Hope plans property swap with Holland

Amy Soukup
Campus News Editor

After several years of discussion, meetings and planning, Hope College and the Holland City Council have agreed to a property exchange in hopes of improving both Hope’s campus and the surrounding community areas.

According to Greg Maybury, Hope’s director of operations and technology, with the new property changes, the city of Holland plans to give Hope the properties of Lincoln Park (the skateboard park near Gilmore and Dykstra Halls), Columbia Park (the tennis courts near the Dow Center) and land east of the Municipal Stadium.

In return, Hope will give the city of Holland the Ferris Building site (at 16th and Fairbanks) and $250,000. Hope will also split with Holland the $1 million cost of financing the resurfacing of Municipal Stadium with artificial turf.

The collaborative property swap, still in its early stages, should benefit both Hope’s campus and Holland’s community, significantly, allowing for some important development opportunities.

“Lincoln Park and Columbia Park are completely surrounded by college property and are seen as strategic parcels for long-term college planning,” said Greg Maybury.

Maybury added that Hope currently has no specific development plans for these two properties, but avid tennis players may be pleased to know that plans are underway to use the land east of the Municipal Stadium to build 12 new, outdoor tennis courts.

Holland’s City Council plans to turn the Ferris Building site into part of Smallenburg Park, hoping to add a new skateboard park, an ice skating facility and a small water park.

Both Holland and Hope will make use of the proposed co-financed artificial turf.

Maybury said, “The all-weather surface will allow greater flexibility for the Holland Rec Department to schedule activities for its programs and will allow Hope College more programming time at the stadium for its activities.”

Sustainability in Food Service

Matt Oosterhouse
Copy Editor

Arguably one of the biggest emphases in 2008 was the push to “go green” and be sustainable; it worked its way into politics, especially during the period of high gas prices this summer, and proved to be a pivotal point of reference during the 2008 presidential election season. But how has Hope gotten involved?

In 2008, Hope College President James Bultman, established the Campus Sustainability Task Force to address campus environmental concerns. Nicknamed “The Green Team,” the task force is composed of faculty, staff and students.

Bultman’s charge to the task force is to audit the environmental status of the campus, investigate and implement additional measures to make Hope a more sustainable campus, monitor progress and cost effectiveness, explore ways to integrate environmental stewardship and establish effective communication with the campus and community on environmental issues.

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Additionally, Dining Services has been looking into the dishwashing side of food service. According to Van Heukelom, Dining Services uses a line of cleaning products called Array from Gordon Food Service that is biodegradable over time. Commercial detergents have a long way to go to be considered environmentally friendly, but the manufacturer, Gordon Food Service uses is working on this.

“While there is much being done in Hope’s food service, Van Heukelom sees that more needs to be done, specifically in terms of eliminating wastefulness. As a result, Hope is Hope is kicking off a voluntary Trayless Tuesday program in early February.

“We weighed our food waste last semester... (and) we think that we can reduce our food waste by 5-10 percent,” Van Heukelom said, noting that according to recent statistics, 4,975 pounds of food per week is thrown away in the dish rooms at Phelps Hall and Cook Hall.

Van Heukelom believes that there are so many food choices that there is a tendency for diners taking more food than they can eat. By removing trays, diners would need to be more selective as to which and how much food they are taking to their table.

Additionally, large amounts of water and detergent are required to clean trays. According to Van Heukelom, Hope uses, on average, 1904 gallons of water and 126 pounds of detergent to clean 16,700 trays per week in Phelps Hall alone.

On Feb. 3, Dining Services is planning its first “Trayless Tuesday,” in which trays in Phelps Hall will still be available, yet students will be encouraged to consider going trayless.

Rhett Van Heukelom, director of Hope College Dining Services and a member of CSTE, believes that sustainability must be approached from three different areas: economic, environmental and social.

“This year the food service has looked at itself and has been seeing how sustainable it really is,” Van Heukelom said.

The truth, Van Heukelom said, is that Hope’s food service has been making progress in that area already. One example is Dining Services’ emphasis on buying locally grown food, which it has been doing for a couple of years. Dining Services currently purchases food from a variety of local businesses (located within 100 miles of Hope), including Nickle’s Bakery in Portage, Quincy Street Meats in Holland, Cedar Crest Dairy in Hudsonville, Gavin Orchards in Coopersville, and Whitright Farms in Eau Claire.

Additionally, Dining Services has approached from an environmental perspective, including cleaning products and cutting back on waste by 5-10 percent.

“Almost a year later, what progress has Hope made in meeting those charges? One prominent area of growth and progress can be found in Hope’s food service.”

—BOB VAN HEUKELOM

Bob Van Heukelom
An Army group presents Michigan Peace Team

Wednesday, Jan. 21

The Civil Rights Commemorative March 13 April. The march will begin at the Anchor in front of Graves Hall and will end in the Martha Miller Center 1st Floor Rotunda.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Michigan Peace Team: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 4:30 p.m. Phipps Otto Room. The Peace Team will host a discussion of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

Friday, Jan. 23

“A Man Named Pearl” 7:30 p.m. Knieblerkoker Theatre. A documentary that tells the story of self-taught topical artist Pearl Fryar. Tickets are $6 for general admission and $5 for students and senior citizens.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Mad Science’s C.S.I. Live 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Knieblerkoker Theatre. Tickets are $15 general admission, $12 for Hope students and seniors, and $10 for children at the DeVos ticket office.

Sunday, Jan. 25

The Gathering: “The Only Way” 8 p.m. Dimnall Chapel. Peter Semanay of Faith Reformed Church in Traverse City will be speaking on John 14:1-14.

Monday, Jan. 26

The Last Lecture Series: “Flashes of Zen: Life without Fear” 7:45 p.m. Maas Auditorium. Dr. Boyd Wilson is the second speaker in the new “Last Lecture Series” organized by the college’s Alcor chapter of the national Mortar Board honorary society to feature members of the faculty. The series debuts in November.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Preparing Your Resume 4-5 p.m. Career Services is sponsoring a workshop that will present key elements to writing effective cover letters and resumes.

In Brief

STUDENT REPORTS BEING ASSAULTED JUST SOUTH OF CAMPUS

The Holland Police Department and Campus Safety were made aware last week of a sexual assault on a Hope student.

The incident occurred on Monday, Jan. 12 between 8 and 10 p.m. The student was walking toward campus from the area between 14th and 16th Street and College and Columbia Avenue. The attack was made outdoors and the unidentified assailant is believed to be a non-Hope student.

The student has been referred to campus and community resources. Following the report, the Holland Police Department was asked to increase its patrol of the campus and surrounding areas. In a conspicuous activity, persons should be reported to Campus Safety or a 911 call.

The college advises students to walk in groups and to take advantage of the Shuttle Bus service, especially at night.

Emily West

MPT campus news editor

On Thursday, Hope College’s Army ROTC will welcome the Michigan Peace Team (MPT) to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The MPT will be hosted by the Hope College Community Peace Team.

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“The MPT would like to dispel some of the myths and heighten the awareness of what truly is happening in Palestine.

As part of this dialogue, there is the opportunity for other graduates to find out how they can participate in a search for leading to peace with justice,” said Niewiadomski.

Colten said, “I expect to be enlightened from the experiences of the M.P.T. Peace Team’s information and experiences, and encouraged—through ways I as a human can help, and through seeing that this is an issue Hope students can get involved with.”

The group hopes to provide an alternative perspective. Niewiadomski said, “This is an opportunity to learn what is happening from a perspective not popularly reported.”

This effort represents an opportunity to hear another perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the principles of non-violence espoused by Ghandi and Martin Luther King, Niewiadomski said.

CAMPUS

Food Services looks for ways to be more eco-friendly

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“Mohy hope is that students will evaluate the tests’ we’ll be doing… and with an open-mind take a look at the data generated and consider how it may make sense from a sustainability as well as a stewardship standpoint,” Van Heukelom said. “My hope is that students will make an informed decision and give it a fair assessment.”

In addition to Trayless Tuesdays and local food purchasing, there are other signs across campus that Hope is becoming more environmentally conscious.

One such sign is a “no-drive zone” in conjunction with the first Trayless Tuesday. Shauna Morin, associate director of student life and a member of the task force, said that those living close to campus will be encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transportation. Morin hopes that the venture, which was initiated by students, will stick and reoccur every Tuesday.

The hope is that it will become something automatic, that it will catch on and make people think of the choices that they’re making,” Morin said. “So my advice is to do it, it’s not being required.”

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Steve Bouma-Prediger, professor of religion and co-chair of the CSTF, along with director of operations and technology Greg Maybury, believes that Hope is well on its way to becoming a greener campus.

Bouma-Prediger emphasized that in the past few years Hope has been quite intentional on becoming more sustainable. Examples he gave were the new dark-tinted energy efficient windows that have been placed in several buildings on campus, as well as low-flush toilets and lights with timers.

(“We also have” bio-diesel vehicles on campus that have been converted from regular diesel gasoline, Bouma-Prediger said. “And we’ve been planting and replacing trees.”

On campus, there is a new environmental studies minor with 17 students enrolled, a social justice class taught by professor Roger Nemeth, and an environmental literature class taught by professor William Pannacker.

Bouma-Prediger said, “But there’s a lot that Hope has done in that area that people don’t know about.”

Saturday, Jan. 31, will feature environmental focused presentations by Bouma-Prediger and K. Greg Murray, professor of biology.

“It should be said that we have a long way to go to be a greener campus,” Bouma-Prediger said, “but there’s a lot that Hope has done in that area that people don’t know about.”

‘Last Lecture’ on ‘Flashes of Zen: Life Without Fear’

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Dr. Boyd Wilson of the Hope College religion faculty will present the address “Flashes of Zen: Life without Fear” on Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the college’s Maas Center auditorium.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Wilson is the second speaker in the new “Last Lecture Series” organized by the college’s Alcor chapter of the national Mortar Board honorary society to feature members of the faculty. The series debuts in November.

The title of the series is rhetorical. The lectures are not literally presented as the last that the speakers will deliver at Hope, but are meant to highlight the advice that they would most want to share if the event was indeed the final opportunity for them to address the college’s students. The professors are being asked to reflect on their careers and lives, and to think deeply about what matters to them and about what wisdom they would like to impart.

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Newest technology hits U.S. cars

Colton Wright

Put down those cell phones and get ready for a more Jetsons-like driving experience. Car manufacturers Hyundai and Ford unveiled several start-ling technological adaptations in their newest models this month at the International Con-
sumer Electronics Show held in Las Vegas.

Gary Natisan, who recorded near-
ly 40 percent losses last quarter, can now equip its vehicles with systems that detect surround-
ing cars, pedestrians, and even parking spaces.

The revolutionary system uses heat-seeking cameras to detect vehicles and pedestrians then sounds a buzzer and vibrates the steering wheel to signal the driver. Ultrasonic sensors help the driver park by measuring the distance between the car and other objects.

On the other hand, $0.00

A new automobile company whose sales fell to 1961
levels in 2008, will release a dashboard computer in March. The fully functional computer, which includes a keyboard and 6-inch touch screen, allows people on the go to access the Internet and edit documents. Currently, Ford is marketing the Works Solution package to business-oriented people for $1,195 plus a monthly Internet access fee.

Reporters quoted Ford CEO Alan Mulally during a keynote speech at the convention that the automaker is learning to think more like an electronics company.

With the recent advancements in cell phone technologies, which allow for 24/7 connectivity, automakers are attempting to add another workspace: the mobile office.

“Consumers want a vehicle that’s always on and always con-
nected,” said Kieran O’Sullivan, vice president of Continental Automotive Systems.

Not so fast, say some hope

students. “I think Americans need to re-
evaluate their ideas about cars,” said Justin Baker (11). “They are things to get you from one place to another. If they would spend their time making an efficient cheap car that everyone could afford instead of the top 2 percent of the population then it would be a better idea.”

Baker was not alone in his ob-
jections. More than 90 percent of students polled agreed bringing computers into the driving mix was a bad idea.

Others polled noted that the technology might take too much responsibility from the driver.

“If you’re giving people an-
other reason to be distracted, you’re asking for more acci-
dents,” said Krista Philo (11). “This leads to the idea that actu-
ally driving is not important. It’s all the other things you could be doing instead.”

Philo, a pre-law student, not-

ed the recent Michigan anti-tex-
ting legislation that would pro-
hibit drivers from texting unless they are reporting accidents or crimes. The legislation passed in December by a vote of 68-32 in the Michigan House. Currently, the State Senate is reviewing the bill.

“Drivers are already distract-
ed by cell phones, GPS, and road conditions,” added Philo. “The last thing we need is Facebook preoccupying our time on the road in-
stead of concentrating on what we are actually doing.”

Soon, people may not need to think too much while driv-
ing. Currently in development are au-
tomatic steering, 360-degree vision, and braking systems.

Maybe George Jetson drove his futuristic family around in a 2010 Ford Mustang.

Perspectives

Israel's attacks on Gaza illegal

Kate Matejka

On Jan. 7, the Holland Sen-
tinel printed an editorial by Cal Thomas entitled “Meet Today’s Nazism.” Thomas argued that not only is Israel justified in the current attacks but also that they should have never given any land to the Palestin-
ians.

He com-
pared Hamas to the Nazis claiming that the only differ-
ence was that “today’s killers don’t speak Ger-
man.”

“When we turn to why we should use whatever force was necessary until they achieve “total victory or death, turning our attention to the Gaza Strip,” Thomas said in the editorial that appeared in the January 7th issue of the Sentinel.

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—HAZED AWAY INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Israel is militarily stronger than all of the enemies that surround it. Hamas was democratically elected by the Palestinians like Yitzhak Shamir, a leader in the terrorist group Lehi which as-
sassinated and targeted British-
ish officials, was elected to be prime minister by Israelis in 1982.

Palestinians have lived with 60 years of oc-
cupation and op-
pression where the Israelis control everything (food, medicine, travel) that goes in and out of Gaza.

Hebaee Awad, a Palestin-
ian who works in International Education at Hope, said it is like, “Israel controls the air we breath.” He also added that “peace has to be ushered with freedom” and until Israel stops their complete control of Gaza’s borders, Palestinians will never really know freedom.

Israel is militarily stronger than all of the enemies that surround it, thanks in part to the $3.2 billion of American tax money they receive each year, and yet their violent actions have not brought them any closer to peace. This violence only serves to unify the Palestin-
ian people.

After 9/11 the United States were one people united for our cause and the attacks against the people of Gaza will have a similar effect. Just like violence from Hamas is not tolerated (although only 10 Israelis have been killed in these assaults) such disproportionate violence from Israel should be questioned.

Awad explained that what we see today is not due to the military, but rather this is due to the interna-
tional experiences of the decades of oppression that Palestinians have been put through. As a nation that claims to stand for freedom and justice we should question who we are supporting and why. The state of Israel has taught us Palestinians that Israel would like them to be destroyed, so can we blame them for fighting back?

Sting brings music, eco-
message to Sundance Fest

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Sting 
drew cheers with an impromptu set at the Sundance Film Festival, but his real purpose was to bring attention to a film dealing with the feline passion: rainforest preservation.

Joe Berlinger’s “Crude” traces 15 years of a class-action lawsuit filed by Ecuador residents who claim that oil producer Chevron Corp. is liable for contaminating water supplies with oil from its operations in the Amazon River.

Sting and wife Trudie Styler are involved in the Rainforest Foundation, and they became involved at Berlinger’s behest. The film chronicles Styler’s fact-finding trip to Ecuador and includes footage of Sting performing with the Police at last summer’s Live Earth music marathon on behalf of global-warming issues.

“I have a walk-on in this film and not a lot else. I’m here to support the missus,” Sting said in an interview alongside Styler, Berlinger and producer Pablo Fajardo and Steven Donziger.

“I think it’s a great battle to fight,” said Sting, whose Sundance visit included performing with the house band at a lodge sponsored by Gibson guitars.

The Rainforest Foundation is helping to bring in tanks to capture rain and provide clean drinking water as a stopgap measure, but the plaintiffs say Chevron needs to pay for long-term measures.

“We’re all conscious of the fact that the world without petroleum would basically stop,” said Fajardo, the plaintiffs’ lead attorney, speaking in Spanish translated by Donziger, an American attorney consulting on the case.

“If these companies act to a greater responsibility, respecting life, I believe we could coexist with oil companies. The problem isn’t petroleum in and of itself. It’s how it’s drilled in our case.”

“Crude,” one of 16 films in Sundance’s U.S. documentary competition, presents a fairly balanced portrait of the case, with Chevron’s side of the story well represented.

“When we destroy the rainforest, we destroy our own livelihood. When we fill up our gas tanks in this country with relatively cheap gasoline compared to the rest of the world, it’s at the expense of the Amazon and their struggle to live in harmony with nature,” Berlinger said. “That was a life-changing experience for me. I had heard it was done in the jungle, but I had never truly felt it.”
Shootings protested in U.S., Greece

NATIONAL

HAND IN HAND—Protesters march in Oakland, Calif., against the recent shooting of a local teen man.

Laura Stritkzke Guest Writer

On Jan. 9, the House of Representatives in Illinois voted 114-1 to impeach Democrat Gov. Rod Blagojevich. The preceding day a bipartisan committee made up of 21 House representatives recommended the same course of action, citing the governor’s “abuse of power in the ordinary work of government.”

Blagojevich is accused of trying to sell President-elect Barack Obama’s vacant Senate seat to the highest bidder. Federal prosecutors arrested both Blagojevich and his chief of staff John Harris on Dec. 9 based on a two-count criminal complaint on Jan. 9, where lawmakers will meet to begin in the Illinois senate conference in which he was accused not to serve the public... Senate leaders did not have to begin the House Impeachment Committee called Blagojevich’s "a public servant who has..." said Bay Area resident Karen Murphy. While

"Never tire, never falter and never fail." —President George W. Bush referring to the United States in his farewell speech

"Only a handful of times in history has a generation been confronted with challenges so vast." —President-Elect Obama as he began his first year in office.

"From what I’m hearing, it’s the coldest it’s been in a number of years." —Barbara Tervier referring to the continuing harsh cold in the northeast and the response that homeless shelters are having

"College-educated workers today face unprecedented competition from skilled labor in other countries, particularly in the developing world." —Joel Kotkin, referring to the developing world.

“This week in news”

"They can pose a significant threat, depending on the type of bird and what phase of flight that you’re in. Bird strikes happen on a regular basis—as a matter of fact they’re happening daily all over the world. Obviously not to the extent that we’re seeing aircraft falling out of the sky, but bird strikes are a common occurrence." —John Ostrow referring to the dangers that birds cause to air planes after US Airways Flight 1549 went down in the Hudson River on Jan. 15

January 21, 2009

The Anchor

Katy Matejka Guest Writer

Former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer Johannes Mehserle, 27, pleaded not guilty on Jan. 15 in the New Year’s Day shooting which resulted in the death of Oscar Grant III. Mehserle and others pulled several men, including Grant, from a train early in the morning on Jan. 1, after there were complaints of a fight. Witnesses videotaped as Mehserle shot Grant, 22, in the back as another officer held him face down to the ground.

The shooting has led to several protests in the Oakland, Calif. area due to unrest over how the inquiry starts.

"I don’t think anyone felt that the investigation has been handled correctly," said Bay Area resident Karen Murphy. While most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, about a hundred protestors turned violent on Jan. 7 after Grant’s funeral set off a large dumpster on fire, vandalizing a squad car and attempting to overturn it.

For the first time since 1969, California police fired tear gas into the rowdy crowd in attempts of restoring peace.

Since then, Grant’s mother Wanda Johnson has come forward asking citizens to remain peaceful because, “Oscar would not want to see all the violence.”

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Live from New York:
it’s one of Hope’s own!

Music student receives opportunity of a lifetime with SNL

Julie Kocsis
Staff Writer

At one point last semester, around 11:30 on a Saturday night, I remember looking around and seeing Alec Baldwin engaged in a conversation with Tina Fey and Sarah Palin. In another corner of the room Mark Wahlberg was standing with Lorne Michaels and a security guard. Last semester, I felt like the luckiest girl in the world. I got the opportunity to live in New York and work as an intern with the music department at “Saturday Night Live.”

“How on earth did you get that internship?” I’ve heard several people ask me. Last January, I applied to the New York Arts Program. The rest of the experience in itself. The restaurant is well-located in a nice New York Arts Program. The building is well-located in a nice neighborhood in Chelsea and is only about 20 blocks from where I worked.

Living in the city was such a great experience in itself. The restaurants to eat at, concerts to attend, museums to check out and boroughs to explore were endless. Some of my favorite things were getting to see Central Park in the fall, with all the leaves changing colors, eating soul food at Sylvia’s in Harlem, shopping in Park Slope, Brooklyn and viewing the Manhattan skyline at night from the South Street Seaport, and, of course, what I experienced at SNL was absolutely incredible.

The early parts of each week arrangements were made with that week’s guest band for stage set-up, rehearsal times, etc. Then on Thursday, things kicked in — coffee, photo copy — and the guest singer/songwriter would come for rehearsal. I, and the band director at SNL, intern with the music department at SNL.

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One of my favorite musical guests was probably Beyonce. Her performance and herself were totally different in real life and on television. She was very live. Something gets screwed up, and that’s what airs. Almost everything is different that way. There were some other incredible performances as well. Coldplay was a pretty cool band to see live. As were Duff and Adele, whose voices were quite impressive.

What I miss most about working at SNL is the people that I got to work with every day. Christoph and Brian were my absolute best friends while I was there. Everything we experienced there, we experienced together. And our two bosses, Lenny and Mel, were exceptionally great people to work with. There were also the

SNL Pages, Sarah, Andrew and Janelle, who sat at the Desk every Thursday through Saturday; answering phones, running errands and just helping everything backstage run more smoothly. There was Ed, the friendly, but highly out-spoken security guard, and a guy everyone called “Speedy,” who has worked as the tech/radio guy for all the musical guests since the fall of 1997. SNL. There were the cast members, Bobby Moynihan and Kristen Wiig especially, who were just really cool, down-to-earth people. And the terrifying, God-like producers, who have more power than most people probably realize. Most of these people, though, I loved working with everyday and really miss them.

But we all have to come back to reality sometime, right? Moving back to the slower Midwest lifestyle was a bit harder than I anticipated. But it’s always nice to come back here to see friends and family and to live a bit more normally again.

The Knick Presents “A Man Named Pearl”

The Knickerbocker Film Series will present the movie “A Man Named Pearl” on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24; Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 26-28, and Friday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland.

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A NEW YORK CLASSIC— Many travelers and residents alike in the Big Apple dream of dining in the Rainbow Room above NBC studios, home of the famous Saturday Night Live and where Hope’s Julie Kocsis (‘09) reported to work everyday last Fall.

DREAMING BIG — Julie Kocsis (‘09) at the entrance to the Saturday Night Live studios in the GE Building in New York City’s Rockefeller Center, home of SNL Studios and where she interned last semester.

Julie Kocsis
Staff Writer

At one point last semester, around 11:30 on a Saturday night, I remember looking around and seeing Alec Baldwin engaged in a conversation with Tina Fey and Sarah Palin. In another corner of the room Mark Wahlberg was standing with Lorne Michaels and a security guard. Last semester, I felt like the luckiest girl in the world. I got the opportunity to live in New York and work as an intern with the music department at “Saturday Night Live.”

“How on earth did you get that internship?” I’ve heard several people ask me. Last January, I applied to the New York Arts Program. The rest of the experience in itself. The restaurant is well-located in a nice New York Arts Program. The building is well-located in a nice neighborhood in Chelsea and is only about 20 blocks from where I worked.

Living in the city was such a great experience in itself. The restaurants to eat at, concerts to attend, museums to check out and boroughs to explore were endless. Some of my favorite things were getting to see Central Park in the fall, with all the leaves changing colors, eating soul food at Sylvia’s in Harlem, shopping in Park Slope, Brooklyn and viewing the Manhattan skyline at night from the South Street Seaport, and, of course, what I experienced at SNL was absolutely incredible.

The early parts of each week arrangements were made with that week’s guest band for stage set-up, rehearsal times, etc. Then on Thursday, things kicked in — coffee, photo copy — and the guest singer/songwriter would come for rehearsal. I, and the band director at SNL, intern with the music department at SNL.

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One of my favorite musical guests was probably Beyonce. Her performance and herself were totally different in real life and on television. She was very live. Something gets screwed up, and that’s what airs. Almost everything is different that way. There were some other incredible performances as well. Coldplay was a pretty cool band to see live. As were Duff and Adele, whose voices were quite impressive.

What I miss most about working at SNL is the people that I got to work with every day. Christoph and Brian were my absolute best friends while I was there. Everything we experienced there, we experienced together. And our two bosses, Lenny and Mel, were exceptionally great people to work with. There were also the

SNL Pages, Sarah, Andrew and Janelle, who sat at the Desk every Thursday through Saturday; answering phones, running errands and just helping everything backstage run more smoothly. There was Ed, the friendly, but highly out-spoken security guard, and a guy everyone called “Speedy,” who has worked as the tech/radio guy for all the musical guests since the fall of 1997. SNL. There were the cast members, Bobby Moynihan and Kristen Wiig especially, who were just really cool, down-to-earth people. And the terrifying, God-like producers, who have more power than most people probably realize. Most of these people, though, I loved working with everyday and really miss them.

But we all have to come back to reality sometime, right? Moving back to the slower Midwest lifestyle was a bit harder than I anticipated. But it’s always nice to come back here to see friends and family and to live a bit more normally again.

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Have you Heard? Andrew Gehl and Paul Rice review the year’s best albums

Sigur Rós - 'Með suð í eyrum við spilum enda'lu

The fifth album by Icelandic post-rock giants Sigur Rós marks a wide expansion of their songwriting pallet. The tribal stomping of the opening track “Gobbledygook” and the course symphonic build of “Inni mér synur vitlesiungur” are easily among the best songs of Sigur Rós entire catalogue, and the rest of the album’s robust art rock and quiet piano pieces are all pretty solid.

Anathallo - ‘Canopy Glow

Though their studio albums will probably never fully convey the intricacy and intensity of their live show, Canopy Glow represents a band in their creative prime. Though easily overwhelming at first, it is an exploration of sounds and ideas filled with exuberant newness and breathtaking beauty.

Coldplay - ‘Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends’

Coldplay could have made a whole career out of the sweeping piano ballads and somewhat less sweeping piano ballads that they've been cranking out, but “Viva la Vida” breaks free of all habits and expectations. Take the signature Coldplay sound and rub it up against Radiohead, My Bloody Valentine and U2, and you get an album that is accessible, emotional and rife with artistic integrity.

Los Campesinos! - 'Hold On Now Youngster'

Snarky UK newcomers Los Campesinos! have more energy than a thousand Death Cab For Cuties. On their stellar debut album they demonstrate a unique blend of two pop and punk with flourishes of prog-rock instrumentation and a singer who spells out abundant paragraphs of smart sarcasm and obscure indie trivia like he's got two and a half minutes left to live. There's a lot of chaos to take in, but the result is 43 minutes of upbeat electric fun.

TV On The Radio - ‘Dear Science’

This follow-up to 2006’s much-celebrated “Return To Cookie Mountain” finds TV On The Radio harnessing their pop catchiness without forfeiting any of their intelligent musicianship and lyricism. Hand claps and blasting brass sections underlay everything from sex and dancing to Israeli politics and Lynch mobs. Somehow, TV On! managed to create a terrifyingly relevant album that does not skimp on the sweaty dance numbers – a feat worth admiring.

Portishead - ‘Third’

If a more depressing album came out in 2008, I have not heard it. Portishead’s Beth Gibbons haunts “Third” with a ghostly voice as if Emily Dickinson had picked up a microphone instead of a pen. Death, hopelessness and isolation float over muffled, stop-start drumbeats and sparse strings like a bad omen. “Third” is a powerful album capable of sucking all the energy out of the listener. Be warned.

The Dodos - 'Visitor'

This is one of those albums that seems familiar yet unique. Guitarist Meric Long and drummer Logan Kroeber are just two guys who, by all accounts, should not be able to use their traditional instruments in such a shocking way. The fast-paced strumming and tribal drumming mesh with Long’s soothing voice to create an interesting blend of franticness and dreaminess worth a mention in any year-end list.

Bon Iver - 'For Emma, Forever Ago'

When a man retreats into a winter Wisconsin cabin in the woods in order to write an album about a break-up, he runs the risk of over-personalizing his music. Justin Vernon, the man behind Bon Iver, skillfully avoids this. Instead, his folkly guitar and falsetto fail to overindulge, and “For Emma, Forever Ago” finds its footing by conjuring subtle images of nature, solitude and, most felicitously, a sense of acceptance.

Beach House - ‘Devotion’

To say the least, Beach House wins the award for most fitting album title of 2008. “Devotion” is filled with pining; songs are narrated by a selfless, astute woman capable of giving herself to any one of her conversation partners. The slow, controlled pop of “Devotion” gently welcomes the listener without any jarring standouts – you can almost feel yourself being winked at from across the room by the singer with a “come hither” curl of the finger.

Writing on the walls: Art student endeavors to get the community involved

Taylor Hughes

Ever needed an excuse to draw, scribble or write on the walls of Hope College? Well then you’re in luck and senior studio art major, Nikolas Burkhart has created the venue.

Through January 21, Burkhart has installed markers and pens on a wall in Room 147 of DePree Art Center for all to come be a part of the creative process. Burkhart wants all to know they are welcome to write, draw, tell stories and jokes, vent or express themselves in any other way.

“The idea behind this project is to explore how art functions within a communal setting,” said Burkhart. “After a certain period of time I plan to make drawings and paintings in response to what other people have created.”

Burkhart came up with the idea after hearing of similar projects happening in other places.

“In a town near where I grew up, there used to be an entire outside wall of a building that was designated an “art space” where people could paint and draw,” said Burkhart. The space soon became controversial and was shut down.

Other influences for Burkhart include professional artists, Tim Rollins and Matthew Ritchie, who regularly involve a similar collaborative process in some of their artwork.

“I believe that everyone inherently has creative potential within them. I wanted to work against the commonly held stereotype of the artist-genius as a tormented reclusive individual and remove some of the mystery from the art making process,” said Burkhart.

Many have already flocked to the popular project. A Facebook event was created to get the word out including over 500 people interested. Burkhart himself estimates a little over 50 will have participated.

“During my four years here at Hope, I’ve heard a lot from people that they’ve never been into the art building before. The ultimate goal is to bring the art community from the periphery into the general consciousness of the larger Hope community,” said Burkhart.

The next phase of this project will be a time of editing where Burkhart has said he will be trying to achieve an overall sense of unity to the wall drawing. He will be drawing into, painting over, and expanding what already is on the wall.
So long, Mr. Bush
As he leaves office, President George W. Bush's legacy may shine brighter abroad than at home

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GUEST WRITER

Over the past eight years America has been a part of an interesting story, a story that has finally come to an end: the tenure of America's 43rd president, George W. Bush. But does Bush’s tenure in office have a happy ending? With the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, the worst economic collapse in three generations and a war that has caused so much controversy, Bush’s story seems not to have an ideal ending.

People are now asking: what is Bush’s legacy? On Monday, Jan. 12, Bush defended his tenure as America’s 43rd president in his farewell address. “I think it’s a good strong record,” Bush said. While the country may be undecided as to its validity, some people thousands of miles away also agree with his statement.

In Africa, a continent struggling from the AIDS pandemic, many praise Bush and his five-year, $15 billion effort to prevent and treat the disease through an initiative called President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. In 2003, Bush launched PEPFAR to combat global HIV/AIDS. This is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease according to PEPFAR reports.

In one of the major towns in Rwanda, there are now over 100 centers where people can receive AIDS testing, counseling, and treatment. The community has experienced great changes since 2002, when they only had two centers. Ruxin, a resident, told reporters last week. “I think it’s a good strong record,” Bush said. “It’s a good strong record.”

In the past years, many organizations have been supported by PEPFAR, including the provision of AIDS drugs to pregnant women who are giving hope to many babies born every day. Due to the growing provision of AIDS drugs to pregnant women who are infected with the disease, more babies are born without AIDS.

However, only time can tell how Bush will be remembered. Ben Feller, a prominent writer for the Associated Press, wrote an article about the legacy of George Bush. In it, he mentions a few things about what history has to say about our leaders.

“The wisdom and decisions of a leader can look different years later, shaped by events impossible to know now,” Feller said.

Last year, it was in the news and the papers. Some people felt its effect. America experienced its lowest unemployment rates. One in ten home owners is delinquent in mortgage payments or in a foreclosure. With all these rounding up Bush’s tenure, mixed feelings remain about what legacy he will leave behind.

Bush’s story is the 43rd president of America has come to an end with a legacy full of controversy that generations will read about many years from now. While Bush’s time in office may not read like a fairy tale, in some ways it does have a happy ending.

This is because, as Bush’s story ends, another man’s story is just beginning. Before a crowd of over 200,000 in Grant Park in Chicago on Nov. 4, that man made history; he will be the first African American president of the United States.

On that night, Barack Obama started his speech with words that gave the answers to the questions one might have for a story that seems not to have a perfect ending.

“To the thousands listening around the world, Obama said, “If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of democracy, tonight is your answer.”

George W. Bush’s Legacy
Brittany Adams
FEATURES EDITOR

For eight years, it has been my honor to serve as your president,” George W. Bush said on Jan. 15, 2009 in his farewell address to the nation. As he leaves the White House, he gives America much to remember him by.

War on terror
Bush was not even a year into his presidency when the Twin Towers were taken down by terrorists. Not long after, troops were sent into the Middle East, beginning a war on terror that has yet to end. The public has responded negatively to sending troops into Iraq due to the unclear reasoning behind it, the dead toll (which, according to www.cnn.com, is 4,226, in addition to the 6,34 American lives lost in Afghanistan), and the cost of continuing there (www.nasa.gov states that the total cost could be anywhere from $1 to $3 trillion).

In regards to the war on terror, Bush said, “Most Americans were able to return to life as much as it had been before 9/11. But never did... I wanted to do everything in my power to keep us safe.” With his efforts, including the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. has not seen another terrorist attack since.

Foreign policy
Bush is famous for using the phrase “Axis of Evil” in reference to Iraq, Iran, and North Korea. To Bush, evil is a very real threat in today’s world.

He said, “I’ve often spoken to you about good and evil, and this has made some uncomfortable. But good and evil are present in this world, and between the two of them there can be no compromise.” This belief has led him to act unilaterally, with mixed results.

Supreme Court justices
Appointing a Supreme Court justice is one of the strongest ways a president can leave a legacy, and Bush appointed two: Justice Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts. Both justices are known for their conservative politics, much like Bush.

His optimism in face of adversity
According to Ben Feller of the Associated Press, Bush never let his unpopularity get him down. The Real Clear Politics website lists Bush’s latest approval rating at a mere 29 percent, and his former Press Secretary, Scott McClellan, has released a book entitled “What Happened?” which slams him. However, Bush has responded to criticism and negativity by choosing to live with forgiveness and optimism.

Bush said in his farewell address, “There are things I would do differently if given the chance. Yet I’ve always acted with the best interests of our country in mind. I have followed my conscience and done what I thought was right. You may not agree with some of the tough decisions I have made. But I hope you can agree that I was willing to make the tough decisions.”

So long, Mr. Bush
It’s easy to tell when rush season has begun. Every evening flocks of freshmen and sophomore girls show up primped and excited outside Maas and Wickers Auditorium waiting to meet the women who could potentially be their new sisters. In the dorms, girls talk about who got an invite to the next closed event while brushing their teeth. Rush is both an exciting time and a nerve-racking time.

Having twice gone through rush, I have a unique view of the process. I rushed SIB as a freshman and quit halfway through, convinced I was rushing for all the wrong reasons. When I was a junior, frustrated with how the process was going, I decided to try rushing again, this time as a Dorian. I had never considered myself a sorority girl, but found there were benefits to joining a sorority as a junior.

By the time your junior year rolls around, you usually have a pretty good idea of who you are. You’ve already dealt with serious moral dilemmas, like underage drinking, and you’ve set yourself apart (or blended in) by establishing a personal style. Usually by your junior year you’re less likely to be swayed into conforming to a stereotype, and you’re more established in your own outside activities and hobbies.

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Ashley wants to thank her Dorian sisters for their support and encouragement in the last year. She looks forward to meeting this year’s rushers.

Letter to the Editor

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No room for indifference: Gazan injustices necessitate discussion

New year, same old column

The New Year brings a fresh start. To commemorate this feeling I wanted to make a list of the things I am most looking forward to in 2009, but as the pencil I borrowed to make room and erase last year didn’t do anything but smear it all over the page. I know those cheap graphite nightmares that ruined your Scantron sheet in sixth grade? Yep, I had one of those. So, since I didn’t want to go down without a fight, here are the worst things about last year:

1. Robots.  Japanese scientists created a robot that scoots across the house and helps elderly people find the objects they have misplaced. I can’t wait to be old!

2. Steve and Barry’s Bankruptcy.  Now where am I supposed to get my $5 leather jackets?

3. The Olympics.  I know what you are saying.  Michael Phelps yadda yadda yadda. But if I wanted to see something exciting in the water I would have gone to the aquarium (or watched a rerun of “Baywatch”). From the opening ceremony lip-syncher to the (may or may not have been) 9-year-old Chinese gymnasts, the scandals were what made the games. Something about Tibet too, but I don’t know much about those guys other than they really want freedom. And Brad Pitt spent seven years there.

And now, a list of what I am most looking forward to in 2009:

4. Robots.  More specifically: robot voices.  You could not turn on the radio with me around, you’d have to buy your friends. But as a Dorian I had never considered myself a sorority girl, but found there were benefits to joining a sorority as a junior.

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Amira spent close to four days alone amidst the ongoing conflict before journalists found her with a broken and bleeding leg. Doctors estimate she was within hours of death. Her father, brother and sister were all killed. She describes how she ran to her father, who was killed and called her mother.

“I looked outside, I found my father’s car crushed, and his legs cut off. The floor was covered with blood from my leg.” Amira’s siblings died as they went for help, most likely by an Israeli air strike. Her mother had already buried a box with remains they thought had been her. I can’t even try and comprehend stories like Amira’s—lying alone, bleeding for days while knowing that your father, sister and brother are all dead. This is never, ever going to leave her.

I do not write this to make a statement about which side is right or wrong. I do not write this to appropriate Amira’s suffering in making a political point. I write this to remind us that we are all human, and the recent violence took a major toll on human life.

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The youth must force people to think and take up a position: let it be uncomfortable, like truth, demanding, like justice.”

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Members of the Hope faculty will lead a discussion session this Wednesday evening concerning the recent conflict in the Gaza Strip, which left nearly 1,200 Palestinians and 13 Israelis dead. Students and faculty are encouraged to come and learn more about this important issue and explore the factors behind it. The discussion will be held in the Martha Miller Center 135 at 5 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, the Michigan Peace Team will also discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as an event sponsored by Amnesty International. The discussion is from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Phelps Otte Room.
Winter coats + running shorts

For the past three years I have lived on a college campus. No classes, no homework; it’s just where I live. And every year, about this time, I see the same thing: winter coats and running shorts.

It’s one thing to see these separate garments on separate people, but when a single person dons them both I can’t help but chuckle.

Because what is it: Are they trying to make a statement, boycotting winter and defying the frozen Dutch tundra? Are they claiming their independence after all those years of hearing Mom say, “It’s too cold to wear that!” Or are they simply lazy, and don’t want to take the extra 30 seconds to slip into sweat pants before they waltz over to the Dow to exercise away their seasonally affected depression?

Aside from those three (and perfectly valid) possibilities, I have a few theories as to the origins and reasons behind the inauspicious cold-weathered college combo of winter coats and running shorts.

First, I firmly believe that entering college is a brief stage of the evolution, followed by rapid growth and development. This causes (most) every college freshman to find joy in the simplest and most ridiculous things (I used to be a college freshman once, so trust me, I know). This means that cold weather is not a deterrent, but a challenge for new entertainment. And what could be more entertaining than freezing half your body. And what better way to freeze half your body than by wearing a winter coat and running shorts. Instant freeze, instant entertainment.

Second, some people have a twisted sense of fashion. And they feel that their college years are the ample time to test it out. And so, inspired by the freedom they find in a college setting, they push all the limits. When skirts over jeans, popped collars, and girl pants for guys aren’t enough, college students try the latest cold weather fashion trend: a winter coat with running shorts. It’s a fashion splash that’s sure to make a hit.

Third, I have seen this same phenomenon surface on multiple college campuses. And like identical crop circles on different sides of the globe, this is too much to be a simple coincidence. There has to be a mastermind behind this secret society. Is it a government conspiracy? An international conspiracy? Whatever it is, there has to be some meaning behind this late-pubescent trend. So beware. Resis-
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donald’s but we can’t see Orion trying to hold up his pants, because the sidewalks are so crowded they find in a college setting, they push all the limits. When skirts over jeans, popped collars, and girl pants for guys aren’t enough, college students try the latest cold weather fashion trend: a winter coat with running shorts. It’s a fashion splash that’s sure to make a hit.

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From the inside out

Benjamin Franklin invented cookie dough. Facts are facts: more likely a candidate for such credit cannot be mustered. Benjamin Franklin, the LenaCrafters of colo-
nial America, the founding father of diverse. Neptunian canasta, the Albert Hofmann of the Revolution, is also the Albert Einstein of kitchen chemistry.

I don’t allude to Einstein because of his genius, nay; Franklin’s brilliance need not be mentioned. The allusion is made because Einstein’s industry helped lead to the production of the atomic bomb, just as Franklin’s abilities produced the first batches of cookie dough.

Uncle Ben says “With great power comes great responsibility.” And Ben Frank-
lucky to the potential destruction his delicious creation may wreak on calons, hearts, blood sugars, and arteries, took countermeasures towards his most brilliant yet most deadly invention.

Franklin created his 13 virtues. Endeavoring to set an example for others, he set these restrictions upon himself and published the results. Each virtue, he hoped, would offset one of his potentially destructive creations—in industry to battle daylight savings time, sincerity to battle bistrofodu, silence to battle the legislative system, order to battle the left-handed hammer, and so on. But the first virtue on that list was saved for Franklin’s most regretted achievement: Temperance—eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.

And so with one virtue, Franklin ventured to cease all which he had begun: heart disease, strokes, diabetes, obesity.

I worked in a kitchen. Vats of cookie dough were produced everyday. I have eaten enough peanut butter cookie dough to sink the Flying Dutchman with disembur-
ishments of the processed matter. Cookies. Does this make me a hypocrite?

When Benjamin Franklin published the results of his virtues experiment, he found that he couldn’t be perfect. If he tried to conquer one virtue, he would overlook another. But he tried and kept trying. That was his message.

But we’re not just talking cookie dough. In this modern day, Franklin’s virtue can be adopted everywhere. About one in four U.S. adults are obese; about one in three Minnesotans say they know someone with a gambling problem; and about one in eight people eat watermelon seeds. Everybody can use a little temperance. Does a chicken have lips? Benjamin Franklin is writing to us.

He writes because that college student covets a half gallon all to himself in his bottom drawer under an old edition of The Anchor, because that rascally yanks bags of bagels and ice cream sandwiches from the cafeteria in order to get a decent meal without a Cook sticker, because that lunatic puts the blinds down and turns the lights on in the middle of the day while he sits at his desk and eats candy canes in front of the lighted computer screen that he isn’t using, because it’s possible to spend $25 on a pizza $45 on a haircut and $100 on an economics book, because all those light poles point up and down and reflect off the atmosphere or something so we can see McDonald’s but we can’t see Orion trying to hold up his pants, because the sidewalks are heated while the breakfast burritos are cold and old and thrown away, because that kid sitting at his desk with headphones on eats hundreds of honey sticks while he watches hours of pirated versions of “Law and Order” with Japanese subtitles. Don’t throw potato salad for the wrong reasons.

Rob invites you to back to the January sunshine on Hope’s heated sidewalks.

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HOPE PR – Hope College is in the top-10 nationwide among small colleges and universities producing Peace Corps Volunteers in 2008.

Hope is the only school from Michigan in the top-25 for small colleges and universities for 2008, according to the “Peace Corps Top Colleges and Universities 2009” listings released on Monday, Jan. 12. With 18 alumni serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, Hope is in a five-way tie on the listing with Colgate University, Dartmouth College, Gustavus Adolphus College and Willamette University. In last year’s report, Hope ranked 24th nationally for 2007 with 4 alumni serving as volunteers.

The Peace Corps ranks Hope as the university with the largest number of volunteers; the number of alumni volunteers has served in the Peace Corps since its founding 47 years ago. Hope has 3,258 students this year.

The number of alumni volunteers among the top 25 in each of the three undergraduate-size categories ranges from 42 to 104 for large colleges and universities; from 19 to 57 for medium colleges and universities; and from 15 to 35 for small colleges and universities.

Although it is not a requirement for service, the majority of volunteers who have served in the Peace Corps since its founding have been college graduates. Currently, 8,786 Peace Corps Volunteers servicing in 76 countries.

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Hope president goes back to athletic roots

Bultman honored by election to NCAA Presidents Council

Chris O'Brien

Fifty years ago, Hope College President James Bultman was coming to the end of his senior year as a football and baseball student. He was faced with the daunting decision of choosing where to attend college the following fall. In high school, he had played football, basketball, and baseball and was being recruited to continue playing at Ferris State. At one point, Bultman was strongly considering this path.

“I thought I would go into pharmacy at Ferris,” Bultman said. “But a teacher of mine said, ‘you’re not a Ferris type of person, you should come to Hope College.’”

After looking into Hope and weighing the two options, Bultman decided to come to Hope and major in chemistry. At Hope, Bultman continued his sports career, lettering in both football and baseball all four years. Bultman was named captain of both the football and baseball team, and was named MVP of the baseball team his junior and senior season. President Bultman said he enjoyed being a part of such successful teams.

“We didn’t have a playoff, but we did win the MIAA in baseball my senior year,” Bultman said. “And the 1959 football team was really an exceptional team.”

After graduating from Hope College in 1963, the future president of the college returned in 1968 to teach in the Education department. Sports once again became a part of Bultman’s career at Hope as he became an assistant football coach in 1970 and head baseball coach in 1971. He coached both teams until 1985, and then served as president of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, until 1999. In 1999, Bultman returned to Hope as president, and was back at the place he always felt was best.

“I’ve always thought Hope was a very special place,” Bultman said. “The balance of intellectual, spiritual, social and physical as a whole package is really special.”

Once again, sports will play a larger role in the president’s career as he was recently named to the Division III Presidents Council of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. On this council, he along with 14 other presidents will be the primary governance body responsible for major policy decisions governing Division III athletics. The term begins this April and will last four years.

“Through all of the different jobs he has had at Hope College, Bultman said he really does not have a preference to any specific one.

“As president, decisions are weightier, but in terms of fulfillment I would have been content as a professor and coach,” Bultman said. “I’ve always thought I’ve had the best job in the world probably since 1968.”

Bultman was heavily considering recruiting to continue playing sports at Hope. When asked how he handled this difficult decision he chose Hope because it was the right fit.

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HOCKEY LEAVES CALVIN OUT IN THE COLD

The Hope Hockey team topped rival Calvin in a photo-finish game on Saturday, January 17 at the Edge in Holland. The teams were tied 2-2 at the end of regulation sending the game into a five minute over-time. The score remained 2-2 sending the game into a shoot-out. Goalie Mike Headley blocked 3 of 4 shots. The Flying Dutchmen finally gained an edge on the 4th round, ending the game with a 4-3 advantage. The team moves to 14-3 and plays at Lawrence Tech on the 23rd with a home game the next day.

SENIOR ATHLETIC TRAINER HONORED

Molly Smith ’09 has been honored by the Michigan Athletic Trainers’ Society after being chosen to take part in a national student leadership program put on by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association. Smith is an athletic training major and has worked with a variety Hope’s athletic teams including football, men’s basketball, swimming, volleyball, women’s soccer and women’s tennis.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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ADDITIONAL GAME PLAN—(Above) Football coaches (L to R) George Kraft, Ray Smith and James Bultman look on in a 1973 Hope College football game. Smith and Bultman went to become men’s athletic director and president, respectively. (Below left) Senior photo of Bultman, class of 1963. (Below right) Current photo of Bultman, Hope College President.
Men’s basketball — Calvin stuns Hope in nail-biting home loss

James Ralston
Sports Editor

With a sellout home crowd behind them, the Hope College men’s basketball team fell just short against Calvin College on Jan. 17. The Dutchmen struggled throughout the game, falling behind by 10 points twice in the second half.

The anchor was Jesse Reimink (’09) with 20 points and 13 rebounds. The top scorer for Calvin was Caleb Veldhouse (’09) with 19 points.

The game came down to the final seconds after Hope battled back from a 10-point deficit with 4:48. They took the lead with 1:47 left but Calvin struck back and Hope could not overcome the deficit. The buzzer sounded with a final score of 64-66.

Hope was hurt by a low 42.4 percent shooting throughout the game as well as a 12.5 percent success rating behind the arc. They now sit in second place in the MIAA with a 3-1 conference record.

The teams are taking the honor in stride, though.

“We're competing for ourselves and our team, not just to win,” Reest Delo said. “We want to focus on what we can do to better ourselves in and out of the pool.”

“As seniors, especially, we realize the most important thing is having fun,” Ansilio said. “We want to swim our best and have fun.”

On the men’s side of the sport, they are working to continue to train at the same level that they have been.

“We need to keep our training up,” Vogelzang said. “We have about three and a half weeks left until our taper, so it’s important to focus on training these next few weeks.”

The men’s team has several long-term goals as well.

“We want to keep swimming as fast as we’re able to,” Vogelzang said. “We’re working on getting national cuts for the national meet. We want to place in the top ten at nationals. We also want to swim fast at the league meet and win.”

The teams hosted the Michigan-Illinois Quad Meet on Jan. 17, for results see box (right).