College to host Ollie North in April

DAN MCCUE
staff reporter

Oliver North, most known for his testimony in the Iran-Contra scandal, is coming to Hope College on April 8. North, a Marine lieutenant colonel, lost the 1994 race for a Virginia U.S. Senate seat and has a daily syndicated radio talk show broadcast nationwide. However, his claim to fame was his connection to and testimony in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Student Congress plans to spend more than $10,000 to bring North here. The appearance will be funded by President John H. Jacobson’s office, Provost Nyenhuis’ office, Student Congress and the Young Americans for Fre-edom based in Washington, D.C. The groups are still seeking additional funding for the appearance.

The scandal captured national attention during pre-trial hearings and jury selection in 1988 and 1989, with a media frenzy scalding North in his eight-week trial. But despite his place in history, many Hope students were too young to understand the impact of the trial.

“I remember that the press made him out to be a bad guy. I keep thinking that I was supposed to hate him, but my parents thought that he wasn’t that bad, just ‘misguided,'” said Megan Hicks (’99).

Other students have fainter recollections. Amanda Flowers (’97) recalled “hearing about the trial and seeing him on TV, similar to the O.J. Simpson trial these days.”

North was Deputy Director of Political-Military Affairs for the National Security Council (NSC) 1981 to 1986. According to the “Final Report of the Independent Council for Iran-Contra Matters,” he was the White House official most connected with aiding the Contras, an organized band of Nicaraguan guerrillas, in the sale of American arms to Iran. Those profits were then shifted to the Contras, “to assist military activities of the Nicaraguan Contra rebels” during a time when aid to this group was prohibited.

Library to house new computer lab

STACY BOGARD
campusbeat editor

Students madly searching for an available computer to type their papers on in Lubscher or VanZoeren will soon see another option.

Van Wylde Library hopes to lighten the overflow in campus computer labs and provide more room for computer-assisted class sites with plans to open a new 12-station computer lab on the second floor in the near future.

The wall of Room 202 which now houses equipment for the visually-impaired will be pulled out to twelve feet to make more space for the lab. The equipment will be moved into Rooms 201 and 232. This part of the process is relatively simple and will take two weeks, but there are still concerns over where the electrical wiring and ventilation system will be placed.

The area was chosen due to the more LIBRARY on 7

Parking problems persist, more tickets written

JESSICA NELSON
staff reporter

It is no big secret that parking can be a nuisance on campus. However, this problem extends beyond the concerns of students and affects faculty, staff and even members of the community.

As of December, Public Safety had issued 339 more parking tickets than it had by that time the previous year. Although the number of tickets is skyrocketing, the number of students receiving tickets is not necessarily on the rise.

The majority of these tickets are being issued during the day to non-registered vehicles, said Duane Terpstra, Director of Public Safety.

“Many visitors park in faculty and staff lots during meetings and conferences. I would speculate that these are the cars being ticketed,” Terpstra said.

Often, Hope will not receive any revenue from tickets issued to non-registered vehicles.

“We really do not have any authority over non-students. We have no way to be sure that the ticket is paid,” Terpstra said.

The Haworth Center has also caused a new onset of complications.

“Lubbers has been hit hard by Haworth,” said Professor Janet Evarts of the religious department, who finds it nearly impossible to locate a spot since the opening of the conference center in January.

Haworth visitors have also felt the impact of additional cars on campus due to Haworth. NRD

Bank often finds its parking lot full of Hope College visitors’ making it impossible for customers to park.

“It has hurt our business, and customers are forced to use other branches,” said Patty Compagner, NBD Branch Assistant.

Solving this problem is not easy. Evarts suggests assigning lots to faculty members and designating more spaces in one lot for visitors only.

“As a faculty member, I would like a guaranteed spot even if it is not the most convenient one,” Evarts said.

Other possibilities include limiting the number of student cars or placing gates on lots. But until a solution is developed, it is every driver for himself.
Library basement open at month's end

Progress continues on repairs to the water-damaged basement of Van Wylen library. Library staff members hope to have the lower level in working order by the end of February with the final layers of carpet replaced and the lights replaced in the stacks. Currently the third layer of carpet has been laid, but it is still "not a safe place for anyone to be," said David Jensen, Director of Librarians. Staff members continue to page books as needed until repairs are completed.

Congress forum to focus on tuition, fees

The second in a series of student forums conducted by Student Congress will take place on Monday night, Feb. 24, in the Klets at 9:30 p.m. The topic of discussion "Where does your money go?", involves tuition, the student activities fee, housing and technology expenses. Those invited to participate on the panel are President John Jacobson, Vice President of Business and Student Ander- son, Business Manager and Con- troller Barry Werkman, Director of Financial Aid Phyllis Hooyman, and Tyler Smith, Student Congress, Comptroller.

The forum was originally planned for last Monday, Feb. 17, but scheduling problems forced a postponement. "We'd rather put it off a week and do a good job," said Matt Fritz, a Student Congress representa- tive.

The forum will follow a similar format to the Pull forum last month, with students posting their questions through 3 x 5 cards and hearing in- troduction and closing statements from the panel.

Tickets still available for Calvin game

Only 80 student tickets remain available for the Hope-Calvin men's basketball game this Satur- day. Four hundred tickets were made available to students yesterday morning, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. and sold through 5 p.m.

Jane Holman, Director of the Dow Center, expects tickets to be gone by the end of today, Wednes- day. Students can pick them up at the Dow Center Ticket Office on the second floor for free with a current Hope I.D.

Ollie to be Hope's guest

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The U.S. government indicted North on 16 Iran-Contra charges in March of 1988. Because of prob- lems with classified information on two of the conspiracy charges, the number of counts was reduced to 12 in February of 1989. These ranged from Obstruction of Congress and the President to Con- spiracy to Defraud the United States.

Throughout the hearings, North maintained that President Reagan was aware and approved of the ac- tivities, but lacked direct proof, ac- cording to the report. Charges in- cluded bribery of foreign officials, obliterating, falsifying and destroy- ing official NSC documents relevant to the Iran-Contra matter,

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NOELLE WOOD staff reporter

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"Amanda and I worked together on this project," McKee said. "She went to France for spring semester last year, and to Chicago this last semes- ter, so things have been kind of put on hold."

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For members of the worship team, their involvement in Chapel is a sense of responsibility. "I wonder what people think," Schicker said. "The one thing I hope they see is sincerity and what I do for Chapel, I do for God." Students on the worship team know that the job doesn't end when they step off stage. "You can't get up there and play and when you go back to your dorm room do something that's contrary to what you're singing," Patterson said.

Danielle Thorp ('97) reminds herself that she is in a visible position. "I am in a leadership position and people I don't know are watching me," Thorp said. "Sometimes people don't think that we struggle, I'm a real person, I have struggles." One of Thorp's challenges is that she never had any formal training in music. Growing up in a musical family in Connecticut singing was natural to Thorp. She headed to Hope because she feels "there are a lot of traditional churches in the area that would like to develop more contemporary services because they are not meeting the needs of the people. After her experiences on the worship team Thorp has the know-how to help in this area. Thorp is learning the tricks of the trade from Technical Director Tim Hamilton.

"The best part is the part that people don't see. A lot of times the technical crew gets overlooked. They're great people," Thorp said. "It really takes a servant's heart to be here at 6:30 a.m. with a good attitude." And a good attitude goes a long way when people work together. "There's a real sense of commitment to each other. I know that if I had a problem and needed them to pray I could say, 'Guys, pray for me now.'" Thorp said. "I have a huge support system here."
Tuition Dollars and Sense

You can’t put a price on a good education. Still, college officials must do just that. And each year, the price inches up just a little higher.

Over the past four years, members of the Class of 1997 have seen tuition increase by an average of 5.7 percent annually — nearly twice the current rate of inflation. Over the course of their four years, a student will fill Hope coffers with nearly $1,000 more than inflation would dictate.

Colleges have taken heat for upping tuition beyond the rate of inflation. In response, MSU pledges that so long as the state holds up its promised money, state colleges will not allow tuition hikes to exceed the inflation rate.

Working under such constraints has been difficult, but not impossible. But officials report that it has been worth it.

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"It's a pleasant addition to my job," Barb Mezeske, an English professor, said. "It's a delight to work for dinner — the things we do.

"The overall feel of New Orleans is always laid-back; it's a really open environment," said Betsy Card ('98), who flew down to Louisiana to visit her boyfriend, Marcus Card, a professor at Tulane University. "And with the attitude that some of the cities that come to the city for Mardi Gras, the attitude only amplifies. People don't care what they're saying or doing.

"Jung's experience was similar. They saved money by driving the streets. Some people on the streets where she was staying.

"I was edgy at first," John said. "But it's turned out to be a lot of fun. Julie has a lot to teach me. I just drink it in, having another teacher in the classroom. It makes me reevaluate myself.

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Soli's Story plays to the weird side of things

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In the semi-dark space of a room tucked in the basement of DeVere Hall last Saturday, the Hope College Theatre presentation of Soli's Story was being rehearsed. Even in the compressed boundaries of a rushed through rehearsal, Soli's Story illustrated a world on bizarre foundations.

Soli's Story was written in 1996 by Jean Reed Bahle, an adjunct member of the Hope Theatre faculty. The drama is a commissioned work funded in 1996 by a grant from the College's Patrons for the Arts.

Bahle used the play as a tool to explore what it would be like if every human thing was converted into a commodity, a product. The dark comedy follows "Soli" through encounters with twisters of language, illusion, and inverted reality.

The play, which will be performed by a cast of nine Hope students, will run Feb. 17, 27, and 28, and is indeed an absurdist drama. This was clear when director Dina Robbins, Assistant Professor of Theatre at Hope, could be found crawling over the floor, telling "Shadowman" Jim Hamilton ('99) and "Adoptive Mom" Collette Fouch ('98). "You start off watching T.V., but you can't end up watching T.V. You decide what you want, and it physically drives you," all the time crawling about the floor, a cat about to pounce, loath in jets.

If this was the only case of the absurd that happened during the rehearsal it would've been forgotten. But there was more to come.

At the time of the rehearsal, "Soli," played by Rachel Smith ('99), spent much of the time balancing on her haunches, observing the surrounding action as an outsider. This precarious balance was only interrupted between scenes, when Matt Tailford ('97), who is playing "Norm," jokingly toppled her over, sending her sprawling across the floor and laughing.

The rehearsal was peppered with bits of oddness, with Robbins' directions, with strange questions.

"Have we got the telephones under control?" asks Robbins, indicating the phones that Tailford and others were holding. "And the point when the phones turn into guns?"

And truly, "Angel Arguer #1" was pointing a telephone into the air in the stance of one holding a pistol, cocked and ready.

Moments later, "Rhoddie," played by Chra Events ('99), was poised on two chairs, holding a Barbie doll. There was even talk, perfectly serious talk between Robbins and the cast, of when to put the Barbie into the freezer.

Because this particular Saturday only allowed the cast an hour to rehearse, shifts were made fast, and many scenes skipped. At one point, Robbins turned to this reporter, her feet propped up on a stool, pencil tapping the open script.

"This is utter chaos," she said, looking as if she enjoyed utter chaos.

Aftershocks, Robbins contemplated the place in time where the cast had arrived: one week before opening night.

"On one hand it gets chaotic," she said, "because the farther you get into it, the more elements you're bringing in, the full set, full props, hair and make-up. But while it can sometimes be overwhelming, all the steps are necessary to get to the next."
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Bahle in the performance process.

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mind,” she said.

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Robbins cited the presence of

“I've been here for 30 years,”

ago. So when students receive the

As for the students themselves,

they are getting accustomed to the

yearly hike in price because it’s

“Been here for 30 years,” Anderson

said, “and there has never been a

year when tuition hasn’t in-

creased.”

So when students receive the

budget report for next year in their

school mail boxes they should be

anything but surprised, he said.

“I don’t like it,” said Kim

Maxson (’98). “But it’s that way for

all small colleges; that’s just the

way it goes.”

But is that the way that Mom and

Dad are going to see it?

“Oh, I haven’t talked to my par-

ents about it yet,” Maxson laughed.

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amount of space it offered in com-

parison to other areas of the library.

The space needed will hold 20 to

24 students, two to a computer. The

library staff looked to enclose other

open spaces but none fit into the plan

they had made.

“We are looking to make this as

flexible as possible,” Jensen said.

Plans call for accessibility in mov-

ing chairs and computers around to

fit a classroom setting in which both

professors and presenters are com-

fortable.

Jensen expects some noise and

dust to disturb the quiet library at-

mosphere, but the contractor plans to

work from early morning to early

afternoon to combat disturbance to

the traditional study atmosphere.

The computers in the lab will be

IBM compatible with Internet ac-

cess. Completion is still pending de-

pendent on the selection of furni-

ture, but the contractor is ready to

to Jensen.

“We are passing the cost on.”

Increased prices and increased

salaries for staff are also among the

reasons for the rise in tuition.

“The tuition price is labor inten-

sive,” Anderson said. “Staff salaries

were increased three and a half per-

cent for next year. Material costs are

also going up.”

In addition to professor pay and

the increased price of materials,

other factors must be considered

when thinking about college costs.

If there is a decline in enrollment,

for example, the current attending

students need to pick up that slack.

The College also utilizes its endow-

ments and annual contributions to

try to lighten the load.

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The tuition price is labor inten-

sive,” Anderson said. “We are trying to

build our endowment and we are

making progress.”

Another way to keep rates down

would be to cut the overall costs of

the College, according to Anderson,

for example, by increasing the stu-

dent-faculty ratio.

“We could save a lot of money if

we increased the student-teacher

ratio, which is now 13 to 1, but then

you have to question what students

are really paying for. Would stu-

dents still want to come to Hope?”

be said.

As for the students themselves,

they are getting accustomed to the

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**Dutchmen have tough week ahead**

**GLYN WILLIAMS**

Sports editor

Last Saturday’s game against Kalamazoo was Glenn Van Wieren’s 500th career game as Hope College’s varsity basketball coach.

“I am very fortunate to be at Hope where there is an atmosphere that is so supportive of our program,” Van Wieren said. “When you come to a program that is as family oriented and it is a great tradition that a lot of people carry on.”

The Flying Dutchmen, despite a 3-7 league record, must win both of their games this week, tonight at Adrian and at home on Saturday against Calvin.

Hope defeated the Bulldogs with ease last time around at the Holland Civic Center, 71-63. Adrian (9-3, 3-7) is a more lethal team than their record indicates, as they feature four players within the top 15 in scoring.

Dave Meelenberg (’97) led the league in both field goal and free throw shooting.

Adrian also boasts the league’s second leading scorer, who averages 18.2 points per game. However, Olivet has the league’s leading scorer and fourth leading rebounder and they still remain at the bottom of the league.

The big game of the upcoming week is against Calvin, who the Flying Dutchmen smoked 70-56 at VanAndel Arena on Jan. 29.

The pure rivalry of the game and the importance that it holds in the league standings is likely to bring out the best in an already tough Calvin team that boasts only one senior.

Tipoff on Saturday is at 3 p.m. and the game will be televised on WZZM-TV, channel 13.

**RUN, FORREST, RUN:**

**MIKE ZUIDEMA**

Staff reporter

During these harsh winter conditions, many people like to stay warm and inside. The same could be said for the men’s and women’s track teams as their indoor season draws to a close and the outdoor season warms up.

The teams concluded their indoor preparations with an invitational at Grand Valley State University last week. Since the teams do not have an official indoor season, the meets were used to prepare for the outdoor season and offer younger runners an opportunity to get their feet wet.

Both squads have come together as a team because of the cold training conditions. The teams have had to find different times and places in which to prepare for the various track events.

“We’re kind of dysfunctional as a team right now with the training at different times,” men’s head coach Mark Northuis said. “We’ll try to bring it together as a team on our spring break trip.”

The women’s team also had to deal with the adverse training conditions during the Grand Valley meet.

“We only had ten athletes compete because they weren’t all ready for competition,” women’s head coach Donna Eaton said. “It gives the kids an opportunity to see where they are.”

As the women enter the season they will try to improve on last year’s third place finish and make a charge on heavily favored Calvin.

“We’re going to push Calvin as hard as we can and we should take second,” Eaton said. “You don’t like to set your goals on anything but first but you have to be realistic; Calvin has a lot of depth in a lot of events.”

To make the push on Calvin, Eaton will depend on a young group to make some contributions.

“Numbers-wise we’re quite young,” Eaton said. “We have a good crew of freshmen and we’re depending on several to do well.”

Leading these young runners will be captains Jake Holwerda (’97), a national qualifier last year, and Becky Spencer (’97).

For the men, captains Jon Adamson (’97), Mike Crammer (’97), Joel Smith (’98), and Dan Bannink (’97), the only returning all-conference runner, will try to lead head coach Mark Northuis’ team to an improvement over last season’s fourth place conference finish.

“We need to replace our top three point scorers from last year and we need people to step up,” Northuis said. “Our weaknesses have been shored up a lot better and we should be more balanced. We’re recruited for our weaknesses.”

Northuis will be looking for points from Jeremy Bogard (’98), Henry Chen (’99), and Brandon Graham (’98).

“I’m pleased with how we’re looking. Head-to-head we match up with most teams and we have a lot of first place potential,” Northuis said.