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Last semester the coffee bar was run by the Student Activities Committee, and was open on Wednesdays, and on Fridays when there were events in the Kletz. The change came as a result of student interest.

“It was every Wednesday night,” said Pat Kinne (’02), co-director of SAC. “We got a really good response, so SAC started talking about having it open every night throughout the week.” SAC also ran a formal survey to more COFFEE on 3.

Kletz coffee open every day

Andrew Kleczek
Anchor Staff Writer

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The Outdoor Adventure Club enjoys the outdoors activities to students with similar interests.

“We planned originally to include rock climbing, backpacking, skiing, and maybe mountain biking,” Rye said.

The group organizes travel opportunities for students to participate in activities that cannot be easily be done through the normal outlets of Hope College athletics and activities. The first trips planned include visits to a couple of indoor rock-climbing courses, backpacking in Manistee National Forest, and a skiing excursion to Crystal Mountain. They plan to do two trips a month, maybe more.

“The main purpose is to provide an avenue for people interested in these activities,” Rye said.

The Outdoor Adventures Club is open to any Hope College students, with no dues or membership fees included.

There’s not any official membership now, but people all over campus have shown interest,” Rye said.

The only limit the organization has is that the availability of each trip will be limited to the transportation the group can provide.

Leigha McCallum (’03), a member of the leadership board of I.V.E. League, was pleased that the organization could be accepted as an official student group.

“By becoming official, we can do more campus events and leadership training,” said McCallum. “Having a budget will help.”

Hope works to improve college’s reputation, rank

Many Hope faculty and staff hope to move up in U.S. News ranking

Jacob Nyenhuis, Provost, decided to initiate this discussion at the October faculty meeting just after the U.S. News and World Report rankings of colleges became available. These rankings are based on data gathered from evaluations of both public and private liberal arts colleges by college provosts and presidents around the country.

“The questions asked [on the evaluations] are about what your judgement of the quality of each institution is,” said Nyenhuis.

He evaluates approximately 175 colleges each year. Some college he knows a great more REPUTATION on 6.

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Staff Reporter

Anchor 6 News, Hope College's new news show, is off and running.

David Schock, professor of communication, says the show is going spectacularly.

"The students approached this with trepidation, but they are working hard, and working together they're finding it's not so daunting. They're all heart," Schock said.

The show airs Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm on MAC TV, channel six.

"It's local TV news at a beginning level," Schock said.

The show includes sports and weather reports in addition to news broadcast stories on topics such as Community Policing and the Hope/Campus running split.

"Anything that's news is fair game," Schock said. "My students have to deal with the same restraints that other reporters do: deciding what's good news and what's bad news, avoiding libel, and complying with FCC regulations. We face the same penalties as any other news organization."

Dr. Schock's advanced class serves as the management for the show, and his Media Productions 2 class provides additional support.

"We are inclusive, not exclusionary. If students are interested, we want to give them a chance," Schock said.

Any students interested in becoming involved should talk to Dr. Schock or the show's producer, Nate Wynveen ('03).

"It's crazy," said Wynveen. "I just have to organize everything and it's amazing how much work actually goes into making a news broadcast. Last semester, we were only doing one [show a week], so this semester we have to be a bit more creative and dig for more stories."

Anchor 6 News differs from Dutchline, the news program Hope presented first semester. Dutchline was a newsmagazine type show, like 20/20, with a long news package running six minutes. Anchor 6 News is a regular newscast, including public service announcements that run as commercials, and a long news package would run two minutes.

CALVIN from 1

"I really want a student nurse to understand the diversity of Christian beliefs and the diversity of faiths they are going to encounter," Gentile said.

Stob said that, although both schools are associated with a Reformed denomination, they have a different emphasis with how that affects the classroom.

"Calvin expects that a Reformed Christian perspective be developed in all courses," Stob said. "And as a consequence, requires all faculty to be Reformed Christians. My sense is that Hope allows for a broader range of Christian perspectives.

GROUPS from 1

I.V.E. League is a group of Hope women interested in learning about leadership.

They engage in service projects and invite speakers to help them develop and enhance their leadership skills.

While I.V.E. League has existed on Hope's campus for a number of years, it has now been recognized as an official organization and will begin receiving funding from the student activity fee.

"Neither of these groups are activities that have ever been offered at Hope in its faculty and classes," Gentile feels that the difference is not a serious problem.

"It's certainly a livable thing," Gentile said. But when you start compounding the other things [travel, etc.,] everything starts to form a compendium that says there are problems here.

The other two problems Gentile identified were the difficulty of maintaining a two-college administrative structure, and the difference in tuition between Hope and Calvin.

"Even with those, Gentile was disappointed with Calvin's decision."

He feels that the problems could have been resolved.

"If it were up to me, I would rather sustain the program," Gentile said.

According to Stob, Calvin did not feel there was any solution.

"[Calvin] decided that the effort was better spent developing independent programs," Stob said.

Stob compared the nursing problem with other departments.

"Perhaps the right question to ask yourself is not why did we split the department, but why don't we combine other departments," Stob said.

"Then you can see the issues."

The Task Force on Homosexuality is hosting a film series entitled, "It's a Life not just an Illness: For Understanding Homosexuality.

The first film was shown yesterday in Maas Auditorium.

The series is attempting to educate and advance the understanding of homosexuality in the Hope community.

All films will be shown in Maas Auditorium from 7-9 p.m.

Goals of the series are:

1) To provide the community with information on homosexuality and to encourage individuals to develop their own informed and reasoned perspectives on the topic.

2) To promote understanding and respect for gays and lesbians by hearing their personal experiences.

3) To promote honest, informed, and safe dialogue, both during and after the film series.

4) To make available to the Hope community the positions of the helping professions as well as multiple Biblical and Christian perspectives.

5) To better equip participants with the ability to listen to, analyze, and reach reasoned conclusions about controversial topics.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Anchor 6 News producer, Nate Wynveen ('03), and control of the broadcast, Jeremy Nickels ('01), Ryan Wells ('03) and Sakura Tominaga ('04) operate the equipment. The show is on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30.

Schock looks at this as a growing and learning experience for all involved.

"We're inventing as we go along. They're finding truths in the business," Schock said.

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It's a Life, Not Just an Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality

Film series dates and titles:

Thursday, February 8 - Frontline: Assault on Gay America.

Thursday, February 15 - Out of the Past

Tuesday, February 20 - One Nation Under God

Wednesday, February 28 - It's Elementary
Orphans get help from Hope alumnus, students

Matt Cook, Campus Beat Editor

Thanks to the work of a Hope alumnus and two Hope students, several orphans from another part of the world will be able to find a home in the United States.

Rebecca Bochniak (’99) is the Michigan area coordinator for Kidsave International, a group that brings orphans between the ages of 5 and 14 from Russia and Kazakhstan to the United States where they participate in a six-week camp program.

While in the U.S., the children live with a host family. This is usually a family who is interested in adopting a child. During the past 2 years, 90 percent of the children placed with host families were adopted.

“Most of the time they are adopted by the families they stay with,” Bochniak said. “Once you get to know and love them, it’s hard to give them up.”

Bochniak first heard about Kidsave when they were searching for volunteers for a program in California. She contacted Kidsave and asked them if they had any in Michigan. They said no, but asked her if she would be interested in coordinating a program.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” Bochniak said. “But, I think it’s going to be very rewarding.”

Institutionalization is a worldwide problem. According to Kidsave, more than 100 million of the world’s children spend a significant part of their childhoods in an institution.

Bochniak said that this is especially a problem in the former Soviet Union after the fall of communism caused the economy to go bad. Institutions that were originally used as daycare while parents were at work became full-time orphanages as parents did not return to take their children.

“They couldn’t afford to take care of them anymore,” Bochniak said.

Conditions in orphanages are bad. There is not enough heating, nutrition is poor, and a lucky child will get an apple on their birthday.

Bochniak’s goal is to bring 15 orphans to Michigan this summer, but the cost is about $4,500 per child. She is currently looking for volunteers to help raise that money. Volunteer activities range from collecting soda cans to holding fund-raising events.

“We have a whole list of ideas,” Bochniak said.

Jennifer Linton (’01) and Kesha Pike (’04) are both volunteers. Pike was herself adopted, and that was one of the reasons she became interested in the program.

“I am a strong believer in adoption, and I know that there are a lot of kids out there that we can help,” Pike said. “They get to experience things here they wouldn’t be able to experience in the orphanage.”

Single people or groups are welcome to volunteer. They are especially looking for a communications intern.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Bochniak at 748-8921, or e-mail her at lbrock@brockhouse.com.

COFFEE from 1

Education expert to speak as part of Black History Month

Dr. G. Oliver Patterson of the education faculty at The City College of New York will present "Roadblocks to African-American Academic Achievement: Meeting the Challenges" on February 6, at 4 p.m. at Hope College in the Maas Center auditorium in conjunction with Black History Month.

Patterson has been a member of the faculty of CCNY since 1972. He has co-authored or contributed to several books concerned with reading or literacy, including "Hand in Hand: Helping Children Celebrate Diversity." His numerous professional honors include receiving the "Spirit of the Community Award" in 1995 from the Community Education Center. CCNY, for his vision in adult education and his commitment to adult learners, and the "Community Service Award" from the Synod of New York of the Reformed Church in America in 1994. Admission is free.

February is Black History Month

Prof. Grant Parker
University of Michigan; Michigan Society of Fellows

A Former Slave’s Defense of Slavery? J.E.J. Capitein (1717-1747) in Ghana and the Netherlands

Thursday, February 1, 4 p.m.
Otte Room
(Phelps Hall)

Listen to the show everybody’s talking about

THE SHOW WITHOUT A HOME

Fri. 4-6 p.m.
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Opinion

There are a host of things going on at Hope lately that should be talked about: our school “reputation,” the split with the Calvin nursing program on religious grounds, the host of arts and sports events that are cropping up in the near future. But this week, there is news outside of the Hope community that needs this space more than campus issues.

India has suffered one of the most disastrous earthquakes recorded, a 7.9 on the richter scale. As of the deadline of the Anchor, the death toll was at 23,000 people and rising. CNN reported that although searching continues, the chances of finding survivors are near zero. And Indian officials believe that the number of reported casualties may only be a small fraction of the deaths - some officials even stated that the death toll could rise to 100,000 in a worst-case scenario.

Although it does not directly relate to the west Michigan microseismic of Holland, the India quake is something that should be important to everyone. 23,000 deaths is not something to take lightly. It’s tough to consider the impacts and concerns about the description of the alleged sexual assault.

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We believe that the writers of these two articles had good intentions. It is important to address the ways in which alcohol can affect decision-making capabilities. However, in the future, we ask that the Anchor be more cautious in addressing incidents of sexual assault, because any unclear language can minimize the crime and confuse the placement of blame. Hope students need to be more careful drinkers, but no matter how much they drink, sexual assault is never deserved, and it is always a crime.

Lindsey Woodall ’01, Rachel Garda ’02, and Katie Paerbier ’02
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Quartet brings hip sounds to Hope

Danielle Koski
Senior Reporter

Quartetto Gelato will perform on Feb. 6 at Hope College as part of the Great Performance Series. The musicians were named "Debut Artist of the Year" in 1996 by National Public Radio's Performance Today. In addition, their first CD was literally taken out of this world by Canadian astronaut Dr. Robert Thirsk during his NASA flight on the space shuttle Columbia. "This group brings a new dimension to the series," said Derek Emerson, head of the Great Performance Series.

The "classical" quartet has a wide ranging repertoire, including classical works, arias, "Danny Boy," and gypsy fiddling.

"Most quartets have four people and four instruments. These four play nine instruments, and one of them is an oboe player," Emerson said. "They are outstanding musicians who play classical music very well."

According to Emerson, the ensemble doesn't only play for symphonies and other classical groups. One of the members of the quartet has founded Rock Camp," an institute for teens interested in the musical parts of rock music.

"Quartetto Gelato" have a large following among college students, probably because they are something fresh in the musical world," Emerson said. "They are playing classical music very well."

The band members are: Peter De Sotto, Joseph Macerollo, Cynthia Stojeski, and George Meanwell.

Quartetto Gelato's recent CD is called "Arta Fresca," "Ragtime Charley," and "Quartetto Gelato." The group plans to be releasing their new CD "Neapolitan Cafe," with their newest member, Macerollo, on it. The quartet also has their own website at www.countryroadtobrazil.com.

"They present the music in a way most classical audiences aren't used to," said Emerson.

The band will perform at 8 p.m. at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on Feb. 6. Tickets will go on sale on Feb. 5 (6 to 6 p.m. or 10 to 5 p.m.) or they will be on sale at the door. The tickets are $5 for Hope students and children under 18, $12.50 for adults, and $10.50 for senior citizens. Quartetto Gelato's CDs will be on sale at a reception after the performance, where the group will also be meeting people.

"People who love classical music will enjoy their fresh approach and outstanding musicianship," Emerson said. "Those who don't know classical music will find this a great way to be introduced to a new genre."

Students practice for music recitals

Emily Moelman and Meredith TeHaar
Arts Editors

When many students think of spring, they think about the return of the earth, young lovers, and spring breaks. But others have a lot more to think about than green grass, romance and hot vacation spots. Junior and Senior music majors have a lot more on their minds with the coming of spring—time recitals.

Recitals are a one-hour solo presentation of several pieces for a formal audience, a requirement for junior and senior music performance and education majors at Hope College.

"These recitals require a huge amount of preparation and foreplanning," said Sarah Herman ('02) who will be presenting a viola recital on February 16. "You have to plan your rehearsals with your accompanied, reserve a location, plan for the catering, etc. It's a lot of planning."

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Hope’s Barrettes

We haven’t come very far since kindergarten, it seems. In kindergarten, I realized that the little girls with the longest pigtails, the cutest clothing and the best box of crayons also had the most illustrious, and greatest amount of friends. There was a direct relationship between what they had to offer and how much other kindergartners liked them.

In my first year of elementary school, the coolest place to buy your plastic jewelry and expensive, enviable school supplies was a store called the "Candy and the Elephant." All of the girls whose mothers deemed it important that young girls be popular had things from there. This gave them more power in the classroom and certainly more power than me. My mother bought me an occasional animal shaped pencil sharpener or pad of paper, but this was not a priority, and my goal wasn’t to flaunt my new goods. It wasn’t supposed to matter what everybody else thought. I was supposed to be an individual. Hope College is currently dealing with a similar, yet much larger issue. As colleges get ranked every year, natural eyes and thoughts are turned in Hope’s direction from critical perspective and many aspects of the college are judged. Hope has an abundance of offerings that seem to have been overlooked.

People here tend to be fairly modest. Students don’t talk about themselves and all the good they are doing for the community. Faculty members don’t show off the books and papers they have published. Alumni don’t boast about all of their successes. This modesty can be thought to be admirable, but these are things we should be proud of and tell the world about.

It’s true that the campus is gorgeous, and the faculty widely recognized, but more importantly, the small classes, individual attention students encounter here are paramount. Faculty members care strongly about their students. The opportunity for research with professors is unusual for the undergraduate level. Also, Hope brings in many well-known speakers and frequently hosts seminars. Students are active, valuable participants and volunteers in the Holland community.

All of these make Hope unique and strong, but there is a tendency to keep these benefits quiet. Letting the outside world know of our successes would not take away from this individuality and would only be beneficial to the college. If other colleges knew that Hope did all of this, our U.S. News and World Reports ranking would undoubtedly rise, as would alumni giving.

Perhaps I should tell all the other little girls that I had a new set of barrettes, or that I bought a color changing pen, I would have been just as popular as Lindsey and Allison, and I might have had more play dates. But I kept it quiet and let my personality get me to where I wanted. Hope has to decide whether it wants to speak out about all of its offerings and move to the second tier, or savoring its modesty and letting the wealth of this place remain a secret.

In Focus

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YOU CAN CALL ME AL

Hope College Ranking

| Reputation Score: 2.9 (out of 5.0) |
| Freshman Retention Rate: 86% |
| 1999 Predicted Graduation Rate: 65% |
| 1999 Actual Graduation Rate: 71% |
| % of Classes under 20: 53% |
| % of Classes with 50 or More: 2% |
| % of Full Time Faculty: 66% |
| ACT 25th-75th Percentile: 23-28 |
| Top 10% of High School Class: 35% |
| Acceptance Rate: 89% |
| Alumni Giving: 40% |

dead about, and others he has never heard of before. The responses from all provosts and presidents are then compiled and a reputation score is formulated for each college. Hope College received a score of 2.9 out of a possible 5.0 in this area, which determines 25% of the college’s ranking. Statistics taken from each college, including acceptance and alumni giving rates are also figured into the ranking. Hope’s ranking placed the college in the third tier of national liberal arts colleges.

"[Ranking] is one of the many different sources of judgement about the quality of Hope College," I firmly believe that when I compare Hope to schools in the second tier that we should be in the second tier. This year we slipped back to third tier," Nyenhuis said.

After discussion about this topic at faculty meetings, the Professional Interest Committee, responsible for defining the vision for an optimal working environment for faculty, was asked to make a list of schools that Hope should try to resemble, and then compare the rankings of these schools with Hope’s. In their list of 17 schools, Hope had the lowest reputation score.

"One of our biggest problems is our external perception," said Kinger Nemeth, chair of the PIC. "We don’t get enough positive publicity. Everything here is geared around our students, now we have to let the broader community know what we do."

Nemeth referred to the Critical Issues Symposium where Hope brings in guest speakers for 18 hours of discussion on important issues. This symposium is very concentrated and may be overlooked by the community. He also discussed the fact that the college "brings many local and national professionals here for their annual meetings."

"We do not need to inflate our own egos, but we do need to bring publicity to the college," Nemeth said.

"One thing Hope prides itself on is developing and nurturing it’s students. There is a lot of faculty and student collaboration and we work hard to do this. This is not reflected in the ranking," Nemeth said.

Den Luedens, professor of sociology, believes that by modifying the composition and thought within the campus community, Hope’s reputation in the outside community will benefit. "I begin with a rather simple idea: everyone who is here, by definition is a full partner in the community and should be treated as such," said Luedens. "We should enrich bits and pieces of each other. Luedens believes that the student body was at one time a "broadly ecumenical community of Christians" but that it is moving away from that to become a place where students who do not belong to the popular sectarian model are alienated from the majority of the campus.

"I think we’re doing something harder." Luedens said.

"My opinion is that our future is an ecumenical one. Historically, it is what we have been—that’s where our future is," Nemeth said.

Reputation is not the only determinant of the college ranking. One factor is that Hope admits 89% of its applicants, which is much higher than most second tier schools. Increasing selectivity in high school class rank and test scores will decrease acceptance and increase ranking. This must be done as Hope is at maximum capacity.

Also, by decreasing individual class sizes, the percentage of classes under 20 students will drop. Nemeth believes that if First Year Seminar class size was decreased to 19 students rather than 20, the percentage would drop.

Another factor that would help Hope’s rank is an increase of alumni donations.

"Why worry about these rankings?" asks Nemeth, "I don’t know anyone on the faculty here at Hope who wants to change things just to change the rankings, but the rankings are very important in influencing prospective students and donors. We are a tier two school."

"Squirrel patrol." -Lindsey Maharg (02)

"Meet diversity." -Mike MacPherson (03)

"Be less ignorant and more accepting of others that are different." -Eric Smies (05)

"Greater respect for women and the arts." -Bosca Van Weerduhizen (03)

"Raise grading standards to lower the proportion of students with As or make classes harder." -Tanner Smith (02)

How do you think Hope can better its outside world reputation?

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PUTTING FACES ON HOPE’S MAINTENANCE STAFF

Each day, you see them on campus, outside and in the dorms. They clean up your messes. They repair your light fixtures, mow your lawn, wax your floors. They provide hugs and support, right alongside their “real jobs.”

Many say that working with students is the best part of their job, and while they have gotten to know you through the years, you may not have had the chance, or taken the time, to get to know them.

Below are just a few of Hope’s many maintenance crew members, so next time you pass one of them on your way to lecture, stop and say hi.

Name: Kham Xayasane  
Position: North Side Crew (Gilmore, Lubbers, President Bultman’s house)  
Length of time at Hope: 7 years  
Favorite Part of Job: working around the students  
Worst Part of Job: flooded toilets  
“This year has been a good year.”  
Biggest Challenge: getting up early  
Favorite Food: Sweet Rice and Chicken Bake

Name: Jerry Rademaker  
Position: Physical Plant Director  
Length of time at Hope: 6.5 years  
Favorite Part of Job: “working with and serving students”  
Biggest Challenge: “To try and maintain all buildings and grounds to meet the expectations of the customers, and to stay within budget.”  
Favorite Vacation Spot: Out West Skiing: Squaw Valley, CA and Winter Park, CO.

Name: Verlie DeGroff and Claudina Figuroa  
Positions: North Side Crew  
Length of time at Hope: VDG: 13 years; CF: almost 22 years  
Favorite Part of Job: VDG: I’m happy with my job, my supervisor, and my partner.  
CF: I really like the students, and we get told a lot that we do a good job.  
Biggest Mess: VDG: It’s kind of the same every day. You’re bound to find some sort of mess.  
Favorite TV Show: CF: The Price is Right  
Favorite Movie: VDG: “The Great Outdoors” with John Candy

Name: Sue Volkers  
Position: North Side Building Service Manager  
Length of time at Hope: 9 years, 5 on maintenance crew  
Favorite Part of Job: building relationships with students  
Biggest Mess Ever Found: a cottage with a plugged sewer  
Hobbies: “I love to bake and cook.”  
Favorite Thing To Do: “I love to give hugs!”

Name: Mike McCluskey  
Position: Maintenance Manager  
Length of time at Hope: 6 years  
Favorite Part of Job: working with students  
Biggest Challenge: “Trying to meet everyone’s needs and wants.”  
Favorite Student: “My daughter, Sarah McCluskey (’03).”

Name: Bob Hunt  
Position: Grounds Supervisor  
Length of time at Hope: 12 years  
Favorite Part of Job: “There’s not a lot that I don’t like. I enjoy being outside in the different seasons.”  
Biggest Challenge: “Responding to the weather.”  
Favorite Movie: “Groundhogs’ Day” with Bill Murray
Dont Miss Out

Order your copy of the Hope College Milestone
A Day in the Life of Hope’s Mail Room

Carrie Arnold  Spotlight Editor

Your friend finally drops off the letter they’ve been meaning to send for several weeks. For you, the journey is over. For your letter, it has just begun. The letter travels through the postal system and eventually arrives at the Holland Post Office, where it is sorted especially for Hope College.

However, before your letter can continue on its way, it must first pass through the Hope College mail room, located in the DeWitt Center.

The departmental and business mail arrives first thing in the morning, promptly at 8 am, although the student mail does not arrive from the Holland Post Office until 8:30 am. Every day, the mail room receives up to five or six tubs of mail, containing 125 pieces of mail, and two to three long trays, containing 250-300 pieces. The mail room also sorts 80 student packages daily.

“We’re busy? That’s an understatement,” said Andy Huisman, mail room director.

Huisman, who has spent six years working in the mail room, oversees all aspects ofHope College’s postal system, from informing students that a package has arrived to forwarding incorrectly addressed mail.

While most of the mail room’s time involves the sending and reception of first-class mail, bulk mailing creates more work, although the cheaper cost often makes it worthwhile. Huisman estimates that each bulk mailing takes two to six hours to sort, bundle, and send.

While many sororities and fraternities can bulk mail to other sororities and fraternities, Marathon cannot, since they are viewed as semi-regular organizations.

Regardless of the task, Huisman strives for accuracy. “I always try to have everything as accurate as possible, because 99% isn’t good enough”, Huisman said. “That 1% will give you grief.”

Huisman’s motto allows Hope College mail to be delivered, rain or shine. There are two people who work the two delivery routes to all of the dorms and College East Apartments.

With that, your letter arrives safely in your room, and you can catch up on all of the latest gossip from your hometown.

**LABELS ARE EVERYTHING:** Sara Page (‘04) forwards incorrectly labelled on-campus mail, “I just do whatever needs to be done,” Page said.

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BULKING UP: Bulk mail is sorted and sent in the mail room by Eryn Alsm (‘03). The machine, while saving Hope money on mass mailings, is also difficult to operate.

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Valentine’s Day Service Project

Make Valentines for the residents of Freedom Village

When: Saturday, February 3rd at 1:30 pm
Where: Cook Hall First Floor Lounge

Sponsored by Volunteer Services

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Sending it Back to You

They say junk mail only takes a few seconds to throw away. It’s true. But have you ever used those seconds to wonder what makes people want to send you catalogues advertising things like an automatic dog shaver? I have never heard of anyone stroll out to the mailbox and think, “Gee, Fido’s really furry, I should do something about that. I wonder if there will be something in the mail that will help me with that.”

Not quite. I read the entirety catalogues on a semi-regular basis. Me. Those of you who know me should be laughing. Those of you who don’t should laugh too, even if it is just to be polite.

Let me give all of you well-meaning mail order companies a bit of advice: save a few trees and stop bothering me about black lace teddies. What on Earth would I do with something like that, anyways?

But at least something like clothes that you wear in order to get someone else to take them off of you makes some sort of logical sense, I think. While some of the more eccentric items give me a good chuckle, their exact purpose completely baffles me.

What’s more, I’m still confused as to who actually orders this stuff. Evidently someone has to, since the catalogues keep coming. Who would have ever dreamed that a fortune could be made on a singing fish clock or a barometer that also waters your plants? Who would have dreamed that receiving these packages in the mail could make people so happy?

Of course, the junk mail doesn’t stop at catalogues. Companies seem to be overwhelmed by my credit record, and the “You’ve Been Pre-Approved For A Wonderful Piece of Plastic You Get To Pay $19.95 To Remove With This” notices are always arriving.

I’m starting to think about applying for several of them, and melting down the plastic to make something useful, like a matching tumbler set. Or a new skirt.

Between the Internet and mail order, it is completely conceivable that we would never have to leave the house again. Except to walk to the mailbox. There are so many things we can buy for just four easy payments of $19.95 that it’s a wonder we haven’t gone bankrupt. Although we could always charge them on our pre-approved credit cards.

For now, however, I must hurry back to my room, because you never know what could be waiting for me in the mail. Who knows? I could be the next $10 million winner...”

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"Never eat more than you can lift.” —Miss Piggy
Classified

M- So we're going after all, eh? I vote for the crazy brown myself, but what do I know? And congrats on the painting. -A

Warboss Nick- It's all your fault, the cookies aren't smashed and Joanna is out of control.

NOTICE- The score of the Hope/Calvin basketball game was incorrectly reported in the 1/24 Anchor. Calvin won over Hope 95 to 85.

Megan- Red hair, eh? It's like radar or some magic diving rod that finds water, or at least finds corn chips.

Celebrate Groundhog's Day
February 2nd

Mow your lawn

Want to post your own classified? E-mail the Anchor at Anchor@hope.edu, with a message for friends, family, your dog (love you Apples), or a political statement about a wrongly incarcerated prisoner.

Vanderprov- I'm glad we have legs.

Joel- Question: What is special about the Hope swim team? What is project KidSave? What is PIC? If you can only answer the third, I've got you. -Megan

Pirates be warned- They're coming to take it away.

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What Do These Leaders Have in Common?

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Gayle Creek, Manager, Global Marketing, Eli Lilly & Co.
Cynthia Kirman, Manager, National Managed Pharmacy Program, General Motors Corp.
Peter Labadie, President, Williams-Labadie, LLC, a subsidiary of Leo Burnett Communications
Albert Iwunje, President, Phyto-Technologies, Inc.
Robert Lipper, Vice President, Biopharmaceuticals R&D, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
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Tanuary 31
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women scored 126 points to
consecutive win in MIAA dual meet
lier. The women earned a spot in the
Dutch swimmers broke a record in
Knights by a 152-85 margin, while
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their music education. "I am panicking already because
I only have three weeks left to pre-
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certainly proven successful, as the
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FROM THE STANDS

Dear Grandpa,

January 30

2001

Dear Grandpa,

I usually use this space on the Anchor to write about how well the men’s and women’s basketball teams are doing this year, or perhaps my love of cheering with the Dows Crew during the basketball games. However, your passing last Saturday has been the focal point of my life lately. During the last week of your life it meant so much for me to be able to step away from school and spend so much time with both you and Grandma as you fought through your last week. So I’m going to use this space in the Anchor coming out on the day of your funeral and say a few things about you.

Back when you were a student at Hope in the 1940s everyone knew Harvey Koop, and they knew that you were what athletics at Hope was all about: talent on the field, loyalty to the school, and a Christian witness both on and off the field.

There is no question you showed everyone your excellence on the field. Just this afternoon I was reading a book in the PR office that covered the athletic side of Hope College between the late 1800s through the 1950s. I couldn’t help but have a proud smile as I read about “Captain Harvey Koop,” and saw the pictures of you so long ago as an offensive tackle for the Flying Dutchmen in 1943.

You were awarded First Team All-MIAA honors in 1943. You also received the Dr. Otto Van Der Velde Award for the best all-around student athlete. The award is presented for high academic achievement and active participation in student activities. Every time I go by that plaque in the hallway at the Dow Center, I stop and say a prayer for you.

Your loyalty to the team and the school is another memory I have of you. There are many “Super Fans” at Hope, but I’m not sure that you and Grandma have been two of the best out there. Basketball games haven’t been the same without having both you and Grandma sitting together in the first row of the upper level in the Civic Center. I’ll miss those talks we had during half-time of those games, discussing what Hope would need to do in the second half to win the game.

During your fight with colon cancer these last few months, you would never miss a game on the radio, for both Hope football and basketball. You always cheered for Hope’s teams, but never quite as hard as you cheered for your grandchildren when we tried our best on the sports field, although none of us was ever a star like you.

Grandpa, your work ethic was an amazing thing that I hope to have in my life. I’m sure it started on the football practice field, but it continued right up until your last illness. You spent your entire life in the fields with your Christmas trees, and your beautiful dahlias. I always booted to my friends about how one of your beautiful blue spruce Christmas trees was selected for the Reagan family tree in the White House. Many years ago you were quoted as saying, “We grow a superior blue spruce. We believe it helps commemorate the earth’s greatest event, so we want to produce the most graceful and beautiful trees. Just like the strongest Hope athlete, you persevered against a host of really tough adversaries until the end. Heart bypass surgery, diabetes, and then finally cancer had to gang up on you before you couldn’t go out to work in your fields of dahlias. However, I’m so happy that your youngest daughter, my Aunt Jan, is taking over the dahlia business that she worked on so hard alongside you, learning from you for all those years.

Most important of all to you was your amazing Christian faith. You showed it on the field with sportsmanship, and every time you took the field in that game called life. No one I’ve ever met had a stronger faith than you. You led the Christian life, for example, showing your 13 grandchildren what it means to love a Christian life.

I’m so thankful for your 80 years on this earth. You showed not just me, but so many others the life that God wants us to live. And it saddens me that your future wife and the kids we’ll hopefully have someday won’t be able to see your amazing love. However, I’m going to try and live my life exactly as you did, and hopefully I’ll be able to show them your love through me.

Thank you so much for everything, Grandpa Koop. I love and admire you so much.

Your Loving Grandson,

Rand

P.S. I’m sure you’re enjoying all the Christmas trees in heaven.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.