Students pray and fast for humility

On Monday, students gathered for prayer meetings around campus following a day of fasting. Prayer meetings were held at Hawkinson Cottage, Dimnent Chapel, and the International House of Prayer.

The prayer meetings were organized to promote humility, repentance, community, and prayer for the college among students. An email by Gavin Deming ('04) and Philip Johnson ('03) stated, "As the body of Christ, we're called to come together to pray, fast, serve, love, and generally glorify the God of our salvation: Jesus."

Cost of Hope rises 5.8 percent

The Hope College Board of Trustees has approved a recommendation from President James Bultman to increase the cost of tuition, room, and board by 5.8 percent, to $25,340 per academic year. The board cited several reasons as justification for the hike.

The board also approved the enrollment of 50 more freshman students than originally authorized to maintain an enrollment of 3,000 students. The increase was the result of the quality of the applicants and that the college enrolled 35 fewer students than planned last fall.

Fraternity placed on withheld suspension for semester

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Phi Kappa Alpha, the Cosmopolitan fraternity, met with the Greek Judicial Board on January 14. After allegedly violating several Risk Management policies, including underage drinking, the collection of money in the name of the fraternity to buy alcohol, and the possession of open containers of alcohol at an off-campus Cosmopolitan house. These violations took place on October 26, 2002 and December 8, 2002 in the presence of active members. These members were at the gatherings and collected money from attendees to purchase alcohol.

After the Greek Judicial Board deliberated on the evidence presented to them, they put the Cosmopolitan Fraternity on withheld suspension for the rest of the semester. Withheld suspension is defined in the student handbook as "the most serious form of discipline short of suspension. This sanction means that if a student is involved in a violation of any college policy during the stated period of time, he or she may be immediately suspended from the college." Student, in this case, is replaced with student organization. The fraternity is currently appealing the decision.

"We are taking steps to eliminate any question of our adherence to Risk Management policies at our social functions," said Bily Norden ('04), president of Phi Kappa Alpha. "We obviously don't like to see students violate policy," said Amber Garrison, Greek Coordinator. Joel Toppin, faculty advisor for the Cosmopolitans, had no comment. Beginning next year, the fraternity will be on a probationary status for one year. If the Cosmopolitans violate any more campus policies during the period of their withheld suspension, they will go again to the Greek Judicial Board and at that point the Judicial Board will either increase the time of their withheld suspension or suspend them. "I try to honor what they have voted on and only disclose what the board has. At this point, I am honoring the requests of IFC and Panhel in regards to the case (to not disclose any more detailed information)," Garrison said.

Residential Life pushes theme-based housing

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Foreign language, Greek, and the women's issues cottages have been part of the Hope College residential landscape for many years now. Soon they will have company. Residential Life plans to add two new theme houses next fall.

"We really want to look at connecting residential life with the academic side of the institution. We have the opportunity for faculty and staff to live side by side with students in the residential living situation," Dr. John Shaugnessy, longtime Hope professor of psychology, spoke to a packed Music Auditorium crowd about his research in the field of memory.
Coffee bar opens with campus patrons in mind

Lemonjello's takes over Till Midnight space, caters to Hope community

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The weather has been extremely cold, and Hope students are always looking for a way to warm up. Coffee has long been a popular solution and JPs coffee shop on Eighth Street, has always been the most convenient and popular place to find it. Until now. When students returned from Christmas break, they found that they no longer had to walk as far for that warm, inviting and social atmosphere of a coffee shop.

Till Midnight Bakery, on the corner of Ninth and College, has been transformed into Lemonjello's coffeeshop when it opened its doors on Jan. 4. The owner is Matthew Scott, 22-year-old Hope graduate and former manager of Till Midnight. He bought the bakery from his former boss, with whom he had been around the idea for eight years, but it only took a matter of two months to actually get the place up and running, said Scott. "But I don't recommend that time frame for anyone.

The transformation from bakery to coffee house hanguest began on Dec. 26, and was finished on Jan. 3. The white walls became bold statements with orange, yellow and blue paint. New front counters were installed and new furniture, including a big suede couch for comfortable coffee chats, was brought in. The result was a completely new and contemporary look, with only the shelves behind the counter surviving the renovation.

I want it to be a place where people can gather," expressed Scott. Scott's dream didn't actually take on the name Lemonjello's because he was particularly fond of lemon-flavored Jell-O. In fact, as a vegan, he doesn't even eat Jell-O. "Someone just gave me the nickname (Lemonjello) and it stuck," Scott explained. The creative look of Lemonjello's matches the names of many of its menu items. Of course, JPs as well as many other coffee shops commonly give their specialty house drinks unique names. At Lemonjello's, you can order a Peanut butter and Jelly (peanut butter and jelly sandwich) or a Peanut butter Latte (peanut butter and chocolate, or hazelnut, or coconut, among other possibilities). And "Lemonjello" is also the name of a coffee shop in the Mood Menu. A winter drink menu offers expressos, lattes, and mochas especially meant to warm the soul in chilly weather. For non-coffee drinkers there are a variety of beverages including hot chocolate,

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-Matt Scott

ch, flavored spritzers, and soda. There is even a soy menu with dairy-free drinks.

Sarah Sterling ('06) is a vegan and has worked at and visited coffee shops all her life. Sterling claims she has never seen a soy menu advertised before going to Lemonjello's. I think that it's great. I always have to ask if there's a place for soy and it makes me feel like a nuisance," said Scott.

One of the most asked for drinks is the Green Army Guy Soda, which is a green apple Jones soda with strawberry syrup. At the bottom of the glass is a souvenir plastic army man.

Customers can expect to pay $2 to $4 for a drink, which doesn't differ from JPs, the Klete, or most other restaurants. Joe Ryan ('00) has visited the new shop several times since its opening. He doesn't mind the prices because "their cups are huge!"

Regulars at Lemonjello's can get a punch card, and after buying 12 drinks, the next one is free. I like that you can leave your punch card on their bulletin board so it's there every time you go in," Ryan commented. Regulars at Lemonjello's also enjoy the coffee shop that doubled as a venue, said Leslie Perales, who helped talk Scott into bringing the process of realizing his dream.

The first night of music took place on Jan. 10. Scott played the acoustic guitar with his band, a NY house band, followed by another local band called Justoost. Perales recalled, "The place was packed with people. The energy was so high and barely move it was great." Ryan attended that night and said, "They played updated music for people our age."

WINTER from 1 time. "If in a flash of a second we can read all sorts of information from our face," Myers said. Myers uses an example of meeting a stranger at airport, and how most people will form an opinion of that stranger in under ten seconds, simply preconceived unconscious attitudes. Sometimes, that first impression that is a gut instinct is not always right.

One of the other presentations over the past weekend was on women at Hope College in the '40s. Dr Lynn Haploga of the religious department, 2002 Hope alumna Jennifer Hill, spoke on the research they have been doing into the everyday lives of Hope women of the '40s in a presentation titled "A Miss Amis? Dorns, Dress, and Dating for Hope College Women in the 1940s." "We wanted to preserve to reserve stories," said Japinga. "This is a way of preserving these stories for the future."

World War II largely affected the 1940s at Hope. The population of students, especially male students, dropped dramatically during the war. According to Hill, most women came to Hope for five reasons: Hope's affiliation with the Reformed Christian Church of America, the college was reasonably priced, Holland was a nice town, Hope offered a variety of classes that women were allowed to take in, and there also marriageable Christian men among the student body. Women were expected to marry either in college or within a year or two of graduating. Family and marriage were a large part of their lives. The college gave them what they needed to focus full-time on raising a family. Although by today's standards, that may seem odd today, according to Hill, the women she interviewed were happy with their decision to both be a student at Hope, and to have a full-time family. "They felt fulfilled by what they chose," Hill said.

Another part of Winter Happening was Gospel Fest, which also was held to bring to a close the activities in memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Gospel Fest included performances by Hope's Silent Scape and gospel choirs from Hope College, Grand Valley State University, and Western Michigan University.
**Unique Insync dancers take to stage**

Katie Taylor  
*Staff Reporter*

Hope College is home to Michigan's only professional tap and jazz company, the InSync Dance Theatre. And at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Knickerbocker Theatre will hold InSync's annual concert.

This year, InSync is made up of eight Hope student dancers under the direction of Rosie Barton-DuVries, who teaches tap at Hope and has been the company's director for two years. She is particularly excited about what this year's group of dancers has to offer.

"We are reaching a new level as a company," Barton-DuVries said.

InSync was founded in 1995 by Terri Filip and Dawn McIlhagery Wigtet. Filip is now a professor at Niagara University, and McIlhagery Wigtet is Hope's jazz teacher. The women started the company to provide dancers with the chance to do professional level work.

At its beginning, InSync included professional dancers but was eventually replaced by Hope students, mostly from the dance department. In April of each year, auditions are held for spots in the company. They are open to any sophomore, junior, or senior whether involved in Hope's dance department or not. With usually between 40 and 60 dancers who audition and only 8 to 12 who get in, competition is extremely stiff.

According to Barton-DuVries, freshmen are not usually prepared for such an intense experience.

Besides the annual performance at the Knick, InSync performs about once a month at various high schools in western Michigan. InSync members attend rehearsals in addition to their regular dance classes. Lastly, the dancers have been rehearsing 14 to 15 hours a week in preparation for the 2003 performance.

"It is a tremendous responsibility," Barton-DuVries said.

DeVries said.

The program for the show was put together in pieces, beginning in the fall. The dances began to explore some of the different questions in life through the diverse voices of tap and jazz.

The jazz pieces range from funky to traditional, while the tap dances will be everything from contemporary to something consistent with original tap structure of the 1940's.

"Stylistically, there's something for everyone," Barton-DuVries said.

One highlight of the show will be "Remote Control," choreographed by Filip. It stages a living room war between guest dancer Peter Bennett and four women struggling to obtain remote control dominance. Bennett is one of Filip's students at Niagara University.

The company will also be premiering their first collaborative work done by the dancers themselves. It is titled "I Am, We Are," and tells the story of an individual dancer moving through life, eventually becoming one of a larger body. That journey seems to be the true story behind Insync Dance Theatre. According to Barton-DuVries, the company functions very much like a family.

Lindsay Brown ('05) is a first-year Insync dancer and agreed that choreographing "I Am, We Are" was a strong bonding experience.

"We learned how each of us works together. Choreography is such a personal thing and to do it with others is to share so much of yourself," Brown said.

Kara Wilson ('04) and Katie Budris ('04) are the only veterans of the group, as each are in their second year with the company. Though Budris will be dancing in two of the same tap pieces that she did last year, titled "Solo Play" and "Tanedo Junction," she insisted that it was a whole new experience this time around.

"Both pieces have changed and grown as a result of the people now performing them. I can't wait to dance them again," Budris said.

At the conclusion of the show, which Barton-DuVries expects to last about an hour and a half, the audience will be invited onstage to do the "Shim Sham." This dance was the "Macarena" of the 1920's. Barton-DuVries added that tap shoes are welcome, but not needed to participate in the fun.

The 2003 Insync dancers have come from many different backgrounds, but dancing is an art through which they can connect. The overall goal of the show is not only to showcase the talent and hard work of the dancers, directors, and choreographers, but also to share with people a strong message.

"It's about living," Barton-DuVries said.

People who have never watched dance before are especially encouraged to check out this special concert. According to Barton-DuVries, watching dance offers the opportunity to ask questions about oneself and sometimes allows for an escape. Budris also strongly feels that this year's program will appeal to all.

"Anyone who isn't there will wish they had been," Budris said.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students and senior citizens. They will be available at the door.

**Pianist comes to Hope campus**

Michael Sheppard  
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The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quartet will perform at Hope College on at 8 p.m. this evening in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music. The public is invited, and admission is free.

Three members of the college's department of music formed the Trio in 2000. The current trio consists of pianist Han Kim, cellist Richard Pippin and violist Tim Shih.

The trio's name is taken from the Hope College's symbolic anchor. The trio has performed and given master classes at other colleges and universities since its formation.

**Kalamazoo woodwinds are here**

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The Quintet's performance will feature music that represents some of the greatest works for a woodwind quintet, including works by Gyorgy Ligeti, Paul Hindemith, Jean-Philippe Rameau, and Carl Nielsen.

"This will be a wonderful recital of exciting music that we quite frankly don't get to hear in Holland very often," said Dr. Steven Ward, assistant professor of music. "I think this is a perfect series to bring to our campus."

**Pianist Sheryl Iott performs**

Sheryl Iott Richardson will perform in concert at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music. The public is invited, and admission is free.

Iott Richardson is currently staff accompanist at Hope. She is pursuing a doctorate in piano performance at Michigan State University. She taught at the Conservatory of Central Illinois in Champaign-Urbana from 1988 until 1997, and has since taught keyboard skills at both Calvin and Hope College.
Tell us about your wardrobe? Don't worry, your creative peers are in harem of hues. The most modern classic is the knee-length trench, and toppers in a harem of hues. Everyone from Versace to Klein sent mod-ern trench coats and cashmere coats this season. Although warm, thanks to the bevy of boiled wool, the best fashion-forward sashaying down the spring 2003 runway were wool and sheerer. Model winter wear that pass as accessories. "If the hat is part of your outfit, there’s no reason to remove it," Bruischat said.

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Take care of those threads

Carmen Rabbitt
Graduate Women

You are what you wear.

Not really, of course, but it doesn’t hurt to make a good first impression!

In college, clothing maintenance seems to go out the window. Dress shirts are thrown onto the floor, and some don’t bother to wash their clothes at all. Dirty crumpled clothes definitely do not make a good first impression. Here are some basic tips to keep your wardrobe looking new.

Three tools to keep clothes in tip-top shape

• A lint tape roller (or keep masking tape handy)
• A clothes brush (or a hairbrush with stiff bristles)
• A clothes iron

The Fabric Basics

• Cotton—easily washable but will shrink if the fabric is not pre-washed and shrunk
• Linen—usually requires dry-cleaning, but this fabric can be hand washed cold and requires a lot of ironing.
• Wool—should never be washed at home! Wool shrinks severely when washed, it needs to be dry-cleaned. If you were to wash and dry a wool sweater, for example, it would shrink so small your Barbie could wear it!
• Rayon—can be washed by hand in warm water, but it is best to dry-clean.
• Silk—raw silk can be washed by hand in cold water. Refined silks should be dry-cleaned.
• Leather and Suede—Those new alligator skin boots will not do any good if you have them treated with a waterproof coating. Suede should only be dry-cleaned. The style experts suggest steamming and brushing suede to get rid of scuffs and restore color.

Quick Tips

• To keep a wool, cashmere or cotton sweater looking its best, brush the fabric lightly with a little cotton—easily washable but will shrink if the fabric is not pre-washed and shrunk
• A clothes iron

Laundry Time

• Always separate the lights from the darks!
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• Use plastic or padded hangers rather than wire ones.
• Don’t hang cotton sweaters to dry; the weight of the wet fabric will stretch the sweater out. Instead, lay it flat to dry.
• Leather shoes and garments will mildew if they are damp; keep them in a well-ventilated area.

An example of proper winter wear

• Remember that new blue jeans will bleed the first time they are washed.
• Red garments bleed for several washes; so unless you want an abundance of pink socks, don’t wash anything red with your whites!
• Socks and underwear will last longer if you do not wash them with jeans.

Seeing Spots

• Don’t despair if you spill coffee on your favorite white sweater, or if you accidentally wiped a little peanut butter on the gum until it dissolves.
• Gum: Either put the garment in the freezer until the gum hardens and it can be peeled off, or dab a little peanut butter on the gum until it dissolves.
• Tomato Sauce: Use white vinegar and rinse with cool water.
• Nail Polish: Use a little nail polish remover, but be careful, synthetic fabric will dissolve.
• Coffee and Tea: Rinse with mild soapy water or a dot of bleach if the garment is white. Sunlight will also bleach a tea stain.
• Grease and Oil: Apply dishwashing liquid to the area and let it set.
• Ink: Ironically, as I was writing this article, my blue pen exploded all over my shirt. I used a cap-full of bleach, rubbing alcohol and hair spray to remove the stains.

Wearing pajamas to class

For most of the ladies at Hope, college life is not exactly easy. Especially the part of waking up at 7 in the morning to go to 8 or 9 o’clock classes. There are more than 1,700 girls on this campus and almost each and every one of them will concur. But there are also others that rather save their precious time and have an extra hour of sleep. How do they do this? Well, they go to their classes with the same clothes on that they’ve slept in— their favorite pajamas. Just ask sophomore Abbi Halfman (‘05): “Usually I’m just lazy and it’s comfortable.” Halfman explained when asked of her reasons on choosing such an unorthodox style. “I don’t really care what people think about me wearing pajamas,” she added.

For Halfman, the tradition of wearing cotton sweats is not a new thing. Her junior year in high school, waking up early in the mornings became nothing short of a “pain in the neck.” Every Friday she gave herself extra time to sleep rather than shower and put on ordinary clothes. She decided to go to school wearing pajamas, making Fridays as relaxing as possible. It also became contagious. Some of her friends decided to join in on the fun. “It started out as a joke. Then it progressively turned into a habit, and by senior year there were only one or two days when we did not have a pajama day,” Halfman reminisced.

To think that Halfman is the only girl on campus that is fashionably interesting will be incorrect. Natalie Zylstra (‘04) is not far behind her pajama cadre. Halfman. She too spends no time on dressing, though she doesn’t believe that laziness has anything to do with wearing her pajamas to classes. “I think that it should become a fashion because it represents confidence,” Zylstra explained.

Halfman agreed, “I am not embarrassed at all of what I am wearing and I do not care what everybody else thinks. I just do it.”

For both girls wearing different a kind of pajamas is only a morning thing.

They each have more than five different pajama sweatsuits and shirts, and are not afraid to share their style with the entire Hope campus. “My favorite pajamas are the ones that have monkey heads,” Halfman said. Zylstra likes the color of the ocean. That’s why her favorite pajama pants are blue and navy.

Some girls cannot allow themselves such a laid back style of clothing due to their fields of study. As Zylstra’s housemate, Shannon Cervel (‘04) explained, “I have to look professional for my classes.” Indeed, some teachers don’t appreciate that kind of fashion but some would regard it as normal expression. Shannon also pointed out that a lot of students in other schools “just roll out of bed and go to school.”

There are also students who view this fashion statement differently. As Zylstra and Halfman pointed out, some people find it amusing. “One guy called me monkey pants because he didn’t know my name,” Halfman recalled with a smile. But some do not find this amusing.

As Serpe Rodzio (‘04) explained, “It is strange and unusual because there is a distinction between a bedroom and a classroom.” Serge, who is from Senegal, is not used to this kind of authenticity and there is a certain cultural shock to everyone who has not witnessed such a style phenomenon.

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State of Union brings mixed feelings

I am not a fan of George W. Bush. In fact, I think that, with his policies and legislative efforts, he could possibly be the worst president to ever sit in the oval office. Despite this, I had some mixed emotions after watching the State of the Union address last night.

During the first half of President Bush's speech, I was impressed with some of his plans for the nation in the upcoming year. It shows great commitment to the preservation of the environment to propose making $1.2 billion available for research into using hydrogen as a fuel source. Taking the initiative in the fight against AIDS in Africa by providing drug treatments for those afflicted with the disease is also commendable. Perhaps the most ambitious plan, however, is his plan on dealing with the budget and taxes.

Bush plans on tackling the problems of taxes, unemployment, and excessive government spending all in one fell swoop. By employing more of the American public, and taking less money out of their paychecks, he intends on lowering our national debt. I do not know if this plan will work, but I do believe that the lowering of the unemployment rate is sorely needed. By providing more jobs for the American public, the home life for thousands of children will also be improved. This improvement could result in reduced parental interaction in the lives of their children, and lower rates of violent acts committed by these children.

Despite the impressive promises delivered in the first half of the speech, I was troubled by some of the statements in the second half. As expected, Bush shifted his focus to the topics of terrorism and Iraq. Generally, I disagree with the course of action we are taking against Iraq. Even though we have not openly declared war against our country, we have been bombing sites daily and sending troops to the border. I completely understand the argument that Saddam has not accounted for many of his chemical agents and delivery mechanisms, but attacking him without the support of the United Nations is a gross error.

This war and the government's attitude toward it will only send bad messages to the rest of the world. I remember months ago when President Bush claimed that we were prepared to use nuclear force. This is not a good message to anyone, but the world. I fear that any military incursion onto Iraqi soil will also be seen as an idealistic incursion into the Arab world, and will not be taken lightly by the Muslim community.

The upcoming year holds great opportunities; some that could benefit our country, and some that could leave the concept of world peace in a shambles. Throughout this process, one thing is certain, we must all exercise our right to speak out on issues that affect the entire nation, and the entire world.

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and congressional district chair. Holmes added that, "It's one of these things where the parties like to encourage political involvement. The convention encourages student involvement.

We involved students to get involved in this because they are the leaders of the future, so we're happy to have students interested and involved in it. Holmes added that most students are just going to observe and see what the convention is all about. According to Holmes, the Hope Republicans is a "campus organization for republicans interested in politics." Students in this organization are active in local and state campaigns, and they are a major part of the party organization on campus.

This year's convention was of particular interest to college-aged republicans. While many of the top party posts such as state chairperson and 1st vice chair were won by students from Hope College, many of the other public positions were won by students from Hillsdale College. The convention was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the political process and to become involved in local politics.

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Mark- CHECK YOUR EMAIL!! -Ank staff

A- Are you still alive? I never hear from you anymore... -N


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Hey protester, hope the morning went well in GR -C

Shraddah- I left the girl back at the road. Are you still carrying her? -Hippy

Wanted: Sledding buddy, with backpack. All applicants apply in Kollen basement. -Little Timmy

SV- party time is over, thanks... -C

I know you can be overwhelmed and underwhelmed, but can you ever just be whelmed?

Everyone- You are not a unique and beautiful snowflake -Tyler

Faculty lounge crew- My hooves! -Simba

Anjey- You're right, I do hate you... -Anjey's eye

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In 2001, Student Congress used $500 of the student activity fee to buy this scrolling marquee sign in the lobby of DeWitt Center. Although active in 2001, the sign has yet to display anything since. As a service to you, The Anchor will keep track of how many weeks it has been blank since installed.

Today's Count: 71
**Dutchmen topple Comets**

Men, women beat Olivet on Sat., set to play Kalamazoo tonight

David Yetter  
SPORTS EDITOR

Men and women of the Hope Flying Dutchmen defeated the Olivet Comets at home on Saturday by a score of 99-90. Hope played a strong first half and entered the break leading the team at home on Saturday by a score of 99-90. Hope was winning by 17 points late in the game, but Olivet battled back and cut the deficit to single digits. Hope wouldn’t give up the lead, however, and ended up winning by nine points.

Five Dutchmen scored in double figures, giving the team a well-rounded attack. Jeff Carlson ('06) had 20 points for the Dutch, while Greg Jansen ('05) added another 18 points in the victory.

**Swimmers compete in dual meet**

Erin Riley  
STAFF REPORTER

The Hope women continued a successful season on Saturday, securing victories over Calvin, 149-93, and Kalamazoo, 174-68. The Dutch stand with a record of 8-3 (2:16.60) and 200 backstroke with 3 tenths of a second ahead of their portion of the season with a 5-5 record.

One of the bright spots for the Dutch was Brian Slagh ('03). He qualified for the NCAA Division III championships with a 200-meter freestyle victory (1:42.51). He paired that victory with another great swim in the 500-meter freestyle, (4:44.33).

Ian Kobes ('04) also found victory in the 200-yard backstroke (1:58.82). The team plays tonight at Kalamazoo at 7:30 p.m.

**High-schoolers to cheer at Hope**

Erin Riley  
STAFF REPORTER

Cheerleading squads from 27 Michigan high schools will come to Hope for a day of intensive instruction on Saturday. The clinic focuses on cheering, dancing, and stunts and the squads will then compete at the end of the day.

The event is an excellent recruiting and fundraising tool for the cheer program. The money raised from the event helps fund the team in the post-season.

The clinic also provides juniors and seniors on the high school squads an opportunity to get a feel for the caliber of Hope’s program.

"The skills within the squad are improving each one year," said co-captain Meredith Albers ('04).

After claiming 8th place in the 2001-02 season and 7th place in 2002-03 season at the National Collegiate Finals, this camp affirms that the Hope cheer program is becoming more recognized and respected.

The credibility earned from these accomplishments will hopefully attract more talent to Hope College and will help continue Hope’s success at Nationals.

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**Hockey at Hope a blast**

Hello Dutchmen and women, my name is David Yetter and I am the new sports editor here at the Anchor. I will do my best to give you fair and balanced coverage of all of the sports teams here on Hope’s campus. If you feel that a team or a particular sport is not being covered enough, feel free to email me and voice your displeasure. This is your paper just as much as mine and I'm always open to suggestions. Well, then, let’s get down to business.

Hockey is not the most popular sport at Hope. In fact, it is probably one of the least talked about teams on campus. In reality, it is not even a team. It is a club because the school won’t recognize or fund it.

The sparsity of the team is shown in the size of the crowds. While basketball games draw in the thousands, most hockey games draw a crowd that is well below average, yet slightly above pathetic on the crowd-level scale. Sometimes I think that if you took out family members and/or girlfriends of the players, I would be sitting there covering the game in a nearly empty arena next to the man who owns the rink and the guy who drives around the rink between periods. Well, I’m here to tell you that watching a Hope hockey game is more exciting than watching a basketball game. In fact, excluding the all important Hope-Calvin match-ups, it is the most exciting Hope sporting event that one can witness.

I know, a lot of you are probably scratching your heads and wondering what I’ve had to drink. But hear me out on this one. Do basketball players have to play in an ice-cold arena? Nope. Do football players knock each into each other with a gloved hand as they compete in the 100- meter freestyle? I didn’t think so.

Hockey players are some of the toughest athletes out there. If you don’t believe me, go to a sports card shop and take a good look at the players, especially their mouths. You will notice that they have barely any teeth. And in most cases, it’s not because they have bad hygiene. It is because their pearly whites have been knocked out during a game. And another positive is that the team is good. The Skating Dutchmen are hoping to go to the national tournament.

Hope Hockey games have something for everybody. There is usually a concession stand open at the arena. There are also plenty of arcade games and an air hockey table in the lobby. Also, fights between players are a common occurrence at these games and what red-blooded male doesn’t like to see a good brawl every now and then? Hopefully, you are now convinced that hockey players are tough, they are fun to watch and competitive, and that you should start going to see them.

The Edge Ice Arena is just about 10 minutes up the road off of US-31. Hope plays Davenport on Saturday night at 9 p.m. and hopefully, the attendance will be the biggest crowd for a game this side of Canada.

I know it’s cold in the arena, but suck it up, throw on a couple of sweaters and head out to the Edge. You’ll be glad you did.