Room fire empties Kollen

STACY BOGARD
campusbeat editor

Residents of Kollen and surrounding cottages stood outside in the rain as smoke bellowed from the window of Room 304 East Kollen Hall. Holland firefighters were called to the scene at 8:58 p.m. when papers on the floor of Fred Isaacs’ (’00) room ignited. The fire’s cause has not yet been determined.

Students waited outside the hall or in the Kletz while the firefighters went in to extinguish the flames. “We were not very pleased to leave,” said Ellen Awad, Kollen Resident Director. 

The fire started across the hall in Room 303, was confronted by smoke blowing from the door across the hall when he heard the fire alarm. “I could see smoke just bellowing from the door, and I walked down the hall to call and say that this is a real fire, but there was no sound,” Buchanan said. He saw Isaacs when he went down the hallway.

“I literally went up to him and said ‘Your room is on fire’,” he said. Isaacs (’00), the sole resident of the room, was not on scene when the fire began. When reached later, he declined to comment.

The sound of ventilation fans filled the silence as four engines and two ambulances were on scene and helped to successfully contain the fire to Isaacs’ room. Smoke was cleared from the room by positive pressure removal, when high-powered fans pull clean air in to help push the smoke out. Smoke streamed down the side of the building and out over the third floor balcony. A bust book in the hallway outside the room was burned, blackened, soot-covered wall and carpet inside will need replacement. After the fire was extinguished, a mob of curious residents crowded around the axe-marked door.

“We had to use forcible entry to get through the door because it was locked,” said Holland Fire Captain David Serrano.

Some of Isaacs’s books and a fan were sacrificed, but a majority of items in the room were only smoke damaged.

GREAT EXCAVATIONS: Tressa Kendall (’99) digs her car out from under snow Thursday in preparation for a trip to Wisconsin. See blizzard story, page 2.

Marable sees past dream

MINDY SHILTS
campusbeat reporter

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream can no longer be deferred, according to Dr. Manning Marable, Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University.

Marable spoke to approximately 600 people Monday night who filled Dimnent Chapel to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. The Gospel Choir rocked the house once more, while screen televisions and exercise rooms nearby.

The Gospel Choir rocked the house once again with its musical addition to the special event under the direction of Damian Taylor and the accompaniment of Deshawn Allen, their new seven year old drummer.

Professor Hemenway of the English Department, who has attended six of the seven annual services, rated this year’s speaker at the top.

“Dr. Marable’s message was both eloquent and meaningful, filled with a mixture of intellect and emotion. I was impressed with his challenges,” Hemenway said.

Marble urged listeners to combat the tendency to freeze Martin Luther King, Jr. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where he gave his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. King’s vision continued to thrive for five more years until his assassination in 1968.

Marable believes that King would preach the same things today, almost 29 years after his assassination. King would change fiscal priorities, shifting funds from nuclear weapons to education, public health care, inner-city programs and jobs. He would fight for gross incomes in ethnicities.

The problems we face aren’t just problems of race, but those of humanity, according to Marable. “Hunger knows no color,” he said.

Haworth center opens doors to businesses and students

STACY BOGARD
campusbeat editor

After long months of construction, the smell of fresh white paint and new green and coral carpet greeted those who celebrated the grand opening of Haworth Construction and Learning Center yesterday.

The $15 million building at 225 College Ave. broke ground on Aug. 17, 1995, and already has begun to host guests and conferences, such as the Reformed Church in America of New York and the Hope Board of Trustees. Students will be able to see the changes when the new dining facility is set up and running. The center is in the process of generating, so students will not carry any of the ongoing financial burden in running the center.

The ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday sought to open Haworth visually through a short speech and prayer followed by guided tours throughout the center. Guests were encouraged to enter all rooms and to see the phenomenal progress that has been made on this facility. More time will be spent on expressing thanks to all involved at the formal dedication on May 21. The attached Cook Residence Hall will also open by May 1 to coincide with Tulip Time visitors.

The College hopes the facility will bring many important people and conferences to the Holland area. Faculty members have already invited their professional conferences to be held here.

“We are trying to highlight Hope’s presence by bringing guests to campus,” said Greg Maybury, Director of Operations and Technology for the site.

The hotel and conference rooms are open to the public. There are a total of 59 single and double bedrooms with computer hook-ups, high-definition televisions and exercise rooms nearby. Conference rooms seat up to 400 people, but can be broken down for smaller groups. The ballrooms are expansive and beautifully lined with windows facing towards campus.

The main goal for the center is to build a greater bridge between the college and the community.

“The Haworth Center is here to fulfill a dream that we’ve had to bring the community and Hope College together,” said G.W. Haworth, founder.

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Officers to begin ticketing NBD lot

JODI MCFARLAND
editor in chief

Although the entire lower level of the NBD Bank Building is occupied by three classes, none of the parking lot is meant for Hope students.professors can enter the nursing program next fall. "But I think it will be strange to talk to and learn from a television." The facilities will be opened within the next few weeks so that professors can begin training for next semester.

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FINDING TIME
January 22, 1997
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WHERE IN HOLLAND IS...
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH?
Gunshome Inquiring Ines is off to discover her
first congregation in the Holland area. Her task
this week is to visit a Catholic church Hope
students call home.
The 900 family congregation is led by Pastor
Stephen Dudek. Worship style is progressive, but
still retains traditional feeling of Mass.
Between 30 and 40 Hope students attend regu-
larly.
DESTINATION: Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m., Third Reformed Church; Sun-
day Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Dimmert Chapel.
EYEWITNESS REPORT: "They acknowledge Hope students throughout the year.
Whether you come here all the time or are just a visitor,
they make you feel welcome"—Melissa Harriger (‘97)

FINDING TIME TO PRAY: Jalaad
Abdelwahab (‘97) and Hasan Choudry (‘97) face east in their
residence hall as they pray on their prayer mats.

RYAN PAZDUR
staff reporter
Finding a place to pray may not seem like a big deal to most students
at Hope, but for Jalaad Abdelwahab (‘97), it can be a frustrating task.
Abdelwahab and Muslims around the world are now fasting
from sunrise to sunset to celebrate the month of Ramadan, according to the
lunar calendar.

In the religion of Islam, Ramadan is the month set aside for
gracious remembrance of the blessings of God and for remembering
the revelation that was given to the prophet Muhammad and later re-
corded in the Koran.
Abdelwahab, Hasan Choudry (‘97) and other Muslim students at
Hope face difficulties practicing their faith in an indifferent commu-
nity.
"Back home it is such an ordeal. It is the time of year I miss
dom home the most. The whole atmosphere is different," Abdelwahab
said. "Everything stops with the breaking of the fast. People visit
each other all night, there is prayer until 3 or 3 in the morning. On the
thirtieth day, there are three days of holiday. Everything is closed, and
you give gifts and money."

A Hope experience
At Hope, the experience is more than a little different.
"No one will say anything to you. You sometimes have to take init-
itiative as an excuse," Abdelwahab said. "That’s the hardest, those last
three days where one really feels anything except for three or four
people on campus."
Abdelwahab is from Ramallah, a city near Jerusalem that is both
Christian and Muslim.
He first heard about Hope while attending an American Quaker Mission high school.

Indifference vs. tolerance
Some students are surprised to find a Muslim student at a predomi-
antly Christian school, he said.
While Abdelwahab has not ex-
perienced any direct confrontation or discrimina-
tion, he said he does feel dif-
f erent when he walks around
the Hope College campus.
"Back home it doesn’t matter as much what religion you are. It is so ho-

genous between Christians and Mus-
lims," Abdelwahab said. "A lot of the prejudice on campus is hidden."

Few in number, strong in spirit
Abdelwahab and Choudry both
refrain from eating during the day
as a reminder of the blessings they
have received from God.
Since Choudry cannot eat a
regular meal at Phelps during the
day, the dining staff prepares
bagged meals for them to bring
home.
Fasting is only part of the cel-

bration. Muslim students pray five
times a day as an integral part of
the practice of Islam.

Why Hope
Although there are only a few
Muslim students on campus,
Choudry has no regrets about com-
ing to Hope College. He has had a
number of opportunities to share his
faith with students and friends, and
he feels blessed by what he has
learned by attending a Christian col-
lege, he said.
"I am really glad I came to
Hope, if just to learn about Chris-
tianty," Choudry said. "Muslim students should look for a college
like this. I mean, it will train them for their future if they want to be
aware of not only their religion, but of Christianity. That’s how you do
God’s work."

"You can’t just do it by telling people about your religion. You
can’t do it unless you can relate to them," Choudry said. "You can’t re-
late unless you know what the other people believe."

Choudry has many opportuni-
ties to share his faith with curious students who notice his devotion to
fasting and praying.
"When I pray, people ask questions. When I fast, people ask ques-
tions," Choudry said.

TAKING A STAND
Last semester, Choudry brought in a
speaker who talked about the
common ground between
Christianity and Islam.
Choudry also played a unique role in
the student dance concert by per-
forming the adhan, an Islamic
prayer call, during one of the stu-
dent dances.
The adhan is a reminder to stop
and pray and was sung by Choudry
in Arabic.
"I had people who didn’t even know come up to me and say that
was really good, they enjoyed it," Choudry said.

In the spotlight
The biggest pressure that
Choudry and other Muslim students
face is being seen as representatives
and role models for their religion.
They feel that an unfair judg-
mint is made about Islam on the
basis of only the few Muslim stu-
dents at Hope.
"It is a problem when you only have three or four students because
they (other students) base their ideas on those few," Abdelwahab
said. "I am a Muslim. I am not Is-
lam."
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Jumping forward

Whoever said that white men can’t jump?

The last thirty years America has moved from blacks and whites drinking from separate fountains to marching side by side across campus in Monday’s candlelight MLK Vigil.

The leap of consciousness made in American culture from merely acceptance to true celebration of what makes us unique is remarkable.

We are seeking our identity. We are celebrating our diversity. We see the radical shift in thinking about matters of race from our grandparents’ to our own time. All are evidence of the strides our country has taken to become one.

Truly we have made great progress in realizing Dr. Martin Luther King’s dream. But it is still a dream.

Nationally lauded speaker Dr. Manning Marable came to Hope for two reasons. The first was to remind us what Dr. King was about. The second, to remind us what we should be about.

Marable’s message was not to put us on the back for how far we have come. It should spur us on to continued progress. Because we still have a ways to go.

There are still those of us who are wondering why mal never came on Monday. There still exist those of us who make value judgments based on color. There are still those of us, despite our P.C. talk, to the contrary, still find it appropriate and perhaps mildly stimulating to make racial jokes.

Celebrating the birthday of Dr. King is not solely about looking back at the Montgomery Bus Boycott, or re-reading the “I Have a Dream” speech. It’s not just about where we have been. It’s about where we are going. And how we are going to get there.

Are we riding in the back of the bus, dragging our feet without progress without recognizing it? Is our clandestine humor more damaging than we realize?

The key to forward momentum is not pretending we are all the same. It is recognizing that we are different, and learning how those differences connect. The key to making the goodwill of MLK Day last longer than 24 hours may be as simple as talking to each other. Everyone can make that jump.

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Flicks, crepies, & anime
"Ghost in the Shell" explores new lifeforms

ASHLEY SINGER
staff cartoonist

"Ghost in the Shell," directed by Mamoru Oshii, is a science fiction animated film that explores the concept of artificial intelligence and the relationship between the human body and the digital world. The film is set in a near future where artificial intelligence has advanced to the point where humans can upload their consciousness to a computer network. The main character, Motoko Kusanagi, is a member of the "Section 9" team, a group of cyborgs who fight terrorism, computer crime, and human trafficking.

The film's soundtrack is a mix of traditional Japanese instruments, such as the shakuhachi and the koto, and Western rock and pop music, such as the themes from bands like U2 and Genesis. The soundtrack is a key part of the film's atmosphere, with music used to enhance the tension and drama of the story.

The animation style in "Ghost in the Shell" is highly detailed and intricate, with a focus on the fluid movement of the characters and the digital environment. The film is a landmark in the animation industry, and its impact can be felt in the many films and series that have been inspired by it.

Despite its age, "Ghost in the Shell" remains a relevant and thought-provoking film, one that continues to influence the animation industry and science fiction as a whole. Its exploration of themes such as identity, consciousness, and the nature of reality is as relevant today as it was when the film was first released.
Now, Holland's social life may seem a bit tame. "If you're used to meeting friends for coffee in Zimbabwé or conversing over sushi in Tokyo, Holland is Dullsville," Sobania said.

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**Spotlight**

**January 22, 1997**

**Seeing Holland in a whole new light**

Students returning from semesters away find readjustment a challenge

A. STRASSBURGER
spotlight editor

While the blizzards may be hard for some of us to take, for Dana Jensen ('97) they're a true shock to the system.

Jensen, a biology major, has just returned from a semester in Kenya, Africa. Our three feet of snow is a drastic change from a long dry sea-

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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR YOU TO FREE YOUR THROWS! WE HOPE SO BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HOOPS HAPPENING

Date: Thursday, January 30, 1997
Time: 4:30-6:30pm
Location: Phelps Dining Hall
Grand Prizes: Sony Discman, Television, etc.
Other Prizes: Pepsi products, directors chair, beach towels, etc.

Hope Hockey Returns! Hope vs Northwood

This Saturday, January 25th
9pm @ Kentwood Ice Arena
Maps available at the Student Union Desk!
Women swimmers take phone meet

MIKE ZUIDEMA
staff reporter

Despite blizzard conditions that canceled the classes of the rarely-closed Hope, the women’s swimming and diving team were able to compete with Olivet on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Although the winter conditions prevented Olivet from travelling to compete with Olivet on Wednesday, the women’s swimming and diving team were able to close Hope, the women’s swim team, and cancel the classes of the rarely-closed Hope.

The teams stayed at home and competed against themselves in their home pools, and telephoned the times to each other the next morning.

Through the “honesty of the phone,” the women’s team defeated the Comets by a score of 94-67. Olivet does not have a men’s swim team. The victory raises their record to 3-0 in the MIAA and 4-0 overall.

The men’s team is currently 2-0 in league and 3-0 overall.

Swimming coach John Patnott had strong words for Adrienne Prince (’00), who took first in the butterfly with a time of 1:03.93. “I was really pleased with her breaststroke, it was her first time and she did very good,” he said. “I think it surprised her.”

Patnott also praised divers Kar Jackson (’99) and Laura Mihaloff (’97). “I was pleased with how we competed under the circumstances, with basically no competition except against ourselves,” Patnott said.

Thus far this season the swimming teams have won at Alma, Grand Valley, and Calvin, in addition to second place finishes for both teams at the University of Indianapolis Invitational on Jan. 10 and 11.

This was a nice meet,” Patnott said. “There is a broad range of competition with some Division II schools and a few Division I schools.”

Although the team has performed well, the season is only at the half-way point.

“I’m pleased with how we have done as a team,” he said. “We still have to gel as a team, and we still have a long way to go.”

This season Patnott has been pleased with the progress of Cindy Bannink (’99), Megan Clapp (’00), Liena Durante (’00), and Prince. “Clapp has shown nice improve- ment and Prince has struggled but is coming along now,” Patnott said. “Bannink joined late because of cross country and Durante has handled the workload well.”

Patnott also had strong words for some of his men’s swimmers. “From Bouwey (’00) is a workhorse, and it’s paying off and he’s winning,” Patnott said. “Brandon Nyboer (’98) and Adam Wesseling (’00) are starting to come along, and Jason Harris (’00) and Jared Lippert (’00) are doing well.”

Both swim teams have a tough meet this afternoon, Jan. 22, against Kalamazoo, the probable favorite to win the MIAA.

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The 5’11 center went on to score nine points and bring down seven rebounds, along with two blocks.

BLIZZARD from I

When your opponent is 3-12 and 13-0 overall, it is natural to expect an easy win.

Despite these hints toward a rout, the Flying Dutch women’s basketball team Maintained calm in their 83-47 win over Olivet last Saturday. After the game on Saturday coach Brian Morehouse couldn’t say enough about the convincing 36 point win.

“My team goes out there and plays hard all game,” he said. “That’s why people come and watch us — because we play hard for 40 minutes.”

The game featured every member of Hope’s roster playing for at least 14 minutes and all but one player scoring at least two points. Morehouse cleared his bench with plenty of time left in the first half. By the half everyone on the team had played at least five minutes.

“There is not one player I feel bad about putting into the game tonight,” Morehouse said. “That is the kind of depth and confidence we are developing.”

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The reason behind this, according to Ron Hale, Director of Transportation, was that the state police had closed all traffic off the road. “We did not want to take the chance of a student being injured,” Hale said.

The van was back in action on Friday evening as weather conditions continued to improve and campus returned to normal over the weekend.

The First Wives Club

Graves Auditorium: Fri. & Sat. 7:00, 9:30, MID Sun. 3pm

Admission: $2 Concessions: $50

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Mark Eddy
This Friday @ 8:30pm
in the Kletz

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