Pepsi pays annual visit to Dew Crew

Without Mountain Dew, we'd just be...the Crew

Laura Stritzke

On Jan. 19, Hope College played Adri- an College at the DeVos Fieldhouse. Hope College fans, faculty and supporters were all present, and of course the Dew Crew had a large orange commanding presence.

However, among the crowd there were a few guests not normally in attendance at Hope basketball games. Representatives from Pepsi Co. came to the Hope vs. Adrian game to evaluate its sponsorship of the famous "Dew Crew."

The Dew Crew is a long-standing tradition for Hope College basketball. Not just your average student section, the Dew Crew averages about 300-400 in attendance for Hope College basketball. Not famous "Dew Crew." Pepsi pays annual visit to Dew Crew during games, substituting the referee, rowing and the orange shirts are all parts of the Dew Crew tradition.

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Mildew concerns Dykstra Hall

Palgo Calamari

As the temperature drops outside, the persistent problem of mildew increases inside Dykstra Hall.

Apparently caused by humidity and a lack of air circulation within the building, mildew is a source of trouble for many rooms throughout Dykstra. According to Sue Volkers, building service manager for the north side of Hope College's campus, residents in at least seven residential rooms in Dykstra have reported having the black substance on their walls this year.

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Dr. Susan Dunn, chair of the nursing department, said 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. "Our nursing program offers a challenging curriculum, exceptional nursing faculty, excellent clinical experiences and a unique focus on undergraduate nursing research."

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.

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Kevin Soubery

Faculty, students 'arrested' for a cause

Asian Perspective, and the La Raza Unida.

The event kicked off on Monday, Jan. 21, when six Hope volunteers were "arrested" (three students and three staff members) and assigned to collect donations toward their "bail," with all proceeds benefiting Holland's Core City LEAP, a program that...

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"Friends don't let friends hook up drunk" does not have quite the same ring as the more familiar slogan. It may be less catchy, but it is just as important to staying safe.

Hope College's Administrative Advisory Board recently amended the college's sexual harassment policy, placing it in line with Michigan's state law. Although Hope College's Sexual Harassment Policy has always maintained that explicit verbal consent is needed to avoid sexual assault and harassment, the policy now states that intoxication invalidates consent.

According to the policy, a person who is impaired cannot be relied upon to understand what he or she is saying "yes." Such intoxication makes it inappropriate sexual conduct that would be unwelcome, should the person be sober, is assault. Additionally, being intoxicated oneself cannot be used as an excuse for failing to obtain valid consent. According to the amended policy, a person cannot give valid consent when intoxicated, being intoxicated does not exempt the pursuer from the responsibility of obtaining consent.

The change, which became official in October 2007, was made in an attempt to better fulfill the policy's purpose to "protect the dignity, safety and self-respect of all." "A valid part of Hope's policy in sexual harassment and assault," said Dr. Leigh Wendlandt-O'Connor, Hope's sexual harassment policy coordinator.

Wendlandt-O'Connor helps first-year students become familiar with Hope's policy by giving class presentations in all Health Dynamics courses. "It is important for all students, faculty and staff to understand that Hope has a policy, and that understanding the policy helps protect everyone from making poor choices," Dr. Wendlandt-O'Connor said. "The responsibility to stop sexual assault and harassment is everyone's, not only potential victims. Students, faculty and staff. The policy is designed to provide all students with a reasonable understanding of what sexual assault and harassment is and how to respond to it."

Nurses wanted: program is booming at Hope

in hours, work settings and location, and an average salary for a registered nurse is approximately $45,000. A nurse with a graduate level education can expect to receive a higher salary.

With an abundance of applicants to the nursing program and the nursing job market showing signs of improvement, Hope College is hoping to attract more students from Hope's competitive nursing program.

"We are looking for nurses who are interested in working in a variety of settings and who are committed to providing high-quality care," said Dr. Charles Green, director of the Hope College School of Nursing. "We are looking for nurses who are interested in working in a variety of settings and who are committed to providing high-quality care."

The Hope College School of Nursing is one of only a few programs in the state of Michigan that offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The program is designed to prepare students for entry into the nursing profession and to provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the rapidly changing field of nursing.

For more information about the Hope College School of Nursing, please visit the program's website at www.hope.edu/nursing.

"The nursing profession is one of the most rewarding careers one can choose," said Dr. Green. "We are looking for nurses who are interested in working in a variety of settings and who are committed to providing high-quality care."

In Brief

RUSH GETS GOING

Greek life is growing as rush season begins. Fraternity rush started on Jan. 14, and the sorority followed six days later. "Formal rush," according to Hope Greek Life's website, is defined as "an opportunity for students to acquaint themselves with the members and the programs of the 15 Greek organizations." Fraternity and sorority rushes conclude on Feb. 2 and Feb. 5, respectively.

SHUTTLE VAN SHUT DOWN

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, a call to Shuttle Van (x3777) was answered with a dismal announcement. "The Shuttle Vans are shut down tonight due to the roads," said a dispatcher.

According to a Shuttle Van representative, low visibility and slippery conditions led to the cancellation of the Shuttle Van's services for the remainder of the night.

"It's for the safety of the students," the Shuttle Van phone dispatcher said.

HOPE A TOP SCHOOL FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

Hope is ranked 24th nationally and 16th among small colleges and universities, with 14 alumni serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, up from 13 the year before. Since the Peace Corps inception in 1961, a total of 153 Hope alumni have joined the ranks, making Hope the 23rd producer of volunteers of all time. The entire "Peace Corps Top Colleges" list can be found on the Peace Corps website at www.peacecorps.gov/news-resources/states/pdf/schools2008.pdf

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in part to the aging of our popula- tion and the increased need associated with aging, and the anticipated retirement of one-third of our existing nurses over the next 10-15 years," Dunn said. "This translates to a wide-open job market for college graduates who have pursued a nursing degree. There is a position available for any college graduate that is licensed as a Registered Nurse.

Additionally, flexibility and pay have created an increase in interest in nursing. According to Dunn, there is often flexibility
Candidates take states

Laura Stritzke
Snow Winter

The 2008 primary elections are underway, and the Republican and Democratic parties in every state are deciding which candidate they want to send to the general election. Michigan has already held its primary, but are the primary elections still important to Hope College students? "I think it's really interesting to keep up with who is winning in all the different states, because the results will affect all of us," Nicole Tyson (‘11) said. Hope students seem to be very interested in the campaign and its progress. Lucas Whitman ('10) expressed the importance of being aware of the election. "It's important to pay attention so you know who the candidates are and what they stand for," Whitman said.

Iowa kicks off

On Jan. 3, Iowa became the first state to weigh in the Presidential race. Historically Iowa's caucuses are in the whole primary election. A record number of voters turned out to participate in Iowa's caucuses. A caucus is different from a primary because the voting district assemblies in a town-hall meeting style and people separate into groups based on the candidates they are supporting.

State delegates are then awarded to each of the candidates depending on the proportion of people who support them. In a primary, however, the party members vote "yes" or "no" to the party and the party members are awarded according to the percentage of people who voted for them. Here is a quick recap of the results (according to CNN.com) for the various states that have had their primaries so far:

- On Jan. 3 in Iowa, Barack Obama won the Democratic caucus, followed closely by John Edwards and Hillary Clinton in second and third respectively. Bill Richardson got 2 percent, and Joe Biden got one. Other candidates running that didn't gain a percent of the vote were Christopher Dodd, Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich.

Iowa Republicans voted for Mike Huckabee most, then Mitt Romney, and then Fred Thompson. 13 percent went to John McCain, 10 percent to Ron Paul, 3 percent to Rudy Giuliani, and half a percent to Duncan Hunter.

- On Jan. 5 Wyoming held its Republican caucuses (the Democratic caucuses are scheduled for March 5). Romney came in first, Thompson second, and Hunter third.

- On Jan. 8 New Hampshire held both Democratic and Republican primaries. Clinton, Obama, Edwards placed first, second, and third respectively. 5 percent of Democrats voted for Richardson, and 1 percent for Kucinich.

Republicans voted for McCain, Romney, and Huckabee as the top three. Nine percent voted for Giuliani, 8 percent for Paul and 1 percent for Thompson.

Michigan weighs in

- On Jan. 15, Michigan held its Republican and Democrat primaries, however Michigan lost all of its Democratic delegates and 30 of its 60 Republican delegates due to moving the primaries outside of approved dates set by the national parties.

Again Republicans voted in large numbers for Romney, McCain, and Huckabee, followed by Giuliani, Thompson, and Huckabee with 3 percent for Giuliani.

Many Democrats still chose to vote despite the fact that there were no delegates at stake. Hillary Clinton was the only front-runner who didn't withdraw from the race, and she won a majority of the vote. However Obama and Edwards supporters who did not choose to vote Republican voted "uncommitted" on the Democrat ballot.

- On Jan. 19, Nevada held its Democratic and Republican caucuses. Romney won the Republican caucus followed by Paul, then McCain, then Huckabee, and Thompson with 5 percent and Giuliani with 4 percent.曹操 won the Democratic caucus with a slight majority. Obama followed with 42 percent, and Edwards trailed with four percent.

Also on the Jan 19, South Carolina held its Republican primary. Most votes went to McCain, then Huckabee, then Thompson, then Romney at 16 percent, Paul with 4 percent and Giuliani with 2 percent.

- On Jan. 26, South Carolina held its Democratic primary. Obama won a majority, followed by Clinton and Edwards respectively.

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Republicans held their primary in Florida. The candidates from most to least votes were McCain, Romney, Huckabee, Paul, Thompson, and Hunter. The Democrats from most to least votes were Clinton, Obama, Edwards, and Kucinich.

Since the beginning of the campaign, many candidates have dropped out due to poor performance in the primaries/caucuses.

Delegates add up

On the Republican side, Romney has 73 delegates, John McCain who has 68 delegates, Mike Huckabee who has 52 delegates, Ron Paul who has six delegates and Rudy Giuliani who has two delegates.

The remaining Democratic candidates are either Clinton who has 240 delegates, Obama who has 152 delegates, Edwards who has 61 delegates and Mike Gravel who has zero delegates.

On Feb. 5, is known as "Super Tuesday." Twenty-five states hold their primaries, and the results will narrow down both the Democratic and Republican races.

PROBLEMS PERSIST IN PALESTINIAN GAZA CRISIS

GAZA (AP) — The chaotic scenes on the Gaza-Egypt border are forcing the international community to rethink the policy of trying to weaken Hamas rulers by keeping the territory sealed.

The Hamas-engineered border breach in which hundreds of thousands of Palestinians broke out of the gaza this week, highlights the movement's resilience. It also reminds the world that 1.5 million Gazans, cannot remain locked up indefinitely. Yet, a more relaxed Gaza border regime could enable Hamas to halt rocket fire, and this in turn could buy the necessary calm to make progress on a U.S.-backed peace deal.

BUSH SPEAKS OPENLY OF ADDICTION

BALTIMORE (AP) — President Bush is talking more openly lately about his drinking habits, saying plainly that the term "addiction" had applied to him. "Addiction is hard to overcome. As you might remember, I drank too much at one time in my life," said Bush, adding, "First is to recognize that there is a higher power ... it helped me quit drinking.

The president decided to quit drinking in 1986. He now has nonalcoholic beers the only indulgence he says he allows.
Ethnic conflict in Kenya continues

Presidential elections spark ethnic tensions; ethnic cleansing plagues the country

Karie Luidens
Guest Writer

A month has passed now since controversy over Kenya's presidential elections sparked an eruption of violence across the nation, but the political and tribal conflicts are continuing to boil.

The immediate source of the current violence was the apparent rigging of the Dec. 27 election by incumbent Mwai Kibaki. Vote counts were giving opposition leader Raila Odinga a substantial lead when the Kenya's International Conference Center was stormed by paramilitary police. Minutes later, the election was declared in favor of Kibaki, who was hastily sworn in later that day.

Violence quickly erupted in the cities across the nation; burning and looting became a regular feature in Kenyan cities, and rallies brought out police forces that have switched from tear-gas to live ammunition.

Between such clashes and active neighbor-on-neighbor violence, many of whom are often executed with machetes, clubs, poison arrows and stoning, the death toll approached 600 within the first two weeks. More than a quarter of a million have fled their homes, congregating along tribe lines or seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

Tribe and poverty

The election controversy was merely the spark that ignited preexisting tribal tensions. Though the violence is widespread, in Kenya, the Kikuyu tribe has dominated the power and wealth essentially since the nation achieved independence in 1963, creating a history of hostility in the remaining tribes. Anabuy Mamo ('10), a Hope College student who originally hails from northern Kenya, said, "When you’re growing up, you’re taught that you are your tribe. You put your tribe before yourself, and when things like this come up, people go back to that way of thinking. Every president helps his tribe and his hometown first, which always creates tension."

Felix Kikaya ('11), from Nairobi, said, "This election just ignited the feelings that were already there between tribes. Neighbors have lived peacefully together, (but) now one neighbor can just go to his neighbor’s house and burn him to death."

And, Kikaya notes, the conflict has the greatest impact on the poorest of the population. "In the densely-populated slums, where most are forced to live hand-to-mouth on a dollar a day, people often feel they have nothing to lose by fighting. The sense of desperation is quickly exploited by politicians: Mamo suggests that Kibaki is using the police, whereas Odinga is inciting the pent-up resentments of the general population in order to rile up resistance to a government, and (a tribe) that is blocking his personal rise to power."

ETHNIC CLEANSING

A Kenyan man sits in the cab of a destroyed truck used as a makeshift roadblock while a tire burns on the roof as he and others enforce the roadblock in Kisumu Kenya on Tuesday Jan. 29, 2008. The town of Kisumu now almost completely ethnically cleansed

Close to home

Eunjee Choi ('11) was spending Christmas with her family in Nairobi when the violence broke out. Daily life immediately became confined to their home, where they watched the news continuously until the government cut off all media access for a few days. Not having prepared any stocks, obtaining food became a concern.

"We left the safety of our home once a week maybe, if it was quiet. If they say there will be a riot on this afternoon, we go in the morning while it’s quiet because they’re getting ready," Choi said. "We would divide up jobs (and) get what (we) needed and get back to the house."

Most shops in the city had closed, and in those that were open, crowds fought to get crucial supplies, like sugar, with prices often having doubled or tripled.

Meanwhile Kikaya has had to adjust to following events in Kenya from here in the U.S. Even though she reads the news online every day, she still feels close to the events.

"For the first few weeks I called home almost every day, every morning when I woke up. When I was told some of my friends had been displaced because their houses had been burned down. I knew this was happening right at my doorstep."

What now?

So how will the situation be resolved? Kikaya believes that a resolution is not easily attainable.

"I am sorry that so many people are dying about this, (but it won’t end) until Kibaki is out of power. If (Odinga) decides to share power with the president, it means he has betrayed the people. If he gives up, what would make the voters go and get cards next time to vote in 2012, if a president can just rig things and keep his power?"

At this point, Mamo, Kikaya and Choi seem to agree that no one leader is likely to be able to bring the Kenyan people under control.

"Every day, things seem to get worse and worse," Kikaya said, "and I don’t know how things will be in the months to come."

Pioneering journalist Frances Lewine dies

Female journalist spent career fighting prejudices, championing equality and feminism

Chris Lewis
Staff Writer

Former White House correspondent for the Associated Press, Frances Lewine, died on Jan. 19. According to the Washington Post, Lewine was known for fighting against the discrimination of women in the world of journalism while also reporting during the administrations of six presidents, including with Eleanor Roosevelt and ending with Carter.

Lewine also worked for Cable News Network as an assignment editor and field producer since 1981.

In 1978, Lewine, along with six other women, filed a class-action lawsuit against the AP, which resulted in a $2 million settlement. Soon after the settlement, the AP began to change its policies in several areas, including pensions, salaries and hiring of employees.

"Edie Lederer is currently the AP's chief correspondent at the United Nations and views Lewine as a trailblazer. "She was a largely unsung pioneer for women in journalism. Linda Deutsch is currently a legal affairs reporter for the AP and worked with Lewine in the past. "All the politicians who wouldn't stop for anyone else would stop for her because they knew her," said Deutsch to the Washington Post. "She would ask the toughest questions, but with a smile on her face."

Lewine became the first woman to be a full-time White House reporter for the AP and was also a leader of women's efforts to obtain admission to the National Press Club's luncheon where newsmakers gave speeches in a room full of male journalists. In 1971, largely due to the efforts of Lewine, females were finally allowed to attend the luncheon with their male counterparts.

Lewine also campaigned against the Gridiron Club, which is an exclusive group of journalists and politicians. The club excluded women from its annual event until Lewine stood up for her and other women's rights to be included in the event. Lewine soon became the second female member of the club.

Lewine was never afraid to stand up against the authority of the government and share her views.

"In times (of war) like these, when the credibility of our nation and our president often comes into question, it is the reporter on the scene that can raise issues and put the spotlight on problems so the nation can address them," Lewine said in the Washington Post report. "Reporters should understand that they have an obligation to search for the truth and to stand in the front line in holding governments and officials accountable for their actions."

Hope College communication professor Dr. Teresa Housel views Lewine as a pioneer for women journalists.

"She helped open doors for women to go into journalism and she spoke out against women reporters being routinely relegated to the society or lifestyle sections," Housel said. "She advocated for the right of women to report hard news, which is, unfortunately, still male-dominated even though journalism programs today are predominantly comprised of female students."

"She was a largely unsung pioneer for women in journalism and role model for myself and thousands of other women who tried to follow in her footsteps." — Edie Lederer, AP chief correspondent
Orchestra to feature soloists in night to remember

Rachel Syens
Gazette Writer

According to Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, a concerto is “a piece for one or more soloists and orchestra with contrasting movements,” and an aria is “a striking solo performance.” Put these together, and you have an orchestra accompanying some amazing soloists in a concert not easily forgotten.

The Concerto/Aria concert on Feb. 7 features six Hope College soloists chosen from twenty-five students who auditioned in November 2007. Dr. Robert Southard, interim conductor of the Hope College Orchestra, will be accompanying the soloists.

“All of the students who played were very talented and prepared, but the six winners displayed an extremely high level of musicianship and technical ability,” Southard said. John Donkersloot (’08), one of the soloists, will play “Piano Concerto in A minor. Op. 16” in order to accompany the soloists.

Donkersloot said, “Then on a Saturday in November the soloists play (or sings) their piece for a panel of three judges.”

The soloists who are chosen play their piece with the orchestra in the February concert. Donkersloot describes his piece as a romantic piano concerto with a flashy beginning, brooding theme and great cadenza. He said that he picked his piece because he really liked the sound. Many of the soloists have also been working on their pieces for quite some time. Donkersloot has been working seriously on his piece since the fall semester.

Hillary Byker (’08) is another soloist in the concert, representing a different kind of music than Donkersloot. Byker is a soprano and will be singing “Elle a fui, la tourterelle” from the opera, “Les Contes d’Hoffmann,” written by Jacques Offenbach in the Romantic period. Byker said that a character in the opera, Antonia, sings this particular aria about lost love.

The Hope College Orchestra has also been spending time working on these pieces in order to accompany the soloists.

“The members of the orchestra have worked quite hard on some very challenging pieces and it would be great for people on campus to come support them,” Southard said.

Both Southard and Donkersloot agree that the soloists are extremely talented and have been working very hard on their pieces.

“Hope students should attend the concert to see what others have been putting a lot of time and effort into,” Donkersloot said.

Byker also sees the hard work of both the soloists and the orchestra.

“The musicianship of the participants in this concert is stellar, and rarely do you get to hear solo instrumentalists and the orchestra on Hope’s campus,” Byker said.

The Concerto/Aria concert features the following soloists: Hillary Byker, soprano; Rachel Daley, flute; John Donkersloot, piano; Joe Stodola, viola; Kay Gillette, soprano and Alexandra Hamzea, violin. The concert will take place on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

Opus Soup showcases student work

Katie Bennett
Arts Editor

This week, students can flip through the pages of the new Opus, Hope’s biannual literary magazine. Once a semester, Opus features poems, prose and visual art by Hope students. Last Wednesday, Jan. 23, an event entitled Opus Soup celebrated the arrival of the fall 2007 issue with readings and explanations of the pieces of art by the students.

We thought it would be cool to hear the stories behind the pieces, directly from the writers,” said Mike Bertrand (’10), co-editor of Opus.

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Curator, artist speak about Vietnamese art

Katie Ludens
Arts Writer

The Hope College community recently had the honor of hosting curator Dr. Nora Taylor and painter Dinh Tham Poons, whose work is on display as part of the ongoing “Changing Identities” exhibition in the DeVos Gallery. “Changing Identities” is the first large-scale show to bring contemporary Vietnamese works to American galleries, and it showcases the art of ten female artists from around Vietnam.

Taylor and Poons spoke to a large gathering of Hope students and Holland community members in Cook Auditorium on Friday night. Jan. 25, and visited the gallery again the following morning to speak more informally with interested individuals. The scent of Vietnamese spring rolls set the tone for the presentation on the developing art scene in Vietnam.

For tickets contact the DeVos Fieldhouse. $10 for regular admission, $8 for senior citizens and $6 for children 18 and under.

A.J. Muste

Spreading peace through music and poetry

Amy Soukup
Arts Writer

To honor the spirit and ideas of A.J. Muste, a world-famous pacifist and Hope College alumnus, a series of events, free of cost, are taking place on campus this week.

After graduating from Hope in 1905, Muste worked to promote his ideas of peace and justice, actively protesting against every major war until his death in 1967. He also participated in and helped form multiple pacifist organizations.

In 1985, Hope began the A.J. Muste Lecture to commemorate and continue his life’s work. Among the events surrounding this year’s lecture are two nights of music and literature.

A night of poetry and song will take place on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

The event will feature poetry read by members of the campus community and a concert by the college Chapel Choir, directed by Dr. Brad Richmond.

The Chapel Choir will perform an original piece composed by Dr. Richmond. The piece combines two poems written by British World War I soldier Wilfred Owen, who was killed one week before the Armistice.

“I (Owen) left behind poetry that spoke of the tragedy of war,” Richmond said.

Along with the choir, the performance will include visual art, and percussive instrument and feature baritone soloist, Jeremy Lynde (’03).

On Friday, Feb. 1, there will also be a performance of “For the End of Time” at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.
‘Twenty-seven Dresses’ full of witty humor

Abby DeVoynt
Guest Writer

The title alone is enough to scare away most males, but on the whole, “27 Dresses” offers moments of witty humor that are able to satisfy any comedic palate. This is not to say that the film does not share the same characteristics as other romantic comedies that have been dubbed “chick flick.”

The movie starts out slow and takes an unusual amount of time getting into the usual rollercoaster of emotions.

Alina Brookenlosa (“Devil Wears Prada”), the screenwriter of “27 Dresses” appears to have pulled inspiration from films like “The Wedding Planner” and “How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days” when forming the plot. Jane (Katherine Heigl), is a woman who spends more time planning the weddings of others than worrying about her own life. The flighty and slightly nerdy character hides her feelings behind a nervous façade that doesn’t break until she is forced to plan the marriage of her sister and the man Jane loves.

The (wedding hopp-er), Kevin Doyle (James Marsden), is an ambitious writer ready to do anything to get ahead and he decides to turn the eternal bridesmaid into his special project. However, after really getting to know her, he finds it harder to expose her ways than originally planned.

Even with the strange similarities, “27 Dresses” is able to stand on its own because of Heigl and Marsden’s ability to create believable characters. If you’re in the mood for marriage, you’ll get your fill with this film.

Almost every possible wedding theme and style are expressed during the movie, and a dress-up montage proves that bridesmaid dresses are ugly so they don’t take away from the bride’s special day. Overall, “27 Dresses” gives a slightly cynical view of “love and marriage” while inadvertently supporting every cliché there is about the perfect wedding.

Reviews published here are reflections of the opinions of the individual writers and not necessarily of the Anchor staff as a whole.

Mildew plagues Dykstra Hall

• MILDEW, from page 1

defumidifiers in residential rooms with recurring mildew problems.

Meghan Vanderlee (‘11), who prior to receiving a defumidifier reported mildew in her room on nearly four different occasions, said, “After the defumidifiers we haven’t had any mildew.”

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GUEST WRITER

Sell yourself with well-written resume

By Ashley DeVries

Don’t just print! It sounds like a huge task, but why should it be? You’re writing about the person that you know BIST in the world—yourself. You know what you’ve done. Just start by brainstorming and getting it down on paper. Remember that the main goal is to sell yourself, so brag about your many accomplishments.

So what do I put onto the paper? Start with your name—larger than anything else on the page—and your contact information (phone number, address, email). After this heading comes an objective in most resumes. An objective states what you are pursuing, however, it is better to leave an objective out to be than to use one that is way too broad.

For Credit or Not for Credit?

Once a student has landed a summer internship, he or the student decide if they want to receive academic credit. Academic credit can be helpful for students who must take elective credits or for students whose major guarantees academic credit. It is always best to pursue an internship for academic credit because someone will intentionally guide students and help them apply what they’ve learned.

The Application Process

The key to successfully landing an internship is starting the application process early. Some companies start the hiring process as early as November (for summer internships), although January through March is generally the deadline for most programs.

"Internships are competitive," DeVries said. "Start planning ahead!"

Students should attach a resume and cover letter to their application. The resume and cover letter should be applicable to the organization you intend to intern with, so to do the job description for specifics. Your resume lists your experience and skills (see resume side bar), while your cover letter should apply your skills and experience specifically to the type of work you will be doing.

"Unless a job announcement specifically states ‘no cover letter,’ I recommend students always enclose one with their resume," English professor Janice Astalanto said. "The cover letter allows the applicant to show how their qualifications will help the organization meet its needs and lets the applicant explain in full sentences how they differ from others who may be applying for the same position."

"Internship supervisors are seeking transferrable skills. They want to know that students can work in teams, that students are self-motivated and that students have the ability to interact with professionals," DeVries said.

For Career or Not for Credit?

Once a student has landed a summer internship, he or she may decide if they want to receive academic credit. The main benefit to academic credit is the experience of that experience, but there are many other benefits such as receiving a better paying job, getting a better job, and getting a better education. It is always best to pursue an internship for academic credit because someone will intentionally guide students and help them apply what they’ve learned. Once a student has landed an unpaid or no credit internship that would give them valuable hands-on experience the job offer after graduation.

Ashley DeVries

Focuses: Internship

Kevin Nelson (’09) is in many ways a typical Hope College student. He is over-involved—playing hockey for the school’s varsity and participating in campus political groups—and he isn’t afraid to dream big—after he graduates next year, he plans to go to law school and eventually he hopes to get into politics.

But Nelson has had some unusual work experiences. Last spring Nelson interned at the White House in the office of presidential correspondence. His experience there was anything but typical.

"One day I actually received a terrorist threat," Nelson said. "I was reading through an intern helps students experience their future career firsthand and apply skills they have learned through their coursework.

"An intern offers hands-on experience. At Hope we talk about calling, voicing, gifts and how to contribute to society. It’s difficult to know for sure that you’re called to do something until you’ve tried it out," DeVries said.

The first key component of an internship is educational credits. DeVries and her staff are knowledgeable about local business and have connections with alumni across the country. Students profit from these experiences into subheadings such as skills, experience—anymajor class assignments or a certain class if it is relevant. When you’re creating and formatting your resume, be sure to use action words such as: arranged, examined, drafted, coordinated, assisted.

The next key component of a resume is educational experience—what type of degree you are pursuing, such as a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.). It is recommended to add your GPA if it is over 3.0. Think about your experiences—any paid or volunteer work, summer jobs, or internships; you can even list your responsibilities, be sure to use action words such as: arranged, examined, drafted, coordinated, assisted.

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The employer may only scan your resume, so be sure to contact potential employers, and note on your resume that references are available upon request.

Don’t just print! Make sure you proofread your resume before sending it to any employer, a grammatical or spelling error on a resume is almost sudden death. When you’re creating and formatting your resume, you want to remember to keep it simple and linear—every straight line that’s very readable and easy to glance at. The employer may only scan your resume, so be sure to catch their eye.

If you are interested in more information visit the Career Services webpage at www.hope.edu/student/career/resources/search.
In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Papple

HAF PT

I will never forget when my grandma convinced me that the reason God gave us fingers at the end of our hands was so we wouldn't be able to scoop that last drop of brownie batter from the bottom of the mixing bowl into our mouths.

Gram taught me many other things like how to play double-solitaire and how to plant petunias. My grandma taught me from the bottom of the mixing bowl into Gram taught me many other things like which called attention to possible sex-display his physical superiority over them. (Not to mention that this would have nothing at all to do with physical finance and control. I, for one, like holding 'Chivalry' not inherently oppressive.

So, although I agree that the social structure of dating and relationships should be critically examined in order to end sexual violence and bring about a more egalitarian society, I have to take umbrage when Evelyn writes, "Equality in society, a patriarchal society, I have to take umbrage that "chivalric" romantic gestures need to "end", or "cannot continue in their present form."

The reason that chivalry must "end" is that it is inherently lopsided. We can hold on to the traditional ways in which men used money and status to show women how much they mean to them. They could also be violent expressions of fundamentally unjust patriarchal structures. But both of these cannot be true at the same time (or at least not completely true; it might be and is likely a mix of the two). And that means that, if feminist social criticism is a sustained examination of traditional romantic gestures, then that girl from my freshman year is a misguided, defined pawn, who, with her nostalgic longing for chivalry, perpetuates the very system of control that oppresses her. According to feminist social criticism, she's just wrong.

Evelyn can accept that, then — and only then — is she entitled to the opinion that "Chivalric" romantic gestures need to "end", or "cannot continue in their present form."

To Nicholas: The reason that chivalry must "end" is that it is inherently lopsided. We can hold on to the traditional ways in which men used money and status to show their affection, but those traditions cannot remain exclusively male if women seek an equal position in society. To use an example I cited in the column, each person in a relationship can take turns paying when going out for dinner. Although the "chivalric romantic gesture" is still there — treating one's significant other to a meal — few would label such a system "chivalry."

However, I am beginning to realize how important these memories are to me. It is in the never forgetting that these memories gain real value. The importance of memories was solidified for me last weekend when I attended the memorial service for one of my best friend's mom. As I listened to the stories her family, friends and co-workers told I saw her become alive again through the memories being shared.

From the recipient's we make memories until the last time we share them it is important to remember to hold a special place in our hearts for our memories.

Emily was disappointed to learn that this according to the New York Times an "estimated that 2.2 pounds of beef is responsible for the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide emitted by the average European car every 155 miles."

To the Editors:

I appreciate and agree with Evelyn Daniel's recent column, "Ladies First," which called attention to possible sexism present in common dating and relationship practices.

It is certainly true that there would be a level of sexism present in holding a door open for a woman, if, for example, the man's intentions were to display his physical superiority over her. (One thing that would be totally unimpressive.)

But, while sexism does to some extent underlie this and other similar dating protocols that occur in American society, one shouldn't forget the many ways that traditional dating and relationship practices communicate things other than dominance and control. I, for one, like holding doors open for women. I like buying them movie tickets. These sorts of things have nothing at all to do with physical and economic power, and everything to do with making the woman feel like she is, in this moment, the most special person to you in all the world. And men like doing these sorts of things because — when we don't screw it up — we feel special too.

Can Campus Safety handle everything?

To the Editors:

I am in complete agreement with Michael Lausch's thoughts on Campus Safety, or the lack there of (Jan. 23). Anyone remember the tomato warocking that we had last year? Well, I remember that people were told several conflicting messages about what was going on and what we were supposed to be doing. Some people were instructed to go down to the basement of their dorm or academic building. Others, like myself were sent outside and simply told to "go back to your room," with no instructions from Campus Safety that would prevent this dangerous situation. And then there was the Campus Safety car roaming around yelling out ambiguous instructions to those of us left to go wander outside. Did anyone on campus have any idea of what was going on?

And alright, I know its simple and petty, but has anyone really ever had a successful time with the shuttle van? I learned long ago not to call them anymore because I know that they will never come. In something as simple as that, the system is going wrong. If Campus Safety cannot handle a severe weather warning, let alone the shuttle van system, then how do we ever expect them to handle a more challenging situation?

—Stephanie Dykema (10)

Letters to the Editors

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January 30, 2008

Yellow Wallpaper

Rachel Lackey

Living is Easy with Eyes Closed

Just after the holidays I can't help but feel the weight of the world's problems and want desperately to make a difference. My life needs to count for something.

With the smell of incense blanketing the house, I am suddenly wishing my first job could be playing a tambourine and living in a van, writing lyrics of conviction so deep it burns and speaking out against a world I no longer believe in. I wish I could commit to something as meaningful as playing my tambourine in order to change the world. At least everyday I would wake up knowing that someone was depending on me.

Some days I feel like hatred has surrounded—backed into the corner with no escape. Some days I feel helpless like my voice isn't heard and I am standing alone.

Some days I struggle to find one ounce of kindness—but today, today in my solitude, in my field of strawberries, I choose to believe the world is good.

Rachel Lackey is an English major from Davison, Michigan. She chooses to believe the world is good.

VOICES

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Misery, pain continue in Palestine

To the Editors:

In my opinion, pain and bled that Palestinians have to provide daily to accomplish their rightful state on their land and remove the enemy from their ranks and their land. Food with bullets, American missiles and hunger, Palestine will face the world and defeat its enemies.

Despite the visit of President Bush to the Middle East, less than one hour after he reached walking altitude his faithful allies went back to slaughtering humans. Seventy-two hours later, Israel, the state that promised Bush, their ally, peace, has killed 38 civilian Palestinians in Gaza. 27 adults, 10 children and an infant dead.

In its Jan. 23 issue, The Anchor forgot to mention why Palestinians launched 140 missiles and mortar shells at head. The Anchor forgot that Israel started the new chapter of violence by killing 35 illustrious Palestinians. The Anchor forgot that Israel has killed 1.5 million Palestinians. Iraq is a priority for her, and for which she is wrong, and it has absolutely no place on a Christian campus.

Our community, especially the administration, should be ashamed. We should be shamed that we affirm these injustices through silence and by letting alumni checks outweigh the care we show our students.

If aampus's students to know he vowed his Knobbecher Fraternity but drowned himself from the concept due to irreconcilable differences.

—George Philip Kichuk ('09)

Inside Out

Sam Ogles

What's Wrong With Greek

We are a community—from the Board of Trustees to the students, we are a community. And as members of this community we have the responsibility to identify problems that arise when they occur. I am of course referring to the existence on this campus of Greek Life.

Let me put forth the preface that I do not think that Greeks are bad people. Most of us have some Greek friends and they're just like you or me. But the practices of Greek Life deserve serious criticism.

I'll gladly concede that Greek Life, with all of its sororities and fraternities, raises a lot of money for Dance Marathon, Relay for Life and other causes. But this could be done by groups and individuals outside of Greek Life. It is easy and is a poor reason for its continued existence. I won't argue that membership in a fraternity or sorority has been remembered fondly by many. But the supposed benefit comes at a great price to those individuals and to our community.

Greek Life's appeal and faults are the exclusive and secretive aspect of it. It seems of belonging and purpose that is found in a group identity; and the elitism sense of classism that frats and sororities represent. What about my brother? Well, Hope is very clever in that we now argue that membership in a sorority or fraternity may be fun for some, but the hazing, the classism (some Greeks refer to the rest of us as GDLS, literally, "god damned independents") and the entire atmosphere created by this lifestyle is not worth it.

So why do we as a community still tolerate while these injustices exist? Why are there few consequences? Maybe it's because Hope is dependent on alumni donations, and it's important to Greek alumni to participate in these in which they participate continued.

Lackey is an English major from Davison, Michigan. She chooses to believe the world is good.
Where the wind still blows

Stephen Cupery

Tread lightly

The last time I saw my footprint it was stoutly mismatched with a raccoon's human hand-like paw track. Both were imbedded deep in the snow, their shapes crisscrossed with shadows dancing awry beneath swaying forest sentinels. It occurred to me our business differed there among the garbled speech of water and trees. Need apparently compelled this bandit of a creature towards the meandering stream I was traipsing along, whereas my doing wasn't necessarily to gain a drink or arrive at my den or nest. Rather, the footprints I left were, I think, evidence and reminder of that ancient primordial want for travel, for going elsewhere, somewhere, anywhere.

In his book Outside Lies Magic, John Stilgoe notes a certain significance of our essentially innate drive to investigate. "Exploration is second nature, a second nature intimately linked to the adolescent days, but a nature easy enough to recover any weekday evening, any Sunday morning, any hour snatched away from programmed learning, from the webs and nets that invisibly and insidiously snare." But why do we really find it in us to leave home, uprooting the familiar and setting off on the loose? What draws our souls such and beckons if not motivates us to imitate that vagabonding spirit found so pervasively yet differently in the animal kingdom? Whether it be the far off pioneer call spurring us westward into frontier lands for lucky strikes of opportunity and space or, at least, for this college generation, simply the affordability, the independence granted and probably a lacking in the bind of generational inherited trades displayed within agrarian communities of farming past.

For those like I who have heeded an itch, a compulsion to learn of the vastness and uniqueness in that distant land, we might not be so much the victims in an "unsettling of America" as Wendell Berry puts it, and instead find our migratory ways naturally lending to realizing each ones own niche. A bird can fly where the whim of wind takes it. And at first glance birds evoke tremendous freedom. As it seems, the flights of terns, swans or gulls are without borders, perimeters and prevail unregulated. Though as I understand more about birds I found they are not quite the gloriously unrestrained things I imagined them to be. Theirs is a world of territory, ritual journeys, repetition, and personal property too. They then, are as much earth-bound and homely as us despite divisions of will and choice.

So, amid this endeavor of going, finding, experiencing novelty in other settings foreign, make your mark with tracks that have purpose, inhabit roosts with all dutiful carefulness, and leave appreciative of places not your own, wild or friendly as they may be. Upon publication, anyone daring enough to find Stephen losing his way in Belizean jungles is more than welcome to come and join him in tracking the elusive jaguar.

Weekly Sudoku

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**SPORTS**

January 30, 2008

**THE ANCHOR**

**HOPE BASKETBALL, THE HEART OF HOLLAND**

As the women's basketball team continues its winning streak and the men come off a close 79-76 victory over Calvin College, students, community members and faculty reflect on what their home team means to them.

"I am from Midland, and got a job teaching at Holland High. This has become my town, and Hope is a big part of it. By living here, Hope has become my team."

-Dave Sanderson, '63, Hope Fan

"I think it helps that it's such an intimidating atmosphere, with everyone dressed in orange and blue and the house packed. When I go to play other places, there's not nearly as many fans. (Hope's) fans are really loyal and we appreciate all their support."

-Jordyn Boles ('08), Hope women's basketball player

"You look around the arena and you see people from every position in Holland, people from all walks of life: pastors, business men, teachers, children. The arena is just awesome, and we've always had great student involvement."

- Glenn Van Wieren, Hope men's basketball coach

"I am a Calvin graduate, but a Hope fan. My wife says she reformed me."

- Brian Morehouse, Hope women's basketball coach

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- Ivan Compagner, 79, Holland resident

"One of the reasons we were selected as the school to host the 2008 and 2009 NCAA D3 Women's National Championship was because of the community of Holland, and our campus being so supportive of basketball in general and of women's basketball."

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**IN BRIEF**

**HOPE MEN’S BASKETBALL DEFEATS RIVAL CALVIN**

The Hope College men's basketball team extended its winning streak to eight on Jan. 26 by defeating Calvin College 79-76. The score was tied 10 times before Hope took the lead for good when Tyler Wolfe made a layup with 2:36 left to play. Hope now leads the all-time head-to-head series with Calvin 84-83.

The Calvin victory improves the Dutchmen's record to 14-2 overall and 6-0 in the MIAA. Hope will play Tri-State today in DeVos Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

**HOPE SENIORS HONORED AS MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Marcus Vanderheide ('08) and Jordan Boles ('08) both received MIAA player of the week honors after impressive performances last week. Vanderheide scored a total of 47 points, shooting 21 for 27 over two MIAA victories. He recorded his third double-double of the season on Saturday's win over Calvin 79-76, while scoring a career-high of 30 points. This is the second time Vanderheide has received this award this season and the third time in his career.

Along with Vanderheide, Boles scored 38 points in a pair of Dutch victories. The senior guard scored 11 points in the Alma game and followed with a career-high 27 points in the 72-63 win over Saint Mary's. Also, in the Saint Mary's game, Boles recorded seven three-point baskets, which set a school record. This is the third time Boles has received this award in his career.

**HOPE HOCKEY DEFECTS DIVISION II GVSU**

The Hope College hockey team defeated Grand Valley State University 5-1 on Jan. 25. In the Dutchtown victory, four different players scored including Maarten Galantowicz ('10) with two and Jon Shaver ('08), Ryan Kelly ('09) and Matt Schrader ('10) with one goal each. Goalie Mike HEAD-ley ('09) stopped 35 of 38 shots.

Hope will play Albion College at The Edge on Feb. 2 at 9 p.m.

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**Women's Basketball**
Home vs. Kalamazoo College at 3 p.m.
**Men's Basketball**
Away vs. Albion College at 9 p.m.
**Hockey**
Home vs. Albion College at 9 p.m.
Leading the nation, Dutch still perfect

**Nick Hinkle**

The Hope College women's basketball team continued to strive for perfection. Recently, the Dutch came back from a three-point deficit at halftime to defeat Saint Mary's College 82-73.

However, two away from the school's who has 186 three pointers, is Saint Mary's College 82-73.

The team has a lot of experience, many of the girls have been in the NCAA tournament before," captain Kaitlyn Kopke ('09) said. "We also have some strong underclassmen who work hard and contribute to the team."

By continuing their hard work and solid play, Hope will try to make a run at the MIAA and NCAA titles.

"It is going to be important that we all continue to play together and trust each other," Boles said. "I would take this team that I have right now over any other team in the nation."

Swimming prepares for final dual and MIAA championship

**James Ralston**

In the 2007 MIAA season the Hope College men's and women's swim teams both swam to a strong second place finish at the conference finals. This year both teams are hoping to build on that result towards a MIAA championship and possible national bids.

"The team has a whole has stepped towards a MIAA championship and towards a MIAA championship," Meier pointed out a few of seconds that make a difference."

The swimming and diving teams continue to train hard at the Holland Aquatic Center Feb. 14-16.

David Meier (Meier) said. "We are always going to be strong in the 100s and 200s."

With plenty of potential combined with energy and hard work, both teams are looking forward to a successful finish to the season.

"We feel better about our chances now compared to the beginning of the season," Vogelzang said. "Hopefully all of our hard work will pay off when it counts.

When an opportunity Knox

**James Ralston**

Despite being on the Hope College varsity women's basketball team for three years, Courtney Knox ('09) has never started a game. She spent her freshman and sophomore years learning from experienced post players on the team and transferring that knowledge onto the court when an unfortunate injury to teammate Carrie Snikkers ('11) forced Knox to take on a larger role.

"Courtnay is stepping up big," she's rebounding, playing defense and scoring for us; she's doing a really good job," Snikkers said. 

"She's working hard, and it's good to know that there are people on the team that can step up when they're needed."

Snikkers, who had been filling the post position on the second line behind Lindsay Lange ('08) has been inactive since Jan. 9 due to a foot injury.

In the game following Snikkers' injury, Knox led the team with 13 points scored. She also contributed with a team-high eight rebounds in the victory.

"Courtney has really stepped it up and has earned every minute she has got," teammate Kaitlyn Kopke ('09) said. "She got an opportunity and really took advantage of it."

With her added playing time, Knox has continued to put up impressive numbers. She currently leads the team with 95 rebounds.

"I kept wanting to improve and looking for an opportunity to step up and help out the team," Knox said. "When I got my chance, I just played hard because I knew the team needed me."

The women have also seen strong team and individual success largely thanks to their hard work. Meier pointed out a few swimmers to watch out for heading into the conference finals.

"Laura Ansilio ('09) is really going to bring it," Meier said. "She is a competitor and has been working extremely hard. Also our entire backstroke group has always been strong."

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