**STUDY BREAK — Gabe Courey (’10) and friends use old Phelps trays as sleds in the recent snow while taking a break from homework.**

**WINTER HAPPENING: NARNIA TO AFRICA**

Paige Calamari  
Sara Westma

Topics ranging from Narnia to clean drinking water were featured Saturday at the 28th annual Winter Happening. The series of seminars, led by Hope College faculty, introduced a variety of topics to the public at no cost.

The day began by taking a look through the eyes of world-renowned author, C. S. Lewis, with the help of Dr. Peter Schakel, chair of the department of English, in “The Windows to Other Worlds.”

Those attending the event could also take part in Dr. Roger Veldman’s discussion, “The Challenge of Aircraft Hardening.”

Veldman, an associate professor of the engineering department, spoke about the research developments to improve commercial aircraft safety.

Professors of psychology, Dr. Donald Luinders and Dr. Roger Nemeth led an interactive discussion concerning “Ties That Bind (Pun Intended): Whither the RCA and CRC?”

Utilizing remote keypads, the audience discovered the demographic of those in the room and were able to participate in a discussion concerning doctrine and practices. Social issues were the most divisive between the two denominations.

The seminars continued with an in-depth look at the restoration process of Dimnent Memorial Chapel’s Skinner organ, presented by Dr. Haw Lewis, professor of music. Professor Jeff Polet will be hosting Lubbers Loft. Political science

**ALUMNA ROARS ONTO ANIMAL PLANET**

Kaitlin Kessie  
Rosa Westma

Rachel Reenstra (’91) recently became the host of a new show on Animal Planet. “Ms. Adventure” gives a comedic outlook to what humans can learn from animal behavior.

“Ms. Adventure” premiered on Jan. 19. This season features 11 episodes including such titles as “Parenting,” “Courtship,” “Cliques” and “Siblings.” Each episode follows Reenstra as she spends time observing and interacting with animals, talking with experts and interviewing people on the streets.

Currently Reenstra is in Los Angeles enjoying a break. Within the next two weeks she’ll be returning to Australia to film the ninth episode of the season, “Communication.”

Reenstra says she loves traveling and animals, and has always played the comedic role, which is what Animal Planet was looking for in a host.

“I absolutely love [the job]. If all goes well, this is how I’ll be spending my next four years,” Reenstra said.

Reenstra graduated from Hope College in 1991 with a degree in theatre. She also has a master’s in spiritual psychology and has worked as a counselor.

Since graduating she has appeared in movies, television shows, commercials, theater and done stand up. Her previous work includes “Becker,” “MAD,” “General Hospital” and Pier I commercials. She currently lives in Los Angeles when not on location for “Ms. Adventure.”

“Ms. Adventure” airs on Animal Planet at 9 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, visit www.animaldiscovery.com or www.rachelreenstra.com.

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**RESEARCH CELEBRATED**

Kristie Moore  
Sara Westma

At least a semester’s worth of hard work for many students culminated Jan. 29 in the DeVos Fieldhouse with Hope College’s sixth annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research.

The event began with an address by keynote speaker Dr. Charlotte vanOyen Witvliet, associate professor of psychology.

“The purpose of the keynote address is to celebrate student-faculty collaborations—the collaborations I have been blessed to have with so many students personally—and to highlight the importance of persevering through the challenges of scholarship while enjoying the benefits of doing so,” Witvliet said.

This high opinion of research did not end with Witvliet. Jessica Vickery (’08), worked with Dr. Aaron Best in the biology department on the gene coBD and its work in vitamin B12 synthesis.

“When I first got the project description I wanted to burst into tears because I didn’t know what was going on, but after working on it for a semester, I know what I’m talking about and I feel strong,” Vickery said.

Presentations also included research from the departments of physics, history, political science, chemistry, education, biology and modern and classical languages.

Some of the research was internationally themed. George Khoury (’09) researched why Albert Camus reigned neutral during the Algerian War for Independence. As a part of the research for his presentation, Khoury read four works by Camus in the original French.

“One of the most difficult things about the research was reading it in between the lines because Camus uses a lot of symbolism and metaphors,” Khoury said.

A larger presentation was displayed by the department of psychology, where Dr. Sonja Trent-Brown stood with the students from her advanced research class.

Sara Thelen (’07) explained that a series of six posters dealt with different independent variables they examined when studying voice quality and what affects it.

“I went into the class thinking it would look good on a graduate school application, and I’ve come out of it seriously considering it as a career. I just loved doing the research,” Thelen said.
2008 PRESIDENTIAL RACE BEGINS

Joe Vasko
Senior Writer

Although not all the possible candidates for the 2008 presidential election have confirmed their intentions, many think that this could be a historic election.

There are already several possible Democratic candidates who, if elected, could be presidential firsts. Sen. Barack Obama (Ill), who has announced her candidacy and formed an exploratory committee, could be the first African-American ever to run for president. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), who has announced her candidacy and formed an exploratory committee, could be the first woman to run for president. Among the other possibilities for the democratic candidates is Bill Richardson, governor of New Mexico and who, as a Hispanic, could also become a presidential first.

The Republican candidates are much less certain but some official possibilities include Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas and U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter of California.

It seems that more media attention has been focused on the Republican candidates who have not announced an intention but who have set up exploratory committees, most notably Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Rudy Giuliani.

Clinton is a national advocate for improvement in healthcare and other benefits for veterans. She supported the war in Afghanistan and also initially voted in favor of the Iraq war. Clinton has had a long-standing position against immediate withdrawal from Iraq, opting instead to support a timetable withdrawal. She opposed the 2004 and 2006 federal marriage amendment that sought to prohibit same-sex marriages and against the flag desecration amendment that would prohibit things such as flag burnings. Obama, if he declares his presidential candidacy, would be one of the most traveled to consider the presidency and also the youngest, at age 45. He traveled to Russia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan, as well as several Middle East countries, including Israel and Iraq, to consider ways to control the spread and supply of controversial weapons as an essential step against terrorism.

A year later he made stops in several African countries including Kenya and is known to be a passionate AIDS activist. He is a pro-choice candidate with a “do what ever works” mentality regarding political parties. His appeal as a celebrity and a human-interest candidate has garnered much interest. In regards to foreign policy, the president defended the elevation of troop levels in Iraq. He said, “Together, we can restrain the spending appetite of the federal government and balance the federal budget,” Bush said. In addition, Bush admitted that America is addicted to foreign oil. He urged the development of alternative fuels and an increase in the size of the Strategic Oil Reserve, citing America’s relative weakness in the oil supply. Domestic fuel production would alleviate this weakness to a degree.

Brian McLellan
Senior Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, President George W. Bush gave his annual State of the Union address. For the first time in his presidency, he spoke to a Democratic majority in Congress. In addition, he was also the first president in history to open the speech by greeting “Madam Speaker,” referring to the first female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.

The speech marked a departure from Bush’s usual rhetoric of war on terror. The first half of the speech dealt with domestic issues. He talked about the rising cost of health care and how it is becoming more difficult for people to have health insurance. The president proposed a plan which provides tax relief to people who will buy their own health insurance policies. He also plans to pass judicial reform to protect good doctors from junk lawsuits.

Bush also covered the topic of immigration. He plans to double the numbers of the Border Patrol. In addition, he plans to implement a temporary worker program, which would allow foreign workers to freely enter the United States to work.

Bush spoke of the nation’s economy as well. He promised reform in the passage of legislation, so that earmarks on bills could not be added at the last minute. An estimated $18 billion was spent in 2005 on these types of bills, a sum found unacceptable by the president.

“The time has come to end this practice, so let us work together to reform the budget process,” Bush said.

The president promised to set in motion a plan to eliminate the federal deficit within the next five years. He spoke of the success of cutting the deficit in half, which occurred last year, three years ahead of the scheduled 2009. “Together, we can restrain the spending appetite of the federal government and balance the federal budget,” Bush said.

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This Week in Art

Wednesday
Jan. 31
Coffeehouse Entertainment: Hurricane Hearts
9-11 p.m. Nitz.

Friday
Feb. 2
Film: "The Prestige"
Feb. 2 & 3: 7:30 p.m. midnight.
Feb. 4: 3 p.m. Winants Auditorium.
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Saturday
Feb. 3
Senior Recital: Darcy Cunningham & Jeff Brown
4 p.m. Winants Auditorium.

Monday
Feb. 5
Concert: Bill Carrothers
7:30 p.m. Wichers Auditorium. Admission free.

TheaTer ProF named "amazing woman"

Jean Reed Bahle, associate professor of theater, is one of 35 women featured in the book "Amazing Women of West Michigan."

The book has been published by Wm. B. Eerdmans, publishing which describes it as "a celebration of women who strive to make their community a better place to live."

Bahle, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has taught at Hope since 1994. She has been involved in the arts in West Michigan for 30 years.

Jazz Pianist to Give Concert

Internationally known jazz pianist Bill Carrothers will give a concert Monday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Wichers Auditorium. Carrothers has been a professional pianist for more than 20 years.

He has performed in many venues throughout the United States and Europe. He has been a leader on 14 albums all of which have received critical acclaim.

"Carrothers is one of the best kept secrets of Jazz," said Jazz Magazine. "He is a very rare pianist with a very impressive technique and an amazing knowledge of harmony." The public is invited. Admission is free.

TheaTer Preview

The Shape of Things

Courtenay Roberts

The Theater 490 project, "The Shape of Things" opens Friday, Feb. 2, in the DeWitt Main Theater. It examines the relationship of art to life and asks where to draw the line.

"Expect to be confronted with major questions concerning art and subjectivity," said Adam Carpenter ('07), who plays one of the leads, Adam. "On a liberal arts campus, that’s an important question."

Kit Nykamp ('07) is the director and Kate Goetzinger ('07) plays the other lead, Evelyn. Chad Coe ('07) and Laura Van Tassel ('09) play the supporting roles, Phil and Jenny.

The cast is very excited about the show. "It was recommended to us by Jenny Blaz," Carpenter said. "We read it and fell in love immediately. It’s an amazing play that we thought we could connect with really well."

The project is a completely student-run production, from set, lighting, and sound design to costuming and stage managing.

"The faculty takes a hands-off approach" said Carpenter.

Spoken word: Hope poets share work

Katie Bennett
Sewas Windsor

A poetry reading by English professors Susanna Childress Banner and Heather Sellers will take place on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in Maas Auditorium. Sellers will be reading poems from her new collection and selling copies of her book, "Chapter by Chapter, a Guide to the Book Writing of Life."

"You can expect poems about Nintendo and boys," Sellers said.

Childress Banner, whose native poetry won over audiences at Christmas Vespers, will read poems from her recently published book of poetry as well as two works by other poets. The reading promises a variety of subjects and perspectives.

"I don’t really want my poems to contribute too singularly to one theme, but then I am one person so perhaps against my will there are themes that develop anyway," Childress Banner said.

Jonah Ogles ('07) will perform music in between readings and during intermission.

"Some art forms compliment others," Childress Banner said in reference to the musical interludes. Both poets made careful selections from their collections to read.

"They are ones I think college kids will like, especially if they play Nintendo," Sellers said.

A difficulty with poetry readings is that some poems do not have the same effect as they do in print when read before an audience.

"I had to kind of cull through my favorites and read them out loud," Childress Banner said.

Admission is free and the reading is open to the public.

Random Acts of Art

In celebration or perhaps in contrition of the snow the Holland area has received of late, snow sculptures have been spotted in various locations around campus.

It is reported that a snowman has been constructed near the railroad tracks behind College East Apartments. Apparently it is facing the direction from where the trains come, as if yelling at them.

The Anchor staff encourages artmaking in any medium, especially those cold and sticky.

MUSICAL SPOTLIGHT:

 They Were Thieves

Courtenay Roberts

Midwestern liberal arts colleges are known breeding grounds for life-long friendships, idealism and sleep deprivation. Not many expect rock/folk bands and record labels. I recently sat down with Jonah Ogles ('07), singer, songwriter and member of They Were Thieves, one of a few Hope-grown bands with a distinct sound. Here is what he had to say.

Anchor: Where did the name of your band come from?

Ogles: Steve Baker’s girlfriend thought it up and it was better than anything else.

Anchor: I’ve heard the band described as folk or bluegrass. How would you describe your sound?

Ogles: It is very folk based. But in production it starts to get more rockish with the synthesizers and everything. It’s a little experimental. Our sound has progressed. We made a demo album before I went to Spain, and I listen to it now and it sounds so ridiculous. Where at first we melded the two forms, now they’ve diverged. It’s either more folk or more rock now.

Anchor: And you guys have been together for a couple of years now?

Ogles: Yeah, well Steve and I started writing songs in the summer of 2005. Then I went to Spain and when I got back, we asked Johnny D (Jonathan Dehaan ('07)) to play the bass.

Anchor: Are you recording an album?

Ogles: Yeah, well it’s recorded already. We’re just trying to figure out what we want to do with it. We want to release it ourselves or get someone else to put up the money for it.

Anchor: Do you have a website?

Ogles: Yeah, it’s www.myspace.com/theywerethieves. Or you can look at Pretty All Right Records which is our label. Tom Owens, he’s a music major and a senior, he started it here in Holland. It’s prettyallright.com.

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Larissa Mariano
Stori Weiss

Four Hope College students are living in New York City this semester through Hope’s New York City Arts Exchange Program. The students live and work in the Manhattan for the whole semester. The most reliable mode of transportation, besides taking the subway, is their own two feet. Janna Witten (’08) is interning at Dance New Amsterdam in the marketing department. She says that the biggest difference between the Big Apple and Holland is the transportation. “Everyone I have come in contact with takes the subway!” Witten said. “It’s a whole lot faster than fighting the traffic.” The typical commute to work is about 30 to 45 minutes.

Thomas Owens (’07), who is interning with two different composers and performers, said that New York City is, also, of course, much more diverse than western Michigan.

In addition to the diversity, New York also offers an array of foods which you can get from vendor carts, deli counters, fancy restaurants and even chocolate shops. Owens has braved the vendor carts and was even bold enough to try grilled lamb served with rice and a salad right on the cab-filled streets of New York. None of the students have visited Gray’s Papaya, the famous hot dog stand that was featured in the film, “Foos Rush In.” Witten has done something completely different with her roommates when it comes to food they have, “Imitated a cupcake crawl, New York’s trendiest dessert, to Magnolia from “Sex and the City.” Many who go to New York visit Broadway to see a show. The students have not had time to see many shows yet since they just arrived in New York.

However, the students who were living in New York last spring enjoyed their theater experiences. Nicholas Graves (’07) said “Chicago” was the best show he saw on Broadway. Julia Hollenberg (’07) said “Avenue Q” was her favorite Broadway show, but also raved about the Metropolitan opera’s production of “Don Pasquale.” According to Graves, the best way to spend $40 in New York is to do the following: $7 to get a subway day pass, dinner at SEA in Williamsburg for about $10, grab desert at Rocco’s on Bleeker Street for $6, spend $10 for a museum pass, and finally $7 for a drink at Chumley’s, which is a literary landmark from the prohibition days and is in the West Village.

Other ways to take advantage of New York City at a relatively cheap price are suggested by both past and present New York dwellers. “Check out all the museums and shows, take advantage of the student days, get rush tickets at the door if you can,” Kristi Szczepanek (’07) said.

When asked about the museums that New York has to offer, Owens said that he enjoyed going to the Museum of Modern Art, which New York commonly refers to as MOMA. A majority of the former New York City students miss the subway and the diversity. Szczepanek said she, “Every day is being open later than 5 p.m. and the fact that just about anything can be delivered to your doorstep.”

Be warned that some type of reverse culture shock should be expected upon returning to Hope.

“It is shocking to come back to such a homogenous culture with a prominent religious affiliation. In New York, there is no majority – no norm – everyone is completely free to express themselves in their wonderful differences,” New York Arts Semester veteran, Julia Hollenberg (’07) said.

All of the students plan on going back to the city that is said to never sleep, whether for a visit or to call it home.

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SCIENCE RULES — Stephen Pels (’08) worked with Brian Bodenbender, professor from the department of geological and environmental sciences, to research pre-historic fossils in Wyoming.

Thelen, along with a few others from her class, had even signed up for the special studies in psychology class that would continue the research this semester. All told, there were 167 presentations that involved 275 students and many Hope faculty members. All of the students were well prepared and eager to explain their topics of research and also to praise the faculty who had helped them.

The undergraduate research celebration is a testament to the dedication Hope College has to improving student-faculty collaborations.

Congressional Corner

New Congress Members

Student Congress filled five vacancies last night. The new members are Katie Haines (’09) representing Dykstra Hall, Tim Carter (’09) representing Phelps Hall, Thomas Nettles (’07) and Aliza Turecote (’09) representing apartments, and Beth Cooper (’09) representing Gilmore Hall. Due to lack of interest in the specific districts, the positions were offered to all Hope students.

Student Congress Survey

Students should keep their eyes peeled for this year’s Student Congress survey, due to be distributed later this week or early next week. Filling out the one-page survey will enter students to win $200. The survey will be conducted for next year, which is valued at $200.

Next Week

Congress would like to invite members of the student body to participate in “Ad Hoc Conversations” at next week’s meeting. Representatives will be discussing things about Hope’s campus that students find annoying and brainstorming possible solutions. Student Congress meets Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. in the Herrick room on the second floor of Dewitt Center.

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NEW RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Hope joins undergraduate research consortium

Hope College is part of a group of colleges and universities working together to increase the number of Chicago-area students who pursue careers in science.

The City Colleges of Chicago are leading the consortium, which links several two-year colleges in the Chicago area with Hope and other schools whose research programs in the sciences actively involve undergraduate students.

The goal is to more effectively inspire and prepare the two-year-college students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, especially from groups traditionally underrepresented in these disciplines.

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Photo credit: Julia Hollenberg

IN THE BIG APPLE — From top to bottom: Julia Hollenberg (’07) on a masonic bench next to her tent; Hol- lenberg (r) with opera star Anna Ne- trebko; and Hollenberg (far right) with Kristi Szczepanek (’07) (far left) and two friends at the Bronx Zoo.

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FEATURES

WINTER BREAK ON A BUDGET

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With winter break quickly approaching, many students are left wondering how they’re going to spend their Feb. 9-12 weekend, especially if they’re low on cash. The Anchor has come up with several low- or no-cost options of which students can take advantage in the Holland, Detroit, Northern Michigan and Chicago areas over winter break that won’t break the bank.

WINDY CITY FUN

Chicago is always an exciting getaway, especially since this winter break, some of the huge attractions in the city are offering free or discounted admission.


For students who are haunted by the cost of a hotel room in Chicago, Hostelling International runs a youth hostel in the heart of downtown. For approximately $35 per night per bed, this is a good option for students on a budget. The hostel is within walking distance of Lake Michigan, Millenium Park, Sears Tower, the Art Institute, Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium. Hostelling International has hostels around the world and across the U.S. and has a reputation for providing clean, safe and affordable lodging for young travelers.

ADVENTURES IN THE NORTH WOODS

Northern Michigan has been a popular destination since the early 1900s with good reason. Northern Michigan has a ton of fun things to do, especially for those who enjoy outdoor activities. Northern Michigan is also one of two ski resorts in Harbor Springs, has been rated the number one ski resort in North America by Ski Magazine for the past three years. Nubs features a Monday Night Special for adults and teens, with lift tickets for $19. The snowboard park at Nubs features 12 rails and a super pipe and should be open by winter break, according to the Nubs website.

Boyne Highlands, also in Harbor Springs, will be hosting several races and snowboard competitions over winter break. Other ski and snowboard resorts in Northern Michigan include Boyne Mountain, Shanty Creek and Crystal Mountain.

Northern Michigan is also home to pristine wilderness areas and woods open to the public for cross-country skiing. Check out McCune Nature Preserve in Petoskey, Wilderness State Park near Mackinaw City or Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore near Traverse City. Many outdoor equipment stores such as The Barn of Portage and Country Sports in Petoskey offer affordable snowshoe or cross-country ski rentals.

The Winter Sports Park just outside of downtown Petoskey offers free sledding and ice skating. Call (616) 347-2500 for more information.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is hosting a free ice fishing class on Saturday, Feb. 10 on Crooked Lake. All equipment is provided, but participants need to bring a fishing license and register in advance at (231) 348-0900.

The perennial tourist favorite Mackinac Island is not well known as a winter destination, but offers some cross-country skiing; the east half of the island is designated entirely for cross-country skiing in the winter. The ferries are closed after the Christmas season, but planes make flights to the island daily, with costs around $40 round trip from Pellston Regional Airport.

Most roads on the island remain unplowed to accommodate for snowmobile travel.

MOTOWN BLAST

The Detroit Win ter Blast, the biggest winter festival in the Detroit area, is happening dur ing winter break. From Feb. 9-11, Campus Martius Park, Greektown and areas throughout Detroit will be turned into a winter wonderland.

With free entertainment and activities at many of the venues, Winter Blast might be the perfect alternative to watching “Days of Our Lives” with Grandma for vacation. Four stages will feature music from Detroit area artists, including folk, pop, blues, rock and funk. More than 75 acts will be performing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the event.

General Motors is sponsoring a 200-foot snow slide to be built along the Woodward corridor, and REI is sponsoring a snowshoeing exhibition to introduce people to one of the fastest-growing outdoor activities. A snowboarding half-pipe exhibition will be taking place as well as free ice skating at Campus Martius Park.

A dog sledding exhibition will feature Michigan resident and Editorial Board member James Warren. When not racing, the dogs may be visited in a petting area, and their handlers will be available to answer questions.

For those interested in art, Monroe Street will be lined with ice sculptures from local artists. Also on Monroe, Winter Blast is planning to set up marshmallow roasting braziers.

A Taste of Detroit exhibition will take place throughout the festival, featuring some of the best Detroit restaurants as well as a 5K and 10K race to benefit the Heat and Warmth Fund.

Winter Blast debuted in Detroit in 2004 and is coming down to Detroit’s hosting of Super Bowl XL in 2006. More than 350,000 people are expected to attend Winter Blast in 2007. For more information, visit motownwinterblast.com.

HAPPENINGS IN HOLLAND

For those stuck in Holland, there are a multitude of low-cost, fun activities in which students can participate to help ward off boredom.

On Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., the DeGraaf Nature Center is hosting an event that focuses on wintry wildlife. “Snow School Part II” involves an exploration of how wildlife survives in the cold and snow. Participants will also be able to go on a snowshoe walk, provided that there is enough snow on the ground. The cost for the event is $2. To register or get more information, call 335-4057, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For some outdoor fun on the ice, Rosa Parks Circle provides a fun, frozen destination. Set in downtown Grand Rapids, the ice rink is open for public skating from mid-November through March. Public skating hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission to the rink is $1 and there are Monday Night Specials for adults and teens, with lift tickets for $19. The snowboard park at Rosa Parks Circle is located at Monroe Center and Monroe Avenue in Grand Rapids.

In case the wild wintry Michigan weather is too much for some, the Holen Natural Resources is hosting a free ice fishing class on Saturday, Feb. 10 on Crooked Lake. All equipment is provided, but participants need to bring a fishing license and register in advance at (231) 348-0900.

For those planning on spending a significant amount of time outdoors over winter break, it’s important to be well prepared. Here are some tips for staying warm, whether the activity is skiing, camping or just going for a walk.

Layer clothes. People spending extended time in cold weather should layer clothing. A lightweight shirt made of a synthetic fabric that wicks moisture from the skin as a base layer, one or more additional synthetic or wool layers to insulate, and a waterproof shell to keep moisture out. Layering makes it easy to adjust for weather or activity changes while maintaining a comfortable body temperature.

Wear synthetic fabrics. Down is a great insulator, but useless if it gets wet. Synthetic fabrics and fillers for coats are generally a better bet if the weather is unpredictable.

Keep feet dry. For the feet it’s important to wear wicking linings to move sweat away from the foot and wool socks to insulate. Waterproof boots are necessary if you’re going to be in the snow. Gaiters are useful if you plan to walk through deep snow. Gaiters are waterproof shells that wrap around a boot and hook under the boot, preventing snow from climbing up the ankles.

Stay hydrated. Even in cold weather, the body loses a significant amount of water through sweat. Staying hydrated is essential to maintaining body heat.

Eat. The body needs more calories to stay warm in the winter months. Be sure to take plenty of high-calorie food and eat regularly. Granola bars, nuts, bagels with peanut butter and trail mix are all good choices.
Down Deep

E pluribus unum

Jenny Cencer

There’s a light outside my window. Incandescent, and spewing tangerine blaze, it never goes out. Tonight, the flakes of lake effect snow are invisible until they churn past the bulb. Suddenly each particle seems combusted into silver shavings, bleached and pure, illuminated against the sky.

The twinking specks filter down, hovering as I catch my breath in wonder. But snow makes me think that we all should be satisfied with that, content. Snow is snow.

One could hypothesize that snowflakes are really fragments of feathers, molten from birds flying south in squawking v’s. Snow could be asbestos, tantalizing and deadly. We’d really stay indoors with our cocoa during that particular winter. We could call snow cotton or powdered sugar or Guiness froth.

So it’s about more than just hey - it’s about more. (When we first started) Steve would bring me a line for a song and wouldn’t be able to finish it. But now he writes and I write.

Anchor: Do you method?
Ogles: Well, yeah. It’s more like I get a picture in my head like a family in a log cabin in the snow, and I write about the experience. I get a picture in my head like a thing that’s fingerpicking and has good harmonies.

Anchor: I know you write fic tion and poetry as well. Does that influence your music?
Ogles: It does more and more. We’re all here together, shifting within the campus snowdrift until we melt with the summers, trickle to different regions and eventually begin the whole process over again.

The process is as relentless as the piercing light outside my apartment, but we don’t have to slog blindly through routine.

Collectively we’re a snowball with limitless inertia and potential. Add some more flakes from the sidewalks and dorm lounges and we can revel in our greatness as a post-modern sculpture of crystalline beauty.

Maybe there’s a chance we’ll become more than just infinite specks to one another. Every snowflake is different. And we’ve got a long journey together.

If Jenny was a fruit, she would be a kumquat. If she was a mammal, she’d be a bat or a manatee. If Jenny awoke to discover that she was transformed into a giant insect she’d be a collembola.
Musings of a wandering environmentalist

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Stephen Cupery

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Presidential

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if elected, would be the oldest president in his- tory at 72 years old. He has criticized officials in the Pentagon concerning the low number of troops in Iraq and voiced concerns over the war. McCain is known to take many bi-partisan compromises on tense issues, one of which in- cludes his support for state definitions of recognized marriages. McCain is pro-life and supports further stem cell research. Another Republican, Guliani, became an instant icon after the September 11 attacks and was seen as a rallying figure for hope and re-building. He was elected mayor in 1993 on the platform of crime and taxes, having already established a strong track record of justice starting with his aggressive pursuit and indictment of mafia members including the heads of New York’s “five families.” In addi- tion, he is pro-choice and pro-same sex mar- riage, which could put him at odds with the rest of his party.

Theatre

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with student productions,” Carpenter said. “There’s less limitations,” Van Tassell said about working without faculty. “But in a way there’s more because we have a smaller budget,” Goetzinger said. “It’s a good learning experience. It prepares you for the real world,” Van Tassell said. “The Shape of Things” begins at 8 p.m. Tick- ets are $2 and can be purchased at the door.

Union

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less of a necessity. He also said the U.S. must succeed in Iraq, and that the consequences of failure would be severe. The president concluded his speech on a positive note. “This is a decent and honorable country - and resilient, too. We have been through a lot together. We have met challenges and faced dangers, and we know that more lie ahead. Yet we can go forward with confidence - because the State of our Union is strong ... our cause in the world is right ... and tonight that cause goes on. God Bless,” Bush said.

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Pregame predictions

Super Bowl XLI: Midwest Mayhem

R.J. Thebo

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One can expect Bears fans and Illinois natives to be storming the campus much like the days the White Sox won the World Series just two years ago. Chicago's great defense and the emergence of offensive weapons like Bernard Berrian and second-year pro Cedric Benson has Chicago fans looking at the most complete Bears team in years. Likewise, after getting booted from the two championship seasons in a row by New England, Colts fans and Indiana natives feel the same way. Home away from home is where most Colts and Bears fans at Hope will be this weekend, surrounded by friends and fellow fans. Keep your eyes out for a flooded campus of Chicago orange and blue or Indianapolis blue and white.

Prediction: Colts 30, Bears 17

The week in Sports

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team got back on track with two strong MIAA victories. They defeated Tri-State and Kalamazoo, and are 17-2 overall and 8-2 in the MIAA.

Hockey

The hockey team won twice to improve to 21-1-0.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball defeated Tri-State 101-57 on Jan. 24 and Kalamazoo 86-48 on Jan. 27. These victories bring them to 16-2 overall and 8-0 in the MIAA.

Student Weigh In on All Aspects of Superbowl XLI

The Anchor went to the streets to find out your thoughts on Sunday's big game.

R.J. Thebo

Sara Aardema ('99)
Favorite Player: Tank Johnson, he has a funny name.
Thoughts on Prince's halftime show: It will be royal.
Favorite part of the Super Bowl: The coin toss.

Prediction: Bears 36, Colts 21

Dan Lithio ('09)
Difference maker: Cedric Benson.
Bears fan how long? At least eight years.

If the Bears were a food: A big slab of steak. They don't do anything flashy, but they are a quality team that gets the job done.

Prediction: Bears 27, Colts 24

Dan Murch ('09)
Favorite Player: Marvin Harrison, he's humble, talented and hard working.
Colts fan how long? Since I was born.

If the Colts were a food: Colts are like salt because they overpower everything else.

Prediction: Colts 28, Bears 10

Matt Siehoff ('09)
Difference maker: Cedric Benson, he has been playing better and better as the season goes on.

Harrison, he's humble, talented and hard working.

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Prediction: Bears 24, Colts 21