Housing crunch? ‘Not so,’ says Residential Life

Kevin Soubly  
Senior Staff Writer

With the housing application deadlines approaching, many students around Hope College have become fearful that their housing options will be limited next year. Rumors have been swirling that next year’s seniors want to remain on campus (as opposed to moving into off-campus houses or apartments), which would pose complications to the juniors and underclassmen who also want to remain in on-campus housing. The rumors of a housing crunch are “false,” Hope College’s Director of Residential Life and Housing John Jobson said.

“Our returning students are always our first priority. We secure their housing first, and then find spots for the incoming students,” Jobson said.

In the past, there have been situations where too many students enroll compared to the number of rooms. When that happens, Jobson said that Residential Life and Housing gets creative. In dorms such as Dykstra, Van Vleck and Kollen, exercise rooms and study lounges have been converted into student housing, when needed.

Although Jobson denied any impending “housing crunch,” he made it clear that there is always a good possibility that students may not get their first-choice of housing. He stressed the importance of the second and third choices. Priority is given to those students with the highest number of credits, and men and women go through an entirely separate room-draw. Hope’s housing department tries to keep the male-to-female ratio in each dorm in line with that of the college’s overall student population.

For Hope women, Cook is the most in-demand dorm on campus, whereas for men, Kollen, Phelps and Darflee are most popular.

Hope focuses on global climate change

Sunkyo Hong  
Guest Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 31, schools around the nation held discussions, workshops, panels and other events for Focus the Nation's annual teach-in initiative, which is an effort to educate the nation as a whole and local communities about global warming and formulate solutions for it.

Global warming is a concern. According to scientists, the earth has been experiencing global climate change for thousands of years, undergoing ice ages and warm stages. People used to use this argument to downplay global warming. However, according to Dr. Greg Murray, professor of biology at Hope College, there is a clear consensus among scientists that global warming is a reality in which human beings play an appreciable part. One argument that is although the world is naturally warming up, our carbon emissions are measurably contributing to the problem.

As part of the teach-in initiative, Focus the Nation launched a webcast on Jan. 30. This included a panel of scientists, a green-job pioneer and others and "The 2% Solution," which according to the Focus the Nation website is a plan for developed nations to decrease polluting emissions by 2 percent from 2010 until 2050 that would hold global warming to a temperature increase of just 3 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Specifically concerning Hope College, Murray and the Environmental Issues Group helped coordinate other events focusing on global climate change. Dr. Jack Mulder of the philosophy department led an Inquiring Minds discussion that centered largely on the ethics regarding the issue; the EIG hosted a breakfast meeting with Hope’s administration; Phelps dining hall served and highlighted locally produced foods to demonstrate the negative impact of transporting foods over long distances; Dr. Murray led an interactive workshop on determining one’s ecological footprint; a measure of which included the mayor of Holland, discussed the possibility of using wind power in the Holland area.

Another significant event was the EIG’s meeting with Hope’s administration. The group presented on Hope’s carbon footprint and what other colleges were doing regarding the issue. Dale Shidemantle (’08), co-president of the EIG, said, “President Bultman seemed to really take a lot of interest in the issue. He seems to really want to do something about it.”

Things Hope has recently done to be better earthkeepers:

- Switched to biodegradable cups in the Keltz
- Purchased biodiesel vehicles for grounds work
- Installed low-flow toilets in numerous buildings
- Increased the local food options in Phelps

Areas for improvement:

- In 2005, Hope used about 10 million gallons of water. It cost $13,700 per month.
- About 300 pounds of food is wasted for each weekday meal in Phelps.
- The average American uses about 575 pounds of paper each year.
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COMING UP AT HOPE

Thursday  2/7
Meijer Run
Dévon Flagpole. 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Meijer Runs are sponsored by Student Congress.

Friday  2/8
Chapel
Ken Sanderson is giving the message at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday  2/13
Monday Schedule
Welcome back from Winter Break.
Chapel
Barth and Paul Deum will be speaking at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday  2/14
Valentine’s Day Poetry Reading
Come hear Chaucer’s “Parliament of Fowls” at Coq and Chaucer from 11 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Note: No Meijer Run
Do not show up at the DeVent Flagpole between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Friday  2/15
Chapel
Trygve Johnson and Paul Boersma will be leading today’s chapel at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday  2/17
The Gathering
Trygve Johnson will be speaking on James at 8 p.m.

Monday  2/18
Chapel
Kristen Johnson of the Crossroads Project will be speaking at 10:30 a.m.
Freemasonry Lecture
Find out about the Freemasonry controversy from 4 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. with Harry Boonstra.

IN BRIEF

WINTER BREAK

The Anchor will resume on Feb. 20. Enjoy your break and please drive safely.

V-DAY

Feb. 14 is V-Day, and in honor of this occasion, the Park Theatre will be featuring Eve Ensler’s “Vagina Monologues.” The play won’t actually take place until Feb. 28 – Mar. 1, but tickets will be available for the first time this year on campus.

V-Day was created as a response to women’s abuse.

VALENTINE’S DAY

Hope College is planning some fun ways to celebrate this year’s Valentine’s Day. Ahead of time, students can buy pink roses to send to their friend or significant other. The cost is $5 (or $6 if you want to include a personal note) and the proceeds go to support Dance Marathon.

Also, from Tuesday-Thursday, Student Development is sponsoring a Valentine’s for Veterans Program. Stop by between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and make a card for someone serving in the armed forces.

Lastly, Cup and Chaucer is holding a poetry reading of its namesake’s “Parliament of Fowls” from 11 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.

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However, when the EIG asked the administration to sign the Presidents’ Climate Commitment to reduce Hope’s carbon emissions and become carbon neutral — produce only as much carbon as gets absorbed — Bullman did not sign it. Shidemantle said that this has to do with a lack of funds to allocate towards the Commitment. The administration encouraged the EIG to continue raising awareness on campus about students’ ecological footprints, so that they could adopt policies reflective of the student body.

When asked what Hope College students can do at a personal level to help reduce the effects of global warming, Shidemantle replied that students can recycle, walk or ride a bike instead of driving to lunch and unplugging their appliances when not in use.

“Dr. Bouma-Prediger re-leased the statistic last year during Earth Jam that we would save, as a campus, $122,000 per year if students simply unplugged their computers at night,” Shidemantle said.

Alumnus, athlete

Floyd Brady dies

Gordie Fall
Spoon Warren

Floyd Brady (68), 62, the all-time scoring leader of Hope College basketball, passed away of natural causes on Sunday in Chicago, Ill. Brady played at Hope from 1964 to 1968, and set numerous school records that still stand today. Hope students, faculty and fans will have an opportunity to remember Brady tomorrow night with a moment of silence preceding the Hope vs. Olivet men’s basketball game in DeVos Fieldhouse.

“The he was very, very gifted,” Tom Renner said, director of Hope College’s public relations.

“He gave of himself to those around him. He also gave himself to his alma mater in many different ways and all of those added up to what I would hope for someone who graduates from Hope and for a Hope alumnus.”

However, Brady was well-known off of the court as well.

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Democracy in Iraq ‘unlikely’

Sam Ogles  NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

More than one year has passed since the announcement of the troop surge in Iraq. The president’s plan involved increasing the number of U.S. personnel in Iraq by 30,000. The troopers were also expected to add more than triple the figure of their own troops. All of these troops, combined with increases from coalition forces, were expected to significantly stabilize Baghdad and other regions of Iraq. Now one year later the surge has been largely successful to that end. But the troop surge had an important reason for being implemented.

It’s stated purpose was to create a stable atmosphere in which the various ethnic groups could find a political compromise. The goal of the surge was to foster the creation of a power-sharing deal which would be the foundation for an effective and independent Iraq. This has not occurred. To understand why this has not happened, Iraq’s history and ethnic conflict must be examined.

Professor Joel Toppen (political science) states that “most Americans think the problem in Iraq is defeating al-Qaeda, but it’s really getting the three factions to come together to compromise on power and resource distribution.”

Since the fall of Hussein’s government, the Kurds have been asserting their rights to secede from Hussein. Because European powers redrew the map of the Middle East, the Kurds are now the largest nation on the planet without a state. These instabilities help explain the existing tensions among these peoples.

In the past, measures have been taken to equalize power, such as de-Baathification (removing a Saddam’s Sunni party). As a result, many Sunnis, already a minority and who identify with the party, are defensive. “This move is indicative of US leaders’ lack of understanding of divisions in Iraq,” says Toppen. “It may make the situation worse.”

But now all ethnic groups are looking for a larger voice in the new government. The Kurds who were powerless under Saddam now want their interests protected. And with their own militias and control of much oil they can no longer be ignored-reflecting the recurring problem of resource distribution among the three groups. The Shia as well feel entitled to governmental power and that they should have a majority of government positions proportional to their population. Saddam had made a point of ethnic divisions—and put down uprisings brutally,” Toppen states. “Groups are now competing for political power in a way that was not allowed before.”

Considering these tensions and the continuing war, Iraq’s goal to be a stable democracy seems difficult to achieve. Toppen states, “Most Americans think the central problem (in Iraq) is defeating al-Qaeda, but it’s really getting the three factions to come together to compromise on power and resource distribution.”

When asked about Iraq’s future as a democracy Toppen comments, “What does democracy mean? Does it mean majority rule? Toppen notes success in Iraq will mean finding an answer to “how to allow majority rule while protecting minority rights.” The US believes it is possible. But Toppen concludes that it is “unlikely.”

U.S. economic troubles continue

Gordie Fall  STAFF WRITER

In recent weeks, the subject of the economy is on the mind of virtually everyone. According to the AP, the United States currently has overall jobs for the month of January. This was the first overall monthly job loss since August 2003, with total losses of around 17,000.

This 52-month streak of job increase was stopped due to job losses in prominent industries, such as construction. Many of these losses are due to construction companies cutting jobs, since a lack of home purchases shows that new homes are not needed. This is a sign of dwindling home construction and how the economy is slowing industry.

These signs are widely speculated to be harbingers of recession for the United States, as major politicians scramble to fix the problem. The housing slump, combined with a national credit problem involving credit cards and loans, has slowed the economy, as people are forced to pay off previous purchased items instead of buying new products. Due to this lack of money being circulated in the economy, it is speculated that a recession could occur.

President Bush has spoken out on the situation, calling the recent job loss “unacceptably b l i n g,” and praising $1.46 billion stimulus package as a possible helping hand. “There are certainly some troubling signs that the economy is weakening and we’ve got to do something about it,” Bush stated, while speaking in Kansas City, Missouri. Reuters quoted Bush as explaining that “the sooner this package makes it to my desk...the better off our economy is going to be.”

For most economists, a recession is defined as economic contract for at least six consecutive months. The chances of this have risen considerably in the last year, as analysts feel that the American economy is now entering the first stages of a long-term recession. With such a condition, economists feel that people and businesses will pull back their spending even further, causing the current economic woes to deepen.

With 2008 being an election year, the leading presidential candidates are all offering hopeful solutions to our national crisis. On the Democratic side, both major candidates, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, took aim at President Bush and his plan. “Today’s report that our economy actually lost jobs in January confirms my view that we are sliding into a second Bush recession,” Clinton told Reuters.

With the Republicans, leading candidate John McCain expressed support for the quick approval of the $146 stimulus plan, and billions in temporary tax cuts from 2001 and 2003 to be made permanent.

The US Federal Reserve had cut a key interest rate and is expected to offer further proposals that could keep the economy from a recession. The effectiveness of the Federal Reserve’s efforts has yet to be clearly seen.

POPE SPEAKS ON CHARITY; LENIENT SEASON BEGINS

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI said charity was a “duty of justice” for Italian Catholics and that they must assume greater responsibility to help the less fortunate.

Focusing on eliminating in his traditional message for Lent - the time the Church sets aside for fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter - the pope warned Tuesday against do-gooders who are it for personal aggrandizement, saying that true charity goes beyond philanthropy.

He said that helping the poor and abandoned is for Christians a “duty of justice, even prior to being an act of charity.” Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6.

U.S. ARMY SUICIDE RATE INCREASES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Multiple new efforts aimed at stemming suicides in the Army are falling short of their goal: The service anticipates another jump in the annual number of soldiers who killed themselves or tried to, including in Iraq and Afghanistan war zones.

The total of 121 suicides, if all are confirmed, would be more than double the 52 reported in 2001, before the Sept. 11 attacks. The toll was 87 suicides by 2005, and 102 suicides in 2006.
Drug company fined over Zyprexa

Eli Lilly charged with illegal promotion of anti-psychotic drug

Erin Fortner

Eli Lilly, a major U.S. pharmaceutical company, may settle with federal prosecutors for over $1 billion as part of a criminal case for illegally promoting the anti-psychotic drug Zyprexa. According to the New York Times, if the case becomes resolved it will be the largest settlement a drug company has ever paid for breaking federal laws concerning the promotion of medicine. Eli Lilly may also end up pleading guilty to a misdemeanor criminal charge. Zyprexa’s side effects include severe weight gain, and it is only approved to treat people with schizophrenia and severe bipolar disorder. The American Diabetes Association found that Zyprexa can cause diabetes in some patients. Eli Lilly has already paid a $1.2 billion fine to settle 30,000 lawsuits where people claimed Zyprexa caused them to develop diabetes and other diseases. In 2000, Eli Lilly launched a marketing program called Viva Zyprexa. Drug representatives for Eli Lilly were instructed to inform doctors about prescribing Zyprexa to older patients with age-related dementia. For the next two years, Eli Lilly allegedly told doctors through marketing documents and email messages to prescribe Zyprexa for people with age-related dementia, as well as people with mild bipolar disorder who had a previous history of depression. This unlawful practice is known as “off-label marketing.” Eli Lilly has also been criticized for underreporting Zyprexa’s negative side effects. The New York Times stated, “Zyprexa is Lilly’s most profitable product and among the world’s best-selling medicines, with 2007 sales of $4.8 billion, about half in the United States. While Zyprexa prescriptions are falling, its dollar volume of sales is rising because Lilly has raised Zyprexa’s price about 40 percent since 2003.” Last year, about 4 million Zyprexa prescriptions were written in the United States as the drug continues to be widely used. Federal prosecutors in Philadelphia are handling the case in conjunction with the Justice Department in Washington. A Philadelphia firm, Pepper Hamilton, and a Chicago firm, Sidney Austin, are handling the case for Eli Lilly. At this point, neither side will publicly comment on the situation. Eli Lilly is also currently facing a lawsuit at the state of Alaska to recoup money spent on Zyprexa prescriptions. Regardless of the legal outcome for Eli Lilly, “The company will still be allowed to keep selling Zyprexa to Medicare and Medicaid, the government programs that are the biggest customers of the drug,” stated the New York Times. Recently, there have been inquiries into the ethics of state Medicaid and Medicare programs, whose advisory panels consist mainly of doctors and pharmacists. Ultimately, these panels select the drugs which will be available for mostly vulnerable patients who qualify as poor or disabled. An MSNBC article reports, “An Associated Press review of records in Minnesota found that a doctor and a pharmacist in the eight-member state panel simultaneously got big checks — more than $350,000 to one — from pharmaceutical companies for speaking about their products...the top drugs for Minnesota Medicaid patients covered by the panel’s advice in recent years have been schizophrenia treatments from Eli Lilly Co. & Astrazeneca PLC.” Lilly’s Zyprexa from 2000-2004, followed by AstraZeneca’s Seroquel in 2005 and Eli Lilly in 2006. About a third of the drugs on the state’s preferred drug list are made by companies that paid (physicians and pharmacists).” In an interview with the Anchor, Holland pharmacist Mike Schrock said a main problem in the pharmaceutical field is that professionals are being educated by peers who are sponsored by drug companies. Schrock, who entered the pharmaceutical profession 23 years ago, recognizes that this common practice results in a favorable bias toward certain pharmaceutical companies and their drugs. “It should be illegal for pharmaceutical companies to compensate the pharmacists and doctors on state Medicare/Medicaid panels. Decisions concerning medication lists in such programs should be made independently and free of connection with any pharmaceutical industry,” Schrock stated. The Holland pharmacist said a positive change in the pharmaceutical field is that drug companies are now legally required to print a disclaimer on any information they publish. This practice ensures that readers of pharmaceutical information are aware of a material’s source. Overall, Schrock believes there should be strengthened laws in regards to the accountability of pharmaceutical companies and their executives. “It’s not even about good or evil,” said Schrock. “Pharmaceutical companies make business choices based on monetary benefits.”

Students lament Ledger death

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but “his death appeared to be accidental,” an autopen taken on Wednesday, Jan 23 was “inconclusive” and more testing is currently underway.

Ledger got his start in Hollywood at the age of 19 in the teenage romantic comedy “10 Things I Hate About You.” He then took his departure from the teenage rom-com to more provocative films, acting in “The Patriot” opposite Mel Gibson and the critically acclaimed “Monster’s Ball,” and earning an Oscar for Ang Lee’s controversial 2005 film “Brokeback Mountain.”

Ledger met Michelle Williams, an actress, on the set of “Brokeback Mountain.” The couple had a daughter, Matilda, in fall 2005, and split up in fall 2007. Williams has recently released a statement saying she is “heartbroken” over Ledger’s death.

Ledger carried a large fan base across the globe, including many students at Hope College. Seth Carlson (’10) said, “I thought (Ledger) played each role he had attained in his own style and contributed much to the acting community.”

McIntyre said that the often joked that she was going to marry him. Both Carlson and McIntyre cited “10 Things I Hate About You” as being among their favorite Heath Ledger films.

Before his death, Ledger had just finished filming “The Dark Knight” and was in the middle of filming “The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus.” Both films are still scheduled to be released.
'Wildly proportioned and a little titillating:

Billy Mayer's sculptures capture attention with gold leaf, iron ore and bright fuzz

Karie Ludens

Guest Writer

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Mayer's work does indeed seem short and sweet, at least at first glance. Colorful and bright, with a glossy sheen here and a bit of red there, the displays of sculptures inspired by toys and circus artwork. There are no bounds, ranging from clay, terra cotta and porcelain to iron ore, enameled and masonite.

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HOPE STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

Theresa Fernandez
WHERE: Philadelphia
FALL 2007
CURRENT CLASS: SENIOR
MAJOR AT HOPE: STUDIO ART AND COMMUNICATION

What was the highlight of your experience?
My internship; I worked at Banyan Productions. They produce reality television like "Trading Spaces." I did graphics for the development department which was basically made up of interns. You could tell that Banyan really appreciated their interns. They gave us real work to do and made sure that we were getting as much out of the internship as possible.

How would you describe study abroad?
It's a chance to experience life outside of college. The domestic programs are really just a trial run at the real world. Within the first two weeks of being in Philly, I had already learned to find an apartment and get an internship. I feel completely capable of going into a city and repeating that process.

What would you say to people who are interested in study abroad?
No matter where you end up studying, you are going to learn something about yourself. And there is no better time to study abroad.

Leah Wyatt
WHERE: Queretaro, Mexico
MAY AND JUNE TERM 2006
CURRENT CLASS: JUNIOR
MAJOR AT HOPE: NURSING, SPANISH MINOR

What was the highlight of your experience?
The highlight of my trip was definitely experiencing the culture. I loved the idea of being immersed in another culture and learning a new way of living. The people in Mexico are so friendly and so hospitable. I loved the excursions we took because we got to see awesome Mexican history and authentic culture. My host family was also a huge highlight of my trip because I learned so much from them and got to experience their lifestyle. I still keep in touch with them and am planning on returning to visit them soon!

What would you tell someone who is interested in study abroad?
Don’t think twice! Go! (Study abroad) opens your eyes to the big world and to what is going on outside the U.S. You can really learn a lot about yourself and how you adapt when you are outside of your comfort zone.

What did you learn while studying abroad?
I learned to be an advocate and represent my country. I learned that even the smallest things in life can make a difference.

Meghan Fore
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Did you know that Hope is connected to 217 study abroad programs available in 62 different countries? Consider traveling abroad for a year or semester to places such as: Australia, Spain, Tanzania or China to have the experience of a lifetime.

Show me the money
Don’t let cost hold you back! Surprisingly, tuition abroad is very comparable to Hope’s tuition; however, room and board vary depending on the housing option you choose. A vast majority of third party programs such as ILS, CIEE, SIIT and AustraliaLearn also provide scholarships to students, in addition to the Mulder Miller scholarship awarded to select students studying off-campus for the academic year or semester by the Office of International Education.

In many cases, financial aid from Hope transfers abroad; however, students should make an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid to figure out exactly what will transfer.

Popular places
Most students choose to study overseas in Europe; however, Amy Oss, director of international education said this is beginning to change.

"There has been a huge increase in Australia, and now Africa and Asia come right up. Reasons for this, she said, that Europe today is very expensive due to exchange rates and the dollar rise.

Bring on the benefits to domestic students from personal growth to new experiences as well as marketability. Off-campus students prove independence. Academically, studying overseas expands your major.

"You’re bringing in a different culture that you’re bringing in a different
ERIN RICHARDS
SAALAMANCA, SPAIN
FALL 2007
CURRENT CLASS: JUNIOR
MAJOR AT HOPE: EXERCISE SCIENCE

What was the highlight of your experience?
I had a blast there. The highlight was simply experiencing a culture and lifestyle completely different from anything here in the U.S. I met people from all places of the world.

What did you learn and how will the experience affect the rest of your life?
I would describe my experience as amazing and life changing, one of the best things to ever happen to me.

RYAN GARY
WHERE: WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA
FROM: JULY-NOVEMBER 2007
CURRENT CLASS: JUNIOR
MAJOR AT HOPE: UNDECLARED

What was the highlight of your experience?
I would describe my experience as amazing and life changing, one of the best things to ever happen to me.

What would you tell someone who is considering study abroad?
To anyone who's interested in studying abroad, my only advice is just do it. In my opinion, everyone should experience living in another culture because you won't come back the same person. Whether it's Australia, Chile or China, somewhere that people speak English or eat off the floor and speak in clicks, get out of the U.S. and stretch yourself to be challenged by another lifestyle. The knowledge that you gain isn't something that could ever be learned in Holland, Mich.

What did you learn and how will the experience affect the rest of your life?
I would tell people who are interested to go for it. It was really scary and kind of overwhelming at first but worth it in the end. Do whatever it takes to study abroad; you can really learn a lot.

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Check for credit
Most of the schools abroad are based on a three-credit system rather than a four-credit system like Hope. Therefore, Otis strongly encourages students to meet with their academic advisor to approve courses transferring back into their major or minor, and to meet with the registrar regarding classes for general education requirements.

Learn the language
Don't let language barriers stop you! Going to a foreign country can be intimidating for many students, but don't let fear hold you back.
"It's not crucial that you speak the language of the country, but it sure helps when you're interacting with the people out on the streets. A little bit of a language goes a long way," Otis said.

Courses abroad are offered in a variety of ways. Programs offer all classes in English, all in another language such as Spanish or a combination of both English and other language courses.

The deadline for studying abroad in spring 2009 is April 14. The fall deadline has already passed.

For additional information, stop by the Fried International Center located in MMC 115-118 to talk with a staff member in the Office of International Education, or visit Hope's International Education website at http://www.hope.edu/academic/international/index.html.
In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

A campus divided

My cluster in Dykstra during freshman year was very quiet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. By 3:30 AM, it was empty. Similarly, by about 7:15 on Sunday nights, I would be fairly certain that I'd have the place mostly to myself.

I wasn't much about missing Chapel or The Gathering. I've never been to Chapel as a current student (although I went to The Gathering a few times, always to the MP3 version once or twice). Five have the utmost respect for both; either as a reporter for The Anchor or for a campus divided?

Daniel Daniel Daniel Daniel

I always wondered what some people did who went to Chapel and The Gathering; the services just weren't for me. The religious views and practices I found there didn't really line up with my own, and I believed it was far better not to attend at all than to pretend that they did.

Nonetheless, as a freshman, I felt that by excluding myself from Campus Ministries, I was also excluded from a particular social group on campus. In my freshman brain, it was as though I was wearing a big sign that read, "I am a pagan." I use my free time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to take a nap or finish up last-minute homework, so I don't feel bad about it. I don't know Chapel lingo. I'm terrified that you might think this about me."

It was just in my head, or was our campus divided? I saw two groups: those who went to Chapel and the Gathe- tering, and those who didn't. If I didn't participate in Campus Ministries, I was lumped in with all Hope's other non-redo-wells: people who drank, smoked, skipped classes even broke par taille. At the time, however, I didn't even know any redo-do-wells (all of my friends went to Chapel). I have since overcome my self-consciousness about Chapel and The Gathering (it helps that senior year, a majority of their efforts into it?"

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To the Editors:

During the past couple weeks, The Anchor has printed two letters to the editors (Michael Loach, Jan. 23 issue; Stephanie Dykema, Jan. 30 issue) that have brought into question Campus Safety and decried it (Michael Lausch, Jan. 23 issue; Stephanie Dykema, Jan. 30 issue) that have brought into question Campus Safety and decried it (Michael Lausch, Jan. 23 issue; Stephanie Dykema, Jan. 30 issue) that have brought into question Campus Safety and decried it (Michael Lausch, Jan. 23 issue; Stephanie Dykema, Jan. 30 issue) that have brought into question Campus Safety and decried it.

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My point is this: that Campus Safety does so much for Hope College, and we students don't see it. I personally was raised on a regular basis that Campus Safety succeds in providing basic security and service to students. I think that this should be their primary role and focus, rather than auxiliary functions such as lockouts.

I think it's time to stop complaining and start appreciating and thanking those who are involved with Campus Safety. Next time you see a Campus Safety personnel, thank him or her for keeping you safe and for helping Hope College run smoothly because it wouldn't without them.

Now, because I have placed myself in their shoes, I expect you to do the same. Also, don't use the small stuff—the nega-

tive minor interactions that happen with Campus Safety. Instead, try your best to appreciate the greater good that they do on Hope's campus and cut them some slack. —Matt Oosterhouse ('09)

To the Editors:

In the interest of full disclosure, I will say that I know and highly regard both Nick and Evelyn. Any debate about social norms is a risky one, and bound to stir up controversy among such socially active people. I enjoy such discussions, even though I am not as socially active as they are. Therefore, I can say that they have both failed to make a respectable case for or against chivalry.

Nick, on the one hand, wants to give chivalry an added element, that it expresses a particular sort of value—kindness that he gives to others in romantic interactions. He writes that "romantic gestures," as expressions of love, cannot also be "violent expressions" of a patriarchal society. But Nick has created a false dilemma. The question of what sort of emphasis can be attributed to opening a lady's door remains unasked. Surely it demonstrates something like, "I love you as my own and will take good care of you, as my own." But this is no more impossible in a patriarchal society, than a black overseer in the Old South. They may be simply more benign than the utterly unacceptable institution. Hence, Nick's objection to Evelyn's es is black or white, I think that this simi-

lar problem for them both is grounded in the fact that they both are aiming for what Nick terms a "more egalitarian society" and what Evelyn designates an "egalitarian society in the abstract." I would tend to agree with the more radical position, that an egalitarian society cannot reasonably have people opening doors for each other as romantic gestures, or any such-like. The question of who opens a door for whom is not one that should be decided in the violent sex oppression of romance, because there are no subjective or cultural (or, perhaps, religious) conditions that ought to predispose our treatment of one another in a society of equals.

Then again, if we simply cannot stand to be romantic or cultural, perhaps we also should try not to be egalitarian. Is it so inconceivable that I, acting either out of love for someone or a desire to deferential to women (Is there a dif-

ference?), should reject the constraints of egalitarian society and open a lady's door merely because that is the customary thing to do? It seems to me to be a sad state of affairs when I cannot. I suppose I will have to throw away all those counter-revolutionary romantic comedies, and kick in Shakespeare and the Catholic Church to boot.

—Clayton Orr ('08)
The enigma of Nickelback

Joe Seymour

The enigma of Nickelback has been good to Nickelback, as they have sold nearly 25 million albums and have received numerous awards and Grammy nominations. Still, a visceral hate for them runs deeper than the Marianas. Could it be due to their Canadian nationality, like a form of xenophobia? I mean, why, really, is there so much vitriol focused toward these fellow Canadians? My other heathen friend told me that Nickelback is the San Antonio Spurs of rock; no one truly likes them, but they still are unstoppable.

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One reason has kept me sleepless for months, and I feel that by expressing my concerns I can somehow solve my soul’s dire problems. Does everyone hate Chad Kroeger and his band Nickelback? I mean, really, why is there so much vitriol focused toward these fellow Canadians? My other heathen friend told me that Nickelback is the San Antonio Spurs of rock; no one truly likes them, but they still are unstoppable. He has a point.

From the inside out

Brittany Adams

In hope of Easter

I was originally planning on writing about Valentine’s Day, but in the past month something urgent and important has come to my attention, and I cannot sit idly of the Hope College community, that classes resume after Spring Break on March 24. This means, means of the Hope College community, that we are expected to return to college ON EASTER. No Sunday Brunch, no dinner with the family, no relaxing to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, a major tenant in the theology upon which this school stands. This is a outrage.

We could expect this at a secular college or a state school, but this is Hope College, a melded college and church, beloved Church of America. If we are to stand as a community that reveres and worships Christ, shouldn’t we recognize and properly participate in the day that changed eternity for all His followers?

Easter is traditionally one of my favorite holidays (the other two, if you’re curious, are Thanksgiving and Christmas ...well, and maybe Valentine’s too). But that’s beside the point). My family wakes up, opens our baskets (despite the fact that the Easter Bunny never even gets out of bed), and the Easter Bunny, still manages to come to our house each year), goes to church, and then goes out for brunch with my parents, uncles, and cousins. Easter is a special day, it’s a sacred day.

Easter is underspecialized compared to Christmas, and it’s a tragic mistake. The birth of Christ at Christmas, a time when the trees seem barren and the snow vanishes and the world around us (except us in the northern Midwest), leads us to the resurrection of Christ during spring, a time when things are growing and flowering. It’s the Gospel: God takes our frozen barren hearts and on Easter, He warms them up into something new with hope. Therefore, it doesn’t make sense: the birth of Christ is a beautiful occasion of hope, which we get over three weeks to celebrate, but it’s actually the resurrection of Christ that seals our saving grace, and it’s a day we should really celebrate.

Another problem with this schedule is that it hurts the students’ families as well as the students. Those who wish to miss their family gatherings to drive back to school and get readjusted, and those who don’t have a car, like myself, must not only family get-togethers, but must have a family member miss the get-together to drive them back, which is even worse. Our families pay a private tuition to send us here for most of the year, and then they don’t get to see us on Easter.

I don’t doubt that the administration cares about matters of faith and family. However, that said, I simply don’t understand why we must return to school on Easter. Why can’t we start on the following Tuesday, as we have on all our other long breaks? According to the campus calendar, there is nothing happening here on Easter, no reason for the university to end classes starting Friday. But Easter is the “Passover,” as the calendar calls it, begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008. I propose that we move that vacation day to March 24, 2008. We need Easter!

Brittany apologizes for her photo. She was sick and unprepared.

Letters to the Editors

Palestinians take charge of own fate

To the Editors:

Finally, the two-year embargo on the Gaza Strip imposed by Israel has been broken. Yes, the very same embargo imposed on the Gaza Strip after the war of 2008 required international approval of George W. Bush has been broken. The embargo that aimed at creating the holocaust of the 21st century has been broken; yes, the holocaust by killing 1.5 million Palestinians through starvation, bombs and bullets.

The will of the people and the rage of the resistance had had enough with the lack of electricity, food and water. The people of Palestine blew apart the border between the Gaza Strip and Egypt, longing for freedom. The people of Palestine gave up on the world, as the world gave up on them, and took charge of their fates in their own hands, ignoring their government’s and people’s lives.

On Jan. 23, a loud explosion rocked the border of Palestine and Egypt, and within hours of the wall coming down, thousands of Palestinians crossed into Egypt. The Gaza Strip started a march towards Egyptian cities, longing for freedom and food. They marched, instilling fear in the Egyptian Police and Egyptian Border Guard, while the latter obeyed the words of an Egyptian hero, president of Egypt; President Mubarak. Mubarak refused that the Palestinian people be denied their inalienable rights to life and freedom.

In less than five days, the Egyptian Sisi peninsula market was wiped out of merchandise as Palestinians bought tons of supplies—from vegetables to fruits, from fish to poultry to red meat, from wheat to bread, from live cattle of every sort to pets, from water to pop and juice, from milk to dairy products, from computers to blenders, from cars to motorcycles, from fuel to gasoline, from medical equipment to medicine, from nails to bricks, from lumber to hard core equipment, from mineral water to water purifiers, from mattresses to movies, from books to paper, from peps to glue.

Everything and anything that could potentially be helpful was bought. Why am I writing this? Beside the obvious reason to make you aware of the real truth, it is to urge you that when choosing your next president, choose one that is smart enough to lead your country down a prosperous road that will accomplish all your desired goals to the extent most feasible. And to choose one that will build foreign relations policy that is not racist, and does not intend to destroy Palestine or approve an embargo to kill 1.5 million Palestinians in war crimes punishment. I urge you to choose a president that is internationally responsible and diplomatic.

—George Khoury (99)
Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

In the words of FDR

I came to the realization that I am not afraid of much, besides a hard breaking off mid-shake. This of course is an almost lie. What I mean it’s such a big undergird that my pants should be on fire, hanging on a telephone wire. Because I fear a lot.

I’m not afraid of books or popcon or the Blue Oyster Cult or even cowbell. I’m not afraid of dying, or telling people what I think, or speaking in front of large groups of people. When I pick up a pair of scissors, I flinch. I flinch at my own judgment. I am not really afraid of that happening. I don’t know how my life will turn out; it’s scary, but I’m confident it’ll be fine. I’m not afraid of snails or heights or mice or cockroaches or SARS or Communists.

I am afraid of my friends will forget my birthday. Worse: I’m afraid they will wake up tomorrrow and each decide they never liked me in the first place, and when we pass on the stairs in Lubar hall of the Science Center they will pretend we’ve never met. I’m afraid my girlfriend will cheat on me. I’m afraid that my best friend would tell me he has found room full of friends. I know I’m a drifter, and I like it, but I’m afraid of getting stuck between here and there. And, as great as R.W. Emerson says it is, I fear always being misunderstood and never understanding.

I can add a great deal more of these fears because I am ashamed of them. Like most fears, they are not born from logic, but rather from the underlying mother of all other fears: I am afraid of love.

Jeremy Benson would like you to know that while true, much of the above has been exaggerated for effect, like cereal boxes. He knows his friends like him. He’d also like to learn that same comment, write jenney.benson@hope.edu or anchor@hope.edu.
James Ralston
Sports Editor

Frisbee has often been considered a symbol of college life. The laid back feel of tossing a disc goes hand in hand with the stereotypical mind set of a carefree undergrad. Hope College has embraced this culture fully – from the highly popular Frisbee golf course that runs through campus, to the less well known ultimate Frisbee team.

“The ultimate club has been a symbol of college life,” captain Eddie Helderop (’09) said. “The team is really young this year. We are working on recruiting new people all the time and, we are very happy with the amount of freshmen that are coming out.”

Ultimate offers a very different opportunity from most sports at Hope. Not only is it a club sport, it also presents unique opportunities for Hope students to compete against strong opponents.

“Unlike any other sport ultimate offers us the opportunity to compete against some of the best players in the state,” Sam Baker (’09) pictured. “Because of Hope’s strong history in ultimate we have some incredible alumni who have made a name for themselves in Michigan. These connections help us to go up against some of the top competition and teams in the state.”

On top of the official practices and tournaments, the ultimate club also has pickup games as an opportunity for players to hone their skills and learn from others. “We have pickup games in the winter to work on strength, conditioning and skills. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday in the Dow Center at 9:45 p.m.”

Hockey ranked No. 1 closing in on ACHA tournament

Gordie Fall
Staff Writer

The Hope College hockey team is the number-one ranked team in DIII American Collegiate Hockey Association, with a record of 17-3-0-1. Hope’s last game was a blowout of Albion College, by a score of 8-1-2. Leading the scoring that day was Mike Bazyllo (’11) with a hat trick, and Brett Kojinski (’11) with two goals and three assists.

After last year’s disappointing loss in the national tournament, this year’s squad is ready for a long run at nationals.

Defensive men Dan Bolt (’10) said, “(The team looks) really good, even better than last year.”

Part of this is due to Hope’s play in close games throughout this season. Hope has had many remarkable offensive performances, with four games of ten or more goals. However, Hope has also prevailed in many close games, which is a good sign for the ACHA National Tournament in mid-March.

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As the season comes to a close, Hope’s national ranking will play a huge factor in their tournament run. “If we win out in the regular season, we will be number one when the tournament begins,” Bolt said.

However, with a number one ranking comes added pressure along with the laurels. “As for (being) ranked number one in the country, I think it’s fantastic,” Dekker said. “We’ve been working really hard all year, but being number one means teams are going to be out to get you. We need to stay on our toes and keep working hard.”

With just a few games left in the season, Hope’s players are optimistic about the tournament at hand.

“I feel that we will do very well. We have fewer losses this year compared to last year, and we can’t come to nationals thinking we’re going to win it all. We have to work at it and earn it,” Dekker said.

Feb. 9 is Hope’s last home game for the season against Lake Superior State at 7:30 p.m.

“Fan-wise, they’ve been awesome,” Bolt said. “We’ve gotten a lot more fans than some of the official Hope teams. We rely on all of them cost-wise to help us keep playing.”

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Track teams open season in Wisconsin

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

Although Hope College’s campus remains snow covered, the men’s and women’s track teams have begun their indoor season. Last weekend, the Dutch kicked off its season at the Tadd Metzger Indoor Invitational in Carthage, Wis. The men’s team finished in 15th place and the women in fourth.

On the men’s side, the top performers included Sean Bergsma (99), second in the high jump; Ryan Jara (10), third in the 5000 meters (16:25.77); Aaron Clark (98), fourth in the 400 meters (51.76); Jeff Minkus (10), fourth in triple jump (44-3 1/4); Daniel Saltz (98), fifth in the 200 meters (21.63); Zach King (99), seventh in the 3000 meters (8:54.48) and eighth in mile (4:34.02); Nick Hinkle (99), eighth in 55-meter hurdles (8:03.39); and Nate VandeGuchte (98), eighth in high jump (5-11 1/2).

Women’s top finishers included Nora Kupper (99), eighth in 55 meters (70.82); Emily Kreichelt (91), eighth in 200 meters (24.82); Susan Savisky (31), sixth in the mile (5:38.18); Joanne Gabl (99), sixth in the 3000 meters (11:08.30); Sarah Maller (99) and Elle Munca (11), sixth (20:23.33) and eighth (20:33.68) in the 5000 meters; Kara VandeGuchte (97), fourth in 55-meter hurdles (:99.13) and third in high jump (5-1 3/4); Christina Liss (99) and Kyle Topol (11), second (52:34) and forth (5-1 3/4) in high jump; Emily VanderMeer (99) and Rebekah Woods (99), second (5-11 3/4) and third (5-6) in pole vault.

In preparation for the invitational, the teams have been training the best they can despite the winter weather. “At this time of year the weather greatly influences what we can do since we are working outdoors,” coach Mark Northuis said. “We often times will take the team bus off campus and have the distance runners run back to campus with the wind or go in search of cleared roads to run on.”

Northuis, who primarily works with the distance runners, has concentrated on multiple areas to prepare the runners for the indoor season. “We have been primarily focusing on developing our endurance base and stamina, muscular strength and flexibility,” Northuis said.

Although neither team finished in the top three at the invitational, both had respectable finishes considering the weather and limited amount of training. Also, the indoor season allows an opportunity for new runners to adjust to college competition before MIAA events.

“This is obviously our first meet while our competition at the meet has been competing since early December,” Northuis said. “Our goals for this meet are to introduce the new runners to college-level intensity and to get a measure of where they are.”

Both teams have two more indoor meets until their spring training trip in Georgia. Following the training trip, the teams will begin their outdoor season and MIAA competition.

“We are working through the indoor meet season in preparation for spring break and the outdoor season,” Northuis said. “However, we will be working on race tactics that help them later in the season.”

Tennis teams swing into 2008 indoor season

Men drop first match to University of Chicago

Jon Kinsey
Staff Writer

The Hope College men’s tennis team opened up its season on Saturday, Feb. 2 with an 8-1 loss to the University of Chicago. John Pelton (99) was the lone victor defeating his opponent 6-3, 6-3.

There are four more indoor matches prior to the spring trip to Hilton Head, S.C., before the regular season starts March 29 against Adrian.

The matches are against Grand Rapids Community College, Oberlin College, John Carroll University and Grand Valley State University, as well as the Grand Rapids City Tournament from Friday, Feb. 15 to Saturday, Feb. 16. The tennis team opens the season with high hopes and a positive outlook. “We want to win every match and we know that we are good enough to do very well in the conference,” Jon Lautz, (91) said.

Captains John Schlotz (99) and Zach Huber (99) lead a young squad into MIAA competition, featuring only one senior to complement five juniors and three sophomores in the starting lineup. “But that does not mean that the freshman will not play a pivotal role in making the team better,” Bradley Boellmies (99), Kevin Hagan (99) and Lautz all are expected to help further the team even though they face limited roles this year.

The goals of the team, however simple, will not be easy to accomplish. “Win conference, go to national tournament, beat Calvin (College) and stop Kalamazoo (College’s) winning streak,” Huber said of the team’s goals.

The Calvin match falls on April 16 and is sure to be a key match in deciding the outcome of the conference standings, while Kalamazoo will be faced later down the road as the last game in the regular season, on April 22. As a captain, Huber knows what it takes to win at the collegiate level. “Always work hard no matter what you’re doing,” Huber said.

By leading warm-ups and practices, Huber hopes his work ethic will run off onto the younger players. Last year, the Dutchmen posted a 9-1 record, but the squad seems to be focused and ready to compete for a championship this year.

Women’s team aims for title

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After finishing third in the MIAA and posting a 15-8 record last season, the women’s tennis team is gearing up for another exciting indoor season.

The indoor season will start Feb. 19 against Grand Rapids Community College, and will continue through March 12 before the spring trip at Hilton Head in South Carolina.

Hope’s only senior, captain Christine Garcia, is looking forward to a close knit group of girls. They all are on the same level and relate to each other.”

The Dutch are hoping to improve on last year’s performance when they went 1-2 against Whenton, Aquinas and Grand Valley, while their lone win came against Aquinas, winning five matches to Aquinas’ four. Danielle Werley (91) led the team in singles wins last year with a 15-6 record, and Samantha Stille (99) received first team all-MIAA honors in 2007.

Along with having a strong opening performance, the Dutch will be looking to improve on their third place finish in the MIAA, when the outdoor season arrives.

“We are definitely going for number one in the MIAA this year,” Garcia said.