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Hope College
Lecturer to share her views on faith and learning

MacKenzie Smith
Manuscript Editor

The annual Pew Society Faith and Learning lecture will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Wickers Auditorium in Nykerk Hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain of the University of Chicago. Her topic is "Faith's Relevance to Scholarship.”

Hope College’s Pew Society sponsors this annual lecture series. The Pew Society is a program for juniors and seniors who intend to go on to graduate school in the humanities and social sciences. Its goal is to help students integrate faith and learning.

Dr. Marc Baer, professor of history at Hope and director of the Pew Society, said of the series: "Once a year we look for a scholar at a research university who has thought a lot and published on connecting Christian faith with scholarship.”

Elshtain has done just that. She is currently serving as the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. She has written and collaborated on 29 books, as well as numerous articles and essays. Elshtain holds a bachelor and a master’s degree in history, as well as a PhD in social science. Elshtain visited Hope’s campus earlier this year as a keynote speaker during the Critical Issues Symposium.

The goal of this lecture series is, according to Baer, “To give the Hope community...an opportunity to think about how Christian faith and the life of the mind can complement each other.”

"It’s something that pops into our head from time to time. Does Sunday have any relevance to Monday, or should Monday in any way help me to think through the message I hear on Sunday?” said Baer.

Kerrilyn Harkaway (’04) is an English major and is planning to go on to graduate school to study medieval literature. She still remembers the lecture she attended two years ago. "The lecture was one step in help me to re-orient that scholarship done by Christians springs out of faith; it’s an extenuation of belief,” Harkaway said.

The faculty committee of the Pew Society is in charge of selecting and inviting speakers. This committee consists of Charlotte Witvliet, professor of psychology; Lee Forrester, professor of German; Todd Stein, professor of German; and his wife, Kristin, attend a panel to meet students. This second visit was set up in an attempt to further acquaint students with Johnson. For more student opinions, see the Seen & Heard, page 2.

Martha Miller Center next up for construction at Hope

Jordan Wolston
Senior Brief Reporter

The Martha Miller Center came one step closer to reality with the completion of former Lincoln Elementary School building over Christmas break.

The Martha Miller Communications Center will provide many new opportunities for Hope College students and faculty.

The Center will be the new home of the modern and classical languages departments, as well as the communications department and the offices of International Education and Multicultural Life. The hope in housing these three academic departments under the same roof is that interaction between them will lead to increased opportunities for students who are connected with any one of these departments.

The classrooms enclosed in the center will contain top-of-the-line equipment, including video projection screens. Video studios will be available for recording and editing. Speech labs will also be present, giving students a place to review video recordings of their speeches. Students will also benefit from the addition of air conditioning to the new building. This new environment is expected to enhance the learning experience for students and staff alike.

WITH radio and the Anchor will also find new homes in the Center, bringing even more aspects of communication together.

Dr. Deirdre Johnston, chairperson of Hope’s communications department, said, "The theme of the building — global communication—reflects the shared mission of the communication department, the department of modern and classical languages and the Multicultural Life and International Education offices. The commitment to understand and celebrate diversity through better communication is central to the mission of each of the departments housed in the new Martha Miller Center."

Students and faculty in the language department will appreciate the move from Graves Hall to the new building. Bigger and better classrooms and offices in the Center will relieve the current cramped situation at Graves. The new classrooms will include technology that was not available in Graves, due to the high costs of updating the old building.

The offices of Multicultural Life and International Education, with their myriad of trips and study abroad programs, will be close at hand for language students interested in traveling to other countries. Faculty whose offices will be in the building will get a chance to collaborate closely with their peers, sharing information and ideas throughout the departments.

So you wanna be an RA

By Greg Maybury

"The plan is still to start construction after Tulip Time this spring, pending Board of Trustees approval," Maybury said concerning the construction schedule.

Campus undergoes repairs

Last Wednesday evening, a break in a water main caused water to be turned off to Kollen Hall, DeVos Center, Nykerk Hall, Delta Phi Cottage and Western Theological Seminary. By Thursday morning, emergency repairs had been made and water was restored to the buildings. Yesterday, the pedestrian walkway behind Lubbers was closed in order to make repairs to a steam line that was leaking. The steam line provides heat to campus buildings. Students and staff are asked to detour around this area until the barricades are removed.

Mugler documentary premieres

A new documentary has been produced with the help of some Hope College Communications majors. "Who Killed Janet Chandler" premieres at the Krocberger Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. and continues through Jan. 30. The documentary investigates an unsolved Hope mystery: a student was abducted and murdered some 25 years ago. Law enforcement will be present at the first showing of the 80-minute film. There is no charge for admission. Chandler was abducted at work her senior year in 1979.
Stakeout in an igloo

Austin arrived at 7:30 p.m., beginning the traditional student camp-out for tickets. Several tents were pitched and igloos created by students in an attempt to keep out the cold: the overnight low in Holland was 16 degrees. For more information, see the Hope/Calvin website at www.hops.edu/pr/athletics/announcements.html.

Will's Worldview

Movies: The sign of our times

Leading up to the millennium, many people thought the world would end. People freaked out and naturally went to the movies to watch the end of time unfold on the big screen instead of in the real world. Dante’s Peak explodes a small mountain town in a volcanic eruption and Volcano burns Los Angeles to the ground. Armageddon stops the global killer asteroid but still manages to wipe out countless humans. It also eerily depicts the Twin Towers burning after a meteor shower. During the late 90’s, the popular trend was to duplicate disasters in movies just in case we forgot the many ways we could possibly die. We loved these movies and went to them in record numbers. That would all change.

Suddenly our millennium Armageddon fears became reality. September 11 was all too real. We no longer wanted to see movies of humanity’s demise.

The post millennium and 9/11 era produced movies that had again profoundly similar messages. Movies turned into longer epics of struggling fantasy worlds. We wanted to forget terrorists and Armageddon. We wanted figures like Frodo, Neo, and John Connor to save our world. Before the millennium and 9/11, main characters in the movies I’ve mentioned were heroes and not saviors. The Lord of the Rings trilogy is an epic that depicts humanity struggling to survive against the forces of evil. The burden of the ring and mankind lies in the hands of Frodo. All who become entangled by the ring, even Frodo, must fight the inherent evil from within. People identified this fictional struggle as a reflection of our real world. We also longed for that savior in Frodo.

The Matrix and Terminator trilogies saw our struggle in a different light. Technology is humanity’s demise. Both movies envision a futuristic world in which machines inevitably destroy mankind. Both still, however, possess a glimmer of hope. Neo is the Christ-like figure in The Matrix who eventually sacrifices himself for all humanity. John Connor is a future world leader and the sole hope for mankind in a war against machines in Terminator 3. I could write forever on The Matrix’s philosophical and mystical aspects, but one of the main points is humanity cannot save itself. Neo, the renewer of life is needed. Christ is needed. Terminator 3 concluded that man inevitably will destroy himself, but that savior in John Connor still gave hope for us all. Movies are the sign of our times. They reflect society’s innermost fears, hopes, dreams and thoughts. In the end, this modern world seeks a Frodo Baggins or a Neo as a beacon of hope. A hope that ensures we will be saved. A hope that Frodo lives.

Will’s Worldview

If chosen, what do you think Trygve Johnson will contribute to campus ministries?

"He can contribute... communication on the level of the students and...will help to witness to different fractions within the school community."
—Chris Sterling ('04)

"I think he would offer...sound scriptural teaching and really challenge students in their faith and in their walk."
—David Jeffries ('07)

"I think he’ll bring a lot of passion to the program. I was just really excited by what I heard!"
—Adam Chian ('06)

"I really think Trygve is going to challenge us in our Christian faith and it’s really going to bring a sense of community to campus."
—Lisa Walters ('06)

"I think he is a very knowledgeable man and I think... that even though he is fairly young, he’s probably going to be saying what God wants him to."
—Corrie Smith ('06)
Drama in dance: InSync returns once more

Maureen Yorovitz
Arts Editor

InSync is back and with it comes some familiar faces and some new members, performing a whole new lineup of pieces, as well as a few old favorites.

The concert featuring Michigan's only professional tap and jazz company, based right here at Hope, takes place at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the Knickerbocker.

"Ain't Love a Kick" is a solo piece choreographed by Terri Filips, one of the company's co-founders, and performed by Mari Stuppy ('05).

"I am very excited to do a solo piece; it is nice to be given the opportunity to see my own style develop," Snappy said. "But I love the energy I feel and the excitement of dancing ensemble, especially with this particular bunch of individuals."

"Bedtime Stories," also choreographed by Filips, is a three-part piece including segments representing the "Achord," "Abandoned," and "Abused" child. At each performance, audience members will have the opportunity to donate money to the Center for Women in Transition, a home for abused women in Holland.

"Being a part of this piece has really affected me. It forced me to be more aware that domestic violence happens like we may think," said Kelly Vance ('05). "So, I decided that we, as a company, should try to do something about this issue."

"Fitting Out," choreographed by Rosanne Barton-DeVries, InSync director, demonstrates and explores the struggle of group dynamics and how this influences the individual, as well as the effect that individuals can have on a group.

"The piece has been a challenge for me, as I am the solest who steps out of the group and learns to be an individual," said Katie Budris ('04).

One piece to be presented in this year's concert is the work of student Dolores Sanchez ('05). Her piece, "En Labrega," is a tap number that combines modern movement with rhythm.

"The music and the use of modern movement in (Sanchez's) tap is unlike anything I have performed before, and unlike anything Hope College has seen," Budris said. "It is a very powerful piece about struggle and I am anxious to hear the reactions to its premiere."

There have been some changes and challenges involving the production of this year's concert, as this is the first year that the student dancers took on much more responsibility than in the past. This included, among other things, running rehearsals, organizing costumes and coordinating publicity for the event.

"In the process we all learned more about each other and how to truly come together to be 'InSync,'" said Dawn Flandermeyer ('04).

All the InSync dancers believe that the positive dynamic among the group's members helps keep up the overall morale and that this will show through in the performances.

"Having this close, supportive group makes working through some of the difficult times much easier," Flandermeyer said. "We truly care about each other and that bond is very evident in our dancing."

Other pieces will include "At Play," choreographed by Dawn Cantus, Cantus's newest a cappella group, founded; "Irish Jig," choreographed by Don Smith and re-staged by Barton-DeVries; "Remote Control," premiered by InSync last season; "Dance Between the Raindrops," choreographed by guest artist Mark Yonally; and "Synchronicity," choreographed and performed by the entire company.

Tickets will be available at the Knickerbocker Theatre one hour before each show. They are $7 for regular adult admission and $5 for senior citizens.

Exhibits feature collection, high school, Old Testament

Neil Simons
Staff Reporter

Not every collection of art can be called a master collection, yet every series has its jewels. From an introspective 'Rembrandt's Father' to the subtle and melancholic 'Egg Plant,' the exhibit currently being featured at the Holland Area Arts Council is just such an exhibit.

One of the many powerful aspects of this exhibit is a series of paintings depicting the biblical theory of creation in Genesis, created by Keith Charak's father, Lawrence Charak. These paintings are introspective in the entire collection and meet the eye with an explosion of both intense philosophy and creativity.

There are other upcoming exhibits at HAAC that will also be worth seeing, including a juried show of local high school art and a collection of works by artist Barry Ivker.

The high school show is expected to bring in nearly four hundred works of art and will be juried by Scott and Linda LaFonse of the LaFonse Gallery in Grand Rapids.

"It's pretty incredible and really exciting," said Theresa Sprooll, HAAC program director. Much talent is expected to be on display in this annual exhibit.

Running concurrently with the high school show will be an exhibit by New Orleans college artist Barry Ivker. Ivker has created an assortment of collages, many intricately crafted, illustrating parts of the Old Testament. The opening reception will take place on Feb. 6.

The Holland Area Arts Council is located at 150 East Eighth Street. Admission is free.

Men of Cantus come singing

Jordan Wolfsen
Staff Writer

The first GPS performance of the New Year is upon us, and kicking off another semester of spectacular performances is another popular a cappella men's group, Cantus. Cantus has performed all across the U.S., traveling from New York to California. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in Dimnent Chapel.

The group sings songs called "Singers and Saints," "Love," and "Deep River." These songs vary in style from Gregorian chants to contemporary sacred works to Smokey Robinson. The music is unique in that it does not stick to one form, but rather explores all kinds of new themes and styles.

"Deep River" is Cantus's newest theme, with a focus on the spiritual traditions of African-American music.

"This group has been strongly requested by audience members for GPS events, and those who have seen them attest that they are even better live than on their acclaimed recordings," said Derek Emerson, Hope arts coordinator.

The group will sing songs inspired by the "Deep River" theme, focusing on the spiritual and cultural traditions of African-American music.

"This is one of the top male vocal groups performing today and they are also very young," said Emerson.

Cantus has received much praise for their recordings and exceptional reviews, but the real proof lies in the concerts they perform, for it is there that they enchant people.

They are college students themselves, hailing from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, so they can relate to the student bodies at each college they visit.

The singers in Cantus will also take the time to meet with Hope's own a cappella group, 12th Street Harmony, in workshop sessions and will interact with students taking Encounter with the Arts classes.

Tickets for the Cantus performance cost $14 for regular admission, $12 for seniors and $5 for students. They will be sold at the DeVitt Center theater box office beginning Thursday until the day of the performance.
Campus safety adjusts to new reliance on HPD

INFOCUS

Jenny Cencer
Senior Staff Reporter
The Campus Safety Office is located behind the DePree Art Center off of 10th St. and is responsible for operations such as vehicle registrations, parking citations, bicycle registrations, budget, annual report statistics and key requests.

While the tasks of Campus Safety have remained constant throughout the years, the former title of Public Safety, along with deputized officers, no longer exists.

In the past, Ottawa County Sheriff deputized Hope Campus Safety making arrests and performing specific duties which no longer can take place with out his supervision through the police academy.

Since last May, the deputies’ contract ended never to be renewed due to recent law constraints. The state of Michigan declared that deputies must be supervised at all times by a state police officer, which currently does not exist on Hope’s campus.

According to the new ordinance, in order for deputies to retain their status, they will now have to work for the state. Two former campus safety officers did this and resigned from their previous Hope positions to keep their certification and source of income.

Hope faced two options concerning an immediate solution to the issue including: attempting to get the legislation changed or not having paid deputies on Hope’s campus.

Unlike Hope, public universities and colleges can all have their own police department directly based on its campus. Following the expiration of deputies’ contracts, Hope contacted the twenty-three other private institutions in Michigan this past summer to decide whether to lobby for change.

After much research, Hope discovered that the University of Detroit Mercy, lost their deputies through the city of Detroit due to legislation. Hope decided to follow the example of the remaining twenty-two colleges and found no need for a deputized force.

If the legislation had indeed been changed, and a police department was able to be instituted at Hope, it would be required to retain representatives from students, faculty and staff, as well as provide open forum meetings throughout the campus, and nominate a chief to oversee the entire process.

With the combination of financial aid concerns and several more pressing budget requests, Hope decided that the best possible option was to transition from the standard Public Safety with deputies through the Holland Police Department, to Campus Safety, utilizing HPD units whenever the need arises.

“We have an excellent city PD nearby which can take any criminal complaints,” said Sergeant Chad Wolters. In fact, the HPD is located near by which can take any criminal complaints, “said Sergeant Chad Wolters. In fact, the HPD is located near by which can take any criminal complaints,” said Sergeant Chad Wolters.

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The Campus Safety officers’ responsibilities aren’t any less, just changed.

—Elise Edwards, HPD employee

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So you want to be an RA?

INFOCUS

Erin L'Hotta

As the deadline for the 2004-2005 Residential Assistant applications approaches tomorrow at 5 p.m., Hope's current Residential Life staff members encourage involvement in the program. Not only do residence hall RA's receive $2,765 to $2,865 a year and 10 weekends free to 200 male and female upper classmen, differ-

Lynnae Ruberg ('06), an RA in Cook Hall, said that her most enjoyable experience as an RA has been building a fellowship within her residence hall. Cook Hall, which is home to 200 male and female upper classmen, dif-

Kristi Creswell ('04)

surprisingly good at breaking stereotypes,” said Ruberg.

“While the students in my hall are committed to their academic studies, the relationships we have formed certainly are meaningful and lasting. Had I not been an RA, I would not have had the opportunity to get to know so many unique, interesting and fun individuals. For that I am thankful,” said Van Vleck.

Van Vleck is a residence hall known by many students as quiet “home-like” environment. Since this residence hall houses only 38 Hope women, it creates an opportunity for RA’s to build personal relationships with all the residents.

“Van Vleck is a tight-knit community that is dedicated to knowing all of its residents and getting deeply involved with the residents and planning exciting programs. We generally have three hall events per month and some fun floor events that are great for bonding. We’ve begun an annual date night that was a smash hit and we hope that some of the other incredible programs will continue. We’re on fire,” said Van Vleck Resident Director Kristi Creswell ('04).

Gilmore Hall has a small RA staff of five women who create a living environment for 112 Hope women.

Gilmore RD Marie Burkholder said, “Gilmore is a friendly and welcoming community that loves to participate in activities the RA’s plan, as well as spontaneous fun everyday.”

Kevin Yurk ('06), an RA in Durfee Hall, said Durfee offers a wonderful opportunity for Hope men, since it is Hope’s only all male dorm.

Durfee holds many hall events geared towards the residents, such as paintballing, poker nights and the soon-to-come Super Bowl party.

“Durfee is unique because it is the only male dorm and mostly freshman. As an RA, I mainly love getting involved with the hall, being there for the freshmen guys and forming that brotherly bonding,” said Yurk.

RA experiences and the environments within residence halls differ in many ways, but they all share the common bond of leading and mentoring fellow students, along with creating an environment of hope for which this college stands. Anyone interested in becoming an RA must fill out an application and hand it to Student Development by 5 p.m. tomorrow.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN RA?

Applications are available in Student Development and are due tomorrow.

Rape is a man’s problem

Men have immense power to end rape.

Men are also taught to view sex as a commodity, causing a feeling of powerlessness in the presence of attractive women. In his inability to attain fulfillment of his sexual desires, a man often views a woman’s appearance as a weapon that helplessly drains his sexual potency. Men rape out of a desire to regain this power and to maintain dominance in the male game of sexuality.

Under this social construction, men are denied a healthy, compassionate sexuality that focuses on intimacy and love. Men too often blame women for this.

The underlying assumption by many men is that if women would change their behavior, wear modest clothing or take the shuttle van instead of walking at night, men would stop raping. However, only men perpetuate rape and men have immense power to end rape and establish a new male identity that focuses on love instead of competition. But this will only happen when men stop blaming women for rape and take responsibility themselves.

Men need to express their feelings about their sexuality. More importantly, men should listen to women about how sexual violence affects their lives. A good start might be asking a female friend, “How would your life be different if rape ceased to exist?” You might be surprised by her answer.
Hope should give MLK Day recognition
do's return.

To the editor:

I find it very difficult to answer the question "would you hire Rev. Trygve Johnson" for many reasons. First, I am not sure he is what this college needs right now. I believe that Hope needs someone who will lead the chapel program back in the direction of the Reformed Church in America as opposed to farther away from the traditions and understanding of the RCA, as is occurring now. This is my senior year. As soon as I arrived here my freshman year, I was turned off by the chapel program. I think it is because of the atmosphere at Hope College that I have actually grown less religious and faithful over the past four years. Second, I am amazed at making a decision about this candidate because the student body has not been introduced to any other candidates. I believe that to make a well-informed decision, we should meet all applicants for the position, not just put one up on a pedestal to overshadow the others. Perhaps you like him, but maybe the student body needs someone else that we cannot see.

—Kylie Delhagen ('04)

GSF calls for acceptance and love of homosexuals

To the editor:

We are the presidents of the Sexualities Readboard, a club for Gay and Straight Students. As leaders of this group and on a more personal level we found the two editorials focusing on homosexuality in the previous Anchor offensive. We know many wonderful gay and lesbian people on this campus and in our families. We cannot imagine how hurtful these letters were to them.

We personally are pleased to see the steps that have been taken toward civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, and feel it is long overdue. It is about time America becomes a more accepting place, considering it was founded on principles permitting diversity. Regardless of someone's sexual orientation, government legislation should not be able to determine who a person loves.

The parallel made between Michael Jackson, child molestation, and homosexuality is not only jarring, but also invalid. One's sexual orientation has nothing to do with whether or not one is molesting a child. Molesting a child has to do with sick individuals wanting to feel power and control. The previous editorial stated, "as citizens and especially Christians, who recognize the will of God, we must demand steadfast and healthy sexual boundaries," but we ask what the definition of a "healthy sexual boundary" is. There are many heterosexuals in unhealthy relationships as there are homosexuals who maintain healthy relationships.

Both editorials refer to these healthy relationships as "lifestyles," whereas sexual relationships are not "lifestyles," they are lives. Being born homosexual is no different than a person being born left-handed. God's word on homosexuality is open to many interpretations that cannot all be addressed in this article, but here are a few examples. The Bible says slavery is standard practice in biblical times; however, today, we readily accept slavery as wrong. We would consider this law ludicrous. Isn't right that people pick and choose certain parts of the Bible they want to apply to today? While the Sodom and Gomorrah story in the Bible is often used to condemn homosexuality, but if the story is read carefully it is actually condemning gang rape and homosexual prostitution (as well as any sort of prostitution). One of the editorials stated "He only cares for his children and wouldn't want them to be hurt in the many ways they are," but homosexuals are not hurting because they are gay. They are hurting because of how some of God's children treat them. We welcome anyone who wants to make more knowledgeable about these issues to come to our meetings. They are every Tuesday at 10 PM in Lobers 107. Finally, as human beings we are called not just to tolerate people, we are called to love and accept people the way they are.

—Bailey Martin ('05)

U.S. law should not be determined by Biblical thought

To the editor:

Comparing marriage to child molestation, as Nathan Bell did last week, does not merely seem "jarring," it seems absurd. In molestation cases, an adult is molesting a child. Molesting a child has to do with sick individuals wanting to feel power and control. He or she does not want and does not understand. It is both a physical and emotional threat to our children, whom the government is undoubtedly obliged to protect.

How that has anything to do with two adult men or two adult women willingly entering into a loving and monogamous relationship, I could not follow. If Nathan was suggesting that homosexuality is self-destructive, in the same way that Michael Jackson's (seemingly inappropriate) attraction for children, he never made clear how the former case is society's concern. He made vague references to scripture, but contrary to his popular belief, the United States' legislation is obdurate in no way to the book of Romans. The United States government stands for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, not for enforcing one group's religious writings.

So for those sincerely concerned with the law of God, I recommend removing the log from your own eyes. Go out and meet a truly committed gay or lesbian couple, don't want and does not understand. It is both a physical and emotional threat to our children, whom the government is undoubtedly obliged to protect.

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—Jimmie Wackerlind ('05)
Correct stance on homosexuality has Biblical base

To the editor:

The homosexuality debate has arisen every semester that I have attended Hope College. It is marked by an influx of letters to the editor, with the same Bible verses cited year after year, and the same calls to “love your gay neighbor... but do try to save them!” However, this year the debate seems especially pertinent with the threat of an amendment to the Constitution this year the debate seems especially pertinent with the threat of an amendment to the Constitution that would ban gay marriage. While it is great to see students actively participating in such an important dialogue, I am struck by the lack of recognition given to some of our most treasured national principles—freedom of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment, and the subsequent separation of church and state. It is easy for students to quote scripture to argue against gay marriage from the comfort and safety of a cozy, relatively homogenous and conservative community like Hope College. But what happens when we step out of the Hope microcosm, as all of us will be doing in the next few years? We will find that not everyone holds the same religious beliefs, and that they certainly do not desire to be subject to a law that is based on someone else’s religious convictions. And while we’re at it, why don’t we take a step back in American history? Many of our ancestors immigrated to the United States for the express purpose of attaining religious freedom—freedom to practice (or not practice) one’s religion without interference from the government. Because of this valuable ideal, Christians today are able to feel quite secure in their religious rights. But if you would like your own liberty to exist in the future, it would be wise to support others’ freedoms today even if their actions do not correspond with your personal moral code.

In last week’s Anchor, Nathan Bell asserted that our government should not succumb to “modern, liberal mindsets.” In response, I would like to point out that in the 1840s, a “modern, liberal mindset” included the desire for women’s suffrage. A mere 40 years ago, people with “modern, liberal mindsets” fought for the banishment of Jim Crow laws and pushed for the Civil Rights Act. Indeed, such injustices oppressing women, African-Americans, and immigrants were sanctioned by the government, regarded as “trivial,” and were supported by people spouting scripture—which, as history has shown, can be interpreted to support nearly any agenda. America has a past checkered with such shameful and dehumanizing discrimination. Fortunately, we have the tools necessary to ensure that it will not happen again. The Constitution has only been amended to extend the rights of individuals, not to limit them. We now have the opportunity to help extend rights to yet another marginalized part of society—let’s take a step forward rather than backward.

—Katrina Baker (’05)

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Knights blank Hope for third victory against Dutchmen

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

The opening face-off was about the only thing Hope did wrong during the entire hockey game at The Edge. Everything else was dominated by Calvin. The Knights secured a number-one seed in the playoffs with a 0-0 win today against the Flying Dutchmen.

Hope came out of the gate hitting hard, but Calvin withstood an early offensive onslaught by the number-one seed in the playoffs against Dutchmen for third victory.

A shot from the point found its way through the first period, the constant pressure on Ben Von Eitzen didn't accomplish much, and Calvin went back on the offensive. With 15 minutes left in the game, a harmless dump behind the net for Hope turned into a disaster for the Dutchmen as a Calvin forward quickly pursued the puck and centered to a teammate, who knocked it over Von Eitzen's glove for the Knights' second goal of the game. Calvin kept the pressure on the rest of the game, keeping the Hope offense from doing anything. The final buzzer sounded and the hundreds of Calvin fans erupted, cheering for its best opportunity of the night.

Despite four great shots on net, Calvin goalie Gregory Clark withstood the heat and Hope watched its best opportunity of the night slip away. The second period ended with Hope down one but with spirit still high on the bench.

Defenseman Adam Folsom ('07) said, "Even when we were down, we still thought we'd be all right. Fatigue isn't a factor when you're in that situation.

Hope showed that spirit early in the third period, coming out and putting a little pressure on the Calvin defense. But again, the short bursts of offense for the Dutchmen didn't accomplish much, and Calvin went back on the offensive.

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Folsom said, "We are just looking forward to a possible rematch once again in the playoffs." The Dutchmen will face Lansing and Muskegon CC this weekend.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS BEGIN TO HEAT UP

Students catch the action of spring intramural sports

Becky Mathrop
Sports Editor

For those who are tired of watching reality television and have in-stam messenger as their main form of communication, it seems like the fingers are the only part of the body getting adequate exercise. If that's the case with you, then intramural sports may be just what the doctor ordered.

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Hope swimmers unbeaten

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

Both swimming teams cruised to victories in the Illinois-Michigan Quadrangular meet this past Saturday. The men swam away with victories in the 100 freestyle (0:48.16) by Matt Blishen ('06) and 200 breaststroke (2:15.13) by Matt Waterstone ('05). The team came away with 596 overall points, outsoring Kalamazoo with 545, Wheaton with 481, and Lake Forest with 173. The men are 6-0 in the MIAA and have won their past four meets, including conference victories over Olivet and Alma. The men will look to stay unbeaten in the conference as they compete against Hope on Friday.

On the women's side of the pool, the Dutch captured the Illinois-Michigan Quad meet by posting a remarkable 616 points, leaving Wheaton (522), Kalamazoo (444) and Lake Forest (352) in their wake. The first-place finishes were plentiful as the Dutch finished with six. Lisa Smith ('07) ran away with the 200 free (1:59.35), Michelle Smith ('04) in both the 500 free (5:09.05) and the 1,000 free (10:39.42), and Erin Steebe ('05) in the 50 free (0:25.27) and the 100 free (0:50.90).

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Sports Wrap-up

Ice Hockey
Hope 8, Kalamazoo 0
Hope 0, Calvin 2

Upcoming games: Friday @ Lansing CC Saturday vs. Muskegon CC

Men's Basketball
Hope 91, Kalamazoo 74

Upcoming games: Tonight @ Olivet 7:30 Saturday vs. Calvin 7:00

Women's Basketball
Hope 94, Tri-State 73

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Swimming
Upcoming meet: Saturday vs. Albion 6:00 at Dow Center