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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Hope Democrats is holding a candlelight vigil on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Pine Grove. The vigil is to honor the soldiers that have died in Iraq. The United States Department of Defense reports that 3,013 U.S. soldiers have died since the war in Iraq began in March 2003.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children’s After School Achievement (CASA) needs Hope students to volunteer as tutors/mentors at at-risk elementary children. Help is needed on Monday/Wednesdays or Tuesday/Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m. If interested email CASA at CASA@hope.edu, call 395-7944 or stop by the CASA office at Graves B-10.

WTHS DEDICATION

The new facilities of Hope College’s radio station, WTHS, will be officially dedicated at a dedication program on Jan. 14 with a “Taste of Hope.” Students of Color Visitation day and will continue through Jan. 20.

A Diversity in the Workplace career panel and networking reception will be held Thursday Jan. 18 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Maas Auditorium with audiun and other professionals of color.

According to Maureen Dunn, this week, as the nation celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr., Hope College will also celebrate achievement of the civil rights he spent his life working toward, as well as recognize the continuing struggle.

Brian Lowe, director of the Hope Gospel Choir, explained the goals of the week on two levels. The first is to understand how Christians can relate to this issue and the second is “to educate about the struggles we’ve been through and also to recognize that we have an awful long way to go.”

Civil Rights Celebration Week began on campus Jan. 14 with a "Taste of Hope." Students of Color Visitation day and will continue through Jan. 20.

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Following the panel discussion, a Career Networking Reception will be held in Maas Conference Room until 6:30 p.m.

The celebration week will conclude Saturday with a Gospel Fest concert at 2 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. This is Lowe’s second year as choir director, and he is excited to bring new groups to campus for the week’s “grand finale.”

“What this year, (the Grand Valley State University Gospel Choir) is the only choir that was here last year,” Lowe said. “My main goal see CIVIL RIGHTS, page 6

MODERN-DAY IDOLATRY

Veritas Forum seeks to find compass for today’s Christians

Sarah Wightman
Stacy Wurts

American Idols: Losing Our Address on the Way Home,” was the theme for Hope College’s Veritas Forum.

The inspiration for the forum’s focus was a quotation from Christian thinker and writer, G.K. Chesterton: “Idolatry is losing your address on the way home.”

Sam Wells, dean of chapel at Duke University and writer on Christian ethics, opened the forum on Thursday night with a lecture introducing the theme of contemporary idols and how these idols lead us away from spiritual well-being.

“(Sam Wells) was very intellectual with deep thoughts. One idea that spoke to me was that ‘home is where Jesus is,’ that we should think about not just the here and now, but the future too,” Alison Garza (‘10) said.

A panel discussion about celebrity worship and fame, as well as an address by author Lauren Winner regarding reorienting oneself in relationship with a redeeming God, took place on Friday.

The forum concluded on Saturday with a talk by author Donald Miller continuing discussion on how Christians can keep their spiritual bearings straight. The day concluded with an open panel discussion and an exciting concert with singer-songwriter Derek Webb and Jars of Clay. On Sunday, the Gathering completed the weekend with a response to the forum, as Dean of Chapel Trygve Johnson introduced the new campus ministry theme: The Seductive Voice.

The purpose of the Veritas Forum is to explore the possibility of truth, beauty, and goodness in every aspect of the academic and personal lives of college students, faculty and staff. It is meant to bring the college together to discuss and reflect upon life’s toughest issues.

Students who went to the see VERITAS, page 4

GOOD MONSTERS — Jars of Clay member, Steve Mason, sings at Hope College on Jan. 13 as a part of the 2007 Veritas Forum. For a review of the concert see page 3.

FACULTY WELLNESS TAKES CENTER STAGE

Anne Schmidt
Stacy Wurts

Thanks to Hope’s Healthy Options (H2O), faculty and staff who receive health care benefits can fatten their wallets while they trim their waists.

The program encourages overall wellness, from increasing daily activity to eating more fruits and vegetables, by offering $50 prizes to individuals who meet daily goals.

Thus far the program has sparked the interest of many faculty members including Dr. James Zoetewey, professor of political science. Zoetewey has participated in similar programs elsewhere and had many good things to say about H2O.

“I really like it,” Zoetewey said. “The other pedometer (in the past program) would work some days and not work others. This one even works up and down the stairs.”

The pedometers, distributed to faculty members last semester, monitor the number of steps a person takes each day. Participants in H2O are encouraged to take 10,000 steps per day in addition to 30 minutes of “moderate activity” and 10 minutes of “vigorous activity.”

Participants can work out on their own or sign up for one of the many classes and activities offered around campus and the community.

John Yelding, professor of education, said he has seen “more people out walking since H2O started.”

In addition to the daily nutritional and exercise goals, many “positive living behaviors” are promoted to help participants achieve complete wellness. Suggested behaviors include meditation, prayer and playing a musical instrument.

Some behaviors are classified as “daily activities” while others, such as getting a massage, are called “non—daily.”

According to Maureen Dunn, the program’s director, H2O was started to promote healthier living, consequently reduce health care costs. The program is currently scheduled to run through July 2008, when it will be re-evaluated.

For more information, visit the H2O website: http://wellness.hope.edu. Anyone with a Hope email address can set up an account on the website.

All are welcome to track daily progress with the online tools available. Not only faculty and staff, with health benefits, are eligible for the prizes
**THE COACHES’ CHOICE**

**James Ralston**
Senior Writer

Over the last four years Lisa Smith (’07) has received many honors and accomplished more in Division III swimming than most could ever imagine. A short list of her accomplishments include six-time NCAA All-American, MIAA record holder in both the 100 and 200 butterfly and recently national swimmer of the week. Each week collegeswimming.com names six athletes from all divisions national swimmer of the week. The award was voted on by college coaches from around the nation.

“Receiving the award was very surprising,” Smith said. “I am so thankful that my name is out there.”

She also credits all of her coaches for helping her to achieve such great success. "It is up to the individual on how he or she would like to fast. Hope for the Nations specifically says that they are not expecting all individuals to abstain from food or water, but that everyone looks up to her and it’s not just because she’s fast, it’s because of her personality.”

Despite her many personal achievements, Smith is quick to point out the importance of team. “Every time I’m on the block is an opportunity for the team to go faster, and I want to take advantage of it,” Smith said. “The honor and pressure is even higher in a relay with you have to do well to ensure the entire relay’s success.”

Smith’s success can be attributed to hard work and quality training, but her improvement from year to year makes her an exceptional swimmer.

“Freshman year I was swimming scared, I was just out there, and now I feel more confident which helped to push me to the next level and helped me to improve every year. I’m fortunate to have a good training base at Hope that has brought forth the potential.”

Growing from a young freshman to a senior captain and NCAA All-American, Smith has never let her individual successes stand in the way of being a strong leader and a good role model for her teammates. “She (Smith) is great because she’s so humble,” Kate Williams (’10) said. “You can talk to her and never know she’s one of the best swimmers in the MIAA.”

**HOPE FOR NATIONS PLANS FAST FOR FAITH**

**Larissa Mariano**
Senior Writer

On Jan. 22 a 21-day period of fasting and prayer began at Hope’s campus. This event is being put on by Hope for the Nations, an organization “committed to training students for cross-cultural ministry and expanding minds to God’s call to all peoples to faith.” The purpose for this fasting and prayer is for those who want to engage with God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on college campuses and churches.

Hope for the Nations believes that today God is bringing the mission movement among students. The main goal of Hope for the Nations is that people will be “set aflame with abandoned devotion to Jesus and would be compelled to action on behalf of the forgotten around the world through greater giving, going, praying, and mobilizing.”

Hope for the Nations works to help students become fully able to share the Gospel with “skill and sensitivity.” Hope for the Nations is also hoping to encourage students to embrace a “world Christian” discipleship. According to the website, Hope for the Nations motivates students to “abandoned devotion to Jesus Christ and to call the nations to ‘white hot’ love for Christ.”

During the 21 days, Hope for the Nations will be working together to ask God to: “move in power on college campuses with Biblical revival, raise up Biblical unity and common goals and purposes among the emerging generation, break down strongholds in forgotten areas and soften hearts to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and compel thousands of new laborers to make faith-filled, Spirit-led decisions to serve God among the forgotten.”

It is up to the individual on how he or she would like to fast. Hope for the Nations specifically says that they are not expecting all individuals to abstain from all food for the 21 consecutive days, but “some will do this according to the Holy Spirit’s leading.”

Hope for the Nations plans to meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Manna building on Ninth Street and Central. According to the group, “all are welcome to come along on the journey through Bible study and worship.” Through the Bible studies and the worship of God, participants can begin to “seek God’s heart for the nations.”

Hope for the Nations also participates in the daily prayer meetings that are held in the basement of Dimnent Chapel on campus from noon to 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. All Hope students are invited to attend or to learn more about the prayer meetings. Students can find more information online at www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/hopefortheNations.

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**NATIONAL BUTTERFLY — Lisa Smith (’07) was recently voted national swimmer of the week, due to her victories in the 100 and 200 butterfly against Division I Oakland University.**

**Cooper Horn P.R.**

**HOPE PRESENTS NEW PLAN FOR IRAQ, INCLUDING AN ADDITION OF 21,000 TROOPS TO CURRENT IRAQ FORCES**

**Brian McElaney**
Senior Writer

Last Wednesday, President George W. Bush addressed the nation in a televised address, detailing a new strategy that he hopes will increase the chances of success in Iraq. Key points of the new strategy include increasing U.S. troop levels in Iraq, setting goals that the Iraqi government must accomplish and calling upon neighboring Middle Eastern nations to support the fledging new government.

The core of the strategy centers on the addition of 21,500 troops to the forces already in Iraq. In most of the Contingent, soldiers, approximately 17,500, will be stationed in Baghdad in order to help quell the violence there. In his speech, President Bush stated that approximately 80 percent of the violence in Iraq occurs in and around the capital. Violence has remained high, the president stated, because certain neighborhoods had been cleared of insurgents, but then abandoned due to insufficient numbers of U.S. soldiers to hold the neighborhoods. Insurgents would move back in as the soldiers left.

This surge in troop levels will, if all goes according to plan, allow the military to hold cleared neighborhoods. The remainder of the troops, approximately 4,000 of them, will be sent to the Anbar province, described by Bush as a center of operations for al-Qaeda.

According to the plan, the new U.S. forces in Baghdad will be embedded within formations of Iraqi soldiers, preparing the Iraqi military for November, when the Iraqi government will assume responsibility for the defense of the nation. The core of the strategy centers on the formation of several benchmarks set by the U.S. government for the Iraqi government.

Others include the Iraqi government’s contribution of $10 billion of its own funds to reconstruction, setting a date for regional elections and completing a law that would share oil revenues among various groups and regions in Iraq. In his speech, Bush also admitted that mistakes have been made in Iraq and that the time has come for a change. However reactions to that change, the surge in troop levels, have been mixed among Iraqis and Americans alike. Among Shia Iraqis, the general feeling is that increased troop levels will solve nothing. “Nobody’s thinking properly about making things better in Iraq. I think it’s very wrong to send more soldiers to Iraq. It’ll just create more problems, not solve anything,” said Haythem Zalzala, a pharmacist who runs his business in Baghdad, told the BBC. 

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**VWS PRESENTS MICHAEL MARTONE**

Fiction writer Michael Martone will read Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Knickerbocker Theatre to open the spring session of the Jack Rill Visiting Writers Series. Martone is known for his unconventional approach to fiction writing which mixes what is true with what is not. He has published more than a dozen books of fiction, prose, and poetry and currently directs the MFA program at the University of Alabama. All VWS events are free and open to the public.

**COTTAGE THEME FOCUSES ON ARTS APPRECIATION**

Tonight, Wednesday Jan. 17, the new Fine Arts Theme House will host an open house to raise awareness about the theme and to brainstorm ideas for future activities. The open house starts at 9:30 p.m. in Steffens Cottage at 138 East 13th Street across from the Lichy/Kollen parking lot. Fun will be provided.

**GOSPEL CHOIR HOSTS GOSPEL FEST**

Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. the annual Gospel Fest will feature seven choirs in Dimnent Chapel. Joining the Gospel Choir in praise are Grand Valley State University Gospel Choir, Calvin College Gospel Choir, Christ Memorial Church Gospel Choir, Providence St. Mel High School Gospel Choir of Chicago, and Grand Rapids New Hope Baptist Church VIP group. Gospel Fest is free and open to the public.

**ENGLISH PROFESSOR PUBLISHES WRITING GUIDE**

Creative writing professor, Heather Sellers recently released “Chapter After Chapter: Discover the Dedication and Focus You Need to Write the Book of Your Dreams.” The book contains practical advice for beginning and completing a task which many people find daunting. Such advice includes deliberately carving out the time to write. It is available in hardcover and retails for $19.99.

**Perspectives on Jars of Clay**

Sarah Lemieux Writer Before the show began, Jars of Clay displayed no signs of pre-concert jitters. They all stood around the chapel classroom-turned-green room joking about the one thing they would change in the world.

“His biceps,” one band member said, teasing another.

“Charlie Lowell interrupted. “Every one should have health care.”

When asked about idolatry, one member joked, “I like being idolized!” He was quickly interrupted by Dan Haseltine.

“I don’t like people being humble. We all want to be on the same level, we’re all experiencing something together. We’re all having an experience and it’s great to be part of something like Veritas Forum,” Haseltine said.

As they were about to go on stage, one of the band members spoke of only one pre-concert ritual.

“He does 127 push-ups,” the band member said, pointing to the one whose biceps were noticeably different than the rest of the band. “Oh yeah, man, you better get started!”

In laughter, Jars Of Clay left for stage to begin their portion of the concert.

The band’s jovial nature was carried to the audience. As soon as Jars of Clay took the stage, everyone was on their feet in wild anticipation.

For the first hour, the band played old favorites with a good mix of newer, high-energy songs allowing for the audience to yell out their favorite refrains.

The high energy songs rocked the pews of Dimnent harder than they had been rocked in years. Dan Haseltine was the center of attention as he fell to his knees on the stage and then began jumping around, increasing the passion from the crowd.

Audience members raised their hands to the sky,clapped to their own beat and sang their hearts out to the songs they loved.

One local youth group leader said that he owned all of Jars of Clay’s CD’s but they just sounded so much more electric when they performed live. His group found them.

“They were mystifying, yeah!” the students yelled.

In the midst of the bustle of ec-
Gerald Ford, Friend of Hope, Dies

Shannon Craig
Counsel Editor

Gerald Ford, the 38th president of the United States, died Tuesday, Dec. 26 at the age of 93.

While the nation mourned Ford’s pardon of Nixon, Hope College remembered a friend of the college.

“We acknowledge with gratitude to God, President Ford’s service to our country,” said James Bultman, president of Hope College, in a press statement.

“We are grateful for the affection he showed toward Hope College during his distinguished career, first as congressman, later as president, and in his recent years as statesman.”

Ford served as congressman in the district that served Holland from 1949 until 1973. As Representative Peter Hokestra

“Because of my very, very high regard for Hope College, no degree – earned or honorary – will mean more to me than the one I received from this outstanding institution,” — President Gerald Ford Center in 1971, Ford delivered the keynote address and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

In 1977, after losing the presidential election to Jimmy Carter, Ford again visited Hope in an event that allowed students to ask the former president questions. Ford also shook hands and met with students in the Pine Grove.

Hope gave Ford an honorary Doctor of Law degree in April 1987.

“Because of my very, very high regard for Hope College, no degree – earned or honorary – will mean more to me than the one I received from this outstanding institution,” Ford said upon receiving the special degree.

A variety of activities have been scheduled from Monday through Friday, Jan. 22-26, to commemorate the Asian Awareness Week at Hope College.

The week is coordinated by Hope’s Asian Perspective Association (HPA), a student organization working in conjunction with the college’s Office of Multicultural Life.

The public is invited to all of the four events. Admission is free to all of the activities except for a Great Performance Series concert featuring the Ahn Trio on Jan. 26.

The forum has quite a history. It occurs every other year on Hope’s campus. Hope is co-sponsored by several institutions, including Duke, Yale, Stanford, University of Chicago, and Science Intersect “Islam to be human?” and “Where Genesis and Science Intersect.”

The forum was created at Harvard University under the auspices of the John Templeton Foundation, a faith and reason organization.

In 1992 by a group of graduate students who were challenged by the empty world around them to face their hardest questions about life and truth. This provoking questions led this group to write the book “Finding God,” and the first forum was a time of open lectures and discussion, which shared these difficult questions with the Harvard community.

Today over 60 campuses host Veritas Forums, including Harvard, Duke, Yale, Stanford, University of Chicago and University of Michigan. Some topics in the past have been “What does it mean to be human?” “Where Genesis and Science Intersect” and “Islam and Christianity.” The forum at Hope is co-sponsored by several campus organizations and offices, and it is created by a group of students, professors, staff, alumni and friends of the college. It occurs every other year on Hope’s campus.

Veritas

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A conversation with Donald Miller

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS— Best-selling author Donald Miller explained the importance of stories Saturday morning in Dimnent Chapel. Afterwards, Miller spoke with The Anchor.

Lindsey Manthei Features Editor
Not many speakers could coax 3,000 bleary-eyed people out of bed on a Saturday at 10 a.m., but Donald Miller did just that. As part of Hope’s Veritas Forum, Miller shared his experience of finding his place in the Christian faith by discovering the importance of story.

The best-selling author is famous for his book “Blue Like Jazz,” a collection of non-religious thoughts on Christian spirituality. “Searching for God Knows What,” his place in the Christian faith shared his experience of finding the Father and his relationship with the sons and daughters of God. Certainly everyone will enjoy Miller’s brilliant storytelling.

Jeremy Benson Features Editor

In his new book, “To Own a Dragon: Reflections on Growing Up Without a Father” (NavPress, 2006; written with help from father-figure John MacMurray), Donald Miller shares his trials and questions growing up without a father. Miller sat down for a chat with The Anchor during his visit to the Veritas Forum and shared some ideas about life and writing.

Anchor: Your books are extremely personal. What is it like to bare your soul on the page and have it so widely read?

Miller: Those are the hardest parts to write. Those are the parts you’re standing on the edge of a cliff and deciding whether or not you’ll jump, or how high the cliff actually is. That’s the adrenaline rush of writing for me. Writers should tell something about themselves that they don’t want to—that we’re not alone in this story, makes us more human. The reader appreciates that risk because I am giving the reader something he or she can use against me. The reader can make fun of me now, which creates trust. Readers, 99 percent of the time, will thank the author for being open because they [the readers] are good people.

A: What advice can you give to young writers?

M: Writing is hard work. It’s some of the hardest work you can do. If you’re looking for a romantic job, you’re not going to get it. And if you do get it, it’s going to be short lived. The best advice that was ever given to me was to be brief, be clear, and be human. Get to the point, say it with heart and be vulnerable. If you do that, people will enjoy your writing.

A: What books or authors have been most influential in your life and writing?

M: Annie Dillard—anything she writes. I’m a huge fan of Anne Lamott. Early on, John Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway taught me to write with muscle.

A: You refer to several of your friends quite fondly in your books. What can you say about the importance of friends to your faith?

M: I don’t know if faith is possible without community. My friends help me to see that we’re together in this story. Love is what defines God, and we get to participate in that by living in community with other people.

A: You mention in “Blue Like Jazz” that “Jesus didn’t mesh his spirituality with politics.” How do you see Christians interacting with politics and how should they be?

M: It is important that Christians participate in politics. And yet, there are things that are much more important. I think the question to ask is what we’re trying to accomplish. If I’m trying to help people, are there more efficient ways of doing that than through politics? Most times there are. If the motive is to serve, then why aren’t they out there serving? It seems like the motive of many Christian people is to be the desire for power. That’s a sin. I’m a cynic when it comes to Christians in politics; I think a lot of people are.

A: What has been the conservative Christian response to your work?

M: I haven’t felt a reaction. I’m asked that question a lot, which tells me there is a reaction I don’t know about. I just stand in the grace of God and certainly my heart is to win people to Christ and I’m hoping in the end that that’s ok.

A: Have you ever worked on fiction?

M: I’ve done short stories and we’re writing a screen play right now. I went through a phase about a year ago where I really doubted that story meant anything. I doubted that sitting down to write was actually serving the kingdom of God. And I just said ‘God help me, help me understand why writing is important.’ And God answered me, ‘I gave you the heart to do this and it’s true;’ those are some beautiful affirmations. All of the talk I gave at the Veritas Forum about why story is important was God’s answer. Story matters.

Right now, Miller is working on “Map of Eden,” due to come out at the end of 2007 or beginning of 2008. “Map of Eden” tells the story of Miller’s friend Kate and Adam Bybee who adopted an adult mentally handicapped man.
Endless

Jenny Cencer

Last fall, thick mushy darkness peeled my lids back into my head to capture light that was lost; darkness that expanded retinas ‘til they burst. My eyes sighed in redemption when the first headlamp clicked on. The limestone glistened with age and discovery as dripsticks took order and the air around us exhaled throughout the passage, breathing smooth and cold like our boots in the stream. It trickled from the sunlit, some hundred feet up. Up where the light was, up was the source for all life that ventures in caves and crevices where only the brave or desperate or both explore. Millions of miles are traversed throughout one’s life; to reuniﬁe loved ones or to escape unseen lands…The emissions of hustle and bustle rise from earth, hissing towards planets yet to be named and conquered. Stars contend glint as Aristotle gawk, winking at the next Cortez. Beneath the swirling storms of Jupiter, perhaps there is a haven where peace cannot be extinguished. Or is peace closer, just a few hours drive away or too near to be seen. Elusive peace forever resists capture; it ﬂoats resilient and pure in the highest heavens and the swift whale of the wind. I long to cast my splintering sins into the soothing abyss of peace but cannot ﬁnd the bridge that scales its milky depths. The cave was called “Endless” and wound through a limestone deposit in Cave River Valley, Indiana. We had to cross our own First East. Hope went practically tumbled into a ravine on the way to our camp site; it was almost as if the owners of the campground placed hurdles throughout the park to test the courage of tour guides. As the van continued to slide through mud-splattered leaves I prayed we wouldn’t crash into the creek that coursed past the window.

Thousands more of miles have gone, but we’re off to a good start.”

Ford stated, “I don’t think I would have gone to war…Rumsfeld and Cheney and the president made a big mistake in justifying going into the war in Iraq.” President Bush’s announcement that he will send 21,500 more troops to Iraq offers a moment to reassess the war and how best to handle the present quandary. The rationale for the war changed from destroying nonexistent WMDS; to severing falafel between Saddam, al-Qaeda and 9/11; to ﬁghting a crucial part of the “War on Terror;” to freeing the Iraqi people; to installing a pinnacle of democracy in the Middle East; to new rehabilitating Baghdad and providing additional security to the faltering Iraqi government amidst a civil war. Meanwhile, labels for those who opposed the war also transformed. First they were unpatriotic, then against the war; now, inclined to “cut and run,” and now adopt a “defeatist” attitude. President Bush’s rhetoric also shifted near the 2006 congressional elections from “staying the course” to providing “a new way forward.” Yet Bush’s new way forward and troop surge goes against the advice of skeptical generals, the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, and 70 percent of the American people. In his address to the nation, President Bush more clearly acknowledged personal responsibility for mistakes made about Iraq. This exasperated admission comes from a man who possessed an utter lack of humility, a central political and Christian virtue. Four years of mistakes fueled the current sectarian violence. The removal and booted execution of the brutal dictator, Saddam Hussein, has already become a footnote in the whole Iraq War tragedy. The troop surge represents a military solution to what U.S. generals and experts describe as a political problem in the hands of Iraqis. I want to believe President Bush is right. I want to believe that Iraq will stabilize and democracy will take root. But this troop escalation may be too little too late. President Bush continues to ignore St. Augustine’s warning, “Never ﬁght evil as if it were something that arose totally outside of yourself.” With the truth and reality of this war so obfuscated, it is hard to form a conception of what “victory” in Iraq entails. If this new strategy fails, President Bush must be willing to implement withdrawal. After all, President Bush cannot pardon himself.

Will Nettleton ’07

Civil rights

was to have diversity. That’s what this is all about to me.”

The Hope and Grand Valley gospel choirs have invited others from Calvin College and Christ Memorial Church in Holland, as well as by choirs from Grand Rapids New Hope Baptist Church and Providence St. Mel High School in Chicago.

“I invite people out because worship is something that breaks barriers,” Lowe said. “I know our worship can talk with each other, we can go to dinner with each other, and that’s something Dr. King would be proud of, something God would love.”

Erica Howell ’08, a member of Hope’s Gospel Choir, is also looking forward to Gospel Fest.

“The highlight of the visitation was a student showcase of music, dance and entertainment at the Klotz on Sunday evening,献血 Sunday, the ofﬁcial honorary birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., included a Chapel service and luncheon with Abraham Lincoln Washington of Rock Church in Chicago. Washington spoke about the need to continue the racial reconciliation started by King, both commending and challenging Hope in this regard.

King was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929 and went on to lead the struggle for civil rights for black Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was declared a national holiday in 1986. Since then, it has been observed as a day for continuing to work King began, through protests for social justice, equality and peace through service projects.

Will Nettleton ’07

Will history vindicate Bush?”

To the Editor:

In the last few weeks, our nation witnessed the death of a president who oversaw an ending of a war and a speech by a president who started one. Remembered as a decent man guided by West Michigan values, President Gerald Ford’s death rekindled America’s nostalgia for a true statesman.

While eulogists and editorialists spoke of the vindication Ford gained over the years in the view of history, let us speculate whether President George W. Bush thinks “history” will also vindicate him for his side. Besides bemoaning the Republican war.

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This semester scares the crap out of me. I just became aware that the computer system thinks I’m a senior! How dare it? I still have at least 4 months until I need to get my butt outta here. For now I’m still supposed to be able to get away with answering, “Oh… I dunno yet…” for the question, “What are your plans for after graduation?” Senior status means I am being blown into the next stage of life and you need a crowbar to pry me away from this Anchor. I fear unoriginnality, loneliness, failure: syllables about how “my dog Buster is not allowed to live with me at school.”

I believe this

Jeremy Benson

My favorite book of the Bible is Ecclesiastes - I love it for the honest questions and surprising answers. A passage that has recently struck me verses 19:2-1 of chapter 3:

For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts; for all is vanity. All goes to one place; all are from dust, and all return to dust again. Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down to the earth?

The writer is touching on a question we wrestle with today: Is there a qualitative difference between humans and the other animals? The word “qualitative” is important. Certainly humans are the most intelligent of the animals (quantitative difference), and with that intelligence comes the ability to excel at mental activities such as self reflecting and inventing tools. But there is nothing special about intelligence. Hummingbirds are among the best flyers of the animals and so they too can do things that other animals can’t - namely hovering in midair and darting sideways.

So the relevant question is: Are humans different from the rest of animals in some other way than that which comes naturally from increased cranial capacity? Christians often argue that the sense of right and wrong is what makes human beings unique. Francis Collins, the scientist (and Christian) who directs the human genome project, states in the November issue of Time magazine, “The moral law (we all sense) is a reason to think of God as plausible because we sense uniquely amongst creatures on the planet to have this far developed sense of morality.”

C.S. Lewis agrees. In “The Abolition of Man,” he writes, “It may even be said that it is by this middle element (the sense of moral law) that man is man: for by his intellect he is mere spirit and his appetite mere animal.”

But are humans unique in sensing moral law? It is certainly not clear that we are. Other intelligent social animals such as wolves and the great apes have social structures that involve punishment and reward. And anyone with a pet dog well knows the look of contriteness. The logician Alan Turing proposed that if a computer acts intelligent then we must consider it to be. Similarly, if other animals behave as humans do when humans feel the moral law, then we should not discount the possibility that they also are feeling moral law to some degree.

But that raises a second question. Just because we sense the existence of an obligation, or moral law in particular, does that mean there actually is one (as Lewis argues in “Mere Christianity”)? Not necessarily. “Up” and “down” seem very real to me because sense perception is based on a flat 2 or 3 dimensional surface. But for the last few hundred years we have known that this common feeling is false, and children are generally shocked when they see their first globe. Does this mean that the moral law doesn’t exist? No, it just means that the sense of a moral law does not guarantee that there is one. Another explanation for the feeling, for example, is that humans who had inclinations to be altruistic and empathetic were more likely to survive individually and as a group. Thus their genes were the ones that got passed down to us today. Researchers in sociosvience are actively studying these possibilities.

What would be the consequences of not believing in a moral law? Lewis, according to Peter Schakal - Hope English professor and authority on Lewis, thought that the loss of belief in moral law would inevitably lead to the abolition of man, to the loss of the qualities that define the human species.

But is that the scenario that gloomy? Queen Elizabeth once said that much is accomplished when a person himself agreed that proper behavior is more dependent upon good moral training than on theological understanding. In other words, maybe the one essential thing is not whether a moral law exists, or whether humans believe in it, but whether we continue to train succeeding generations to act altruistically, empathetically, and even nobly. Whether the desire for these “good” qualities was built into us by evolution or by God (or by God through evolution), training someone to live according to these desires is beneficial for everyone.

So enjoy the unsolvable mystery of moral absolutes, but like the other social animals take heart and counsel from the proverb, “Train up a child in a way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” I can attest that it works for dogs.

- Tim Penning, Professor of Mathematics

Veritas successful, thanks to students

To the Editor:

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Matt Oosterhouse

**Sports Editor**

In front of a record-setting, near-capacity crowd of 2,911 at the DeVos Fieldhouse, the Hope College women’s basketball team had its 44-game win streak snatched by rival Calvin College on Jan. 13, 57-60.

Hope’s last loss occurred against Wheaton College early in the 2005-2006 season.

The attendance at the game set a record for a NCAA Division III women’s regular season basketball game.

Unfortunately for Hope, the Calvin Knights proved to be too much to handle from the beginning.

Playing out to an early 18-5 lead by the eighth-minute mark following an 11-0 scoring run, Calvin appeared to be the dominating force. A basket by Ellen Wood (’07), who finished with 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds, ended Hope’s six-minute scoring drought and brought the score to 18-7.

By halftime, the Flying Dutch managed to close the gap and bring the score to 26-19.

Hope was plagued by 14 turnovers in the first half, many of which led to Calvin baskets. Sarah Jurik (’07), a Hope forward, believed that the turnovers were part of the reason for being down at halftime.

“We could have been much more careful with the ball. We were sloppy, but I also credit (Calvin) with having good defense,” Jurik said.

Hope started the second half visibly fired up and more organized and settled; we played aggressively.”

Though Calvin went on to win the game, often exchanging baskets.

And the orange-clad fans were on the game and making us better,” Wood said. “Next time we will definitely work on our defense. We need to be more organized and settled; we played really tentative, and I think that next time we need to be more aggressive.”

Even though the game was Hope’s first loss at DeVos, the team is still optimistic for the rest of the season, especially with upcoming games at Alma on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and at Albion on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

“We’re not going to panic just because we lost this game,” coach Morehouse said. “It’s one game in the whole season. We still have a very good team, and the burden is on us to go and win two games this next week on the road.”

**LOOKING UP**

James RaIston

Sports Editor

A quick glance at the statistics from Saturday’s Hope versus Calvin men’s basketball game would not lead you to believe that Scott Richardson (’07) played a key role. His one rebound and two steals seem hardly headline worthy, but the senior leadership of Richardson and other upperclassmen down the final stretch helped to ensure a hard fought Hope victory over Calvin, 65-62.

“Scott (Richardson) got into foul trouble early which caused him to not get much playing time,” Jesse Reimink (’09) said. “He really stepped up when he got in at the end of the game. His steal on the second to last possession and the final rebound to end the game were the turning points of that last minute. He was able to overcome the fact that he had little time on the court and come on strong when it mattered.”

Steve Kratz (’10) also pointed to senior leadership as a key factor in the victory.

“When it mattered most down the stretch (Stephen) Cramer (’07), Richardson and the other upperclassmen pulled through,” Kratz said.

“We played smart in the last minutes and didn’t make the mistakes that could have been in play such in a close game.”

The game’s intensity and pressure made Hope players step up in order to keep the momentum out of Calvin’s hands. One again the younger players looked to the seniors for leadership when it mattered most.

**Seniors’ poise key to defeating Calvin**

“Cramer is confident and cool under pressure,” Kratz said. “He was steady and never lost his nerve no matter how tough the situation. His confidence is key in his ability to lead the team by example and know what to do in tough situations.”

Another senior who Reimink mentioned as a strong leader and key element in the victory over Calvin was Brett Jager (’07). Jager came off the bench to contribute five points and a rebound.

“Brett is always consistent,” Reimink said. “He came in and hit some key shots. He’s a leader every time he steps on the court and we need that, especially when we’re playing at Calvin. The same can be said with all the upperclassmen. They’ve been in these pressure situations many times before and know how to handle it when it gets tough.”

**HOLDING OFF THE KNIGHTS — Steven Kratz (’10) boxes out a Calvin player. Kratz had six points and two rebounds in Hope’s 65-62 victory.**

**CALVIN HANDS DUTCH FIRST LOSS IN 44 GAMES**

James RaIston

Sports Editor

The Detroit Free Press has nominated women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse for “Michigan’s Best,” the annual sport’s figures competition. Last season, Morehouse led the Dutch to a 33-1 record and a Division III national championship.

(“Morehouse) has had success with his teams year in and year out. His overall record shows that,” Brian Bryant (’09) said. “He’s a great role model for his players and other coaches. His approach to coaching is different from any other coach I’ve ever played with. He carries himself with great poise as a coach, but he also respects the importance of family, academics and every other important element of life.”

Other notable Michigan sports figures on the 24-person nomination list include Detroit Pistons Guard Chauncey Billups, Tigers manager Jim Leyland and swimmer Michael Phelps.

On top of this year’s nomination, Morehouse was honored last year with the Division III coach of the year award. Center Lindsay Lange (’08) was not surprised by Morehouse’s nomination.

“Coach really keeps his personal accomplishments to himself,” Lange said. “He focuses on the game and making us better. His personal accomplishments are not as important to him as the team’s accomplishments.”

Morehouse’s players believe that his leadership led them to last year’s championship and that he deserves the honor of “Michigan’s Best.”

(“Morehouse) focuses on the game and prepares us for anything in basketball, but he also is there for his players in any aspect of life,” Lange said. “He helps us to be our best in the classroom, on the court and in life.”

**THE WEEK IN SPORTS**

**HOCKEY**

The hockey team had two strong victories against Lawrence Tech Jan. 12 and 13. In the first game Hope won 5-3 at Southfield Sports Arena in Southfield, MI. Returning home at 4 a.m. they defeated Lawrence Tech again that night at home 9-1. Jeff Gay (’07) led Hope scoring with five goals over the weekend.

Jan. 20

Saturday vs. Calvin 9:00 p.m. The Edge

**SWIMMING**

Hope men’s and women’s swim teams won at the Illinois-Michigan Quad meet on Jan. 13, which included Kalamazoo, Wheaton and Lake Forest. Phil Heyboer (’10) set a new meet record in the 500 freestyle (4:41.53), while the women won the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:35.53).

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Saturday Jan. 20

vs. Alma 3 p.m. DeVos Fieldhouse

**SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS — Emily O’Hare (’10) prepares for the Calvin game in a pre-season scrimmage.**

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