In Brief

FINANCE VP TO RETIRE

Barry Werkman ('64), vice president for finance, will be retiring after 39 years of service to Hope College. Werkman served as faculty member prior to joining the administrative team, and the Anderson-Werkman Financial Center at 100 East Eighth Street was named in his honor. “I know from previous conversations that (his) retirement was imminent, but I accept it with reluctance,” said President James Bultman ('63).

PREPARING FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

There will be two opportunities this week for students interested in studying off-campus in the coming year.

For students interested in domestic off-campus study, there will be an informational meeting about Hope’s Washington Honors Semester for spring 2008 on Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. in the fourth floor Lubbers Loft. Political science professor Jeff Polet will be hosting the session, and past student participants will be available to answer questions. Students from all departments are welcome.

The French department will be hosting a panel featuring students recently returned from France and Senegal on Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. in the Harrick Room in DeWitt Center.

NCAA PRESIDENT TO VISIT

Myles Brand, president of the NCAA, will be visiting campus Feb. 7 in honor of Hope’s 50 years of membership in the NCAA. Brand will address several campus groups, attend a luncheon with faculty members and speak briefly before the Hope vs. Calvin basketball game at DeVos Fieldhouse at 8 p.m.

ReSEARCH CELEBRATED

Kristie Moote
Sour Worms

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 students-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 coB 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 satisfied,” Vickery said.

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

Some of the research was internationally themed. George Khoury ('09) researched why Albert Camus reigned near and dear 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 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.
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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 (D-Ill.), who has announced her candidacy and formed an exploratory committee, could be the first African-American in the White House.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), who has announced her candidacy and formed an exploratory committee, could be the first woman 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 timetabled withdrawal. She opposed the 2004 and 2006 federal marriage amendment that sought to prohibit same-sex marriages and against 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 humanitarian.

Staff Writer
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BUSH SAYS STATE OF UNION ‘STRONG’

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.

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**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 that makes him 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.”

Ket Nykamp (’07) is the director and Kate Goetzinger (’07) plays the other lead, Evelyn. Chad Coe (’07) and Laura Van Tassel (’07) 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 to the project,” Carpenter said. 

**Spoken word: Hope poets share work**

Katie Bennett

A 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 nativity poem 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.

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**MUSICAL SPOTLIGHT:**

**They Were Thieves**

Midwestern liberal arts colleges are known for their fine arts programs, and they are just as well-known for their ability to create unique and exciting productions. This Winter, Hope College is no exception. Their production of “They Were Thieves” is one that is not to be missed.

**Anchors:** 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.

Anchors: 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 Dehan (’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 pretty all right.
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Thelen, along with a few others from her class, had even signed up for the special studies in psychology class that would allow her to see New York City. "I signed up for that class to get a real taste of the city," she said. "It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot about the psychology of the city and how it affects people's behavior."

The next step for the students was to complete a survey about their experience in New York City. "The survey will help us understand the impact of New York City on the students," said Professor Sanders. "We hope to use the results to improve our future trips."
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 February 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.

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 $5. To register or get more information, call 355-1057, 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 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission to the rink is $1 and skate rental is free with an ID. 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, there are also indoor opportunities in Holland to ward off boredom.

On Feb. 9-10 and 12-14, the Kickerbocker Theatre is showing the film “Joyeux Noel” as a part of its Kickerbocker Film Series. “Joyeux Noel” (“Merry Christmas”) is an Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, is the heart-touching story of French, Scottish and German troops that carried out a Christ- mas Day ceasefire during World War I. Showtimes for the film are 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., and admission for students is $5.

The Holland Museum is featuring an excellent place to visit during winter break. Located on 10th Street in between River and Central Avenue, the museum is the focal-point for immersion into the history of Holland. The current special exhibit is entitled “Under Cover” and focuses on quilted textiles from the 1850s to the 1930s. Admission to the museum is $4 for students or free on Monday. For more information call 392-9084.

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.


The Pere Marquette line of Amtrak leaves Holland daily at approximately 8:21 a.m. and arrives at Union Station in downtown Chi- cago at 10:30 a.m. If students are daunted by the cost of a hotel room in Chicago, Hosteling 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.

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.

Wear a hat. Up to 70 percent of body heat can be lost through the head, so be sure to wear a warm, but breath- able hat.

Layer clothes. People spending extended time in cold weather should layer clothes. A lightweight shirt made of a synthetic fab- ric that wicks moisture from the skin as a base layer, one or 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 Bunkhouse and Boyne Country Sports in Petoskey offer affordable snowshoe or cross-country ski rentals.

Northern Michigan is also home to pristine wilderness areas and features 12 rails and a su- per pipe and should be open by winter break, according to the Nubs website.

Boye 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 has also begun the tradition of hosting a free ice fishing class on Saturday, Feb. 10 on Crooked Lake. Everyone entering the lake must wear a life jacket, 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 unpaved to accommodate for snowmobile travel.

MOTOWN BLAST

The Detroit Win- ter Blast, the big- gest winter festival in the Detroit area, is happening dur- ing Hope’s Wint- ter Break. From Feb. 9-11, Cam- pus Martius Park, Greektown and areas throughout Detroit will be turned into a winter won- derland.

With free en- tertainment and activities at many of the venues, Winter Blast might be the per- fect alternative to weather. “Days of Our Lives” with Grandma Martius Park:

Four stages will feature music from Detroit area artists, including folk, pop, rock and funk. More than 75 acts will be performing on Friday, Sat- urday 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 out- door activities. A snowboarding half-pipe exhibition will be tak- ing winter blast as free ice skat- ing at Campus Martius Park.

A dog sledding exhibition will feature Michigan resident and Eisner Award winner 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 such as a 5K and 10K race to benefit the Heat and Warmth Fund.

Winter Blast debuted in De- troit in 2004, moving downtown to Detroit’s hosting of Su- per Bowl XL in 2006. More than 350,000 people are expected to attend Winter Blast in 2007. For more information, visit motown- winterblast.com.

Further reading:

- “Layert. The body needs more calories to stay warm in the winter months. Be sure to take plenty of high-calorie food and eat regularly. Gram- nola 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. Incense, 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 sugar or Guinness froth. Snow is snow. I should be satisfied with that, content. But snow makes me think that we all bundle up against our inner selves in defense against the blurzzzard of the public eye. “What are they really thinking about?” I query as I trudge to class, occasionally locking gaze with another student laden with books and stress. We’ll both dip our brows, acknowledging one another. Occasionally people will squeeze out an emphatic smile and a “hi.” 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 inertial 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.

Ogles: ‘Twas a flour, she would be a kumquat. If Jenny awoke to discover that she was transformed into a giant insect she’d be a collembo.

Thieves

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Anchor: This is the classic corny musician interview question. Who are your inspirations?

Ogles: Bonnie Prince Billy, especially on Stevie. He listens to a lot of Bonnie Prince Billy and Devendra Banhart, those started us with the old timey feel. We listen to some of everything. We play hip hop in the house. Anything that’s fingerpicking and has good harmonies.

Anchor: You know you write fiction and poetry as well. Does that influence your music?

Ogles: It does more and 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. So it’s about more than just hey this word sounds good.

Anchor: Do you have any gigs coming up in the area?

Ogles: We’re talking to the Independent Music Club about playing a show. We’ve played at Lemonjello’s and might be doing that again. I think someone told me about a benefit we’re playing next week. For most of our shows just tell us they want us to play.

Anchor: And you’re playing on Thursday night, at the poetry reading?

Ogles: On Thursday it’s just me. I’m gonna do two songs off the album where Steve wrote the music and I wrote the lyrics. Everything else will be new stuff, to give it a shot and see how people react.

Anchor: Is there anything that you want the readers to know?

Ogles: Well, the whole music thing kind of snuck up on us. We wrote songs like high schoolers. We just enjoyed doing it. Then people seemed to like it and we seemed to like it. And it just got bigger and bigger with spending hours and hours in the studio. Now we’ve got a CD and you put it in the stereo and it sounds like a real band. It’s been weird going through the whole process.

Gog: You can’t just read?

Join The Anchor! Issue planning meetings are every Sunday at 6 p.m.
Musings of a wandering environmentalist
What maps don’t show

Stephen Cupery

Have you ever stopped and considered how profoundly the type of landscape you are surrounded by affects the form of lifestyle which is carried?

Would you not agree that there is in fact a distinct correlation, subtle though it may be, between business suit attire and skyscrapers, Sabraru Outreach’s and mountainous roads or between deserts and transient gypsies?

It is obvious geography, whether natural or constructed, dictates culture to an extent, but who pays attention to the daily structure of behaviors in which we adapt to our environment? Can we adapt to our environment without actually transforming it in the process? How does the day-to-day transformation of creation affect your daily life?

For instance, consider the average American diet. If you were to take a moment and consider the average meal, you would be hard-pressed to find more than one third of the food consumed originating from any one state. Furthermore, the produce that does originate in the state is produced mostly in the regions bordering the state.

So, although the states are separated from one another, they are still very much interconnected. It is difficult to determine where one state ends and the other begins. Is it the mountains, or the deserts? Or between deserts and transient gypsies?

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 fiscal responsibility of the advertised and the advertiser shall be held liable for payment. Any advertising placed on behalf of an ad

Addressing the most basic needs each of our lives, her explanations sought to reveal how the effects of poor land management has spurred activism by predominantly females among Central African nations to allow for local economic sustainability.

The individual is not alone in his or her role as a caretaker for we are all members of recognized marriages. McCain is pro-life and supports further stem cell research.

Stephen Cupery can be found exploring for optimal climbing trees, elusive Lake Michigan icebergs and sociological trends.

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Addressing the most basic needs each of our lives, her explanations sought to reveal how the effects of poor land management has spurred activism by predominantly females among Central African nations to allow for local economic sustainability.

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Stephen Cupery can be found exploring for optimal climbing trees, elusive Lake Michigan icebergs and sociological trends.

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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

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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

readil, 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

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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 everything 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. Bears fan how long? At least eight years.
If the Bears were a food: A big slab of steak. They don't do everything flashy, but they are a quality team that gets the job done.
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Students weigh in on all aspects of Superbowl XLI
The Anchor went to the streets to find out your thoughts on Sunday’s big game

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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.

Saturday vs. Northwood 9 p.m. The Edgo

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. Stephen Cramer ('07) was honored with MIAA player of the week for the second time this season. The team also leads the nation in three-point shooting accuracy at 44.5 percent.

Swimming
The ‘men’s and women’s swim team hosted Alma on Jan. 27 and both teams came out on top. They also faced Div. II Grand Valley State on Jan. 26 with the women winning 151-140 and the men losing 127-148. The dual meet season is concluded, leaving the MIAA championships Feb. 8-10 and the NCAA Championships March 8-10 for men and March 15-17 for women.

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