**Congress brings speaker to campus**

**STACY BOGARD**

Campusbeat editor

Joe Clark, who served as a basis for the 1989 film, “Lean on Me,” will be the featured speaker of the Student Speaker Series this Tuesday, Feb. 10. Clark, a former Army drill instructor, will present “Fight: One More Round,” in the DeWitt Theatre at 8 p.m.

“We’ve brought him here to motivate students and the community is also really excited,” said Dana Marolt (‘99), head of the Student Congress Special Events Committee. “I think that he is a powerful educator and a great role model for students in general.”

Clark is best known for his controversial tactics while principal of Eastside High School in Paterson, N.J. During one day in his first week he expelled 300 students that were using profanity, committing acts of vandalism, fighting and abusing teachers. The school was honored as a model school by the governor two years into Clark’s tenure, but the rate of those who went onto college from Eastside dropped from 35 percent the year before Clark began, to 22 percent the year the movie was released, according to a movie summary found on the Internet’s Electric Library.

According to Clark’s biography he states, “If there is no discipline, no learning can take place. Without discipline, there is anarchy. Good citizenship demand attention to responsibility as well as rights.”

Clark is currently the director of the Essex County Youth House in Newark, N.J. He resigned from his Eastside principal position after eight years in 1990. He is the author of *Laying Down the Law*, and has lectured on the court circuit since his resignation.

“He is one of pride in self,” states his biography. Marolt, along with Student Congress members Tim Scott (‘98), Darren Tigelaar (‘98), and more SPEAKER on 7.

**ON THE BALLOT:**

Hope Republican members Kristi Steketee (‘98), Paul Bash (‘01), Ryan Bass (‘01) and Clinton Randall (‘00) pose with Governor John Engler after his State of the State Address on Jan. 29.

**Republicans gear up for election**

**STACY BOGARD**

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Fellow Republicans will agree that it was an honor to be present at Governor John Engler’s State of the State address last Thursday, Jan. 29.

Hope Republicans Kristi Steketee (‘98), Clinton Randall (‘00), Ryan Bash (‘01) and Paul Bash (‘01) were the lucky attendees, invited to Lansing through the “Youth for Engler” program to view the State of the State and to be involved in the reception and comment time following.

“This is an important year because there are many state Republican positions up,” Randall said. “It was a ‘gathering the troops’ event for support in the election year.”

The program is an attempt to organize voting on college campuses in conjunction with the state committee. It is one of the many events Hope Republicans will rally around this semester. They will also continue working on getting their web page up, a luncheon involving a Republican state or local official, the Lincoln Day dinner in April at which the governor will be present, and a petition drive to place Engler’s name on the ballot for this year’s governor race.

“We’ll be starting the ‘Youth for Engler’ program which includes the petition drive, and planning for the full elections,” said Jessica Nelson (‘99), co-chair of Hope Republicans.

This is the first year that the group has formally Web site reveals identities of Sons of Argos members

**GLYN WILLIAMS**

editor-in-chief

After months of letting their words be the main event, the Sons of Argos have made their identities clear with the subtle use of a little known web page called the Dog Pound.

The Sons of Argos have revealed themselves to be Megan Hicks (‘99), Jon Adamson (‘97), Hollis Adamson (‘97), Dan Foster (‘97), James VanNoord (‘97), and Peter DeYoung (‘97). Fellow Sons of Argos Rachel Foster, a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University, is the only group member with no direct affiliation to the college.

In fact, Hicks is the only member of Sons of Argos still attending Hope College and DeYoung and VanNoord are no longer even in the West Michigan area. Even though VanNoord now lives in Washington State and DeYoung lives in Detroit, the group claims that no one member is bigger than the other. According to Dan Foster and Jon Adamson, they all are in this together.

“No one piece is the product of any one person,” Adamson and Foster said. “Everyone has a different job just like any organization. None of it originates with us, and if we thought it did we would be in a lot of wrong reasons. It originates with orthodox Christianity.”

Their names are posted clearly on their web page, but behind two separate links that are hard to get to. If someone wants to find out who the Sons of Argos are, they are going to have to look for it.

“It is the technological equivalent of printing it on the back of one of our fliers, in the bottom left hand corner in size eight font,” Jon Adamson said. “It was done in a tasteful way, without drawing attention to ourselves. We don’t want our names splashed across the front pages.”

Members of the Sons of Argos were also involved in a publication that circled around campus last year called S.A.L.T., but according to Adamson and Foster, the intentions of the two publications were significantly different.

S.A.L.T. was more devotional,” Adamson said. “What Sons of Argos are more like satirical and reasoning.”

Although their future is as yet unclear, they look back on their past up to this point as being a success, and are pleased with the response they have received from the Gadfly Papers to the Lord’s Prayer. Lay-
Drowning in books

Hope's insurance company instigates suit

STACY BOGARD
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The remnants of last year's flooding in Van Wylen Library are echoing in the form of a lawsuit and the continued replacement of books and the continued replacement of echoing in the form of a lawsuit flooding in Van Wylen Library are all ages," said SAC Traditional Editor of Van Wylen Library.

Carpet and shelving were also victims of the accident that caused close to a two-month closing of the library's lower level.

According to an article in The Lankenau Press, Great Lakes Fire Protection is charged with causing fires, citing improper 'slip' fittings to join sections of piping, termining some drain pipes rather than connecting them to drain systems, not properly marking sprinkler system zones on a control panel, using salt-soaked rags around pipe joints to prevent leaks, not properly supervising workers who installed the system and failure to follow standards set by the National Fire Protection Association.

"This is something new we are trying this year in hopes of getting support for the game later in the afternoon," Musselman said.

In addition to the game, students and their siblings will have the opportunity to buy complimentary basketballs. The weekend kicks off on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Kletz.

SAC plans Siblings Weekends events

SARA LAMERS
staff reporter

Younger brothers and sisters of Hope students who miss bonding with their sibling will have an opportunity to do just that when the Social Activities Committee hosts its annual Siblings Weekend Feb. 6-8.

"This should be a great event for all ages," said SAC Traditional Events Chair Teresa Musselman ('98). "We have put a lot of work into it since the beginning of the semester and think it will be a great weekend."

SAC does a good job with putting on a wide variety of events which range from a wide age range," said Kevin Randall ('98), SAC member.

The weekend kicks off on Friday night at 5:30 p.m. with Game Night at the Kletz. Recreational activities such as pool, video games, board games and scooter hockey will keep kids of all ages entertained. This event will be followed by the ever-popular Twister Tournament at 6:30 p.m. in the Dewitt Lobby.

"The Twister Tournament was always popular in the past so we decided to bring it back again this year," Randall said.

On Friday night, students and their siblings will also be able to participate in the Create-a-Sandaue Bar as they enjoy a special movie and popcorn.

Saturday's events will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Nykerk's Winners Auditorium.

On Saturday, siblings will be able to sign up to participate in a Wide variety of crafts, ranging from T-shirt painting to beaded jewelry making, beginning at 10 a.m. in Phelps Dining Hall.

"We like to have things available so that the kids have something to take home with them from the weekend," Musselman said.

Later Saturday morning, the men's varsity basketball team will take on appearance to sign complimentary basketballs.

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Profes showcae alumni event

CARRIE TENTANN staff reporter

In the spirit of Homecoming, Saturday's Winter Happening will present a day-long exhibit of Hope College events, including a Village of Artists, seminars, art, music, and—naturally—basketball.

The event is sponsored by Hope's Alumni Association and is open to the public.

Two sessions of morning seminars hosted by Hope faculty and administrators will tackle such topics as cloning, China, and ties between the United States and Mexico.

The seminars will run concurrently from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

"China: Classrooms, Cocoozes, and Cultures," held in Wickers Auditorium, will feature a series of slides and reflections on China. Dr. Harvey Blake spoor, who spent the 1996-1997 school year at Shandong University in Jinan, China, will present the seminar.

In "The Cleansing of Dolly: What Does It Mean for the Future of Science?" held in the Kletz, Dr. Joseph Sukey, visiting assistant professor of biology, will review the controversy surrounding Dolly and the ethical dilemma brought about by that accomplishment. This discussion will take place in the Eberhards Room of the Haworth Center.

The weekend's events will close with Saturday's Winter Happening at 5:00 p.m. in the Haworth Center Ballroom. The luncheon will feature a humorous slide presentation by Dr. Donald Williams, hopes emeritus.

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Hope students deal with winter blues due to lack of sunshine

DANA LAMERS
infocus editor

The joys of Christmas seem long gone, the bright hope of spring break is weeks away, the semester is not even half done, and we haven’t seen the sun in days.

With this past January being one of the cloudiest ever recorded, such syndromes as winter depression, the winter blues, or, under serious conditions, Seasonal Affective Disorder, are in their peak.

Since the first of January there were not more than 24 minutes of sunshine in one day, and Hope students, whether new to the state, or from sunnier parts of the country, can often feel the effect of the lack of sunlight. Michiganders encounter in the mid-winter months.

On Friday, Jan. 30 this message was posted on Knowhope.

"January 1998 is going into the record books as the cloudiest month ever. Today we’ll be posting a series of campus scenes on a sunny day in an effort to brighten your day."

Seasonal Affective Disorder

While many people encounter a change in attitude or a dreary mood when the sun disappears for weeks, some suffer from serious depression and are diagnosed and treated for Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Dr. Gary Lindley, Ph.D., A.C.E.P. recounts a story that changed her view of the illness.

As Lindley was running a Stress Disorders Center in New Hampshire Psychiatric Hospital, she became very interested in SAD. A patient in question was a woman in her mid-thirties; she was an emergency admission because she had tried to commit suicide and nearly succeeded.

"I was shaken," Lindley said.

"I hadn’t realized until then that SAD could be so life threatening." This woman was affected by SAD every winter, but was generally able to hang on until her kids’ February vacation from school when the family took a vacation in sunny Florida, which immediately lifted her spirits. But, when February vacation didn’t come until the first week of March, she couldn’t hold out any longer. "On so little did so much hang," Lindley said.

When the sun goes down...

Even those who don’t experience serious depression from the winter blues can experience irritability, low energy, weight gain, hypersonia, and sadness at various times throughout the winter months. Being aware of the effects of sunshine and weather and ways to give yourself a boost can help to minimize the sun’s control of your moods.

Nicolette Hiders (‘01) came to Hope from Tempe, Arizona.

"In Arizona there is an average of approximately 355 days of sunshine," she said. "The lack of sunshine makes you depressed and in a bad mood, and I’m a very cheerful person."

SAD is directly connected to lack of daylight, which explains why winter depression tendencies begin to develop as days get shorter.

As we spend more time cooped up indoors away from the cooler weather, it adds up to much less time in the daylight. People who live further north are also more likely to experience SAD symptoms because the climate and season are directly connected to latitude. According to Lindley, inside the brain is a gland which regulates the release of a hormone called melatonin. This gland is ultimately controlled by a small cluster of brain cells which receive information from the light coming in through the eyes. Melatonin secretion is at its lowest level in the winter months, which many scientists believe is in direct connection to loss of energy and sluggishness. Melatonin research is a relatively new field of study.

Over the counter melatonin is available in stores and researchers are studying its use in the treatment of Seasonal Affective Disorder, but caution is recommended and you may want to consult a doctor before using it.

Treatment

One approach to curing Seasonal Affective Disorder is light therapy. While some sufferers actually sit in front of a light once or twice a day, there are other, often more practical, versions of light therapy. Doing homework by a window, going for a walk, or anything that involves yourself in natural daylight is advised.

"Take an extra 10 minutes and take a loop around campus before class," said Kristen Gray of the counseling department.

"It’s drizzly and dark and crappy. I go tanning to cope," said Kathrine Rabe (‘01). "I don’t feel depressed; I just don’t like it." Tanning salons can be one approach people take to feel the benefits of the sunlight. "It’s a proven fact that sunlight makes you feel better," said Melissa Olsen, employee of Midnite Sun & Cruise.

"Our busy time is now and in the spring." An overall healthy lifestyle will cut down on the effects of seasonal depression: decrease stress, eliminate caffeine and alcohol, eat a healthy diet, and give yourself time to laugh and enjoy the company of good friends.

Help at Hope

Anyone who suffers serious problems with depression should not be afraid to take action. Winter depression can turn into much more than a small case of the blues.

For many it is a serious illness that can require counseling or medical attention. Most doctors are aware of new drug therapies or other treatments; people really have no need to suffer anymore.

Gray wants students to know that the Counseling Center is always available for them.

Students who may question whether they need professional attention for depression problems may “certainly come over here,” Gray advises. "It is pretty important in ruling out other things."

Hope College students, like general people, sometimes suffer from depression. I think that the endless, gray, cloudy days contribute to that," Gray said. "We don’t have one cloudy day, we have weeks of cloudy days and that adds to depression and also affects people who don’t experience clinical depression, sadness and low energy.

Tips for avoiding the winter blues:

• Expose yourself to as much bright light as you can. Go jogging, cross country skiing, or walking. When it is overcast, indoor light can help.

• Stay physically active, exercise.

• Eat high carbohydrate meals, but regulate your diet.

• Eliminate or cut down on caffeine and alcohol.

• Reduce stress.

• Allow for time with friends.

• Laugh, it helps basically every aspect of your physical well-being.

• Seek professional help if you feel you are losing control. There are people trained and anxious to help.

Groovy Anchor staff seeks adventurous single Hope students to take a chance and write a personal ad for next week’s Valentine’s Day Issue.

E-mail ‘em to ANCHOR or drop them off at the office by Friday to be connected with your soul mate.
Opinion

Decisions, Decisions

So now the fun begins. Now that John Jacobson has decided to step down as president, the question jumps out at you. Who’s going to replace him? For most students, this was the reaction when he made his announcement. Who will be the next person to step in and be the president?

As expected, the Board of Trustees have already begun the search, and by the time Jacobson is scheduled to step down in late June of 1999, a competent replacement will be found.

The first criteria, as set by the Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committee, is “an individual of wisdom and integrity whose life reveals a commitment to following Jesus Christ.”

Second, the Board of Trustees say the new president must have, “a passion for academic excellence.” And last, the president must “be an individual with a broad understanding of the world’s events and cultures.”

The criteria listed for the new president is intriguing, as they babble on about character, academic excellence, and the ability to understand culture and progress, however, the criteria mentions nothing about how the president should have charisma, personality, and a love for students.

In fact, nowhere in the criteria is the word “student.” The president needs to be someone who is approachable if somebody needs help with something. The president needs to be someone who is willing to engage in a conversation with any random student at any given time of the day.

As the Board of Trustees look to find the person who would be king, the thoughts on the minds of the students want someone who actually does care about every single one of us.

This isn’t to say Baby Spice or Leonardo DiCaprio should be the new president, but rather somebody who meets all the requirements set forth, and then a little bit more.

Meet the Press

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I wonder with all of our discussion about the new president at Hope College how we can overlook so overt a symbol of ethnocentrism as our own Chapel and Gathering service. The thought that we held 3 sessions of “global prayer” for the following “unreached people” groups:

- China, China
  Number of Christians: 0
  Religion: Tibetan Buddhism

- Bosnia
  Number of Christians: 13%
  Religion: Muslim

- India
  Number of Christians: 6%
  Religion: Hindu

I was appalled by this dissection of religion and culture, not to mention the ignorance of referring to the religion of Islam as Muslim. If Campus Ministries wants to discredit entire religious groups, they should at least appear knowledgeable.

Dear Editor,

Tuning in to the State of the State address last Thursday night was upsetting. As a matter of fact, I found myself wondering how Jack Engler has been governor for eight years. Engler’s address gave me the impression that eight is enough! The State of the State address, which covered taxes, crime, environment, schools, welfare, and prison reform, was filled with a pro-current campaign to kick off Engler’s re-election campaign for a third term. What is upsetting is his use of children, welfare recipients, and campaign promises in order to get reelected.

Those listening to the address cheered when Engler said, “As legislators and leaders we must all do our part to have everybody’s child succeed.” He outlined his plan for helping kids succeed by requiring summer school for any child in the state who can’t read by the fourth grade because, “All children can read—and in Michigan they will.” How sad it will be for Sally, the dyslexic fourth grader will be told that she will be in school all year round because she “can read” and needs to try harder. That is punishment for this child’s disability. Not to worry, though, because Governor Engler is not concerned for little Sally. What Governor Engler is concerned with is power.

He says, “The state with the best schools wins. No question about it. Michigan must have the best schools—the best in the world.” So, Engler continues, “Michigan will never be first in the 21st century.” What Engler is concerned with is not the people but with “why they’ve lost their edge in Engler’s other proposals as well. Despite the fact that studies show drug use is no more prevalent among young people on public assistance, Engler is proposing drug testing for all enrolled in welfare. Besides the fact that this type of testing is expensive, it is also offensive to those individuals who are receiving welfare. Welfare recipients are not only expected to feel ashamed of their unfortunate circumstances, but are also to be suspected of abusing drugs. I have a hard time understanding a proposal which hits the least fortunate while they are hurting. Engler is in a position of power and needs to take advantage of those in society who are in need of his advocacy.

Eight years of Engler is enough! Hope Democrats

Diversity not as simple as black and white and is no Utopia

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor entitled, “Diversity not as simple as black and white and is no Utopia.” The letter writer states that this is not going to be the letter to the editor entitled, “Diversity not as simple as black and white and is no Utopia.” Diversification of any kind is not an oxymoron but rather a symbol of ethnocentricity as defined by Jane Dickie, “a belief that human races have distinctive characteristics... usually involving the idea that white race is superior and has the right to rule others. It is a policy of enforcing such essential rights and a system of social stratification based upon those assumed rights.”

Racism assumes power, and since whites are the dominant race in this policy. This is not to say other groups cannot be prejudiced and hateful towards others, but they cannot be truly racist.

White individuals possess certain unearned, usually unnoticed privi- leges, or assets, such as the privilege Hope College effectively say white Christian institutions because of ability in their “justified” discrimination. As for “unreached people,” keep in mind the fact that the Islamic faith has grown from the same roots as Christianity in Judaism. Muslims have learned about Christianity as one of their prophets and are greatly involved in the growth of Christiani- ty. Don’t forget the Crusades... Are Christians on campus really praying for these people to convert? And what about students who met with the Chapel and the Gathering ignoring to the existence of these “global prayers?”

We must remember these prayer send to our non-Christian Hope students and faculty. According to Campus Ministries, they too can “unreached people” groups without any implications of so insulting a statement solidify why Hope, as it stands currently, will make little to no progress toward religious tolerance or integration. Through prayer for other religious groups, based purely on the fact that they are non-Christian, may not be the way to go and take part in relief work in Croacia or Ghana. But, I fear these “global prayers” were nothing more than a reason for Hope students, in the eyes of the chaplains and many students at Hope, is the only true reli- gion. If this is the way the Christian church wants to proceed in praying for the destruction of their religion and culture, then Christianity is no longer valued in the eyes of the world. Where did the values of Christ entered. People who live as true Christians are the most effective all “evangelists” and the only real Christians. I have yet to meet one of these “evangelists” who encourage every Christian at Hope to prove that statistic wrong.

Amanda Schneider ’99

Hope Democrats respond to Engler’s State of State address

Dear Editor,

Among people on public assistance, Engler is proposing drug testing for all enrolled in welfare. Besides the fact that this type of testing is expensive, it is also offensive to those individuals who are receiving welfare. Welfare recipients are not only expected to feel ashamed of their unfortunate circumstances, but are also to be suspected of abusing drugs. I have a hard time understanding a proposal which hits the least fortunate while they are hurting. Engler is in a position of power and needs to take advantage of those in society who are in need of his advocacy.

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Bad, bad Mr. President

I was listening to a poppy radio station Saturday evening, and amidst the normal requests for certain songs and sappy dedications, two of Bill Clinton jokes poured in. It’s amazing how quickly people come up with these things. The sex scandal involving the President only surfaced about a week ago.

Anyhow, some of the jokes were funny, others were just plain sick—all of them, however, painted the President as wholly guilty of every allegation attributed to him. Imagine my surprise, then, when I heard on National Public Radio the following Sunday that the President’s public opinion ratings soared.

How could a public obsessed with humiliating the President through contrived jokes still believe in him so faithfully? I don’t understand the apparent paradox.

Moreover, I don’t understand how on earth Mr. Clinton can still be viewed in a favorable light.

I don’t consider myself particularly conservative, nor do I align myself with the Republican party. I also don’t subscribe to intense feminist ideals.

Thus, my repulsion to the President and his current plight has nothing to do with the “structures” by which I run my life.

It merely has to do with the fact that, due to the emergence of this scandal (as well as the many previous scams), I can no longer view President as a good and moral man.

And if he is not good and moral, then I do not wish him running the country in which I live.

A few days after news of the scandal broke, a friend found me in the library and dragged me away from an article relating to the scandal in which I was engrossed.

I told him I felt like I was reading a really bad, seamy romance novel, and that I was embarrassed to have become so riveted by it.

The details, I admit, were compelling. But they were compelling in a dirty, practically cheap way. I felt sick.

Anyway, my friend and I started debating as to whether or not the President is someone we should expect to be moral.

His point: I don’t care if the President has morals. As long as he governs well, I don’t care.

My point: We better care what kind of person our President is. If he is unable to conduct his personal life in a dignified manner, then I am unable to respect or rely on the conduct of his public life.

I maintain for this belief needs no explanation. Morals are important, doubly so if the person is a world leader, and that’s that.

Why am I condemning the President—in this stage of mere “altercations,” before a trial, without any “real” proof, does, however, require some discussion.

For me, the sheer fact that this scandal emerged is enough to make me mad. Compound by all the other trouble Clinton’s “allegedly” been in, this incident should strike how many “maybe” and “supposed-lys” do we tolerate before we call in probability experts to diagram for us the fact that one of these incidents has got to be true?

I’m tired of hearing that our President does dirty business. We should have someone in office whose record and character are so clean that one can’t even hint at any signs of wrongdoing. The fact that we’ve been able to hint with Clinton on so many different accounts should instruct our evaluation of him.

So, I am really just saying, “Keep the jokes coming, Hope College! Lay it on the Prez!”

Mildly.

My true message, however, is simply to consider all the crap we’ve tolerated from Mr. Clinton when you evaluate him. I don’t want any more shocking NPR reports and that is all I have to say.

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Editor’s note: If you are interested in prison ministry, Mr. Rick Wissink can be reached at 2569

Hope students audition for “Rent”

KATE FOLKERTT intermission co-editor

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“It was a pet of the moment thing. Danny asked me if I wanted to go the week of the audition, so I only knew about it for three days,” she said. “I went mostly for the experience. I didn’t go in thinking I was going to get a part.”

The audition began with each person going into a room with just a judge and someone who was video taping.

“Rent” falls under the category of rock opera, so we had to have rock songs prepared for the audition,” Taylor said. “In the first room we were just told to sing one of our songs a cappella.”

“I wasn’t nervous until I got into the room with just the judge and a video camera,” Cipolone said.

It turned out that, for both he and Cipolone were positive about the experience.

“Those people need guidance,” Bogg said. “We encourage them to finish school, or get their G.E.D., and plug into a church [once they’re out]. If we turn their eyes to Jesus, their chances are good.”

“Many of the kids to Wissink, 90% of released inmates who have no faith are reincarcerated at some point in their lives,” Wissink wants to post a challenge to Hope students.

“We’d love to have Hope students involved,” Wissink said. “It’s something they could learn and take back to their own counties or states.”

“As Christians, we must reach out to people. Instead of sitting in the pew, we must go out.”

After the act, Wissink and Bogg do sit down, but it’s certainly not in prayer. After a session they used to grab lunch at a Russ’ restaurant booth to discuss the evening’s events.

“I take notes, write down men’s spiritual needs,” Bogg said. “And then me and Rick talk about it.”

“Yes, Gord and I compliment each other pretty well,” Wissink concluded.

Editor’s note: If you are interested in prison ministry, Mr. Rick Wissink can be reached at 2569
There are two sides to every story, and Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All is no exception.

"It's very topically funny, but there's something underneath that," said Jennifer Jenkins ('98), a theater major and the actress portraying Sister Mary herself.

The play, shown Feb. 5, 6, and 7 in the DeVitt Studio Theatre at 8:00 p.m., is a one-act comedy by Christopher Durang. It lasts about 50 to 55 minutes and contains mostly dialogue. One wall, a podium, and a potted plant make up the basic set. But the length and simplicity do not take away from the humor and depth of the content.

"It'll make you laugh," said Jamie Raabe ('01), the show's assistant stage manager. "There's nothing funnier than a crazy old nun."

"There's nothing funnier than a crazy old nun." - Cherie Allers ('01), who plays the part of Philomena in the show, points out another important aspect of the show, what lies behind the laughs.

"The content really challenges what you believe and your knowledge of your beliefs," she said.

The premise that begins the show and its ensuing conflicts is that Sister Mary, a Catholic nun, has invited four of her former students back to perform the Birth of Christ Pageant. They all stand of the subtleties of the production at the Catholic religion," said Allers. "It was very good to get her point of view of this play, but she is not trying for glory on the stage; rather, she's looking to reveal the message of the show.

"I'm not so interested in applause," Jenkins said. "I want the audience to get something from it."

Laughter and one-liners ease the issues presented and make the hour enjoyable, while at the same time the plot twists to throw new light on heavy topics. It demonstrates powerfully that the world has more shades than black and white and challenges the audience to see more than a sitcom on the surface.

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Visiting Writers Series brings poetry and fiction together

SARA LAMERS staff reporter

The Visiting Writers Series kicks off the new semester with a pair of established writers, Virgil Suarez and Lynn Powell, to team up for the Opus-sponsored event on Monday, Feb. 9 at the Knickerbocker Theater.

The evening will feature poetry and fiction as well as the Hope College Jazz Chamber Ensemble. Music will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the readings following at 7 p.m.

"We are fortunate to have Virgil Suarez here at any time, but it's even more timely because of all the attention on Cuba right now," said Jack Roll, professor of English. Suarez' fiction and short stories focus on the Cuban-American lifestyle and address the importance of maintaining one's cultural practices and beliefs.

"I enjoy writing because it is a very solitary activity," said Suarez. "I am an introvert and like to be at peace with my writing."

Suarez was born in Havana, Cuba and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia State University and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Louisiana State University. He teaches creative writing at Florida State University and divides his talents among fiction, essays, and poetry.


"Suarez writes a lot about the discovery that occurs during childhood," said Sara Dillbeck ('98), a member of Opus. "He does well with connecting that childhood experience to the adult life. His works contain many images of crippled people, especially Cuban-Americans. His writing teaches society about the problems people can have when growing up in a bicultural environment."

Poet Lynn Powell is also highly acclaimed as a successful writer. As a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Cornell University in Tennessee, her poems have appeared in numerous journals such as Carolina Quarterly, The Gettysburg Review, The Paris Review, Plainsong, and Southern Poetry Review.

Powell's first book, Old and New Testaments, won the Brittingham Prize in Poetry in 1995. "Lynn Powell is a fine writer and has gotten a lot of attention for how she brings the Bible into her works," Roll said.

This week's event will be a special evening of open mic poetry readings. The Open Mic is an opportunity for students to share their creative writing at 6:00 p.m. in DeWitt Studio Theater at 8:00 p.m.

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“I’m glad I got to go just because I got to meet some famous actors,” Cipolone said. “But I don’t know if I would have done about school. If he had been able to stay in school, I don’t know if I would have quit school.”

Considering the time commitment involved, Taylor is not sure what he would have done about school if he had gotten a part. “It would have been a tough call. I don’t think what I would’ve done,” he said. “In this business how far you go is based more on your talent than on your education, but I don’t know if I would have quit school.”

For Cipolone, a business major, there are not really any plans to pursue the stage as a career. “It’s more of a dream than a goal,” she said. “It’s something I would love to do, but I’m too practical.”

Taylor may be recognized as Captain Absolute from “The Rivals,” which was performed here this past fall. Both he and Cipolone will be performing in “The Three Sisters,” which opens April 16.

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Other upcoming writers include Gish Jen and Lisa Lenzo on March 4 and Naomi Shihab Nye and The Joker: That was the best wine I’ve ever had.

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A reception will be held at 7 p.m. in the Kletz. The Knickerbocker Theatre will also show the film, “Lean on Me,” on Monday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.

Since its debut in 1992, the Student Speaker Series has hosted autho- tor Alex Haley, talk show host and comedian Bertie Berry, actor Danny Glover and actor/director Felix Justice.

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with two musical performances, both at Dimnent Memorial Chapel: the junior recital of violinist Syeng Mishler (’99) at 5:00 p.m., and a presentation of the Hope choirs entitled “A Tribute to the American Spiritual,” at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices go on sale Friday 8:30 a.m. at the Student Union Desk. One Ticket per person. Hope ID required.
Broken foot finishes Meulenberg's career

MIKE ZUIDEMA
sports editor

It was like the worst kind of deja vu.
Near the end of the men's bas-
ketball practice on Friday, Jan. 30,
Dave Meulenberg ('98) rolled his
ankle, forcing him to play the wait-
ning game on x-rays.
Meulenberg was forced to wear
street clothes and watch from the
sidelines of the Division III tournament.
He was averaging 4.7 re-
downs and 2.3 steals for the season.
The second nationally ranked
Flying Dutch will look to continue
their winning ways as they travel
to Albion today.
"We have to realize that every-
thing is not going to be a bed of roses," Van Wieren said. "It's not
as though we're dealing with a team
that hasn't done this before."
Although the healing process has
been ongoing for Mandy and her
family, Darius has just begun.
"He is going to be with me every
day, every moment of my life," Darius
said. "But, over the years I have
learned to use situations like this in
a positive way."
The general consensus of the
Flying Dutch's coach was on Saturday, Jan. 31, the morn-
ing of the Parents' Day game against Hope.
Mike Stapleton ('98) scored the
team's lone goal on an assist from
Chris VanTimmeren ('98).
"Along the year I have been
practicing for them to come out
with pride," Lallo said. "They haven't
gotten as chippy as they did last
year.
"We knew we had to play at
the top of our games to stay with
them, and for the first period we did," Lallo said. "We had some fun and
that's all we wanted to do."
Saturday's game was the first
double-digit loss for the Flying
Dutchmen in more than a month.
Darius was averaged 16.3 points a contest,
the highest in his career, if you
believe in them and tell
people, they're going to miss it," he said.
Throughout the week Darius and
Mandy struggled with the gaps in
their lives and found solace in their
teammates, Mandy and Darius' per-
sonal lives were pushed to center
stage, as sports were shoved to the
back.
"It shows the strength in the rela-
tionship when everybody reaches out
to lift them up, and to be there for
them," Morehouse said. "I just
can't imagine how tremendously
difficult it must be for (Darius) right
now."
When Darius returned to campus
on Feb. 1, Mandy made absolutely
sure she was the first one to stop by and
visit him.
"I just came up and said that if
I wanted to talk to me it would be
all right," Darius said. "She opened
the door, so if I wanted to talk to
someone who understands, she's
there for me."
According to
Mandy, having a
death in the family is
just about the
worst thing that can
tappen to you
personally and she
hopes it never has to
happen to anyone
ever again.
"I wouldn't want anybody, not even
my worst enemy, to have to go
trough what Darius and I have
gone through," Mandy said. "It's
the hardest thing anyone will ever
to have to go through."
Always the educator, Morehouse
sees at least some lesson coming out
of the tragedy that has struck the
lives of Mandy and Darius.
"It comes to all my
players and I tell him thanks and then
say goodbye," Morehouse said. "I take him for granted and that is
going to stop right now. I hope the
players come out of this understanding
the privilege they have to play
basketball. Hopefully I can teach my
players about more than just bas-
ketball!"