Esteemed author inspires Hope
Students team up with Bob Goff to start a revolution of love

“A LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, DO STUFF” — Students seek to inspire a revolution at Hope by bringing in Bob Goff to speak.

A Hope philosopher’s philosophy

As a former student who came back to teach at Hope College, Professor Jack Mulder is a philosophy professor on Hope’s campus and is in his 10th year of teaching at Hope. Mulder came back for many reasons to teach at Hope, but one of the most important is that he is able to talk freely about his faith in a conversation where faith is valued but not forced.

His wife, Melissa, teaches Spanish at Hope, and with their two children, Maria, 6, and Luke, 2, they love being a part of the Hope family.

In the classroom, Mulder teaches various philosophy classes, ranging from Informal Logic to Sexual Ethics to Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Race and other courses such as Senior Seminar. Many of these classes deal with arguments of good versus evil, critical thinking and contentious topics that impact all of our lives.

Mulder found philosophy while studying at Hope, but he quickly realized that philosophy was not just a major or even a job, but a vocation. He relates a story of how, after a grueling four-paper exam in graduate school at Purdue University, he left his exam and said, “I can’t believe they pay me for this.”

For Mulder, philosophy is a calling, not just a job, and he’s blessed to live out that calling at Hope.

“I’ve always loved thinking deeply about topics that are more important than anyone punching a clock,” Mulder said. “This is especially true in regard to issues such as human beings’ relationship to God, freedom of the will, right and wrong in morality and how to understand the phenomenon of love.”

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Despite the school cancellations, Dimnent Chapel was overflowing on Thursday, Jan. 9 to hear an author, lawyer, motivational speaker and follower of Jesus Christ Bob Goff speak at an event affectionately titled Hope Does. Goff authors The New York Times bestseller “Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World,” a book containing a plethora of hysterical and heartfelt tales from Goff’s life that illustrate the way he views the world and understands the calling of a Christian life.

Hope Does was dreamed up by four students taking an Intro to Leadership course last semester who were given the assignment of a service project. By thinking through painful circumstances, such as the death of Hope College student Riley Gortsema last May and the debilitating car accident student Andrew Holbrook was in while moving back to Hope this fall, these students (who collectively call themselves Team Whimsy) came to the realization that earthly life is incredibly short. The message they thought most important to share with and serve Hope students was how to live life with passion, purpose and love—so Goff’s message was perfect for the job.

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Hypnotist comedian Fred Winters visits Hope on January 22, 2014, at 2 p.m. in DeVos Fieldhouse to take on Kalamazoo College at the annual World Christian Lecture Series. The luncheon is free, there is a fee to participate. The six seminars will be presented on a variety of topics by members of our community in exploring issues that Christians face in the world. Elzinga, who has taught at the University of Virginia since 1967, is particularly interested in antitrust economics, focusing on pricing strategy and market definition. Elzinga explores this interest further not only through academic work but also through fiction as well. He has co-authored three mystery novels in which the protagonist must use economics to solve the crime under the pen name Marshall Jevons. Hope will feature his address “Doing Good for a Revolution” on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Winants Auditorium.

ANNUAL WINTER HAPPENING

Hope College’s annual Winter Happening event will occur on Saturday, Jan. 25. The event, which features six seminars, a luncheon and the men’s basketball game, is open to the public. Although admission to the seminars is free, there is a fee to attend the basketball game and the luncheon. The six seminars will be presented on a variety of topics by members of our own Hope faculty. The luncheon will honor Tom Renner’s 47 years of service at Hope. During the luncheon, Renner will be presented with the “Hope for Humanity Award” in recognition of his service. After the seminar series, Hope’s men’s basketball takes on Kalamazoo College at 3 p.m. in DeVos Fieldhouse to conclude the day’s events.

A sleepy good time

Goff spreads message at Hope to live (and fail) with great passion

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to court, and won, and visited them in jail, and watched them convict to Christianity in jail, and he’s become the legal guardian of a maimed Ugandan child. He’s freed hundreds of Ugandan boys unjustly accused from prison and built a boarding school in Uganda called Restore Academy. In fact, all the proceeds from “Love Does” go directly to Restore International, now a worldwide organization seeking justice for the poor and oppressed.

Goff’s message to Hope was simple: Don’t be afraid. Have no fear of failure, but if you’re going to fail, fail epically. If you’re going to love, love passionately (even your enemies). Don’t worry about your calling, do what you’re good at and love others while you do it.

“The event was better than we ever imagined,” said Payton Carty (’14), one of the students who helped to organize the night. “The best part of the whole experience was hearing stories about how people were inspired.”

“The whole time I was smiling, laughing or just seeing how insightful he was,” Emma Ropski (’17) said. “His words made an impact on me and reaffirmed that love isn’t just words, it is also actions.”

Hope students are encouraged to let Goff’s words permeate their actions this semester, to come together as a community and to love one another the way Jesus Christ showed his love for humanity by dying on the cross. A revolution has started.

Love God, love people and do stuff this semester, Hope, and see how living passionately can change this community. Wake up and live, because love does, and hope does, and college students are the agents of change for the next generation. Go pick up a copy of “Love Does” (yes, it’s as fantastic as everyone says), remember the incredible nature of Goff’s life and then do it yourself. Just “love God, love people and do stuff”.

Oh, and any lingering questions about Goff’s message? Call him. 619-985-4747.
India on the verge of being declared polio-free

Andrew Gomez-Seoane
World Co-editor

The world as we know it contains many facts of life that make it at times a hard place to live in. Besides dealing with the usual factors of human conflict and the ravages of nature itself, it is the concept of disease that has often been overlooked in our modern society. But in many poor and underdeveloped nations, the idea of disease affecting a large portion of the population is very much a reality.

In the case of Rukhsar Khatun, a 4-year-old girl from the village of Shahpara near Calcutta, India, the constant, debilitating pain caused by polio has left her with one leg shorter than the other. Her high-energy games leave her in a great deal of pain and in tears. It would seem that this is just another tragic case in a fight to eradicate diseases like these from the planet. But in fact, she represents a symbol of hope as the last individual in India to contract polio. It is remarkable that a little over three decades ago, the illness was taking the lives of more than 150,000 individuals per year. Today, those that were spared death are the beggars and cripple who line the streets of India’s largest cities. Organizations, such as Rotary International are fighting a global campaign to help those like Rukhsar become the last individuals to be claimed by global epidemics such as polio. If nations as large as India can become polio-free within a few decades, then it gives global health professionals a chance to make progress in other areas with high affliction rates, such as central Africa and neighboring Pakistan.

Jan. 13 marked the third consecutive year that India remains absent of any new cases, signifying that the country is finally polio-free and will receive its certification in March of this year. Of course, her parents are delighted with the attention that their daughter brings, but they continue to have mixed feelings. It was known that she did not receive her vaccination at the same time as her siblings. For this reason, her parents feel a sense of responsibility in this matter.

“All of our other children were given polio drops. But Rukhsar did not have them. She was ill with diarrohe and vomiting so she didn’t have the drops,” her mother said.

“I feel bad,” her father, Abdul Shah, a 33-year-old Zari-wala who earns 4,500 rupees (S72 USD) a month embroidering sequins on sari fabrics, added as he dressed for Friday prayers.

Her diagnosis was one of a last of a series of “heartbreaking” setbacks for a dedicated campaign to eradicate the disease, which has been hailed as a powerful demonstration of what India can achieve with commitment and cooperation.

Dr Hammad Jafari, head of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, said, “many had believed it impossible to stop the disease’s transmission in India. “When there were periodic outbreaks, which were disheartening, they stayed the course. Half a million children are born every month in Uttar Pradesh alone. You can change the speed of coverage needed to vaccinate children. We were in a race with the virus. District magistrates played an important part in [ensuring] the rigor of implementation, the high quality of monitoring and surveillance data to plug the operational gaps, this all came together in India,” he told The Telegraph.

The campaign will now turn to Nigeria, where the number of cases last was cut in half, from 30 to 11. The hope now will be to aggressively combat the disease in the regions where it has persisted. By slowing isolating its effects, they can prevent it from spreading to large urban centers in the future.

Spill in West Virginia places the state on alert

Brianna Cherry
Guest Writer

Residents of Charleston, W.Va. and the surrounding areas can once again have access to clean and safe water without being terrified of the tap. On Jan. 9, over 7,500 gallons of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol were released into the Elk River. This chemical, which is used to clean coal, contaminated the water supply that is used by hundreds of thousands of residents across the state.

Over 300,000 people were affected by the spill. Those affected were advised not to use tap water until told otherwise. Some covered faucets and showerheads with bags in order to remind themselves of the crisis. Many businesses were forced to temporarily shut down due to the spill.

Some residents became ill due to consuming the chemical through drinking water, but none of the cases were reported as being very serious.

The investigation first began when a resident notified authorities of a strange odor of licorice about the water. The company responsible, Freedom Industries, has been forced to declare bankruptcy due to the incident. Federal authorities have taken action to gain more insight on the cause. One division, the U.S. Chemical Safety Association, has launched an investigation surrounding the spill.

Fortunately, things are looking up. The ban on water use is now being lifted, although some remain uncertain of the truth behind the testing by scientists involved. Pregnant women are advised not to consume the water, and this alone has caused concern to some. The news of the lift was given in a news conference by Gov. Earl Tomblin.

The Center for Disease Control has also announced that the water is safe for consumption and has diluted to less than one part per million. Little is known about the effects of human exposure to this particular chemical. Investigations are continuing on both the potential harm of the chemical itself and of the long-term effects on the water supply.

Thankfully, the spill was contained before much harm could be done. The only concern that remains is of the long-term effects on the environment and the surrounding areas. Hopefully, the answers to these many questions will be answered in the coming weeks and for months to come.
Russia spends big preparing for games

At $51 billion, the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi will be the most expensive Olympics in history

Timothy Cook

The upcoming Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia will be an event filled with superlatives. Because of Russia's significant size, the event will involve the longest torch relay in Olympic history. Its 98 events, and $51 billion budget will also make it the largest and most expensive Olympic event in history. Even in this day and age, Russia, and in particular President Vladimir Putin, seem eager to impress. By winning the bid from the International Olympic Committee in 2007, Sochi ensured that Russia would have its first Olympics since the breakup of the USSR. Despite this successful bid, some international observers have raised questions about Sochi's political and climatic location.

One particularly unusual aspect of the Sochi Olympics will be the climate. As it is situated along the subtropical shore of the Black Sea, Sochi is the warmest city to ever host a Winter Olympics. Often called the “Russian Riviera,” the Black Sea has been a popular resort area for influential aristocrats, Communist party members and, according to some, the Black Sea has been a popular resort area for influential aristocrats, Communist party members and, according to some, the former U.S. President Bill Clinton. The fact that it became a national embarrassment for Italy during its tough economic conditions. When his wife told the media about his unethical behavior, Berlusconi was dating a young woman, Berlusconi actually has a number of women who came out and reported that they had had affairs with Berlusconi when he was still married.

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**Hildegard of Bingen: Two Perspectives**

**Alicia Ghastin**
**Guest Writer**

A surprising character, Hildegard of Bingen [held the foundations of the Medieval Church and, last Friday, the walls of Dimnent Chapel. Linn Maxwell, a renowned mezzo-soprano, brought the 12th-century maiden, nun, composer and saint to life through a one- woman play, taking the audience into the social and spiritual climate of the male-dominant Catholic Church.**

To open, a beautiful recording of church bells filled the pews as Maxwell, dressed in full Benedictine habit, processed from the back of the chapel to the lit stage. She held a lit candle, symbolizing the Living Light Hildegard of Bingen saw in her visions. Executed with a beautiful mixture of song, and movement, Maxwell truly took the audience back centuries. She spoke from first person to the audience directly, as if she was a phantom returning from heaven to personally spread her message.

Historically, Hildegard of Bingen is well-known for her accomplishments in sacred music and theology. Born around year 1098 A.D., she began living in a monastery at age 8 and is said to have had visions from God since an early age. Although the modern world views her visions—on scientific grounds, the Catholic Church approved her visions as authentic and bequeathed her with the title of saint. Maxwell took the audience to the world through them.

As Maxwell portrayed, Hildegard was uncertain about interpreting her visions and sharing them with the world. God, however, urged her to constantly share—she finally wrote a treatise of book writing, entitled “Scivias.” Her messages included themes about the living light of God, saying that we should illuminate the world with its healing light. She also spoke about the healing light of nature that God has created. At times Hildegard’s life is a beautiful story, reminding us that beauty is present even when our heart may be confused or put off.

Even the purpose of the play—to educate and inspire as well as to entertain—is one that even people who love to learn often approach with some trepidation. The framing of the play was not stilted, boring, cheery or condescending at all, but altogether humble and lovely. And this is, again, very difficult to resist church orders she knew to a cherished degree, and she became a force that could not be stopped. She used her authority, her clever mind and her wisdom from the Living Light to reprimand people in power for their corruption, demand church reform and resist church orders she knew were wrong.

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**MEZZO-SOPRANO LIFE—** Linn Maxwell’s one-woman show celebrates the Living Light and calls for closer attention to His teachings, especially in areas of inequality and greed.

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Once the lady reached the front, everyone leaned forward, wanting to hear what a dead lady had to say—and singing. Maxwell, dressed in a black habit, carried the play all by herself. The play appears simple, but for that very reason is even more difficult for the actress to pull off. The transitions are difficult. Hildegard narrates for the modern audience, falls back into memory, and conducts one-sided conversations with her contemporaries and sometimes keeps the audience from being confused or put off.

Hildegard’s Latin songs are sung alone, with minimal accompaniment, and every character of such a powerful political, spiritual and musical woman. Hildegard combats spiritual complacency, fought for her letters for social justice and obeyed God’s mission no matter what, even breaking her cloister to go out and preach the Gospel. She’s an example of the many times when contemporary women, musicians and theologians can greatly benefit by looking to the past—especially by looking to the life of such an extraordinary woman as Hildegard of Bingen. Maxwell certainly brought her to life.

**CABS AND CLICHÉS—** Dorothy Mitchell

The theater darkened, quieted. People turned in their seats on the benches of Hope College’s Dimnent Chapel and craned their necks to catch the first glimpse of a small woman wearing a modest black habit walking slowly forward, holding a candle of soft light.

On the stage was a table piled with quills, pens, papers and letters, a candle of soft light. Wearing a modest black habit, Maxwell very slowly turned. She was a late bloomer, starting out running a small convenience store and driving a cab. Made himself with instinctual pride to a cherished degree, and she became a force that could not be stopped. She used her authority, her clever mind and her wisdom from the Living Light to reprimand people in power for their corruption, demand church reform and resist church orders she knew were wrong.

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**Knickerbocker winter series off to slushy start**

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**Arts Co-Editor**

The Knickerbocker Film Series’ winter season is underway, premiering last week with Derek Velez Partridge’s “A Miracle in Spanish Harlem,” and continuing this week with the premiere of “Blood Brother.”

The film follows Tito, a negro—a spiritually in-tune black character who exists solely to see more compelling takes on such heavy themes going forward.

**Upcoming Shows**

“Blood Brother” Jan. 20 - 25

“Inuk” Feb. 3 - 8

“The Rocket” March 10 - 15

“Spinning Plates” March 31 - April 5

Screenings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**FREE for Hope students**
You might hear it dismissed as “the winter blues” or “cabin fever,” but seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a real condition. According to the Mayo Clinic, it can be defined as “a type of depression that occurs at the same time every year. If you're like most people with seasonal affective disorder, your symptoms start in the fall and may continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. Less often, seasonal affective disorder causes depression in the spring or early summer.”

**Symptoms:**
- Depression
- Hopelessness
- Anxiety
- Loss of energy
- Heavy, “leaden” feeling in the arms or legs
- Social withdrawal
- Oversleeping
- Loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Appetite changes, especially a craving for foods high in carbohydrates
- Weight gain
- Difficulty concentrating

**Think you might be suffering from a serious case of SADness?** Hope College Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is here to help. Services they offer include:

- **Individual, confidential counseling.** Call or visit the CAPS office to set up an appointment.
- **A therapy light.** The light is available in the CAPS office on a walk-in basis. Feel free to come in and soak up a few rays while you're doing your homework.
- **Join a group therapy session.** Call or stop by the office to learn more.
- **Visit a dietician.** When it comes to alleviating seasonal depression, an adjustment in diet can be essential. Call the CAPS office for more info.

In order to contact CAPS, call 616-395-7945 or visit the office, located across from the Registrar’s Office in the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center.

For more information on SAD, visit [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org) or the CAPS homepage, [www.hope.edu/admin/counseling/](http://www.hope.edu/admin/counseling/)

Lindsay Timmerman, Features Editor

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“Winter’s a good time to stay in and cuddle.”

Olaf the Snowman from Disney’s “Frozen” (2013)

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Quick tips to brighten up your day:

- **Get outside.** It’s like your mother always said: “If you can’t beat ’em, join ’em.”
- **Get moving.** Daily exercise has been proven beneficial in treating many types of depression.
- **Get some Vitamin D.** Spend some time in front of the therapy lamp at the CAPS office or talk to a dietician about the safest, smartest way to supplement your diet.
- **Get on a good sleep schedule.** You may have heard it a thousand times, but those who turn out the lights at a consistent time every night really do tend to be happier.

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Today we woke up to a revolution of snow, its white flag waving over everything, the landscape vanished, not a single mouse to punctuate the blankness, and beyond these windows the government buildings smothered, schools and libraries buried, the post office lost under the noiseless drift, the paths of trains softly blocked, the world fallen under this falling.

-From Billy Collins’ “Snow Day”
Finding itself on the surface, of the meadow vole, suddenly an otherwise placid covering of great ice-bottomed basins in places they found fit to sleep, remained unremembered. The where previously such activities to the next are suddenly obvious one juniper, cedar or white pine and animals alike. The trails of the tracks and trails of man snow covers but what it reveals: drifts and pillared forests. that are adapted to life among to ponder tracks and the animals the next few months we are left much plant life makes up the feel that illuminates the life that has a different spirit to the forest at the cruising coyote; its steadfast may press beneath. Then there is a tuft of grass or low shrub to rather the nearest downed log, where it has not. It reveals where the wind has blown steady and meal. for where it might find its next was sent with specific directions with a purpose, always with a by looking at its tracks. Its trots, rhythmic step can be felt simply the cruising coyote; its steadfast victim to the harsh winter and the remains the next day. The ruffed grouse that investigated cracked a cedar nut and the snow sheds light on who fell some pine squirrel knocked it load of lake effect, or where a pine branch has dropped its where it has not. It reveals where the wind has blown steady and where has it. It reveals where a pine branch has dropped its load of lake effect, or where some pine squirrel knocked it off. It shows where a chickadee has cracked a cedar nut and the ruffed grouse that investigated the remains the next day. The snow sheds light on who fell victim to the harsh winter and those who live by such death. It is only during this time that such preserved glimpses of the happenings of the natural world are recorded in such detail and breadth. It is a record frozen water, a record kept and lost year by year, December by December for so many winters. Before any man was keeping record of anything in this land, the snow was keeping tabs on the daily happenings of creatures bold enough to live on the land year-round. We are simply fortunate enough this year to once again read of it.

Austen Homkes
Columnist

It is such a mystical time to be in the Michigan woods. The winter has fully come to the land and the wind blows as empty as the branches. There is a different spirit to the forest at this time. A quiet stillness exists that illuminates the life that has existed in the wild places the entire year but was simply not realized. It also illuminates how much plant life makes up the feel of the land when present. For the next few months we are left to ponder tracks and the animals that are adapted to life among drifts and pillared forests.

I cherish not so much what the snow covers but what it reveals: the tracks and trails of man and animals alike. The trails of white-tailed deer strolling from one juniper, cedar or white pine to the next are suddenly obvious where previously such activities remained unremembered. The places they found fit to sleep, even for a short while, are great ice-bottomed basins in an otherwise placid covering of snow. There is the staccato trail of the meadow vole, suddenly finding itself on the surface, and making a break for—not the hole it came out of—but rather the nearest downed log of grass or low shrub to burrow beneath. Then there is the cruising coyote; its steadfast rhythmic step can be felt simply by looking at its tracks. Its trots, unlike the deer’s, are always with a purpose, always with a destination. It is as if the coyote was sent with specific directions for where it might find its next meal.

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Austen is “The Most Interesting Man at Hope College.” Not kidding.
Let’s move forward with the Keystone XL Pipeline

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World Co-Editor

It seems that in this day and age the focus on energy independence for the United States has taken a greater step forward with the introduction of new technologies to extract the precious resources that were once unreachable. We have witnessed this new wave of technological innovation in many forms, from hydraulic fracturing in the countryside of Pennsylvania to the development of deep off-shore rigs drilling thousands of feet underwater. The future holds great promise for these and other emerging methods of extraction.

However, a method of particular interest in America’s energy debate is the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline, which would run from the Canadian tar sands in central Alberta to the primary oil refineries in the Gulf Coast of Texas. This pipeline would pass through much of the central U.S., and it is estimated that it could create upwards of tens of thousands of jobs in the process.

At the same time, there are those who call for a more balanced balance of scale industrial projects that only empower other nations and throw off our ability to develop large-scale industrial projects that can coexist with nature.

It is for this reason that the approach to our energy independence starts with acknowledging that fossil fuels, like oil and natural gas, will continue to play an important role in our nation’s economy.

While the development of renewable energy looks promising, it will take decades—for not centuries—for it to catch up with the potential of organic-based fuel. In the meantime, the Keystone XL Pipeline remains a valuable opportunity to wean our country from the importation of foreign oil from Middle Eastern nations that do not have our interests at hand and that continue to oppress their people through oil revenues generated by us.

But in addition to all along the construction of the pipeline, we can provide the much-needed jobs that have been absent from our economy since the onset of the recession. These technicians and builders will be trained to carry out an environmentally sound procedure that has resulted in minimal leaks from other pipelines in the last 40 years.

If there is one thing we have learned since the construction of the Alaskan pipeline, it is that a careful balance of state and federal regulations can be quite effective in ensuring that minimal harm befalls the environment. The construction of the Alaskan pipeline, of course, was over several decades ago and with today’s newer and safer systems already in use, it becomes ever clearer that this program can have great success and prove our ability to develop large-scale industrial projects that can coexist with nature.

Limiting our potential with these and other initiatives will only empower other nations to pursue their own energy development without us and possibly leave room for greater harm to the environment.

Andrew is a firm believer in conserving one of Michigan’s most beautiful trees, the Eastern Hemlock, because it is one of the few environmentally sensitive trees on earth.

Editor’s choice

Quotes of Illumination

“Write hard and clear about what hurts.”
— ERNEST HEMINGWAY

“Me? I’m scared of everything. I’m scared of what I saw. I’m scared of what I did, of who I am. And most of all I’m scared of walking out of this room and never feeling the rest of my whole life the way I feel, when I’m with you.”
— FRANCES “BABY” DIRTY DANCING

“What if all the freckles and beauty marks that live on your body were actually stars, and the stars were the muddy and milky imprints of galaxies that our eyes just cannot quite focus on?”
— ANONYMOUS

“You have to love yourself, because no amount of love from others is sufficient to fill the yearning that your soul requires from you.”
— DOODSKY

Weekly Challenge #2: “Try to avoid judging others.”

Matthew 7:5-7: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

As seen in the Bible verses above, we should not judge others, when we ourselves are imperfect, too. As we want others to do to us, try to find the positives in everyone instead of picking out the wrongs. When we do this, we will most likely end up coming up with more good things than bad.

So, try this challenge out, and as the title says, “Leave the judging to Judge Judy!”

Ask and you May Be advised

Leave the judging to Judge Judy

Lauren May
Staff Columnist

Recently, when going through the day, I realized that we are very easy to judge other people. Simply passing someone in Phelps and wondering, “What are you wearing?” is a small form of judgment. If we were to spend our whole day recording all of our thoughts, I bet a lot of them would be ones of negativity toward others.

While it is often easy to see the flaws in each other, it can be more difficult for us to look at people in a positive light. As Mother Theresa once said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” That’s why, for this week’s challenge, I decided to make up a little harder and step away from these judgements we are so often consumed by.

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**Austin’s Thought Process:**

**My Winter Injury**

Austin Elluru

One of the things I was looking forward to this semester was my sensational return as a runner for track after taking a semester off from cross country. So imagine my distress when my knee started bugging me.

For the past couple days, I have had to cross-train due to an injury to my knee, and I still have no idea what caused it. Initially I was quite frustrated having to train on an elliptical on the second floor of the Dow with a whole bunch of normals, until I found a silver lining.

While I know many athletes who would quote “saw off one of my limbs” rather than get an injury (see any irony in this?), I on the other hand am quite fine. In case anyone hasn’t noticed, it’s cold outside and the roads are quite icy. So while everyone else is running in freezing conditions and plowing through unplowed sidewalks with wind blowing in their faces, I am warm and toasty training in the Dow.

I’ll admit that when my knee finally gets better that I will not hesitate to join my runner brethren to trek across this winter wonderland. But until then, I will be training comfortably inside the Dow on my elliptical.

**Enjoy this winter playlist to get through the cold**

Tyler Brinks

*Guest Writer*

Here at Hope, the winter months seem to drag on and on. For nearly six months, Holland’s residents are subjected to the cold, sloppy weather that blows off our lake’s coast. We get peaks of fun, plenty of chill and a glimpse of God’s masterful landscape.

On a whim, I have been asked to gather a playlist that reflects my sentiments and experiences from the winter months. Here we go:

- The “Snow” flurries; silly “Reflections” appear in the ice; students flee on “The Wild Hunt” for winter adventure; the “Great Indoors” becomes a sanctuary for warmth, friendship and college basketball; and, by the end of the season, we feel “Good As New.”

Enjoy this variety of tunes, and make the most of God’s gift of beautiful, white inconvenience.

- Tell Me How To Live” ~ Capital Cities
- “Snow” ~ Lights & Motion
- “Brothers” ~ The Ember Days
- “Post” ~ Bastille
- “Let the Good Times Roll” ~ Ben Rector
- “Reflections” ~ MisterWives
- “The Wild Hunt” ~ The Tallest Man On Earth
- “Wake Me Up - Acoustic” ~ Aloe Blacc
- “Great Indoors” ~ John Mayer
- “Love Away” ~ Capital Cities
- “The Love Club” ~ Lorde
- “Explode” ~ Lights Camera Stop
- “Good As New” ~ Vacationer

Tyler would like to remind everyone to bundle up outside. It’s cold; wear a scarf.
The first period was a back-and-forth period that saw chances either way, but the buzzer sounded with Grand Valley up 1-0.

In the second, Drew O’Brien (‘15) buried the puck on a dainty passing play from Andrew Dolehanty (‘14) and Zach Schaap (‘16) to knot the game at 1-1. Grand Valley responded just minutes later, but Hope College was rewarded with a power play that ultimately led to Schaap releasing a hard shot that found twine, thanks to a great feed from Rob Calvert (‘15).

Minutes later, it was Schaap again finding twine with another long blast, putting the Dutchmen up for good. The third period welcomed in a whole new level of ferocity, as Grand Valley began to display its frustration. While shorthanded, Jared Lehman (’16) was sprung on a breakaway and was able to slyly slip the puck five-hole (between the goalie’s legs) to tally.

Deep in the offensive zone, Jamie Haak (’14) banked the puck in off the skate of the unassuming goalie to extend Hope’s lead to three.

The scoring was capped with Drew Cook’s (’14) padding. Glick’s stellar play propelled Hope past the Lakers on two different occasions this past weekend, making their season record 18-2.
Guest Writer
Casey Rutledge

Men’s basketball survives against Olivet

After getting handled on the road against Albion on Jan. 15, Hope College did its best to erase all memory of that as they bounced back on Saturday hosting Olivet.

Coach Matt Neil’s team did major work on the boards, outrebounding Olivet by 15, which proved to be one of the deciding factors in Hope’s 80-72 victory.

“We knew we had to rebound better defensively... It was something coach reiterated in practice,” Ben Gardner (’16) said when asked what the team focused on, most in practice after the Albion loss. “They are a much improved and talented team who constantly has five guys on the court who are willing to work hard. Hats off to them, they just outplayed us.”

It was Gardner who the Dutchmen turned to in a time of an offensive struggle early on. Gardner found himself in positions to score and took advantage of those situations.

“I tried to make plays, getting other people involved;” Gardner said. “I knew we needed a spark and I took that upon myself.”

Gardner had a game-high 18 points and added six rebounds while shooting 8-of-12 from the field. Hope found itself at the free-throw line early and often on Saturday, converting on 30 of 37 shots from the line, while Olivet made its way to the charity stripe just 17 times, cashing in on 11.

Grant Neil (’14) broke out of a scoring slump with a career high of 17 points, hitting on two of three three-pointers.

“I found myself in good spots to score, I shot the ball with confidence, I tried to tell myself don’t think, just shoot;” said Grant Neil, who was the team’s only threat from deep, as the Dutchmen shot a measly 2-of-16 from three. Hope didn’t let a poor three-point percentage get in its way, however.

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Hope will be looking to extend its undefeated run in its next game away at Albion on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

“With Albion being our next game, we plan to play it just like every other game with our best performance in mind, especially with it being a conference game against a good team,” Gaddy said.

PRESENCE IN THE PAINT— Emily Klauka (’15) creates space among two Kalamazoo defenders in Wednesday’s matchup. Hope rolled over the Hornets by 19 points.

Guest Writer
Nicole Metzler

Women’s basketball stays undefeated

Hope College’s undefeated women’s basketball team beat Kalamazoo College 74-55 last Wednesday. A crowd of 744 people came to DeVos Fieldhouse to witness the win that lengthened Hope’s winning record to 15-0. Megan Kelly (’14) scored the first points of the game with a three-point jump shot. Nearly 30 seconds later, Kalamazoo answered the shot with one of its own.

The first half continued with Hope and Kalamazoo making equal opportunities to score. As the clock dwindled down, Hope started to pull away from its opponent. With 9:30 left in the half, Mandy Travera (’17), Kelley and Brittany Berry (’14) each made a three-point shot within a minute’s time. At the end of the half, Hope led by a score of 36-27.

“I think we struggled a bit in the beginning, but we quickly got our team together to put together some good plays and stops,” Angelique Gaddy (’17) said. “Kalamazoo is a good team and we knew that coming in to this game, it would have a lot of impact in our conference standings.”

Kalamazoo proved to be no threat to the Dutch in the second half, either. Hannah Doell (’15) scored two of her team’s four points just 1.9 seconds into the second half, making it hard for Kalamazoo to make any shots. Elizabeth Perkins (’17) had the last say in the game. Her layup finalized the score at 74-55.

The Dutch’s starters made up 55 of the 74 points scored. Gaddy led the scoring for the Dutch with 14 points, while Berry and Kelley were close behind with 12 each.

Anna Kaufmann (’14) came off the bench to score nine points. McAfee led the team in rebounds with 11. Hope managed to record a total of 52 rebounds and 20 points off turnovers.

When asked about whether their undefeated record added any pressure to the team, Kelley said, “We don’t really focus on our record when we are preparing for the next game. We focus on what we have to do to be successful and what the other team wants to do, so we can prevent it.”

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SPRINTING DEFENDERS— After dribbling past Olivet defenders, Alex Eidson (’16) drives the lane for an open layup in Saturday’s contest.