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Laure Stritzke


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"I'm convinced Michigan's best days are ahead of them," McCain said. He went on to emphasize the importance of becoming independent from foreign oil. McCain said newer, greener technology would enable the U.S. to become less dependent on foreign oil, which in turn, would help the economy and national security by ensuring that we are not more dependent on oil-rich countries.

Nuclear power was also offered as an alternative energy source. Addressing climate change, McCain said it was important to take action to improve our treatment of the environment.

McCain was introduced by his wife, Cindy, who talked about his example of integrity and patriotism. "He is a truly remarkable man... he will be a good leader and a good example for your children," Sen. McCain first discussed innovative solutions to revive the automobile industry, saying that the state of Michigan has the most "innovative and talented work force in America." He touted green technology such as hybrid cars, hydrogen, ethanol and battery power as the solution to the suffering industry. He then assured the audience of his commitment to research and development in America so that there is a level playing field with the competition.

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New semester, New Testament

Emily West

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"We continue where we left off, surrounded," said Trygve Johnson, Hope's dean of the Chapel, at the first Gathering of 2008. Johnson mused his way from Christmas gifts to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to planes and finally to stained glass windows. His first teaching of the semester put the spotlight on the window that is a portrait of Jesus as "The Good Shepherd.

Johnson noted that Jesus, as the shepherd, calls his people by name. He ended the first Gathering with a challenge to pay attention to what voices guide the decisions made in this world and asked "What voices will you listen to?"

Diminut Chapel's stained glass windows are the focus of the Gatherings this year. "Place matters," Johnson said as he explained why the campus ministries staff decided to focus on the windows. Johnson talked about the many generations that have come before and looked on the very same windows that students and professors gaze upon today.

Johnson pointed out that the pictures on the glass tell stories of places, peoples and cultures that were forever changed by God. The Campus Ministries staff desires to see the Hope College community forever changed as the windows encourage a deeper integration of God into everyday life as the students, professors, alumni and the cloud of witnesses become a relationship-based community. Johnson emphasized this on Sunday, saying, "My friends, we are never alone."

Smoking ban gets mixed reactions

Paige Calamari

While some praise the recent removal of ashtrays around campus, others are concerned for their diminishing rights.

On Jan. 1, Hope College became a smoke-free campus. The regulation prohibits smoking in campus buildings, including residential halls, apartment units and cottages as well as on campus walkways, green spaces and outdoor campus parking lots.

The newly implemented restrictions act in accordance with the Ottawa County Smoke-Free Indoor Air Regulation, a policy that bans smoking in public buildings and in areas within 25 feet of any doorway, operable window or ventilation system.

According to an e-mail distributed in early December, "(Hope College) is hopeful that smokers will use this new regulation as an extra incentive to give up smoking and improve their overall health."

During the 2007 fall semester, Hope students completed the Student Life Survey. "This year we had over 1,300 responses," said Dr. John Johnson (95), director of Residential Life and Housing at Hope.

Students were asked to respond to a number of questions, including, "Since the start of the academic year, how frequently have you used tobacco?" Only 2.4 percent of the responses said "everyday." Johnson said, "On the other hand, 79.3 percent said "never.""

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Campus Safety busy over holiday break

Kevin Saubly
Senior Staff Writer

Although most students and faculty enjoyed time off over the Christmas vacation, the Holland Police department and Hope College Campus Safety were, as always, busy keeping Hope College secure.

On Jan. 1, the Holland Police arrested an individual who broke through a window into Belt Cottage (168 East 15th St.), and attempted to also enter Beeuwkes Cottage (160 East 15th St.). According to the police reports, the disoriented Holland local (who was not affiliated with Hope) mistook the cottages for his own residence upon returning from a nearby party. The incident was ruled as an unlawful entry and property damage — not burglary or vandalism as was assumed by some on Hope’s campus until repairs can be made, the displaced student occupants are living elsewhere with assistance from Hope.

Although no safety protocols were ignored or broken by the residents of Belt or Beeuwkes Cottage, Chad Wolters of Campus Safety recommends that, to help prevent the injury or property damage to occur in the future, residents of Belt or Beeuwkes Cottage, Chad Wolters of Campus Safety recommends that, to help keep Hope College facilities and nearby public property.

From 2004 through 2006, there were a total of 16 burglaries, two arsons and only one robbery recorded for all Hope College facilities and nearby public property.

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"Whether we are right or wrong about climate change if we take action we will still be giving young people a better and safer world," McCain said. He advocated a cap and trade bill where businesses that cut down their energy expenditures would earn credits they could then sell to other businesses.

McCain then recognized the many veterans in the room and discussed the importance of the government ensuring health care for veterans.

The “townhall” portion of McCain’s presentation then began as audience members asked McCain questions on topics such as Saudi Arabia, the fair tax, education and no child left behind, the world’s opinion of America, his age, stem-cell research and Russia.

Opinions about McCain’s presentation varied among Hope students.

The Gathering: "Cloud of Witnesses – Peter"

Thursday, Jan. 24

Chapel: Andrew Hickock (UBF)

Bioology Seminar: Jeffrey Ethai
3 p.m. in the Science Center, Room 302
Ethai, from Virginia Commonwealth University, will be presenting "How Biologists Can Build Novel Small Non-repetitive Tools to Study New Phenomena."

Chemistry Seminar: Dr. Brendan Loyenga
4 p.m. in the Science Center, Room 204
Loyenga, from Can Andel Institute, will present "Identification of Novel Drug Targets for the Treatment of Parkinson’s Disease."

Hope 6 Events: Fundraisers
3 — 5 p.m. (Donations), 5 — 7 p.m. (Karaoke Contest) at the Kletz
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Student strives for Katrina relief

Sam Ogles

National News Editor

Since Hurricane Katrina hit the Southern Coast of the U.S. in 2005, many organizations and individuals have devoted time and resources to aiding those affected by the disaster. Leticia Parker ('99) was selected to be a part of a higher education initiative, the Katrina Leadership Project, to launch in the summer of 2008. The project is a five-week residency program taking place in Washington, D.C., which seeks to develop, expand and explore national and global models for leadership. The program allows college undergraduates to explore careers in leadership and policy development, particularly on the national level. But the Katrina Leadership Project also seeks to empower New Orleans high school students. Some of the program's goals include organizing, teaching and creating measurable leadership skills for these high school students, allowing them to rebuild their area while preparing to attend Oxford University before finally returning to Pakistan. Shortly after her return, a military coup overthrew the government and executed her father in 1979. After years of being arrested and detained, Bhutto managed to leave the country and helped found an underground organization to resist the military dictatorship. Finally, in 1988, the first free elections took place in which she was voted prime minister. At age 35, Bhutto was one of the youngest chief executives in the world and the first woman to be elected prime minister in an Islamic country.

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The schools that are still standing are often forced to hold the students whose schools were destroyed and are therefore overcrowded. This leads to thinly spread resources. Thus, these schools and students are in need of resources and opportunities like the ones provided by the Katrina Leadership Project.

In January, Parker seeks to raise funds for the project. Her goal is to have raised $1,000 by mid-January. With the money raised, Parker hopes to provide as many opportunities to students in the New Orleans area as possible.

On noting one of the project’s greatest effects, Parker said, “The project gives (students) hope in knowing that there are people in the world that care about their success.”
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‘Juno’ an endearing mix of comedy and drama

Cassandra Warner
Guest Writer

A new independent film that has created awards buzz is the tale of a 16-year-old girl, faced with the dilemma of an unplanned pregnancy. Already termed one of the most memorable films of the year, Juno is certainly a success.

The teen pregnancy story is not a new concept, but the difference with this movie is that it takes such a predictable subject and twirls it in just the right way to make the story completely endearing. This film is about more than just another teenager giving birth; it is a glimpse into Juno MacGuff’s heartening journey to find out who she really is, as well as to discover her own strength and resilience.

Juno MacGuff is not the typical teenage mom-to-be. She and her friend Paulie Bleeker, who is incidentally the father of her baby, are awkward and nerdy in just the right way. While at times reckless and vulgar, Juno displays a sense of responsibility that is uncommon for those in her situation. Realizing she is not fit to parent a child, as she is not even out of high school yet, she ultimately opts for adoption. An idealist, she goes off in search of the perfect parents.

In her search, she meets the Lorings, whom she believes are the epitome of perfect

‘Live in Lyndonville’ artist live at Kletz

Rachel Syens
Guest Writer

Jason Le Vasseur is not your typical artist. He doesn’t use the generic “I love playing in (insert your city’s name here)” at every show to look like he cares. If Le Vasseur says he loves playing in (insert your city’s name here), then he truly means it. At his concerts, he goes with the flow, interacting with fans and having a good time. It’s this passion for entertaining that rings through Le Vasseur’s music, making the appearance of a smile on the listener’s face almost uncontrollable.

Le Vasseur has opened for major bands and singers, including Maroon 5, Ben Folds, and John Mayer. Currently, Le Vasseur is traveling around the country on a college tour, including a recent stop at the Kletz on Jan. 11 for a SAC-sponsored concert. His CD, “Live in Lyndonville,” was recorded at Lyndon State University in Lyndonville, Vermont.

Le Vasseur combines elements from various genres of music, including country (he’s from Nashville), rock, and acoustic to create his unique sound. His voice has a rough, almost rock sound, but it’s softened by his slight twang. His music ranges from tragic love songs, such as “Not Your Hero,” to his self-coined protest song called “Driver Is The DJ,” written for those drivers who must constantly put up with their passengers picking and changing the music in the care.

Many of Le Vasseur’s songs feature the acoustic guitar, creating a more subdued rock sound. He does add more elements for some of his music; however, his song, “In The Mood For A Good Day,” is played entirely with drums and vocals. At the Kletz concert, Le Vasseur did not have his drums because he flew, so he played a trash can with the song.

Le Vasseur’s concert at Hope was fantastic. He is something of a crowd-pleaser. He cracks jokes after joke and spends a lot of time interacting with the audience.

I personally had not laughed that hard for a long time. “I loved playing at Hope,” said Le Vasseur, “nice people, warm sidewalks.” Le Vasseur also sings other artists’ songs in the middle of his own, keeping his rhythm the entire time. This can actually be heard on his “Live in Lyndonville” CD. In his song, “The Steps of Saint Patrick’s,” one of his top-selling iTunes songs, Le Vasseur breaks into Lil Jon and The East Side Boyz’s popular hit, “Get Low,” and “Ms. Jackson” by Outkast.

If you’re looking for a new artist, I’d suggest Jason Le Vasseur. His “Live in Lyndonville” CD features him telling jokes and talking between songs, adding humor to his concert by singing songs by other artists and his own fantastic music. Le Vasseur has such a versatile sound that almost anyone can find a style that they like. With “Live in Lyndonville,” you won’t be disappointed.

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From alpha to zeta: Greek life at Hope

Mary Davis

Barb Lampen cannot hear very well and has lost many memories from her youth. She lives in an assisted living facility and struggles with basic conversation from time to time. Among those are stories that are dear to her heart and forever remain in her mind. Among those are traveling through the country with her husband, raising her children and her four years as a Sigma Sigma at Hope College. A graduate of the class of 1938, Barb Lampen is 91 years old and can still name every Hope College Greek organization of her time.

Greek life at Hope has been around since before the college's official founding in 1866. Established in 1834, Omicron Kappa Epsilon, the Fraternal Society, is alive and well in 2007 with 27 active members practicing its founding principles laid down 174 years ago.

An Outside Perspective

“I appreciate the community aspect about local chapters,” said Matthew Wixson, ’08, a non-Greek at Hope. “Greek life at Hope is unique because it is not super exclusive; you can’t say the same for a lot of big schools with national organizations.”

Wixson’s involvement on Hope’s campus includes Relay For Life, Dance Marathon, Worship Team, Mortar Board, and working in the Admissions office, to name a few.

“I thought about rushing, but I was already ready to be busy with school,” Wixson said. “I have Greek friends through my work, and sometimes I think I should have gone Greek.”

Wixson has met a number of Greek members through his varied activities. “They’re active people; they do it because they like being involved in things. The Greeks I know have the attitude of ‘yeah it’s something I do, but it is not the only thing I do,’” Wixson said.

Not all independent students feel the same way. The results from a 2007 survey taken from Hope College men and women not involved in Greek life included varied responses.

The poles asked for responses on: “What’s important to Greek life?” Among the responses were: being popular, money, social status, bonding, partying, don’t know, and nothing.” Negative and positive feedback was nearly equal for most responses.

Negative Stereotypes

In 2001, the Knickerbocker Fraternity was suspended for illegal pledging activity. Unfortunately for its current members, their suspension was punishment for crimes committed before their time.

“The administration found pictures in the basement of our fraternity house of illegal pledging from years ago and suspended us for five years,” said Jacob Wingate, ’09, president of the fraternity.

After the suspension ended, a group of 11 alumni from various graduate years attended Hope’s Inter-Fraternal Council meetings for over one year and put together a plan to rebuild the organization.

After a successful rush and 11 accepted bids, the Knicks were well on their way to recreating their almost 100-year-old tradition of brotherhood. However, as pledging nears its end, seven of the 11 pledges dropped out, leaving four men to rebuild and maintain a century’s worth of tradition.

“The (drop-outs) weren’t because (the pledges) got afraid, it was because of a personal decision, but the fraternity had some struggles because of it,” Wingate said. “It’s hard because the only stereotype we have is outdated, but it still affects us.”

After two unsuccessful rushes, Wingate says his one wish is that people would take许our results that it could bring,” Pilott said.

Pilots’s fraternity is working with Court Appointed Special Advocates to build a playhouse to benefit abused and neglected children.

“We’re going to raffle off the playhouse and put the money towards advocating in courts for children that really need the support,” Pilott said.

Members of OKE volunteer each year with CASA and Dance Marathon. "This year we raised over $7,000 for the St. Paul’s Parkinson’s foundation in West Michigan,” Jacob Droppers said.

Rob Pocock, a current Hope professor and Cosmopolitan alumnus, said, “These student organizations have become more aware of social responsibility, such as participation in Dance Marathon and Relay For Life. That wasn’t part of our culture 30 years ago.”

Greeks Alumni

A graduate of Hope in 1997, Pocock was very involved in his fraternity, serving positions as secretary, rush chair and president.

“I do everything possible to support Greek life. It was such a positive experience for me, therefore, I want that for other people,” Pocock said.

Pocock sees that things are different in Greek life at Hope, both good and bad.

“The most obvious change to me is the percentage of students involved has declined. That’s probably the most disturbing thing and the most painful,” Pocock said.

Student Life and Greek Life Director Ellen Awad, a Greek alumna of Hope, graduated in 1990 after four years in the Delta Phi sorority.

“What I went through as a student I wouldn’t change. But I also think, tradition aside, it could be done a different way,” Awad said, referring to New Member Education (pledging).

Awad explained that she receives negative criticism each year during rush about the negatives of a selection process and a need for “permission granted” to be a part of something at a Christian school. Her response is that Hope’s Greek selection process is similar to a number of things in life, like getting a job.

“It’s just more easily targeted because it’s Greek life,” Awad said.

Greek Alumni

A 2005 statistical report from the office of Alumni and Parent Relations found that 34 percent of Hope alumni are Greek and that 50 percent of Greek alumnae have made a contribution to any fund in the last three years as compared to 34 percent of non-Greek alumni.

“When thinking back, most people can’t separate people, they do it through their Greek organization,” said alumna Cindy Pocock. “It’s the traditions and the things that are kept central which create a bond. It’s that certain understanding shared among members past and present. You may not always approve of what they do, but you love them in spite of it and you’re always there for them when they need you.”

“For me it’s a family,” Pilot explained. “Families are sometimes dysfunctional, but there is always love. In the end everyone has to make their own choice. Deciding to join Greek life isn’t necessarily following the crowd; it’s deciding what’s right for you.”

A History of Tradition

Greeks organizations and the dates they were founded

Fraternals

| Name                  | Date         | Year
|-----------------------|--------------|------
| OKE                   | 1834         |
| Phi Sigma Kappa       | 1873         |
| Cosmopolitan          | 1890         |
| Sorosis               | 1905         |
| Knickerbocker         | 1909         |
| Delta Phi             | 1910         |
| Delta Sigma Theta     | 1913         |

Sibylline Sigma       | 1919         |
| Emersonson Phi        | 1919         |
| Dorian Kappa          | 1921         |
| Arcadian Phi          | 1946         |
| Alpha Gamma           | 1957         |
| Kappa Delta Chi       | 1962         |
| Centurian Alpha       | 1966         |
In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Ladies first

Hope women: do you think there aren’t enough men studying here now? Don’t speak too soon. In roughly 10 years, the Department of Education projects that the percentage of current freshman women will be as low as 39 percent (current, it’s about 42 percent).

Despite being the trend for years, this “reverse gender gap” in education doesn’t seem to translate to dominance in business or in government. Only 12 women are CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, 74 women serve as representatives in Congress (out of 435) and 16 women are U.S. senators (out of 100).

Men are studying here now? Don’t speak and 16 women are U.S. senators (out of 100). Equality in society is dependent on the end of chivalry. If we seek genuine equality in society, we may not need to abandon these traditions entirely, but they certainly cannot continue in their present form.

Something does not add up.

I wonder whether the effects of entrenched patriarchy — gender discrimination is most definitely a major factor behind the numbers. However, as we personally strive for equality, this certainly wouldn’t hurt to nevulate the ways in which we live out our gender roles.

As women, we strive to get ahead, and persistently assert our desire for equality in our families and in the workplace. We have successfully removed most gendered language from the vernacular (gone are the days of firemen, policemen and “men at work”). Gender discrimination in the workplace is now a prosecutable offense, and blatant sexism is no longer tolerated in the public sphere.

Despite our embrace of the rhetoric of equality, we nonetheless cling to the more comfortable traditions of the patriarchy. The little things that we do can be just as damaging as outward discrimination — especially if we don’t do anything to stop them.

One major area in which we deliberately overlook our role in patriarchy is in relationships. It is still generally assumed that the man will ask the woman out, not vice versa. Women let men pay for their meals, their drinks and movie tickets, ignoring the implied insult — that women are not capable of paying for themselves. We find it sweet and endearing when a man always opens the door for her female date, instead of questioning why this confused man believes that she is too weak to open the door for herself — and why a physically able woman would tolerate it.

We must move beyond the practice of fawning over expensive engagement rings. Men are expected to spend two months’ income to buy a ring, thus demonstrating that they can provide for their fiancées-to-be.

Women are never expected to make a single purchase so large for their fiancées (based on the false assumption, perhaps, that they do not have the income to do so). I might need providing for if I am ill or physically incapable of working, but at the moment I am neither.

What if the man gets sick and can’t work? Wouldn’t it be equally nice if I proved I could provide for him?

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Finally, we can never, ever accept the phrase “ladies first” without a fight.

If we cannot stand as equals in our most intimate relationships, how can we ever assume equal roles on the world stage?

Evelyn was concerned to learn that the government of California seeks the power to remotely control private thermostats in an emergency, according to the New York Times. She had the option; I was wrong about that, in any case.

The issues of safety on campuses nationwide have recently been brought to the forefront in the only way that an important issue like this ever does: nationally broad coverage, with the applicant, although being a major factor behind the numbers, it is no longer tolerated in the public sphere.

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To the Editors:

Today I parted ways with Hope’s campus forever. My final semester will be off-campus in Washington D.C. By virtue of being an RA, it’s been an ambitious endeavor if there ever were one), I had the option to stay on campus one last time. At least, I thought I had that option; I was wrong about that, in any case.

Many times I had to write to the Anchor about the issue of something like this ever does: nationally broad coverage, with the applicant, although being a major factor behind the numbers, it is no longer tolerated in the public sphere.

It is to lock all the doors so that everyone is lighted with the illusion that I am not being sanctioned or ordered by Student Development, and the voice on the other end of the line explained, nonetheless, that no one’s ID was working in any building. When I asked for someone to come to Brumler to let me in (this was not offered) I waited for 20 minutes for no one. An hour-long period wherein no student can access any building is beyond all measures an unacceptable failure on the part of Campus Safety.

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Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

What is it good for?

This weekend, I co-cidentally found myself in the middle of this quasi-metawar between creative writers and literature professors. Granted, most of the actual battle took place in my imagination. I pictured Edgar Allen Poe in his West Point attire leading place in my imagination. I pictured Edgar

apologize for writing this column. You see, Dear Reader,

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the fall semester living, working and learning career, but my life so far. I decided to spend

weeks, I would witness first-hand what life is

internship for a non-profit organization

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"DEAR.

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Windy City real soon. Is anyone else interested

I found who had not had a job in years, while

on the next corner one could find very wealthy

Chicagoans partying the night away and

spending money like there is no tomorrow,

without a care for the poor around them.

After all, what is a literature professor without literate? What is a writer without an audience? It's just plain wrong," says the literature professor to the creative writer. "Write back at you."

We need to do is sit down and read

Shel Silverstein and absorb how he crafts each line with laser precision. Pick each line apart, see what all it is. Work just for a time. Then we can get back to our separate spheres and do our own thing. Just as long as we all remember why we do what we do.

I admit I am still trying to understand the struggle and have a long way to go. But in the meantime... I will read, and I will write, and I will think hard, and I will have fun. Happily ever after...

So, if you're not apologizing for excluding those generally not interested in the politics of English academics tell him about your own department's cold political strategies at janer.benson@hope.edu or anchors@hope.edu.

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THE ANCHOR

From the inside out

Chris Lewis

Away from Hope

"There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience, and that is not learning from experience." — Lawrence J. Peter

Last semester, I made one of the most important decisions in not only my Hope career, but my life so far. I decided to spend the full semester living, working and learning in Chicago, the third largest city in the U.S.

While in Chicago, I obtained a marketing internship for a non-profit organization known as Chicago Cares. Over the next 15 weeks, I would witness first-hand what life is truly like in the "real world." Not only was I responsible for classes, but I also had to work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a week

in one of the most fast-paced and competitive environments in the world. Gaining true experience in a profession I am interested in was one of my primary goals that I hoped to achieve. However, when I found my education would be based not only inside of an office building and a classroom, but throughout Chicago, as I began to interact with many different cultures.

The numbers of the homeless in Chicago shocked me and awakened me to the needs of this world. As students at Hope, we have been truly blessed with all that we have — a warm place to live in, a bed to sleep in, as much food as we need, a community of people who truly care about each other and more. While these all seem like basic needs, we should not take them for granted, as millions upon millions of people around the world seem to show any care or attention towards the needy in front of them. But then 1 began to focus on myself and on students at Hope, wondering what we have done to improve others' lives. I felt ashamed, knowing that many offers I have had were based solely on myself instead of others.

While I love the community of Hope, I do wish there was much more diversity here as well. I feel that many Hope students will never experience what life is like outside of West Michigan. We, as a student body, are here to learn so that we may impact the world in a positive way. But how can we possibly expect to impact our world if our perceptions of the world are false and we never experience what life is like in other parts of the country and world?

As a student who has experienced a semester away from Hope, I recommend all students to spend at least one semester studying abroad, learning about other cultures and gaining first-hand experience as an intern in a field in which you are interested in. I truly feel that more learning is done through actual work experience than in the classroom.

While we all need to impact the world, we need to gain some experience before we walk away from Hope. We will be more prepared to face our futures because of our experiences and we, along with the rest of the world, will be better for it.

Chris is gearing up to go to classes and having to study again after his days Chicago a little. He hopes to go back to the windy city real soon. Is anyone else interested in going too?
Smoking ban gets mixed reactions

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able to smoke within a safe distance of campus, students are forced to walk out at night to a farther away place where it isn’t as safe.

Last semester, Barnes, along with other students, began a petition to create smoking-stations or safe accommodations for smokers. Though further actions have not yet been taken, Barnes said, “I hope that we can resolve this issue quickly and calmly.”

Health concerns remain important for administration and students.

“People do and always will have the right to behave in a certain way and choosing to smoke is no different. The catch with smoking is that the smoke affects others that are choosing not to smoke and infringing on their rights,” said Carolyn Mossing, a physician’s assistant and clinical manager at Hope’s Health Clinic.

“Second-hand smoke has been medically documented as being harmful during the long-term and may even precipitate asthma attacks and flares in the short run with some chronically ill people.”

As an RA in Dykstra Hall, Cydney Remy (‘10) said, “When people smoke in the alley a lot of smoke would drift into the clusters. It’s nice not to have to deal with that.”

Greg Maybury, Director of Operations, said that Campus Safety does not enforce this policy. Immediate supervisors of campus employees and the student judicial system will be responsible for those who violate the regulation.

For more information regarding the Ottawa County regulation, visit musttowa.org/HealthComm/Health.

Exhibit gives Vietnamese women voice

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annually, increasing our ability as a community to engage the world at large.

“Universities and colleges have to have a global perspective, and the visual arts are a powerful way of knowing another culture,” Professor Steve Nelson, Chair of the Art Department, said. “(Changing Identities) showcases not just another culture, but a group of people in that culture that are underrepresented in the art community.”

While the Vietnamese art scene has undergone remarkable growth over the past 20 years, female artists have often been overlooked, by both the strongly patriarchal Vietnamese society and the art world at large.

These women, however, have much to express. They represent the voice of a new generation of post-“American War” Vietnamese, who are both rejecting the limitations of traditional gender roles and preserving a strong sense of their cultural heritage. The theme of this struggle weaves through all of the artwork lining the gallery walls, tying them together, although each artist is also exploring her identity in a uniquely personal way.

One of the art pieces on display is in Dang Thi Khue’s installation “Boundaries,” in which pairs of arms carved from wood are suspended with woven cloths hanging between them, giving the impression of a person standing beautifully dressed but without an identity.

As part of the effort to foster intercultural connectedness here at home, the DePree Art Center is extending a special invitation to Holland’s Vietnamese community to join Dr. Taylor and artist Oanh Thi Thi Thanh Voong on Saturday, Jan. 26, for refreshments and discussion in the gallery. Professor Anne Heath of the art history department, who has played a principle role in organizing the event, described this as an example of one of the various ways Hope seeks to “reach out to the community beyond the campus.” There will also be a presentation by curator Nora Taylor on Friday, Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. in the Cook Auditorium of the DePree Art Center, which all are invited to attend.

Campus Safety busy over break

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limit the number of such incidents, students and faculty remember to lock doors and windows, be aware of their surroundings and not allow strange people into campus residences. Although it is a rare occurrence, it is not unheard of for some of the Holland homeless population to request admittance to cottages.

The Hope College campus is viewed as relatively safe, and it has experienced a relatively small number of criminal offences in the past several years. From 2004 through 2006, there were a total of 16 burglaries, two arsons and only one robbery recorded for all Hope College facilities and nearby public property.

All students and faculty are reminded that they should check for a crime or be an eyewitness, to report it immediately to campus safety by dialing 911 from campus phones, or for non-emergencies, dialing 7770 from campus phones or 616-395-7770 from outside lines.

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DETROIT TIGERS WINTER CARAVAN ROLLS THROUGH HOLLAND — Marti Bultman, wife of Hope College President James Bultman, is presented with a Detroit Tigers jacket by Tigers General Manager David Dombrowski. The Tigers visited DeVos Fieldhouse Jan. 14 as part of their Winter Caravan. Tiger players and coaches were available for a question-and-answer session and also sat down to eat with Hope College’s baseball and softball teams. The Hope teams also took advantage of the event to showcase their upcoming season and new stadiums.

Detroit rolls, Tigers roar

From DIII to pro, athletes meeting athletes

Since their remarkable 2006 season, the Detroit Tigers have become a statewide obsession. That obsession came to Hope College last week as members of the team held an event at DeVos Fieldhouse Jan. 14 as part of their 2008 Winter Caravan.

Players Rick Porcello, Jordan Tota, Zach Miner and Vance Wilson came to Holland, along with General Manager Dave Dombrowski and broadcaster Mario Impemba.

The Tigers were impressed with the turnout at the event along with many aspects about Hope.

Dave Dombrowski commented on the big story of the off-season, the trade that brought Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera to Detroit.

"While Cameron Maybin is a blue-chip prospect, and Andrew Miller is a top-of-the-rotation pitcher, we traded future stars for young, present stars," Dombrowski explained, noting how the young ages of Willis and Cabrera show how the two can be star quality for years to come.

First-round draft pick Rick Porcello was excited to come and represent the Tigers, on the eve of camp, and I’m hoping to learn from the veterans for as long as possible," Porcello said.

With the conclusion of the season-and-answer session and also sat down to eat with Hope College’s baseball and softball teams. The Hope teams also took advantage of the event to showcase their upcoming season and new stadiums.

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"It is an amazing opportunity to sit down with the Tigers. They showed us the bigger picture," Tanouye said. "It was an opportunity to see something bigger and we were able to experience it as a team.”

Opening day in the Wolters and Boeve stadiums are April 2 and will be the new home for Hope’s ball clubs.

"We’re going to build on the experience, and I’m hoping to learn from the veterans for as long as possible,” Porcello said. With the conclusion of the state-wide tour, the Tigers will now be focusing on Opening Day. Spring Training in Lakeland, Fla. begins on Feb. 14, and Opening Day for the team is March 31 against Kansas City.

Also included in the event was a presentation on Hope’s upcoming seasons in baseball and softball as well as their new stadiums. The new stadiums were completed in the fall of 2007 and will be the new home for Hope’s ball clubs.

"It is an amazing opportunity as seniors to end our careers in the new stadium," Laura Tanouye ('08) said. "It is just another thing to motivate us to do well this season.”

An added perk for the ball clubs was an opportunity to sit down with the Tigers. They joined the professional players for a quick lunch.

For the third time this season, the Hope College hockey team defeated Calvin College 10-1 on Jan. 19. The Dutchmen improved their overall record to 15-2-1.

Ten different Hope players scored in the game, while goalie Mike Headley ('09) stopped 28 of 29 shots. The team will compete next at Grand Valley State University on Jan. 25 at 9 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING TEAMS WIN QUAD MEET

The Hope College men’s and women’s swimming and diving team were both victorious in the Michigan-Illinois Quad meet on Jan. 19. The men’s team won the meet with 601 points followed by Wheaton College 497, Kalamazoo College 488.5 and Lake Forest College 482. The women’s team also won both relays. The Dutchmen were both victorious in the Michigan-Illinois Quad meet on Jan. 19.
Success for team and coach

Jerry DeBoer
Guest Writer

If you have not been following the Hope College men's basketball team closely this winter, you have missed out on many notable achievements.

The Flying Dutchmen have compiled a 12-2 record overall and 4-0 in the MIAA this season, losing only two non-conference contests. One to Aquinas in overtime, and one to Elmhurst at the buzzer. The Flying Dutchmen have consequently grabbed a national ranking, moving up to number six in Division III.

The Dutchmen also won the Run DeVette Classic over winter break to end non-conference play. Hope defeated previously unbeaten Mount Vernon Nazarene 96-77 on Dec. 29.

"We've won six in a row," head coach Glenn Van Wieren said. "We've played some high level teams and we're undefeated (4-0) in the conference."

Two of the conference wins took place last week in the DeVos, as Hope dismantled Kalamazoo College 88-60 on Wednesday, Jan. 16 and pulled out a nail-biter over Adrian, 74-70, on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Good shooting and strong defense has attributed to the Dutchmen's winning streak, as well as taking care of the ball. "We're shooting around 48 percent, and the other teams are shooting around 40 percent (against us)," Van Wieren said. "Our turnover ratio is very low. Against Kalamazoo, we had fifteen turnovers, which is the most we've had so far."

The next team that Hope will try to shut down is Alma, as Hope travels to the Scots on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

After the game at Alma, the Flying Dutchmen will start the next chapter of one of the biggest rivalries in all of college basketball. Hope College will travel to Calvin on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m., and try to pull a win out of a hostile environment.

Both Hope and Calvin are having strong seasons on the hardwood, although, in a rivalry of such magnitude, records go out the window.

"Calvin's atmosphere is phenomenal. Not only is this game for rivalry, it is usually for first place in the conference," Van Wieren said. "(In the preseason) we were picked to win it, and they were picked to finish second."

And if you haven't been following the men's basketball season, you have also missed some basketball history. Van Wieren joined a very elite group of coaches by winning his 600th career game by defeating Olivet 80-71 on Jan. 12. Only five other Division III men's basketball coaches have reached 600 wins. It took him just 801 games to accomplish this feat, which is the fastest of any coach in the 600 win club. With victories in their last two games, Coach Van Wieren sits at 692 career wins, just 309 behind the great Bobby Knight.

"It feels like I've coached a long time," Van Wieren said about his milestone victory. "I am thankful that Hope has kept me around for so many years."

The Dutchmen will play today at 7:30 p.m. against Alma College away. Last season Hope defeated Alma twice during the regular season.

Athlete profile: Hope got its Mojo back

Dan Toren
Guest Writer

Returning for his final year of swimming eligibility, fifth-year senior Jeff Holtman knows how precious everyday activities are. It was about a week after his freshman swimming season when, in a pick-up basketball game, an elbow to the temple redeemed his life.

This collision damaged Holtman's ability to perform everyday tasks such as walking, eating and talking. Holtman was forced to sit out his sophomore season to recover, but did not keep him away from swimming.

"When Jeff was injured it was my intention to keep him involved with team as much as possible. He came to the pool everyday to help with workouts and coaching," said John Patnott, Hope men's swimming coach.

Known for his long monkey-like arms, the request for prayer for Holtman reminded many swimmers of a Simpson's episode in which a monkey named "Mojo" reminded many swimmers of a Simpson's episode in which a monkey named "Mojo" represented how the team never left him and how God can work when asked why he decided to return as swimmer.

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The recovery was not an easy process for Holtman. Teammate Ryan Nelis ('10) talked about how fragile the injury could make Holtman.

"It was shocking to see how much the injury took out of him. Certain days, if he didn't get enough to eat, you could definitely tell," Nelis said.

The fight to regain control of his body involved about two years of physical and speech therapy in which Holtman realigned everything from how to climb stairs, balance while standing and how to read and talk without a slur.

Through it all, the fire to succeed never left Holtman.

"My love and passion for the sport is what drives me each day, and I can't imagine going to college without the athletic atmosphere," Holtman said.

The team appreciates him as well. Patnott sees Holtman's role on the team as very important.

"Jeff is very dedicated and has a strong team focus. He always puts the team first when it concerns the events he swims," Patnott said. "When he decided to swim the whole year (he could have graduated in December) all the team members were very pleased. Jeff always works hard and is very supportive of teammates. Although he is not a team captain, he is a strong leader through his actions and words."

Nelis echoes the coach's words.

"Holtman is always exciting to be around. At meets and at practices, he is never quiet and always encouraging, even if he doesn't necessarily say it."

The history Holtman refers to is Hope's chance to bring home the MIAA Championship. Patnott is optimistic.

"The team is performing very well, as evidenced by winning the Michigan-Indiana quad meet. I am excited about the MIAA Championship meet," Patnott said. "I think we will do very well."

Watch Mojo and the team face GVSU Friday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in the DeVos Center.

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