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**Presidential Address Stirs Local Protest**

Nicholas Engel

About 75 people gathered at the intersection of River Avenue and Ninth Street in opposition to the president's State of the Union Address Tuesday.

"If they're going to say 'impeach Bush,' "one nation under surveillance" and "W stands for warmerong," the protesters assembled from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., missing the beginning of the president's speech. People from Holland, Grand Rapids and Fennville gathered after receiving a circulated email that suggested various places at which to assemble in Holland area. Many trailed off as the evening progressed, but 15 to 20 people remained until the end of the scheduled event.

Arlin Tenkley, Grand Rapids and Fennville resident, started protesting at 8 p.m.

"I'm protesting Bush taking over our government and giving it to corporations," said Tenkley.

Susan Park, a resident of Fennville, held a sign that read, "I'm already against the war."

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**Alcohol Use Investigated on Campus**

Megan Purtee

Imagine that you are a student in your freshman year of college. Away from home, you suddenly experience unprecedented amounts of freedom. One night you decide to head out to a party, planning on only consuming a drink or two. Somehow, by the end of the night, you wind up throwing up in your room in the middle of the night, you feel fresh and energized. The next morning you wake up feeling amazing and head to class. It’s been a good night, you think to yourself.

"This is not that different from incidents he has encountered on Hope’s campus," Ostermeier said.

One week in October, the lowest Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) seen by the safety/ security staff member; rather, it is limited solely to Hope students, which helps students feel more comfortable participating. Dock said that the counseling office was looking for a student to "step up to the plate" in talking about this issue.

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**Audio Equipment Stolen**

A staff member reported that since December of 2004 almost $4,700 of audio equipment is missing and presumed stolen. This incident was also reported to the Holland Police Department.

**Winter Happening**

Winter Happening, on Feb. 4, will feature seminars on the intersection of River Avenue and Ninth Street along with 75 other people.
After five years as a congressman where he earned his reputation as a blunt, outspoken politician, Echoing Chavez’s principles, Morales speaks out against U.S. interference with the coca farmer trend of refining the leaves into cocaine. “The fight against drug trafficking can not be an excuse for the US government to dominate our nations. We want true dialogue without conditions or oppressions or bribes,” said Morales. Furthering his stance on this claim and indigenous rights, Morales recently appointed Felipe Caceres, former coca farmer, as deputy minister for social defense where his main duty will be fighting drug trafficking. Morales, once a coca farmer himself, advocates the growth of the crop citing it as an integral part of the indigenous culture and the sole means of survival for many people. Caceres has announced plans to actually increase coca production for its uses in medicines, toothpaste and soft drinks.

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U.S. NAVY CAPTURES SUSPECTED PIRATES OFF SOMALIAN COAST

On Jan. 21 the United States Navy captured a crew of suspected pirates off the coast of Somalia after firing some warning shots at their pirate ship.

When the crew of the suspected pirate ship surrendered, sailors from the Navy boarded the ship and found many small arms, according to officials. This recent pirate capture is certainly no surprise to the U.S. Navy. The number of pirate raids off the coast of Somalia has increased significantly over the last two years. Somalia has not had a government effectively in place since 1990 and the Navy believes that this is the main reason behind the pirate raids, according to The Guardian, a UK based newspaper. The recent series of pirate raids has forced all relief agencies to ship their food aid by plane, raising the costs of shipment and perhaps threatening the survival of over half a million Somalis who are in the drought-stricken region and depend on the food aid.

Ship owners who deal with pirates have even changed their trade routes due to the threat of the pirate ships. Ship owners have been pleading with navies from Europe and the United States to try to stop the heavily armed pirate gangs.

The United States has responded. The U.S.S. Winston S. Churchill, an American “aggressive maneuvering” to stop the pirate ship, according to a statement from the U.S. Navy.

When the ship continued on its course, the “Churchill fired warning shots. The vessel cut speed and went dead in the water,” a U.S. Navy spokesman said.

The ship began to sink about 50 miles off the coast of Somalia. The crew surrendered only after the Navy fired several more warning shots. The crew of the suspected pirate ship then came over to the U.S.S. Winston S. Churchill in a small boat.

Sixteen Indians and 10 Somalis were being questioned on the Churchill that night. These pirate attacks have occurred so often that many shipping companies have been paying ransoms to the pirate ships in order to save their own lives. The Semlow, a ship that was carrying rice for emergency food aid, was held by pirates from June to October last year and was not released until a ransom was paid.

In November, two pirate ships fired rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles at a luxury cruise liner called the Seabourn. Crew members of the Seabourn were able to end the assault by using ear-splitting acoustic devices.

Though one band of pirates has been captured, many more continue to threaten the waters off Somalia. As of last week, another band of pirates was holding a cargo ship and four trawlers hostage.

SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES VOTE FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY

In recent South American elections, the results have been anything but typical.

The Bolivian elections held in December and the Chilean elections held in January both produced historic firsts for the countries, showing a progressiveness farther along than even the United States.

Bolivia’s president, Evo Morales, has been turning heads internationally as a true indigenous president, a feat he claims with Venezuela’s president Hugo Chavez. Morales, elected Dec. 18, is Bolivia’s first indigenous president, a fact he claims confirms that “the 500 years of Indian resistance have not been in vain. From 500 years of resistance we pass to another 500 years in power.”

Morales rises to the office of presidency after five years as a congressman where
**Dorm2Dorm: The Band Next Door**

Erika English  
*Senior Art Writer*

It may be the workplace for hundreds of students every week, but at 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, it will be something else entirely. To the dozens of Hope College students relaxing on beanbags and enjoying the music, the room will become a stage hosting the four-man guitar band Dorm2Dorm.

Bob Flavin ’09, Michael Golden ’09, Jeff Martin ’09, and Ben Van Arendonk ’09 make up the lively group. With experience ranging from six years to six months, the four met at Hope and bonded over guitars and interest in film. “We met for the first time in Groovin’ in the Grove,” percussionist Flavin said. “Mike wanted to learn Dueling Banjos and then we went to serenade some girls, basically just strumming and singing.”

During the second week of school, the band had its first jam session playing for an audience of 15 in the Phelps stairwell. It was then they got the brilliant idea to visit both Gilmore and Dykstra Hall, and thus adopted the name Dorm2Dorm.

“We knew five songs: ‘Crash,’ ‘Colide,’ ‘Slide,’ ‘Breakfast at Tiffany’s,’ and ‘Oye Como Va’—it was our traveling song,” Flavin said. “When they got to Dykstra Hall, the response was immediate. ‘We were mobbed!’” Martin said.

How can bands at Hope make it big? All four answered in unison: “Play in Dykstra.”

Since those early days, Dorm2Dorm has performed at six other locations, playing to crowds as large as 75 students at a time. “It’s weird how people have shown up and they like the songs we play—we just wanna have...”

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**Quick-witted comedy troupe hits stage**

Matt Oosterhouse  
*Arts Editor*

Vanderpool, Hope College’s improvisational comedy group, is set to perform on Thursday, Feb. 2. The show will feature live and unscripted comedy in a similar manner to that of the popular television show “Whose Line Is It Anyways?”

Vanderpool cast member Jenni DeRuiter ’08 notes that there are many differences between Vanderpool and “Whose Line.”

“The main difference...is that the [Vanderpool] improv show is now a competition in which two teams compete,” DeRuiter said.

The competition of each performance is divided into two teams, the Orange team and the Blue team. Cast members typically know a week before the performance who their team members will be. That is the only part about the performance of which they have knowledge; the rest is unscripted.

Andrew Liang ’08, also a Vanderpool cast member, admits that the unknown can make this. Professor Heather Sellers does a great job. It involves students in good training and experience,” he said.
“I don’t condone underage drinking, but I realize it happens. I just wish people would be safe about it,” Reeverts said.

“Maybe [there is] not an increase of people drinking, but an increase of people getting caught,” Emily Cornell said. According to Ostermeier, Residential Life is not “crack- ing down,” but rather “creating good community.”

Residential Life is making much more of an effort to be seen in their communities this year, especially in residence halls. This can lead to increased familiarity with residents and what activities they are up to, Ostermeier said.

“Breaking the law may not be responsible, but the act of drinking itself can be done responsibly no matter what age you are,” Jeff Layman (’07) said. “On the flip-side, however, is that both can get hurt, at least in the long term.”

As is often the case with debates at Hope, faith is cited as a crucial factor. “People should turn to Jesus instead of alcohol,” Buck said. “Abusing alcohol probably isn’t what God wants you to do, but drinking responsibly and in moderation won’t result in your eternal damnation.”

Amount of consumption and dissonance with personal faith aside, the fact remains that drinking at Hope, whether underage or on-campus, can result in serious consequences. “The law should be enough to keep minors from drinking, and the threat of a MIP should stop people, but you can’t develop criterion for emotional maturity,” Love said.

“The remaining class time will be spent on the Chinese culture, by "[placing] the language in the context of the culture," Yan said. Some of the potential cultural topics include philosophy, religion, and economy. Yan also plans to add cooking and martial arts to the course. Yan, who previously taught Chinese at Brown University, anticipates students facing difficulties in learning the Chinese language. “I also taught English in China; I have been able to combine both learning aspects so the students can learn better.”

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When asked about their opinions on the matter, students have a varying range of responses. If one is willing to use the popular website facebook.com as an indicator of current attitudes in the campus community, simply browsing through the created groups can be a strong indicator of the ongoing debate surrounding alcohol use: groups such as “I party with my OA leader,” “Beer Lovers anonymous,” “Heck yes I party with my RA” conflict with “I’m too sober to drink,” “Wait, You Go To College and You Don’t Drink??!!... Darn Right,” showing that there are many vocal students on both sides of the issue.

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Infectious mononucleosis, commonly lasts from one to four weeks. It most commonly lasts from one to two months, although it most can last anywhere from one week or other infections. The illness often mistaken for strep throat and fatigue in adolescents. It is as sore throat, headache, fever or mono for short, occurs when percentage, 20 percent, will ever Disease Control.

Evelyn Daniel

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES: STAY ACTIVE IN COLD WEATHER**

Lindsey Manthei

As the temperatures continue to hover just above freezing, many college students are increasingly tempted to just throw on an extra sweatshirt to cover up the growing bulge of their tummies instead of heading outside to exercise. While braving the wind and rain to run around Window on the Waterfront may seem unpleasant, staying active is important to college students' physical and mental health.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, college students should try to work at least 60 minutes of physical activity into their schedules most days of the week. Luckily, physical activity does not necessarily mean working out, in the traditional sense of the term. Physical activity includes walking to class, climbing stairs and chasing squirrels around the Pine Grove.

Many students claim that cold weather makes it impossible for them to pursue their preferred forms of exercise, such as running, biking or hiking. There are, however, plenty of alternatives.

Hope College’s Dow Center offers elliptical machines, which offer a low-impact alternative to running on pavement. The Dow’s numerous machines for weight training help summer athletes to cross train and stay strong during the winter. The newly opened DeVos Fieldhouse weight room also open to students from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and during the weekend if an athletic event is taking place. DeVos features more weightlifting machines than free weights and has two elliptical machines, two stairsteppers, and two stationery bikes. The Dow also features a running track.

“When the track hurts. It gives you shin splints and running in circles is really boring. I can’t wait til the snow melts and I can run outside. It’s prettier and I love finding new places,” Maddy Garcia (’09), member of the softball team, said.

The Holland area also offers a plethora of outdoor winter activities. Students who enjoy hiking should consider snowshoeing as an alternative. A short drive away, Hol- land, Saugatuck Dunes State Park offers more than 900 miles of trails through rolling sand dunes and beautiful forests. Many area residents also enjoy cross country skiing, which offers benefits to athletes or kay- any other activity.

The DeVos Fieldhouse, according to the Centers for Disease Control, is one of the most common illnesses among college students this season, said Cindy Sabo, RN-C, of the Health Clinic, owing in part to their lifestyle.

Because mono is contagious one to two months before symptoms begin to appear, students often have no idea where they got the disease—or who they’ve given it to.

“Maybe you’re in an environment where you’re in constant contact with people,” Sabo said. “You’re going to parties where you’ll drink out of someone else’s cup, you’re not always eating right, not getting enough exercise and you’re not consistently getting enough sleep.”

While mono can only be transmitted by direct contact with an infected person’s saliva, such as by kissing or sharing dishes, college students often make choices that weaken their immune systems, reducing their bodies’ ability to fight diseases.

A failure to get enough sleep is often the most common risk factor among college-age adults.

“Students will come in saying they’ve gone to sleep at 11 p.m. one night and 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. the next night,” Sabo said. “Es- pecially when they’re doing this day after day, week after week, month after month, it really hurts the immune system.”

A weakened immune system makes the difference between the people who fail to even realize they have contracted a virus and the people who are stuck in bed with mono for weeks.

Sabo recommends nine hours of sleep as optimum for good health. Consistently going to bed at the same time every night and waking up at the same time every morning is also important.

Because mono is caused by a virus, antibiotics are useless in fighting the illness. The best way to ensure a quick recovery, Sabo said, is simply to get enough rest.

In preventing mono, no vaccine is available.

Students who are worried about getting sick should keep regular sleep habits, good hygiene habits, and if they live in an apartment or cottage, make sure dishes are clean,” Sabo said. A laboratory test, available through the Health Clinic, is necessary to confirm if symptoms are indeed the result of mono.

Healthy choices can often prevent Mono, that means two Nalgenes full of water, or 64 ounces.

Although finding fun ways to stay active in the winter can be difficult, students only need to be creative to find fun, effective alternatives to summer pastimes.
After I wrote this editorial I cried

Women should not be leaders in the church. Say “amen” after every prayer. Spend “quiet time” each day with God. Be baptized as an adult. And pray and pray and pray without ceasing.

I stood blankly at these statements in front of me. There were 70 of them in total. I was told to reflect on each sentence. Mark each one as “essential” or “negotiable” in the Christian faith. In a room of 50 Bible-believing Christians, I was asked to raise my hand for each statement I believed “negotiable.” My heart started beating, fast.

Up until this point in my life I managed to keep my secrets. But I spilled the beans this weekend. At InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s winter conference, I raised my hand, publicly announced among 60 Christians, that I, Erin L’Hotta, find Biblical truth “negotiable.”

After I announced this, I knew I was out of the club. You know which club I mean. The Jesus club. The club of Christians who have it all together. The ones who know absolute truth. Never question God’s love, healing power of redemption.

I wish I could be in that club. I really do. But knowledge is a burden. And this burden has taken a toll.

It all started when I learned about injustice. Poverty. Racism. Sexual assault. Genocide. The list goes on. Do my questions. If God is so powerful then why is there evil in the world? We say God has the power to heal. If so, why do babies cry wondering where their next meal will come? Why are innocent lives snatched away each day because of their skin color? Why are women raped each minute? Can God heal them? Do not believe.

I’ve discovered this horrible realization that freedom has a tremendous role in shaping society. Things that I used to directly correlate to God, I now see as the hand of human evil. Which begs the question, how do I make the distinction between God and man? What is man’s role in writing the Bible? Is it word-for-word truth, God breathed or written by ordinarily fallible humans?

It’s funny how the church doesn’t accept questions. Doubts. Fears. It seems to me that these concepts are the backbone of faith. How can one believe something as absolute truth without taking time to think about differing points of view? Can it be absolute if one never knows of any other? Can one have principle foundation of faith if he or she never takes the time to question the foundation they rest upon? How can faith be authentic if one never slows down to discern the distinction between God’s plan and their own? God’s voice and the voice of Biblical interpretation through our own worldview?

What about fear? God talks about fear. Yet this is looked down upon as a valuable attribute of Christian faith in modern culture. Which makes me wonder why that is?

If I let these questions, doubts, fears to creep, they will become a part of us. They will become the little voice in the back of our heads causing us to reflect, reexamine, break our foundation that makes living as Christians far too comfortable.

After I wrote this editorial, I cried.

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have fun with it,” VanArendonk said, speaking for the group. “We could make a movie... a Rockumentary.”

He was interrupted as all four suddenly broke out into the song “Photograph” by Nickelback, one of the latest additions to their repertoire.

Besides performing covers, the band’s newest goal is to add a few of their own songs. Golden and VanArendonk have already written and rehearsed three of their own works but are hoping to do more.

“We’re just playing for fun, not because we’re good,” Golden said.
**Sports**

**Upcoming Home Games**

Feb. 1 Women’s Basketball vs. Adrian
6 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln

Feb. 1 Men’s Basketball vs. Olivet
8 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln

Feb. 4 Men’s Basketball vs. Albion
3 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln

Feb. 4 Women’s Basketball vs. Albion
5 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln

**Track Team Trains Through Wet Weather**

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Staff Writer

Nick Hinkle
Associate Sports Editor

Approximately 80 men and women Hope Track athletes have already started preseason conditioning despite unpredictable Michigan weather.

New Head Coach Kevin Cole is excited to be back at his alma mater and is looking forward to a promising season.

“We have a lot of good returners, a few All-Americans, and a strong freshman class,” Cole said. “I was impressed at the turnout in numbers we’ve had so far.”

“We are training one to two times daily with outdoor running, resistance training, and flexibility exercises,” Distance Coach Mark Northuis said.

Winter conditioning begins in early January for many track participants and includes both indoor and outdoor training. For distance runners, the winter conditioning offers runners a chance to transition from cross country to track.

“We spend eight to nine weeks of base miles conditioning across country before we begin our specific event training. We are transitioning into that phase of training now,” Northuis said.

Next Saturday the team will have their first test against Carthage for an indoor competition and will find out if their preseason conditioning paid off.

After four meets, Hope will train at Orlando, Florida’s National Training Facility. There, the team will compete in two meets, one in Coastal Carolina, and the other at Emory University.

The first outdoor conference will be at Buys Athletic Field against Albion and Tri-State on April 12 at 2 p.m.

**XL: Seahawk v. Steelers**

Jenny Cencer
Sports Editor

Super Bowl XL arrives with a super-sized attitude to Detroit’s Ford Field on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Super Sunday’s annual hype should meet all expectations as the Seattle Seahawks battle the Pittsburgh Steelers for the world championship title.

The nation’s 40th championship match-up will be the first of its kind in Michigan since Super Bowl XVI, 1982, when it was played at the Pontiac Silverdome and the first cold weather site since Super Bowl XXVI, 1992, when it was played in Minneapolis.

The game will feature the league’s biggest names, nine pro bowlers, the rookie of the year, the NFL’s leading rusher, two hall of fame coaches, a player possibly playing his last game before retiring and ending his hall of fame credential career.

Interesting match-ups include the high octane speed on both defenses, especially considering the two covered USC draft picks on both teams.Steelers third year safety Troy Polamalu, has brought long hair trends and passion back to the game. Seahawks leading tackler and rookie linebacker, Lofa Tatupu, who played in last year’s college football championship game will be returning to prove his excellence once more on championship terrain.

Detroit and the state of Michigan has prepared for an estimated 100,000 visitors from around the globe to stay in more than 25,000 hotel rooms. The football fans will partake in various events around metro Detroit as well as the NFL Experience, located at COBO Hall, an interactive theme park featuring a variety of activities for every Super Bowl fan. All of the festivities are estimated to raise an economic boost of $372 million towards South Eastern

**Pistons Poised for NBA Title**

R.J. Theob
Staff Writer

After winning the NBA Championship in 2004 against the Lakers and finishing runner-up to the Spurs in 2005, the Pistons look poised to make another run at the title.

Taking a look at the Western Conference, for a fifth win, Bill Cowher is coaching his sixth seeded Steelers to their second Super Bowl under his direction. The Steelers already come into the game with quarterback Ben Roethlisberger who, as a second year player, only felt the losing side of the game four times. Roethlisberger is also the second youngest quarterback, to Dan Marino, to lead his team to a Super Bowl. Jerome Bettis comes back to Detroit to play his last game for the Steelers.

**WALLACE FOR TWO**

Pistons starting five are too much for the Timberwolves defense for a Dunk

**The Terrible Towel Comes to Detroit**

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**MVP AND QB — Seahawks Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and running back Shaun Alexander celebrate winning the AFC v. the Panthers.**

Michigan, of which $111 million will go to Oakland County.

The game will be aired on ABC starting at 6:30. Aretha Franklin and Aaron Neville will perform the National Anthem and The Recording Stones are slated to perform the halftime special.

**A League of Their Own**

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Chauncey “Mr. Big Shot” Billups runs point, averaging 19.5 PPG (points per game), 8.6 assists (team high), and 92.3 percent from the line (team high).

Richard “RIP” Hamilton plays shooting guard, averaging a team high 21.7 PPG.

Troy Aikman, a 2002 first round pick out of Kentucky, adds 14.2 PPG to his strong defensive presence at 6 feet 9 inches tall with an even larger wingspan.

The two Wallaces, Ben and Rashad, dominate the inside. Ben averages 12.4 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game, while Rashad averages 15.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

Recently hired coach Flip Saunders, formerly of the Minnesota Timberwolves, has transitioned Detroit from a primarily defensive team to a threat on both sides of the court. Saunders will coach the Eastern All Stars in his first season with Detroit and has won back-to-back Coach of the Month honors. The Pistons are averaging 99.8 points a game and are only giving 90.5 PPG to their opponents, and remain one of the top defensive teams in the NBA.

The Pistons’ strength comes from their depth and ability to attack teams from any angle. If the Seahawks keep playing well, they may win a second championship and the city of Detroit will erupt as the top basketball dynasty.