cold, dreary, west Michigan January night,” Ridl said.

Greg Rappleye teaches The Defining Gesture, an English 113 class here at Hope. He has published two books of poetry, including, “Holding Down the Earth” in 1995 and “A Path Between Houses” in 2000. He was awarded the Mississippi Review Prize in Poetry in 1999, the Pushcart Prize in 2000, the Paumanok Poetry Award in 2001 and the Bread loaf Fellow in Poetry Prize in 2002.

“I know Greg will be reading some stunning new poems as well as a few of his great oldies,” Ridl said.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

“Greg and I are grateful to Michelle, Phil and all the gang at Tree House Books for establishing this reading series and inviting us to be part of it,” Ridl said. “We hope everyone enjoys the evening.”
Hope Answers
Caedmon’s Call

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Carry on, and carried on with “Hope to Caedmon’s Call stopped, started concert in Dimnent Chapel, ing number during Saturday night’s INFOCUS 2004/2005

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various styles including praise and worship and a song off Paul Simon’s “Graceland” CD.

Cliff and Danielle Young, vocalists for Caedmon’s Call, play for the crowd on Saturday night.

Randall Goodgame performs during Saturday’s show as the opening artist for Caedmon’s Call.

“After 10 years of history as a band and all we’ve been through, the beautiful and consistent thing has been the Lord using us in ways we never imagined,” said Todd Bragg, Caedmon drummer.

“Worship is not just singing,” Goodgame said. “It’s about who we are and what we believe.”

I had never seen them before in concert, but I think they were really cool because they have such a unique sound. I really got hooked into it. They are amazing,” said Joanna Leeman (’07). Although Caedmon’s Call has had success as musicians, the band still knows there is more to life than fame.

Part of their concert involved promoting Compassion International, a Christian-based organization that connects children in Third World, underdeveloped countries with sponsors in the United States. A sponsor pays $38 a month, which is used to feed, clothe and educate the sponsored child. The children are also exposed to the gospel of Christ.

Besides Compassion International, the band also supports involvement in local communities. Several members of the band are active in their local churches.

“Worship is not just singing,” Young said. “Our lives are meant to be worship. We are called to live the gospel, not just to preach it.”

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Dare to be stupid. Speak up.

For many students, the new semester is a time of change. We start new classes, meet new classmates and professors, and confront new ideas and theories that shape — or conflict with — our own personal worlds.

The Anchor, the same thing takes place. With the new term, here at your Hope newspaper, we say goodbye to some staff members and welcome new ones. Writers and editors are promoted or switch some of their duties, and we look at what we've done to see how we can make it better.

The changes are even more evident this semester, as the position of editor-in-chief changes hands from former editor Nick Denyi to myself. This semester, I'd like to follow up on his invitation to the community by encouraging everyone to not only read The Anchor closely but to join in conversation through letters to the editor, discussing campus issues on your own, and contributing both constructive criticism and ideas to Anchor staff. In addition to writing letters to the editor, the Anchor also welcomes those interested in newswriting to attend our 9 p.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Sunday meetings.

When The Anchor encounters more and more new ideas, we are hoping the paper can be transformed into something new and better. Let's make The Anchor's opinion page come alive with dialogue.

Something I remember vividly from high school is the emphasis our teachers would place on something an English teacher once called “lowering your stupid guard.” This semester, I exhort Hope students to keep things in perspective. It’s how I remind myself that the things I disagree with someone judging you by one idea you express or say I've ever witnessed a lynching, perhaps (gasp!) the students involved were not harming the man,” I believe that, as women, we must become offended after hearing crude remarks about our bodies, but with stomachs sticking out and cleavage bared, these remarks should be expected. Wearing certain types of clothing may make you look like a woman’s body and not her personal-опinion

In response to a December 3rd editorial on gay marriage, I wish to propose this rebuttal.

The government has no right to designate and institute its image of what marriage is. In fact, government, as a democratic institution of the people, has every right to uphold laws that require certain sexual conduct, or maybe not, depending on that matter, if it is in accordance with the wills of citizens. The only reason heterosexual marriage is being legalized today is because most Americans have adopted a much more accepting attitude of homosexuality in general.

Consider this parallel! Michael Jackson was recently arrested for alleged sexual misconduct with children. If the allegations are true, Jackson will face grave legal consequences. But why should Jackson's actions be illegal, especially if sex was consensual? What right does the government have to interfere with Jackson's private sex life? Why shouldn't adult-child sex or marriage be legalized?

To most, this kind of questioning is ludicrous. However, to those who think that the US population had Jackson's interest of establishing relationships with children, claiming that their sexual inclinations were genetically predetermined and deserving of the majority's acceptance, as it was for homosexuality, they may then be facing legalization of adult child marriages.

Although this may seem to be a jarring comparison, it is important to realize that a certain behavior may be popular, it is not always right, nor deserving of the people's, nor consequently, the legislature's acceptance. As citizens and especially Christians, who recognize the will of God, we must demand steadfast and healthy sexual boundaries from our government that will encourage our country in righteous living. Though the December 3rd writer urged us to “put aside our religious convictions and look objectively at this issue from a legal standpoint,” I feel that now more than ever is the time to acknowledge the ultimate source of God’s Word which clearly designates homosexuality as immoral behavior (Rom 1:27).

It is much more important for the United States to adhere to this higher law of truth in its legislation and mentality than to follow modern, liberal mindsets that, having abandoned truth, claim to accept all. But, in fact, no one, liberal or otherwise, is rushing to “accept” Michael Jackson. Just as we can all recognize his actions as inherently wrong and contrary to the best interests of our country’s moral health and stability, we should recognize that all sexual practice outside of the will of God will bring nothing but death, for the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23).

We should demand the best from our government, while it demands the best from us. Let’s stop legislation that will promote continued lifestyles of destruction and sin in our country, while actively loving and helping those who are trapped within them. May we all grow to realize that, yes, we have a part to play in our own lives, uninfluenced by the evil practices and false men-It's how I remind myself that the things I disagree with someone judging you by one idea you express or say things that are different does not mean it is wrong. Does the fact that I like my cheeseburgers a little rarer than most people make me a blood-thirsty, animal-hating demon? The men in the Pic Grove were not doing any wrong. It's harmless fun. Is it so bad to see a woman wearing a mini-skirt?

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Increased respect for women will be aided by modesty

At the beginning of March, I met with a group of students who were interested in forming a group to promote modesty on campus. I was greatly encouraged. It is wonderful to know that there are men on this campus that have respect for women and desire to treat us like the women we are in the inside.

Despite the few men who have respect for females, I believe that the women are partly responsible for lack of respect they may receive. The clothes that girls wear sometimes do not make them any prettier, or, if anything, do the opposite. The clothes that girls wear sometimes do not make them any prettier, or, if anything, do the opposite.

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Your voice

Gay marriage should be controlled through legislation

To the editor:

In regards to a letter to the last issue of The Anchor, in which a female student voiced her disgust at several young men in the pine grove suspending a friend by his feet from a tree.

What’s wrong with what the students were doing? Were they too loud? It’s a college campus. I do go on a limb here and say that very few people are in bed at 30:30 during the week, let alone week-ends. The student claimed that the young men were recrunching at a lynching, I beg your pardon? I can’t say I’ve ever witnessed a lynching, but I always thought that the rope was tied about the neck and a tree does not a lynching make. What if I wanted to put up a rope swing? We have a rope on which persons who choose may swing. Oh, the sadness! The horror! The terrible silliness of it all! Repent, all ye forsaken! Thou cannot imagine the horrors awaiting the lynched soul! Perhaps (gasp!) the students were making fun of primitives! Unite! Multi-ethnic cardboard horses of the world, unite! Defend your honor and the foolishly flying Duch- men who mock you.

Also, I’m no genius, (many people would argue otherwise, but I tend to lean towards humility,) but I be-lieve that a clearer way of describ-ing what was going on was to say a boy who was “hanging” or “a boy who hanged by his feet.” As most of our generation understands it, the phrase “a boy who was hung” sim-ples a certain fortitude pertaining to the genitals which I am quite sure the female student did not intend.

My point here can best be sum-marized as “Live and let live.”

The students involved were not harm-
Correct stance on homosexuality has Biblical base

To the editor:

When Will Nettleston stated, “let’s put aside our religious convictions and look objectively at this issue from a legal standpoint,” I would like to ask if he’s referring to Christianity or any religion. I assumed he was referring to Christianity since Hope is a Christian college and the article was titled, “Hope’s value system should support gay marriage.” Hope was built upon the Word of God and should stand behind it. I’m not saying we should condemn homosexuals for the lifestyle they’re living but love them as Christ loves us. “This is the message you heard from the beginning... love one another” (1 John 3:11).

In today’s society, we are told that homosexuality is an “alternative lifestyle” and we shouldn’t discriminate against them in any way. I will never deny the choice of homosexuality, as the Bible clearly calls it sin. But I have to make it clear that while homosexuals are sinners, so are ALL human beings. You either believe the Word of God or you don’t. Homosexuals often ask, “do you think I’d choose this?” In the same way I’d like to ask, “do you think God would choose this for his children?” He wants the best for His children and wouldn’t want them to be hurt in the many ways homosexuals are. A homosexual has the same opportunity to be forgiven as a heterosexual who practices sex outside of marriage. Both practices are sinful. Those who practice will have consequences both on earth and in the afterlife. “Worse followed... Refusing to know God... women didn’t know how to be women, men didn’t know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women and men—all lost—love. And then they paid for it...emptied of God and love, godless and loveless virgins” (Message Genesis 1:26-27).

Christians can’t compromise between the Bible and the world. God has called us to share the gospel and love. As Christians we need to stand behind the Word of God and what it teaches. “...Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor...homosexual offenders...will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). I encourage you to read Moral Dilemmas by J. Kerby Anderson to gain a greater understanding of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Anderson explains how the Bible speaks of homosexuality and not homosexuality.

Hope shouldn’t compromise its value system and step down to the world’s level. We need to “look objectively at the issue” of homosexual marriages from the Bible’s standpoint. I’d like to reinforce that Hope is a Christian College and should follow the Word of God. God tells us that He created the marriage bond to remain between a man and a woman... “...A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

We are called to share the truth with the world and that is what Hope should continue to do.

—Stephanie Konfara ('07)

Hope offers plenty of weekend events for students

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the article in the December 3 Anchor on “Weekend Woes.” I believe this article contains numerous absurd assertions such as “...Hope isn’t doing much to reach out to bored students.” “All there is to do are [sic] the SAC movies...” and “...more fun activities should be provided.”

Obviously, certain Hope students are not paying attention. In addition to movies every weekend, SAC sponsored 12 weekend events during the Fall Semester. Realize that we were only on campus for 13 weekends.

Other student groups also have a myriad of great events. Vaudreper performs once a month, the Swing Club often holds events, and groups such as BSU, La Raza Unida, and the Outdoor Adventure Club have many weekend activities that are open to all. This list contains many events and I have only mentioned 6 of Hope’s 70+ student organizations.

As mentioned in the article, Hope has frequent theatre performances. Four resident dance companies and student performers are always busy. Finally, the Music department regularly has two or three concerts per weekend.

Think of all the activities I have not mentioned—athletic, Greek, service, religious, and community events. I could fill the entire Anchor with lists of fun things to do.

I have been able to attend Student Activities conferences and talks with students from all over the U.S. Most colleges and universities twice our size have less than half the weekend activities that we do. Anyone who complains there is nothing to do is not looking...

—Daniel Morrison ('04) Co-Director of SAC
Unfriendly Adrian hosts Hope in MIAA opener

Flying Dutchmen shoot for first MIAA conference win tonight on the road at Albin

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

Despite dropping the first MIAA game of the season, it was a happy holiday for both basketball teams, as the men went undefeated over break and the women only dropped one. The men ran up against Madonna College Dec. 29 and came away with an 88-76 victory. The Dutchmen took a 10-point lead going into halftime and pulled away in the second half as five players reached double-digit points. Kyle Kleerwyck ('06) led the team, with 23, and Andy Phillips ('06) was close behind with 17.

The following day on Tuesday, nearly 2,500 attended Hope’s non-conference tilt with Concordia College. The teams were all knotted up at halftime, but poor shooting by the Falcons of Concordia in the second half proved to be their downfall. Hope stole a 76-73 victory, capturing the Russ DeVette Holiday Classic. Kleerwyck and Phillips shone brightly again, combining for 22 rebounds and 38 points.

“Winning the Russ DeVette tournament was a fun time for us. It’s always fun to play at the Civic Center when all the alumni are back and the families are around for the holidays. Break also gave us a chance to relax and recover from some injuries,” Jason Meinert ('04) said.

This past Wednesday, fans witnessed a shootout and a dazzling performance by Andy Phillips. Hope ousted Tri-State 109-93 in this game of explosive offensive play. Phillips stole the show with 45 points and 16 rebounds.

“Andy Phillips is my hero,” Meinert commented. The Dutchmen’s past weekend ended on a sour note, however, as Hope fell to Adrian in an away game on Saturday.

Hope failed to show up for the second half as they saw a 7-point lead at halftime turn into a 6-point loss. Billy Collins' 31 points and Adam Novak’s 12 rebounds fueled the 77-71 win by Adrian. Daane Griffeth ('05) played a well-rounded game with 15 points and 5 rebounds, but it wasn’t enough to prevent the Dutchmen from falling to 10-3 on the year and 0-1 in the conference. The Dutchmen will look to right this wrong against Albin tonight.

Dutch begin MIAA play with three victories

Flying Dutch rolling after losing first game in holiday tournament

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

The women didn’t start out the holidays the way they had hoped. They lost their first game in the Kalamazoo holiday tournament to DePauw, in what proved to be a 63-51 defensive struggle.

The Dutch recovered quickly as they destroyed Wisconsin-Whitewater 91-54. Adelynn Ebels ('06), each snatched a total of 14 rebounds over the two games. Guard Allison Rapaport ('05) commented on the team’s record.

“We started out the break strong by beating Althion, which was huge since, in preseason, we were picked first in our league and we were picked second. Losing to DePauw was hard, but I think that we have come back strong and realized that we hate the feeling of losing.”

After the tournament, the Dutch traveled to Kalamazoo on Jan. 3 and came away with a 67-50 conference win. This win was aided by 50 percent shooting from the floor and domination on the boards, as the Dutch out-rebounded Kalamazoo 42-28.

Last Tuesday, the Dutch shot 57 percent from the floor and ran away with an 88-54 win over Adrian. Adrian’s weak shooting percentage and 16 turnovers helped the Dutch in their effort. Kelly Taylor ('05) set up a play at the top of the key.

The Dutch then handled St. Mary’s on Saturday, improving to 13-1 overall and a sizzling 6-0 in the conference. Vilmann grabbed 13 boards and Sarah Jurik ('07) added 11 points and 3 assists in the win.

“We had a few more wins in the MIAA, which is important for us, especially down the road. All the while, others in the MIAA are making upssets, which is equally as important for us down the stretch. I think that the important thing is that we are still learning as individuals, as coaches, and as a team,” said Gracia Kamps ('05), center for the Dutch.

The Dutch play on the road tonight at Alma, then return home to host Tri-State, Indiana at the Dow Center Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sports Wrapup

Men’s Swimming

Hope 81, Alma 50
Hope 62, Olivet 51
Dutchmen improve to 7-1 in MIAA dual meets.

Women’s Swimming

Hope 69, Alma 46
Hope 72, Olivet 16
Dutch improve to 6-0 on the season, 5-0 against MIAA squads.

Ice Hockey

Hope 6, Kalamazoo 2

Tonight: Friday @ Kalamazoo 7:00 Saturday vs. Calvin 9:00

Men’s Basketball

Tonight @ Albion 7:30 Saturday vs. Kalamazoo 7:30

Women’s Basketball

Tonight @ Alma 7:30 Saturday vs. Tri-State 3:00

Top two clubs in region meet Saturday at The Edge arena

The Hope College hockey club kicked off the new year with a 6-2 victory over the visiting Kalamazoo Hornets at The Edge ice arena in Holland Saturday night. This was the first meeting between the clubs since the 2001-02 season because the Hornets could not make the trip to Holland last February due to weather problems and an insufficient number of players.

Looking at the last few months of the 2003-04 season, the Dutchmen look to gain a spot in the national tournament for the third season in a row, despite a large number of first-year players.

However, one team that the Dutchmen know quite well may create a significant roadblock on their way to winning the national title in Arizona this March. The Calvin Knights are undefeated, at 18-0 halfway through the season, 5-0 against MIAA opponents, and 13-1 overall and a sizzling 6-0 in the conference.

“It’s no secret that Calvin has two or three guys that can run the show, and if they aren’t factors in the game, they will be in deep trouble,” said captain Jon Sedon ('04).

“There is a lot at stake for this game: the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference championship, a first-place bid in the MCHC league tournament, as well as possible movement in the national tournament voting.”

The Knights are also ranked No. 1 in the Division II central region while the Dutchmen are right behind them in second. The defending champions, from Muskegon Community College, are currently ranked ninth in the region, but automatically receive a trip to Arizona in March.

After Hope and Calvin met last spring in the MCHC championship game, both clubs had their title hopes snatched by the Hawks in the national tournament.

With the Hawks struggling in their defense of the national title, Saturday’s game could very well be a thrilling preview of the title game to be played in the warm desert come March.

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