Hope celebrates progress

Students and staff watch inauguration; march across campus in commemoration

Emily West
Campus News Editor

On Inauguration Day, Tuesday, Jan. 19, Hope College Student Congress and the Office of Multicultural Education presented a panel discussion followed by the viewing of the Barrack Obama’s presidential inauguration. Hope history professor Fred Johnson moderated the panel of Donald Luidens of the Sociology Department, Jeffrey Cronkite, professor of biology, is a member of Mortar Board. Dr. Boyd Wilson, the guru, or Chacha, as he encourages his students to call him, gave an address deeply rooted in faith and wisdom.

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“I still teach from the perspective of what I have learned from other religions,” wrote Wilson in his lecture notes. The expansion of beliefs was a theme throughout the address. “I value the fact that he wants to leave his students with the insight that he has on life,” said Alison Watchorn (’99), “I’m a senior trying to find some happiness and success in the beaten path. I want to see if this lecture could provide me with some hints as to what might look like.”

Wilson encouraged his audience to live without fear. This idea was one of his Zen moments or “that point of instantaneous, intuitive insight when you suddenly know for the very first time that which you have always known to be true.” This Zen moment changed the way he studied, taught, and lived. Living without fear eventually led Wilson to his second Zen Moment: the realization that “Truth is truth, and I can learn it!” He explained that sources of truth are everywhere. Eastern religions as well as Christianity all have truths to offer.

He said, “I was not afraid that granting truth to other religions was somehow denying truths to Christianity.” The professor urged his audience to capitalize on truths regardless of their source.

The last Zen moment that Wilson related was, “Whatever it is that you do, you must do it with passion and commitment.” He explained that to make one’s actions more important to onself and to the other person the person must do it with passion and commitment. Professor Wilson closed the lecture with two simple, personal and experienced truths. The first truth was love, or the necessity for a person to “find that sense of commitment, make that promise, and live in love.” The second truth was success, or the necessity for a person to “find that sense of success, find that joy that allows you to throw your hands up at the end of each day and proclaim: ‘This is my job! This is what I do!’”

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—Dr. BOYD WILSON

Last lecture: Learn truths, live with passion

Hope works to increase diversity on campus

Christine Hostetler
Soc. Sci. World Editor

Although it not a popular fact, Hope College is a generally homogeneous institution compared to the population that constitutes the United States today. Minority students and faculty alike would like to see Hope change and start to better reflect our country’s population and are striving to attract more students of racial and ethnic minority.

The question is: How can a small institution like Hope College attract a larger number of these students?

According to Stacey Goets, chair of the Office of Admissions, it takes “a bunch of initiatives that we do with different programs all over campus.”

The recruiting staff in the Admissions Office are eager to contact minority students in an effort to let them know about Hope College, and there’s a team especially devoted to multi-cultural recruitment.

There are certain nights when faculty members call these potential students specifically.

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Thursday, Feb. 5
Resume Lock-in 8:00-10:00 p.m. Martha Miller Computer Lab. For all students who need to start, update or improve their resume. Sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

Friday, Feb. 6
Wear Red Day Students and faculty are encouraged to wear red to work or class and donate $5 in exchange for a Red Dress Pin. Donations will help the American Heart Association raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Men’s Basketball Game 7:30 p.m. Hope vs. Calvin. At Calvin College.

Friday, Feb. 13
Great Performance Series: Aquilla Theatre 7:30 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre. (Also Saturday, Feb. 14)

Saturday, Feb. 14
Women’s Basketball Hosts Adrian DeVos Fieldhouse. 3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 16

IN BRIEF

FIVE FACULTY ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

Judy Hillman, associate professor of art and design; Dr. Michael Silver, professor of biochemistry and chemistry; Raymond Smith, professor of kinesiology and director of athletics for men; Dr. John Stoughton, associate professor of mathematics; and Dr. Stephen Taylor, professor of chemistry all announced that they plan to retire at the end of the school year.

Hillman has been at Hope since 1989. She has been heavily involved with numerous community art projects. Stoughton has been at Hope since 1983. In 1997, he was awarded the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Smith has been at Hope since 1970. He has coached baseball, golf, wrestling and football at Hope.

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Minority recruitment advances

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HOPE FOCUSES ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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HAGOOD

Gay-Straight forum representatives, Marissa Grott (’09) and Lindsay Sweet (’11), remembered the tragic death of Matthew Shepard.

Shepard was a student at the University of Wyoming who was beaten and left for dead. The trial of the suspected attackers confirmed that the violence was targeted at Shepard because of his sexual orientation.

The march ended in the first floor rotunda of the Martha Miller Center. Ayanfe Olonade (’10), of the International Relations Club, read about the crisis in Darfur.

“As domestic and global violations of human rights continue, our community must courageously stand against these injustices,” Olonade said.

“The bigger danger is that people will say we’re all done now and the civil rights battle is over,” Polet said.

Philana Greene agreed that the categorization seems inevitable. “I think people in the United States have to put people in a certain group to understand them,” said Philana Greene.

Greene also acknowledged that the fight is not over. “We are starting to see things that we never thought we would see... We need to continue the discussion about how people of all races, genders or sexual orientations are still not considered equal,” Greene said.

“People got so caught up in Obama versus McCain. They almost forgot that Clinton almost beat Obama,” said Greene. “Now, a young African American couple can tell their children that they could be president. They can even tell their daughters that.”

Johnson wrapped up the debate and said, “The only thing that we know for sure is that this is a day for celebration... The rest of us must put our hands to the task to make sure things get done.”

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, the Commemorative Civil Rights March brought about two dozen Hope students and faculty out to remember, reflect and hope for further progress. The march began at the anchor outside of Graves Hall.

Professor Chuck Green, director of the Phelps Scholar Program and professor of psychology, started the march by honoring Bob Zellner. Zellner was the son and grandson of Klu Klux Klan members, but he chose to defy his upbringing and fight for social justice. He was personally recruited by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to join the civil rights movement.

At the next stop, just outside Libbears Hall, Jonathan Hagood of the History Department spoke about the significance of the Mendez v. Westminster court case that paved the way for California to become the first state to desegregate public schools.

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Sudanese president sought for Darfur crimes

Lindsey Bandy
Assistant National News Editor

Tensions have been rising since July when the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court began his quest for an arrest warrant against the current Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir for his role in the events in the country’s region of Darfur. The International Court alleged that Bashir is the mastermind behind the operation of murder, rape and exile. As a result, the president is being charged with genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity for his role in the events that have taken place in Darfur. The unrest began in 2003 when rebel groups began a rebellion in search of restoration from social and economic injustices while demanding greater political power.

The region of Darfur is a severely neglected and under-developed area by the government. When the uprising began six years ago, the government saw it as a serious threat, fearing that other neglected areas would also rise in rebellion.

Despite the continuous de-facto from the Sudanese government, there are facts pointing to the government officials as the main coordinators of the violence, employing the Janjaweed along with troops to implement the mass extermination of men, women and children. The U.N. estimated that in the past six years over 300,000 people have died and up to 6 million others have been displaced in the region.

It is expected that the World Court will grant the warrant sometime in early February. It is feared, however, that this decision could have detrimental effects on the current aid efforts in Sudan as well as peace talks with the rebel forces. At a press conference in early October, Bashir said an indictment would not only disrupt peace talks with the rebel groups but will be catastrophic on the regions stability in the upcoming political elections.

Several aid workers fear that a result of the indictment could mean the removal of the country leaving refugees exposed to hunger and vulnerable to even more violence.

John Holmes, the U.N. emergency relief coordinator in an interview with Newsweek said in regard to possible effects of an indictment, “Ultimately, they could throw everyone out of the region leaving a terrible mess and they won’t be able to feed their own people. We’ve told them ‘we expect you to leave our operation alone.’”

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**Hope students join ‘Obamob’**

*Joseph Seymour*  
Guest Writer

The darkness partially concealed the chaos of those early Inaugural hours. I departed my apartment at 5 a.m. with four other silver ticket holders, and we naively believed we had left early enough.

Coincidentally, many, many, many other people had the same idea. Our specific ticket line was already seven bodies wide and several thousand deep, streaming down Independence Street. We settled in—at what we perceived in the teeming shadows—the end, only in at—what we perceived in the lane. The darkness partially concealed the chaos of those early Inaugural hours. I departed my ticket line than the 25,000 police officers around the Mall.

Inaugural hours. I departed my line began to take the situation with me when she described him as an obnoxiously large hat. I was close to losing my sanity. And then it happened. Barack Obama has the unique potential to transform this country. To many he is the first post-racial and post-Vietnam president, a chance to split with the past. On that awful cold Tuesday morning, the crowd picked up on Obama’s message of hope and change. Not only did the crowds break down racial barriers, but they broke down physical ones as well. Maybe it was the severe cold or lack of sleep. Maybe it was a highly contagious form of Barack-fever. Regardless, the mob in my area destroyed the fences separating them from the hand-picked sections, and I witnessed a reverse Moses. We spilled over the trampled fences and poured around the reflecting pool without a single officer holding us back. I suppose that was the personification of “Hope.”

A few thousand ticket holders, though, weren’t so lucky. Hope junior Andy Palkowski, an intern in Rep. Camp’s office, thought himself blessed to possess a purple standing ticket. In an ideal world, he would have been in the inner circle of the reserved area, close enough to hear Obama without amplification. What actually followed was deeply saddening.

We ended up standing in a tunnel (beneath the Mall) for three hours, moving a total of 300 yards.

**Andy Palkowski (’10)**

I wasn’t sure if the constant tapping on my jacket was due to the suffocating branched multitudes.

**Joseph Seymour (’09)**

I had been lucky enough to be able to feed their own people.
Obama inauguration sets record cost

Colton Wright

Leading up to the inauguration, media reports from both sides of the political spectrum chastised the estimated $150 million cost of President Barack Obama’s swearing-in ceremonies. The reports from Fox News all the way to MSNBC blasted the incoming presidency for nearly quadrupling the cost of the 2005 inauguration of George W. Bush.

“The cost of Obama’s inaugural will dwarf past celebrations and make those of President Bush’s look like budget bashes,” said Fox News commentator Sean Hannity in his personal blog. MSNBC went a step further and suggested on Jan. 14 that the $150 million tab only covered parties and activities.

Did the new administration really spend that much on parties and activities? FactCheck.org, a nonprofit and nonpartisan website, says no.

According to the site, the $150 million estimated cost of Obama’s inauguration included the security costs reported by the federal government, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland and the cost of the celebration.

The reported $42 million and $33 million cost of former Presidents Bush and Clinton, respectively, did not include security. In 2005, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said he could not estimate security costs for Bush’s inauguration.

In 2005, the New York Times reported that the federal government and the District of Columbia spent over $115 million mostly for security for Bush’s inauguration. That figure did not include the costs reported by Maryland and Virginia.

To date, Obama’s inauguration marks the first time reported inauguration costs have included security costs.

Security was not taken lightly at the event. The District of Columbia made sure its presence was necessary for the show, setting up a dance of George W. Bush’s 2001 inauguration.

In retrospect, only the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland reported by the federal government, the inauguration included the security costs and the cost of the celebration.

What exactly is global warming? Thomas Friedman, the New York Times columnist, defines global warming as “the rise in global average temperature.” However, in his new book, “Hot, Flat, and Crowded,” Friedman makes several arguments as to why “going green” is imperative for America’s future as a world leader.

Justice environmental“Going green...is now a national security imperative.”

Laura Stritzke

President Obama called on Americans to enter “a new age of responsibility” during his inauguration speech. During the first week of his presidency, he directed the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider a waiver requested by California and 13 other states to set stricter standards on emissions than current federal requirements demand.

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Guest poet ‘begs no pardon’

Lynne Thompson reflects on life, longing and self-knowledge for the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series

Andrew Gehl
Guest Writer

Much to the delight of aspiring authors, questioning listeners and appreciators of the literary art everywhere, the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series is returning to Hope College for the spring semester. Thursday evening, poet Lynne Thompson kicks off the semester with her performance on Monday, Feb. 16 at the Knickerbocker Theatre. She is an involved member of the Los Angeles poetry community and nationally renowned. A recent recipient of the Great Lakes College Association’s New Writers Award, Thompson will be sharing from her 2007 collection entitled “Beg No Pardon.”

Thompson’s poems seem to be just that. The poems here seduce and confront the reader to be anonymous — or they revel in her personal history in order to comment on race, childhood, sex, history and myth. Raised in Los Angeles by adoptive parents from the West Indies, Thompson manages to bring a clear and clean writing while remaining based in relatable scenes of childhood. Thompson has not stayed in this stage of her life for long; her poems mature in timeline and concept as she comments on the collection as a whole and the unique meaning to every common event.

Listeners to Thompson’s reading will be drawn in by the poet’s effortless voice. She carefully guides her audience through her perfectly constructed writing pieces, helping to lead them through to a realist’s despairing of the possible and absurd. Thompson’s poems are rooted in the real world of illusion, but the reader can feel the weight of the text.

Mr. Thompson, Lynne Thompson

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Have you heard?

Andrew Gehl reviews Animal Collective’s “Merriweather Post Pavilion”

“Merriweather Post Pavilion” Animal Collective’s most accessible album is like calling the Great Wall of China one of the easier barricades to climb over. Sure, classic pop structures make up a good deal of Merriweather’s songs, and cycling samples and vocal hooks do a fantastic job of grabbing the listener more quickly than any previous album by the band, but Animal Collective remain one of indie music’s most divisive acts.

That being said, “Merriweather Post Pavilion” is brilliant. This is Animal Collective playing to all of their strengths. They’ve successfully trimmed some of the abstractionism from their previous work while retaining their bizarre nature. Songs like “My Girls,” “Summertime Clothes,” and “Brother Sport” are so catchy even the most casual listener will forget they’re hearing noises more likely to originate from a prehistoric swamp than a musical instrument (if this album’s any one adjective, it’s squishy). At the same time, no album in recent memory has rewarded repeated listens like this one. It takes dozens of plays to understand how layers of samples fit in and out of prominence.

While they tend to use vocals as another sonic layer, the lyrics can’t be ignored. Just as the music simultaneously logofts with oddities and invites with simplicity, lines touch on everything from simple romance to existential conflict. The messages on “Merriweather” are as various and appealing as the songs.

Even though Animal Collective remain “not for everyone,” this album marks the best jumping-in point for those curious about the band. Coming out in January, “Merriweather Post Pavilion” has already set the bar for music in 2009. While the album doesn’t quite reach perfection, it’s hard to imagine anything even close to this good coming out in the next 12 months.

Students weigh in on the Oscars

Megan Harper
Guest Writer

Ah, the Oscars: that time of year when people everywhere pretend to care about obscure foreign films they’ve never heard of (nor can they pronounce), mock glamorous fashions of the stars and act as if they really do appreciate all those subtle nuances of the flaws of society by decreeing that films really matter.

With that being said, there is something more to wonder – are the Oscars still culturally relevant? Does anyone really care anymore? When Hope students were asked which films, actors and directors they thought they would take home an Oscar, it was rather disconcerting to see how many of them were completely oblivious. Some confessed that they had never even heard of any of the movies with Oscar buzz, and some were shocked to find that the Oscars were about to take place.

As Juan Lopez (‘12) stated, “I really don’t know much about any of the actors nominated, so I really couldn’t make a prediction about who will win.”

Some students have claimed that they make it not point to be informed about the Oscars, since they either dislike the media, or they feel that and Oscars only reflect the interests of pretentious snobs, not those of average moviegoers. Could those students have a point? Have the Oscars lost their touch? Not according to other Hope students. True, the Oscars may not reflect the interests of an everyday individual; they reflect something more.

Paige Holthof (‘12) said, “The Oscars reflect a higher class of movies. These movies have a purpose and connect with the audience in a real way because the characters demonstrate real emotions.”

Anne Jameson (‘12) agreed and said, “Oscar movies have a timeless quality rather than a trendy one. They are not movies that are purely for entertainment purposes.”

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The hope collage great performance series will feature the Aqula theatre with performances of “The Iliad” on Friday, Feb. 13, and “The Doctor of Errors” on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland.

The Aqula theatre has won international praise for its innovative presentations of classic drama and returns to Hope College with two outstanding productions.

“The Iliad,” Homer’s epic story of the Trojan War, has had a profound influence on every generation since first performed by ancient Greek bards in the Mediterranean more than 2,500 years ago. Described by The New York Times as “a performance of staggering power,” the Aqula Theatre Company’s production of Homer’s “Iliad,” creates a “stunning, stirring, and memorable” theatrical experience. “Backstage” raved, “If you see only one piece of theatre this season, see Iliad.”

Tickets are on sale at the ticket office in the DeVos Fieldhouse, and for each evening cost $37 for regular admission, $12 for senior citizens, and $6 for children 18 and under. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.

21st MUSICAL SHOWCASE TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are available for the 21st annual Musical Showcase, a fast-paced concert featuring Hope College’s major student music groups, and many smaller ensembles on a single stage.

Musical Showcase will be held on Monday, March 9, at 8 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse and the DeVos Performance Hall. Featured will be the Chapel Choir, College Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Symphonic Winds and Wind Symphony, as well as soloists and chamber ensembles.

Tickets are $10 each, and may be ordered through the Hope College Ticket Office located in the DeVos Fieldhouse open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be called at (616) 395-7890.
Uncommon concentrations:
Pre-law, pre-dental, print and broadcast

Christine Hostetler
Sports Writer

Hope students are ambitious and hard-working. They attack their studies and get to know their professors. Some are changing around their fields of study as college continues on; others are set and determined on a specific career. Not many people may be aware of it, but there are small factions of students headed towards careers that are by no means unique; but that are somewhat rare for Hope College. Among these career paths are pre-law, pre-dental and journalism.

**Pre-Law**

The department for Hope College students interested in law or pursuing a legal career to utilize for resources is the Political Science Department. There is a pre-law website that they can check out, linked on knowhope to the Career Services site. They can find contact information listed for pre-law advisors, a listing of law-related classes available to them at Hope College, and information about legal internship opportunities. For those interested in getting off-campus and gaining experience in our nation's capital, the Poli-Sci Department has a program called the Washington D.C. Honors Semester. Students have held internships with the U.S. Attorney and the American Bar Association among many other incredible opportunities. Other off-campus programs are available locally and in Philadelphia and Chicago.

The best way to further a student's pursuit of a legal career is to join the Pre-Law Club; open to students of all ages and majors. Pre-Law Club organizes different events geared toward informing students about such things as law schools, taking the LSATs, and life as a lawyer. Students have the chance to hear and interact with practicing lawyers and other legal experts through panel discussions and events.

Abigail Gowman ('10) said, "We host different speakers, as well as activities to help students understand what is expected from them to get into law school and become attorneys.”

**Pre-Dental**

For those students interested in the pre-dental arena, Hope offers key prerequisite classes for post-graduate schools. These are listed on the pre-dental website on the knowhope website. Among the basic classes are: general biology and chemistry with labs, organic chemistry with a lab, physics with a lab and finally English. Students can also find links to sites with information about dental schools and requirements for specific schools.

Students looking for a network and a more personal environment can join the Pre-Dental Club. The club was started last year by Doug Fujawa ('09), Matt Ellison ('09) and Jamie Richards ('09). Meetings are held monthly to plan pre-dent activities. The club brings in one to two speakers each semester, raises money as part of a Dance Marathon team, and organizes events like the CASA Program dental hygiene demonstration.

**Pre-Dental**

Vice President of the Dental Club Gina VanderVeen ('10) said she was excited to see the flyeys around Hope's campus.

"The whole purpose is to unify the pre-dent students so they can talk, share and give academic advice... It's brought people out of the woodwork you didn't realize were pre-dent.”

VanderVeen talked about two initiatives of the Pre-Dental Club: a Kaplan class and the CASA presentation. Last year, students raised money to bring a Kaplan class for the Dental entrance exams to Hope College. This was a feat as Hope does not have the finances as a small school to bring a class here. The older students who took that class are now acting as mentors to the younger pre-dent students.

"They came to our first meeting and gave us their books and told us strategies... We can ask about the interview and application processes. It has been really helpful,” said VanderVeen.

The CASA presentation is a two-day commitment where pre-dent students give children in the program a presentation on dental hygiene. The club is holding a planning session on Feb. 19 and presenting on Feb. 23 and 24. If pre-dent students are interested, they can send an e-mail to: pre-dental@hope.edu.

**Upcoming Offices of Career Services events and opportunities**

**Wednesday, Feb. 4**

Health Careers Fair

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the A. Paul Schaap Science Center Atrium

**Thursday, Feb. 5**

Resume polishing

8-11 p.m. in the upstairs computer lab in the Martha Miller Center

**Thursday, Feb. 12**

Job search workshop

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. (must block the whole day) at the Lansing Convention Center in Lansing.

**Friday, Feb. 20**

Resume prep

11-11:50 a.m. in the Offices of Career Services Conference Room

**Tuesday, Feb. 24**

West Michigan Career Connections and Career Expo

2-6 p.m. at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids

**Thursday, Feb. 26**

Interviewing workshop

11 a.m. in the Maas Conference Room

**Monday, March 2**

Out-of-State Teacher Fair

3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse in Allegan.

**Wednesday, March 4**

Resume polishing

8-11 p.m. in the upstairs computer lab in the Martha Miller Center

**Tuesday, April 28**

West Michigan Teacher Search

9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Grand Valley State University Fieldhouse in Allegan.
Students often spend hours 'browsing' through the pages of the Hope College Course Catalog trying to decide what courses to take and what major to declare, but what should they do if their intended major isn't listed? What resources do students interested in uncommon majors have to help them with their studies?

Within the Communication Department only a handful of students pursue journalism studies under the radar.

Traditionally speaking, journalism comes in two forms: print and broadcast. More recently, with today's major news sources converting to online formats and the exponential number of blogs created every day, media professionals are now introducing Web journalism as the latest addition to the news front.

Students interested in a career in journalism often narrow their interests into smaller subsets like magazines, radio, publishing, television, and multimedia. Compared to large public universities, however, the opportunities for specializing in any particular field of journalism are much more limited at small liberal arts colleges.

Because journalism isn’t a separate major at Hope, students have to improvise. They typically declare a communication major or combine it with English and do their best to register for related classes. Fortunately, the journalism courses at Hope are evolving to keep up with the media.

Dr. Teresa Housel has been teaching journalism and communication classes at Hope since the fall of 2005.

"There’s always been students interested in journalism here," she said. "I’m trying to get the word out that we have a journalism program."

Since joining the Communication Department faculty, she has helped build up the journalism program at Hope. "Before I got here there was very little continuity," Housel said.

Her most recent accomplishment this year was redesigning the Print Media II course which is offered every spring. The course previously examined media ethics and public relations but now focuses on magazine features writing and layout design.

"It’s a more direct continuation of Print Media I," Housel said.

Students in the class pitch story ideas, write articles and design a collective magazine as their final project. Housel encourages her students to experience all aspects of print journalism.

"I want them to have ownership of it," she said.

The broadcast journalism track is also expanding with the addition of part-time communications professor Jim Korf to the department. With his background in broadcast, he launched a new studio production course this spring.

Korf hopes to bring inspiration and creativity to his production students with the recently built studio set design.

"My hope is to create more activity in it, give it better visibility," Korf said in the January edition of the Communication Department newsletter.

Journalism students can also gain experience through programs outside the classroom. Internships, networking and study abroad opportunities are available to students in a wide range of journalism positions.

Students who register to take internships for credit, either while on campus or abroad, can land placements through a number of media organizations. Organizations like "Saturday Night Live," Seventeen Magazine, Grand Rapids Press, Group Tour Media and Channel 8 News have offered internships to Hope journalism students in the past.

The Office of Career Services helps equip students with employment and furthering educational resources. Dale Austin, the director of Career Services, reminds students to look into at all their options.

"People aren’t clued into professional associations, and it can be a very helpful resource," he said.

For journalism students, the American Society of Magazine Editors is a popular professional organization. Different magazines around the country are members, but student membership is considered only during the fall of junior year. Students who get accepted into this highly competitive association are placed as paid interns at national magazines, typically serving as editorial assistants.

Austin encourages students from all major to visit with someone in Career Services. He wants people to feel welcome asking questions.

"Students feel like they have to have everything in a nice tiny bundle," Austin said. "But all you have to do is come in and say, 'I need help.'"
Hope College Kool-Aid

Lisa King
Columnist

Dear God, I’ve drunk the Kool-Aid.

Hope College is a college of categories. You have your jocks, your techs, your outsiders, loners, socials, semi-socials, newbies, geeks, cool geeks, geeks with a hobby, geeks without a hobby, geeks with boyfriends and girlfriends, grolier gamers, RPG gamers, frats, sororities, se-niors, freshmen, cults, CWOW-ers, D and D-ers. Let’s not forget about your music majors, chemistry majors, dance majors, English majors, Japanese majors, Japan Club, unions, associations, the Anchor, the floored express, and the silly, the Pull, Nykerk, The Dew Crew.

To all you transfer students out there who feel as I did, lost, confused, and that you somehow missed out on the Kool-Aid being passed around, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. There are others like you in the same position. Those who are just as mysti-fied by this bizarre society known as Hope College and just pray that it gets easier.

I have yet to learn all the guidelines surrounding the how and why of the Hope Kool-Aid; however, I have been gathering infor-mation concerning the interactions of these groups. I want to know: do they operate? Who pulls the strings above the dangling puppet that resounds so well and ambiguous among the other non-descriptors of the school? Unfortunately, I recently ex-pe rienced such interaction.

A few months ago, Japan Club deliber- ated. It was the start of the year; attendance was low. One of the infall of fresh-men the club had anticipated for its survival. Funds were becoming non-existent. To some, it looked as though the bigger sister-organiza-tions would sweep in and swallow us whole until our existence as a club was nothing more than a portion of our remaining mem-bers sitting in a dorm room, watching anime “shonen”. We went from one week of having an average of 20 attendees to only five. There had to be a reason for the drastic decrease in membership... It was then that I discovered the source of our problem.

Japan Club relies heavily on the sup-port of certain cliques—most notably, Ride-Players. Those often deeply rooted into the RPG aspect of life, typically rel-ish in all things Japanese. However, as luck would have it, their gatherings are the same day and time as Japan Club. Ev-ery week, they meet, they play, they do strange things with dice. I’m not entirely sure, yet I knew our path to survival had something to do with these unique indi-viduals and their gaming ways.

I find myself wondering how I became a servant to these people. I spent the first three weeks of the semester lobbying for them to change their meeting date, offer-ing rewards for their participation, beg-ging their girlfriends to put in good words for me. When did I become this pathetic? I am no master manipulator here! How far do I take this? Will I have to join the cult, become some kind of mage, elf, or swordman just to get my point across to them? How do I balance my club duties with the total exploitation of an entirely different clique?! I am at an end. I am becoming the thing I fear most at this school—a clique leader. I am doing what should not be done; trying to overtake a precious com-modity to Hope. Without strange oddi-ties such as Role-Players, gamers and geeks, Hope College would cease to be bearable. Normality would run rampant and indi-viduality would disperse into nothing-ness. I find myself alone, alone, worn out, spent. They can do what they want now; I will pressure them no longer. I am not a puppet master. I am just an outsider, a deep-thinking, piano player, song girl, Japanese major. My only parting words to this column, “Dear God, I drank the kool-aid...”

Lisa King is a business management and Japanese major; She fights crime in the cover of darkness.

Change for tradition’s sake

Katie Bennett
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Do you speak Mozart?

Music is not a universal language. This one thing I’ve come to understand in my four years as a music major at Hope. Ironically, I used to think that was the language that everyone could understand. But it was music history classes that changed my mind. Music is a language. We’ve used to listen to Haydn symphonies as part of our assignments (You know Haydn. Kind of upbeat and happy. Pre-Mozart Austrian court music. People were probably wearing pastels and lace.) Then we’d read contemporary reviews of his concerts. Often, the reviews would do nothing other than list the points of dissatisfaction. Then it struck me that although music sounds are pretty and which sounds are throbbing swell that we hear when two instruments play in fourths. This makes most music, like other languages, a language of sorts. After a few months ago, Japan Club deliberated. It was the start of the year; attendance was low. We did not receive the influx of fresh-men...
Letter to the Editor

Respect the space, respect the staff

To the Editors:

Every week Phelps staff work on the bowls that hold the napkins and salt & pepper shakers, but by Monday there is only the pepper shakers left. Where did the salt shakers go? One theory is that gremlins came and took them, or maybe they have feet and walked off on their own. If there is a way to put signs on them to keep them in the bowls, I would make them, but sometimes the bowls are even missing.

I'm beginning to think that there must be rabbits running around on the lower level because we find so many carrots on the tables that hold the napkins and salt & pepper shakers. Compulsive food-eating animals, perhaps? Could we put bowls of carrots on the tables for you to enjoy, and I don't feel that they should end up on the floor or be taken.

Your Hostess,
Rosemary Bannerman

LÁSZLO TOKÉS AWARD

“The Bible says that when you become a Christian your mind is renewed, and so with that renewing of your mind comes a new view of the world in which you live.”

~ Laszlo Tokés

Laszlo Tokés has written that Christianity involves a renewing of our minds that leads us to view the world in which we live from a new perspective, informed by our Christian faith and convictions. This essay offers you the opportunity to explore how your Christian faith impacts and informs your view of an issue in this world. It asks you to apply a biblical Christian worldview to the issue or topic that you choose to address. This award includes two scholarships of $750 and will be awarded to the two rising seniors who write the best essays addressing a current issue or world situation from a Christian perspective. If you are currently a junior, you are invited to write an essay for this award.

Nicole’s words of wisdom for future entrance:

Writing an essay like this gives you a chance to hold a hard question or issue up to the light and examine it—with God, yourself, and others in mind. There is no one “right” topic, so wrestle with something that matters to you personally. If it troubles, compels, delights, or intrigues you, you’re probably onto something rich.

Brandon Smith (’09), who wrote on family, says:

Throughout the writing process, God has encouraged me to hope once again in the light and examine it—with God, yourself, and others in mind. There is no one “right” topic, so wrestle with something that matters to you personally. If it troubles, compels, delights, or intrigues you, you’re probably onto something rich.

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Regardless of what recent media reports have stated, it will not be until April when the full costs of the inauguration are rationalized and disclosed by the Federal Election Committee.

For now, Hope College history professor Fred Johnson urges Americans to reflect on the monumental event.

"America's never had a day like it," said Johnson. "For this man to be standing at the top of this building, built by slaves, is astonishing. Things have come full circle."

Johnson was disheartened by the media reports claiming Obama's inauguration was overcelebrated and financed.

"There's ideology, and there's nation. You can disagree with the ideology, but this was a great day for the nation," Johnson said. "They (Democrats and Republicans) all could celebrate."

Still believe that they remain culturally relevant. They reflect the ever-changing feel of film over the years, and since movies are still a very big part of pop culture, they deserve to have an award to recognize ones that are genuinely notable. While they may only reflect the interests of those with more refined taste in movies, Hope seems to agree, overall, that the Oscars remain an important part of our culture, and interest in the Oscars is, as with Oscar movies, truly timeless.

Although Obama didn't show (he wasn't expected to), Michigan political heavyweights made their presence known. Rep. Upton and Sen. Stabenow jumped on stage, one brandishing rockers horns while the other bopped. Ethan Morrical, a Hope junior, danced with Gov. Granholm. "She can hold a beat well enough," Morrical said, "but she tends to lead to her left too much." Congressional staffers schmoozed with politicians and citizens alike, and my Congressman jacketed that I better "not worry myself too much."

The numbers from inauguration day are staggering. 1.5 million travelers rode the city's subway, 1.8 million people braved the 30°F cold, and the State of Virginia is submitting DC a $7 million receipt for inauguration related expenses. Vendors have exhausted their supplies of Obama-stamped hats, T-shirts, books, tags, calendars, and condoms. The city is breathing a well-deserved sigh of relief. One question, though, remains in the back of many politico minds. Would McCain's party have been this big?

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Club sports look to move up to varsity status, but finances and laws may stand in the way

Karen Patterson

Club Sports

Chris O’Brien

An imaginary line was all that remained between the blue from the maroon and gold. The two sides were screaming and even banging on the glass, like caged animals trying to escape onto the ice. The hockey game had ended in a tie after regulation and was now headed into a shoot out.

The arena was packed with fans, primarily Hope students, all of whom had seemed to have forgotten about the tragic loss in basketball just hours ago. Here they all were cheering on their hockey team, hanging onto every second that Ryan Kelly (’09) skated towards the goal.

In his hockey uniform, fired the puck past the goalie and into the goal. The crowd erupted in cheers, banging on the glass every louder. The hockey team celebrated together and the basketball loss from earlier had now been erased from everyone’s memory. Hope College hockey may be a club sport by name, but this evening had every feeling of a big-time varsity game.

Club Sports

Club sports at Hope are well known by those who participate, but much of the student body is unaware of their existence, or knows little about them. At Hope club sports are run and organized with the college’s support. While the most well-known are the men’s hockey team and the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams, the school also features a sailing crew and an ultimate frisbee squad.

Club sports are not unique to Hope, however. Across the nation there are an estimated 2 million college students participating in club sports and accounts for the $430,000 that play on a varsity athletic team governed by the NCAA. The reason for the rise in club sports has been the increase in America’s youth sports culture. Millions of high school students across the country play on first-rate travel teams in high schools but the shortage of expected financial aid makes it difficult for these students to play a varsity sport in college. Club sports become a way for these students with extensive knowledge and skill to stay active in their sport.

However, club sports are not an offshoot of the varsity programs. They fall under the umbrella of Student Development, much like SAC or their book life. The school provides a budget to each team, but there are also many outside costs that are not covered under the budget.

Similar to varsity sports, though, each sport has a national or regional governing body of some kind. In many cases that way varsity coaches have national conventions to go over scheduling, rule changes, and general policy, these governing bodies do the same for club sports. They also host a championship tournament at the end of each season, giving the players extra incentive to perform their best.

Players in high school are even recruited to play these non-varsity sports at Hope College. Hockey coach Chris Van Timmeren has actively recruited most of the 27 players on the team.

“If you talked to the players on the team right now, you would get an answer from everyone of them that hockey was a very big reason why they came to Hope,” Van Timmeren said.

But there have actually been very few cases where players have decided to go play varsity some place else rather than come play on a club team at Hope.

“I’m sure that there have been players who are good enough to play varsity that may have said, ‘you know, I would rather try my angles with a varsity program before I went to a non-varsity program,’” Van Timmeren said.

“But I would say those cases are small.”

Van Timmeren reinforces the issue to the players he recruits that they need to choose Hope not solely because of the hockey team.

“They need to know that the most important reason they’re coming to Hope is the education,” Van Timmeren said. “If they can play hockey as well, then that’s a bonus.”

Title IX

While many students who attended high school and college since 1972 have heard the words “Title IX” associated with athletics, not a lot of people really know what it is, much less how it has indirectly impacted their lives. Title IX was put into place to help prevent the discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs receiving federal funding. Since athletics are considered to be an important part of a school’s education program, they fall under this law.

In accordance to the law, the athletic interests and abilities of male and female students must be equally and effectively accommodated. This includes the regulation of sports that are offered as well as the level of competition and opportunity for each team.

Another key component to Title IX is that the underrepresented sex on a campus not be disadvantaged. Also, schools are required to respond accordingly to the needs of students capable of intercollegiate competition who belong to the underrepresented sex.

At a glance it would seem that Hope is breaking the rules of Title IX by delaying the hockey team from becoming a varsity sport. Hope’s enrollment is roughly 60-40, female to male; however, the football team carries roughly 140 players, putting the balance of male athletes to female athletes approximately $50 to $200.

“If you were to take away the football program, it would make things fairly equal,” men’s athletic director Ray Smith said.

“Any small school that has a football team is going to have disproportionately numbers of men to women.”

Between all the fine print and regulations, though, the school is moving towards adding both hockey and lacrosse to its list of varsity sports.

“Last spring we had a meeting with all the athletic directors and presidents in the league and it was proposed that the MIAA begin league play in 2010 or 2011,” Smith continued. “Six months later things have changed. With the economy the way it is, that’s not going to happen.”

Smith added that lacrosse has been put back on the table, but the start up cost for either lacrosse teams or hockey is roughly $250,000, a hefty chunk of change during an economic crunch.

“All of a sudden what seemed plausible last spring seems almost impossible right now,” Smith said.

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Lacrosse

The Flying Dutch have put together an impressive win streak, winning three games in the last two weeks. Victories over Adrian, Trine, and Olivet have kept the team at the top of the race for the MIAA with rival Calvin. Jesse Reimink (’09) led the team with a total of 65 points over the three games. He has led the Flying Dutchmen in scoring for 19 straight games. The team will battle for the top spot in the conference and against rival Cardinal College on Wednesday Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

In Brief

Smith to Retire

Ray Smith announced Jan. 22 that he will be retiring as the varsity athletic director at the end of the current school year. Smith first came to Hope in 1970 as the football coach and has spent his time at the school both coaching, teaching and serving at the men’s athletic director. He has received numerous awards and recognitions in his time at Hope, including being inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Men’s Basketball Moves Forward

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Women’s Basketball Remains Strong

The Flying Dutch have powered ahead to take hold of sole possession of the MIAA regular season title, topping St. Mary’s. The 84-59 win marked the 43rd consecutive victory at DeVos Fieldhouse. Over the last four games, Carrie Snickers (’11) has led the team, scoring 62 points.

MIAA Player of the Week

Carrie Snickers (’11) is being honored this week by the MIAA as the Player of the Week. Snickers scored 31 points in two games last week to help the Flying Dutch claim two victories and the top spot in the MIAA standings. This is her second time being honored this season.
We’re going to have to be able to swim fast back-to-back-to-back days.
—Matt Rose (’10)