McCain hoped for Michigan

Laura Stritzke

Maas auditorium was packed to the limits. The crowd was chanting, "Mac is back, Mac is back..." Chuck Yob, the Republican National Committee Representative for the state of Michigan started the town hall meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 by firing up the crowd, saying, "It's important that we get that message across, so he knows up the crowd, saying, "It's important that we get that message across, so he knows.

Sen. John McCain’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 financing terrorists in oil-rich countries.

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

New semester, New Testament

Emily West

"We continue where we left off: surrounded," said Trygve Johnson, Hope’s dean of the Chapel, at the first Gathering of 2008. Johnson kicked off the semester by speaking about the spiritual journey and the power of presence in everyday life as the students, professors and the clouds of witness together.

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?"

Dingens 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 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 faith into everyday life as the students, professors, alumni and the clouds of witness together.

Johnson emphasized this on Sunday, saying, "My friends, we are never alone."
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.

Kevin Samblin
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 unidentiﬁed man who broke through a window into Bel Cottage (168 East 15th St.), and attempted to also enter Beeswaks 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 Beel or Beeswaks Cottage, Chad Wolters of Campus Safety recommends that, to help secure the community are welcome.

Matt Oosterhouse
Senior Staff Writer

As the month of January nears an end, a portion of Hope College students anxiously await Friday, Feb. 1 — some because it is one step closer to spring, and others because it is one step closer to their goal of becoming registered nurses since Feb. 1 is the deadline for applications into Hope’s nursing program. However, for some, February may be a challenging month as, not all who apply to the program will be admitted. With approximately 50 applications for the Feb. 1 deadline, and only 36 spots available per academic year, Hope’s nursing program is arguably one of the most competitive degree ﬁelds at the college. Since becoming a full-judged program at Hope in 2002 after previously being a joint program with Calvin College, the nursing department has graduated many students who have gone onto highly sought positions in leading hospitals and top graduate nursing programs in the U.S.

Dr. Susan Dunn, chair of the nursing department, believes that this, as well as the numerous applications, is a result of the quality of Hope’s program.

“The Hope College nursing program is gaining recognition as one of the best nursing programs available,” Dunn said. “(Hope’s nursing program offers) a challenging curriculum, exceptional nursing faculty, excellent clinical experiences and a unique focus on undergraduate nursing research.”

According to Dunn, for the past two years, there have been more applications than available spots to the Hope program as there has been an increase in applicants, which follows a nationwide trend. Dunn attributes this to the availability of job prospects, as well as a shortage of RNs in the U.S. that has created a demand.
Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto assassinated
Former Prime Minister Bhutto's motorcade shot, attacked by suicide bomber

Jonathan Parrish

Earlier this week, 15-year-old Arzoe Shah confessed to being part of a team that assassinated the Pakistan People's Party leader and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Shah, who was expected to win the upcoming Pakistani general election, was killed at a rally in a gun and suicide-bomb attack on December 27.

Shah and an unnamed accomplice were apprehended on the Afghan border by Pakistani security forces. Shah reportedly told investigators that his squad was dispatched to kill Bhutto by Baitullah Mehsud, a militant leader charged with jointly laundering $1.5 billion through Swiss bank accounts.

In 1997, the military once again overthrew the elected government and imprisoned Bhutto. In this time, Bhutto and her husband were also

Israel blocksades Palestinian Gaza

Gordie Fagg

Sunny West

The project is a five-week residency set to launch in the summer of 2008.

However, the Israeli government of an already dire situation.

Christoph Gunn, UNRWA spokesman

"This can only lead to the deterioration of an already dire situation."

The next day in Jerusalem, Bush stated that the Israeli occupation and Palestinian terrorism must both end immediately.

BUSH: "I am confident that with proper help, the state of Palestine will emerge." Bush said at a press briefing, alongside Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The AP quoted Bush as saying "I am confident that the status quo is unacceptable. Mr. President, and we want to help you."
WGA strike cancels Golden Globes

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Many things have taken place since the Writers Guild of America went on strike on Nov. 5, 2007. For one, many networks are being forced to run reruns of hit shows because there are no more episodes left. However, the most shocking decision came when NBC announced the cancellation of the Golden Globes, one of the most esteemed award shows in Hollywood.

The Golden Globes, which was set to air on Jan. 13, usually preceded all the other major award shows in Hollywood. Prior to the strike, NBC was hoping to hold the ceremony as scheduled to avoid the embarrassment of cancellation. However, NBC announced on Dec. 23 that the Golden Globes would be postponed by six weeks.

As of now, the future of the most famous award show is unclear. While some felt it was a travesty that the Golden Globes were cancelled, others felt it was for the best.

"I'm happy, because they're useless. All they do is push people's egos," said Dave Sherry (MO).

Most college students don't watch the award shows, so the decision was not affected by the lack of new episodes of their favorite shows.

"I'm ready for it to be over," said Angelee Garcia (ML).

Garcia is a fan of "The Office," and misses watching new episodes every week.

Bhutto assassinated

**BHUTTO, from page 3**

Bhutto's husband, forcing her to flee to London with her children.

In October 2007, Bhutto returned to Pakistan where she was welcomed by enthusiastic crowds. Within hours of her return, however, Bhutto's motorcade was attacked by two suicide bombings. Although over a hundred supporters were killed, Bhutto managed to survive the initial attacks and continued to advocate for the restoration of democracy in Pakistan. She further hoped that her election would lead to tougher military measures against radical Islamic militants who have used Pakistan's border as staging point for infiltration into Afghanistan.

Since her assassination in December, violence and rioting has claimed the lives of more than 40 people and the Pakistani parliamentary elections have been postponed by six weeks. According to government sources, initial rioting destroyed 1,768 buildings, 78 gas stations, 72 train cars, 18 railway stations and hundreds of cars and shops. Currently, investigators from Scotland Yard are assisting local authorities in the continuing investigation into her death.

A Student Strives for Katrina Relief

**KATRINA, from page 3**

In addition to learning actual leadership skills, the students affected by Hurricane Katrina are given opportunities to use these skills. The program offers leadership tours to cities such as New York and Seattle and also to international destinations such as South Africa.

Parker had the opportunity to visit New Orleans during Christmas break, which had a profound effect on her. The experience made Parker appreciative of all that she had. "I was empowered to me make a change for the high school students affected by Katrina," Parker said.

But why this specific student and why are such programs needed? Parker said that the problem lies with the situations in the schools. Aside from the $125 billion estimated in economic damage from Katrina, severely decreasing school funding, the facilities themselves are a problem. Parker explains that in addition to homes, many of the schools in the area lie demolished by the storm.

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 will be raising funds for the project. Her goal is to raise $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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Indie Music Club hosts concerts, events

Julie Kocsls

Concerts and T-shirts and mixed CDs, oh my! The Hope College Independent (or just “Indie”) Music Club, which is open to any student who wants to join, typically meets every few weeks. “It’s a way for students who are interested in different types of music to get together and share,” said Johnny Ytterock, ’10 president of the Indie Music Club.

Club members listen to and share all kinds of music — Indie folk, rock and country, alternative and even a bit of classic music by artists like Bob Dylan.

The club plans activities that go beyond simply listening to music, such as making T-shirts and having barbecues. For Christmas, members met to do a gift exchange in which club members traded CD mixes of their favorite songs.

The Indie Music Club hosts two concerts each semester, which are usually held in Snow Auditorium in Nykerk Hall. Bands that play at these concerts are typically unknown, regional bands. Hope students often open for the headlining bands, allowing students to have even more of an opportunity to participate.

The club’s next event will be a concert featuring Head & Toe, with special guest Bates and Foote on Friday, Feb. 22 in Snow Auditorium.

To find out more about the club and upcoming events, join their Facebook group, visit their official website at www.hopemusic.com or shoot them an email at imc@hope.edu.

SPARKING “DIALOGUE” — A new exhibit at Depree called “Changing Identities” displays the work of 10 female Vietnamese artists. The media varies from sculpture to video and is part of the department’s Initiative to showcase International artists.

Karie Luldens

Exhibit gives Vietnamese women voice

The DePree Art Center is now displaying its most recent exhibition, “Changing Identities,” a unique collection of works by contemporary Vietnamese women artists. The curator of the exhibit is Dr. Nora Taylor, associate professor at Arizona State University, who spent a recent sabbatical year in Hanoi continuing her studies of Vietnamese painting.

In the exhibition catalog, she writes that the show challenges the viewer to consider, “Are Vietnamese women artists a category that one can immediately sum up and conjure an image of?”

The anticipated answer is no, a tour of the gallery reveals simple definitions or categories inadequate. There one finds an incredible assortment of media—from oil paintings to sculptural installations to photographs to video—conveying the psychological and creative diversity of the ten individual artists who produced the show. “Changing Identities” was brought to the Hope College campus as part of an ongoing effort on behalf of the Art Department to display international art to Photograph by Kevin Raley

Hot Club of San Francisco to visit

Michelle Read

On Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., the Great Performance Series will host a swinging shindig featuring The Hot Club of San Francisco at Dimnent Chapel. The gypsy swing band will travel all the way from San Francisco to Holland for a night of aerial and visual entertainment.

The term Hot Club developed from Django Reinhardt and his famous quintet that played at the Hot Club of France. Reinhardt was a revolutionary French guitarist who created the growing genre of gypsy jazz. Hot Clubs have since spread worldwide in Tokyo, Norway and New York.

The Hot Club of San Francisco has a unique blend of guitar, percussion and violin. They also have uniquely designed a special silent surrealism project as part of the performance. The group will play music they composed with recently discovered silent film clips from the 1920s and 30s. This will enlivens even more the group’s ability to drift you back to Paris and the Jazz Age.

The Hot Club of San Francisco has been touring and producing albums since 1992 with huge success and great acclaim. Derek Emerson, director of The Great Performance Series said of the Hot Club, “I’ve been looking at this group for several years. They are known for excellent live performances.”

Photo courtesy Scott Brown

REVVING GYPSY SWING— Hot Club of San Francisco brings sounds of Parisian jazz to Hope College.

IN BRIEF

MULTICULTURAL CONTEST ESSAYS DUE

Submission forms will be available Jan. 28. The annual multicultural essay contest, which is part of the Crossheads project, is available. Essays are due Feb. 25 in the Multicultural Office of Martha Miller.

FLUTE RECITAL SET SUNDAY

The range of flute will be showcased by Gabe Southard during the Hope College Faculty Recital on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music.

The recital will begin with “Sonata for Flute and Piano,” by Amy Beach, with pianist Andrew Le accompanying Southard. The work will be followed by “Black Anemones” and “Scoring,” by Joseph Schwantner; “Fantasia in d minor,” by Philip Tellenam; and “Sonata for Flute and Piano,” by Lowell Liebermann.

Robert “Gabe” Southard is currently Hope’s director of bands and part of the Music Education Consortium. Prior to his residence at MSU, he served as Wind Symphony conductor and Flute Studio teacher at the University of Michigan-Flint, where he also taught Orchestration, Music Appreciation, and Advanced Conducting.

The public is invited. Admission is free.
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 twists 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 Lorias, whom she believes are the epitome of perfection. They are an affluent, handsome, and seemingly happy couple, but beneath the surface they have their own problems. Seizing their flaws, Juno begins to lose her faith in humanity. After a talk with her father, she realizes that although things are not always perfect, she has many around her that will love her through thick and thin. “Juno,” although not spotless, is an endearing mix of comedy and drama that will be remembered for years to come.

‘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 (the’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 drum can with the song. Le Vasseur’s concert at Hope was fantastic. He is something of a crowd-pleaser. He cracks joke 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, “Two 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 they like in him. With “Live in Lyndonville,” you won’t be disappointed.

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From alpha to zeta: Greek life at Hope

Mary Davis
Guest Writer

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.

But for Barb, there are stories that are dear to her heart and forever remain in her mind. Among those are time. 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 1886. Established in 1883, Hope College, 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 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 really busy with school," Wixson said.

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 polls 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 neared 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) were because (the pledges) got hazed, 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 the opportunity to get to know the Knicks on a personal level.

We offer a unique perspective on things. We are four very different people, but brotherhood overcomes those differences," he said.

During the 2007 fall semester, Anna Pilott ('09) was the president of Alpha Gamma Phi. A Greek organization that's been affected by stereotypes, both new and old. She learned that in the 1980s a group of women rushed Alpha Gamma Phi whose liberal views were different from that of society’s "social norm."

She said, "It created a big split in the sorority and a lot of the girls left. Since then we’ve always been pretty small."

Community Service

With nine members this year, Pilott has struggled along with the rest of Alpha Gamma Phi to make as much of a difference as bigger sororities.

"We’re working on a pretty ambitious service project this semester because we’re so small, but it’s really important to us and we like the results that it could bring," Pilott said.

Pilott's sorority 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 OKC volunteer each year with CASA and Dance Marathon.

This year we raised over $7,000 for the Sun Post Parkinson’s foundation in West Michigan," Jacob Droppers said.

Rob Pocek, a current Hope professor and Cosmopolitan alumna, 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."

Greek Alumni

A graduate of Hope in 1977, Pocek was very involved in her 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," Pocek said. Pocek 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," Pocek 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.

"That 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.

Lasting Memories

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 alumni 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 the people they do things with, separate 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," Pilott 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."

All students interested in rushing, please contact Ellen Awad as soon as possible at awad@hope.edu.

A history of tradition: Greek organizations and the dates they were founded

| Fraternal OKE: 1834 | Sibylline Sigma: 1919 |
| Phi Sigma Kappa ΦΣΚ: 1873 | Emersonson ΦΤΝ: 1919 |
| Cosmopolitan ΦΚΑ: 1890 | Dorian ΚΒΦ: 1921 |
| Sorosis ΕΣ: 1905 | Arcadian ΧΦΣ: 1946 |
| Knickerbocker ΚΗΝ: 1909 | Alpha Gamma ΑΓΦ: 1957 |
| Delta Phi ΦΔ: 1910 | Kappa Delta Chi ΚΑΧ: 1962 |
| Delta Sigma Theta ΦΣΚ: 1913 | Centurian ΑΘΧ: 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 Women and Gender Studies will probably be as low as 39 percent (currently, 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).

One major area in which we deliberately overstep our boundaries is in relationships. It is still generally assumed that the man will ask the woman out, not vice versa. Women just plain don’t pay for their meals, their drinks and their 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 his 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. Women need to move beyond the practice of having someone else pay for things as a social courtesy.

Student expresses concerns with campus safety

There are many laws regarding such things as seat belts, helmets for motorcycle riders and smoking, where one must weigh the benefit to the greater society on the one side, and the loss of liberty to a few on the other. There is no easy formula for this; one essentially relies on a gut feeling for which is most important.

So let’s look at the issue of a smoke-free campus. What is the cost of allowing smoking outside of Hope’s campus? It means that occasionally passers-by may breathe a whiff of smoke. What is the loss of liberty? It means that anyone — student, employee, visitor who wants to light up must leave all the entire campus grounds. My own “gut” agrees with you that in this case the loss of liberty by the few is greater than the benefit to the majority.

— Tien Penning, professor of mathematics
Beautiful feet

Bryant Russ

Dear Jesus

Dear Reader,

Before we get started, I feel I should apologize for writing this column. You see, I want to write about Jesus. I have to write about Jesus. Like the letter in the Bible, I have to talk about Jesus after being kicked by His hand, or how a man whose been to outer space can’t help but talk about the moon—this thing that astronomers insinuates, and wakes up his heart. But there’s a problem, and that’s why I have to say, “I’m sorry.” I’m apologizing because the words I’ll be using won’t be enough to do justice to His name. While the word, “big,” would generally be accepted when describing the amazing astronaut who probably cringe at the failure of the word. Big! Bigger! Is that it?

I am in this predicament now as I’m trying to describe the size and ten feet. Come on, It’s Jesus! Should I say He’s “good,” “great,” “awesome,” at the risk of bending your imagination to the word? Jesus, who is “the radiance of God’s glory, and the exact representation of His being”? (Hebrews 1:3) Jesus, whose voice is like a trumpet, and whose face is like the sun, shining in all its brilliance? (Revelation 1:16) Jesus, who, when the elders in heaven looked upon His face can’t help but shiver and stand before Him in worship? (Revelation 5:11-14)

But do you want to know the most difficult part to express? As C.S. Lewis described in “The Last Battle,” “My happiness is so great it even mitigates me like a sense.” And this is the marvel of me, that he called me beloved.” What is this new, surprising, almost unbelievable glory? Jesus loves you.

You might say, “Well, of course He loves me, everyone knows that God is supposed to love,” and not feel the least bit of joy. But I feel it very little, if anything at all. I’ve had a volume button, “I tell you to tell you to turn down to a whisper.” He likes you, too.

For the reader who doubts and thinks, “Why not worth my friend’s time, I’m not worth asking out, I definitely not worth God’s attention,” let me be clear. When your doubts and fears tell you you’re unloved, I have a friend who disagrees. Consider the Most Glorious One coming to earth as a man to put to death for our sins. Why? Because He’d rather lie in your place than be separated from you. In other words, love.

Come on. It’s Jesus!

Jesus loves you. He’s not just some God who cares about your struggle in biology, you’ll see what I mean about having trouble describing Him. For if we could see Jesus, the supreme colossus of great and good, in full, in our prayers would beg, “Dear Jesus,” and in the middle, “Dear Jesus,” and end, “DEAR JESUS!” Our lips would sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” when we speak to ourselves: “Holy smoke!” I can’t believe He’s this good.

As we journey together, I pray we’ll see Him bigger.

Bryan is hoping you’ll look up from this page if you’re wondering about the name, “Beautiful feet.” In addition, he’s psyched for weekends and Rummels.

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 my life: to participate in 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 four days 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 the main reasons that I chose to participate. However, 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 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, should we not take them for granted, as millions upon millions of people right now are longing for what we have? Not only hungry in nations like Somalia or Mozambique; they are in our very own communities.

Going to Hope leaves many people isolated from the outside world, as all of us are not close to the needy in front of them. But then I 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 at Hope 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 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. I truly feel that more learning is done through actual work experience than is done in the classroom.

While we all want 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 starting to feel good about writing classes and having to study again, but also misses 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,” said Barnes. “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 Dyckman 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.”

Gret 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 miostawa.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 to have a global perspective, and 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 Dinh Thi Tham Poong on Saturday, Jan. 26, for refreshments and discussion in the gallery. Professor Anne Heath of the art history department, who has played a principal 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 will be open to attend.

Campus Safety busy over break

• **SECURE**, from page 2

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 near-by public property.

All students and faculty are reminded, should they be a victim of a crime or observe an emergency or suspicious activity, 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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Gordie Fall

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It is an amazing opportunity as seniors to end our careers in the new stadium.”

LAURA TANOUYE (’08), Hope softball captain 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 WAC and looove stadiums are April 2 against Albion College for the Hope softball team and March 22 against Olivet College for Hope baseball.

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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 nail-biting contests. One to Aquinas in overtime, and one to Elmhurst at the buzzer. The Flying Dutchmen really shows how they’ve 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 take on 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 600 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**
Gauest 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 episode in which a monkey named “Mojo” reminded many swimmers of a Simpson’s character, Holtman “Mojo” represents how the team feels about the team focus. He always puts the team first and I couldn’t turn down the chance to watch history in the making first hand.”

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