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Rainbows

Former President Jacobson Passes

Dr. John H. Jacobson, who was president of Hope College for 12 years, died on Tuesday, Feb. 8, following a stroke suffered earlier. He was 71.

Jacobson became Hope’s 10th president on July 1, 1987, and served until retiring on June 30, 1999. In retirement, he and his wife of 50 years, Dr. Jeannie McKee Jacobson, who survives him, moved to Sarasota, Fla.

“We are shocked and saddened by John’s untimely death. He served the college well during his presidency, and I will always remember him as a true gentleman and a genuinely delightful person to be with,” said President James Bultman, who succeeded Jacobson.

“John Jacobson left a strong legacy at Hope, especially through his commitment to the multicultural dimension of the college and the campus ministries program.” Bultman said. “He had a vision for what Hope could be long after his presidency in regards to the recently completed capital fund-raising campaign.”

Legacies campaign finishes a success

Evelyn Daniel
Stonelhu Est Pretties

“Legacies, A Vision of Hope … will provide the necessary resources for students and faculty to perform at the very highest levels,” wrote President James Bultman in the capital campaign’s case statement.

The Legacies campaign, the largest in Hope’s history, concluded successfully on January 28 to raise over $137 million for campus expansion and improvement. Since it was announced in October of 2000, the project appealed to alumni, outsiders organizations, and friends of the college to help reach its lofty goals.

As the college begins to fully utilize the resources of the renovated Peete Science Center and watches the new Martha Miller Center and DeVos Fieldhouse take shape, Hope students and faculty alike can see President Bultman’s words coming true before their eyes.

Among the most visible of Legacies’ objectives was to raise the necessary funds for three major building projects: an addition to the aging Peete Science Center; Martha Miller Center for Global Communications, and DeVos Fieldhouse. These reflect an expansion of many of the college’s academic departments beyond what previously existed; facilities could hold. By relocating many departments to the new buildings, Legacies allows for major academic growth as the student body continues to increase in size.

Martha Miller Center, scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2005, will house the department of communications, currently in Lobbbers Hall, and the department of modern and classical languages, currently in Graves Hall. In addition, it will provide a new facility for the offices of international education and multicultural life, the student radio station WTHS, and the Anchor. Legacies raised approximately $1.5 million for the center.

DeVos Fieldhouse will be the new home of many of Hope’s intercollegiate sports, along with the kinesiology department. It will allow Hope to host truly “home” basketball games for the first time in over 75 years. The new renovated Peete Science Center was dedicated during the fall of 2004.

Still to come are several renovation projects, scheduled to begin after the new buildings are completed during the 2005-2006 school year. Lobbbers and Graves Halls, Dimnent Chapel, and the Dow Center are among those yet to be renovated through funds that Legacies raised.

The success of this campaign can be attributed to the generosity of those involved. “Over 3,000 individuals, families, corporations, and foundations participated,” said Bill Anderson, Senior Vice President of Finance and Development.

Hope has a history of building upon the generous contributions of friends of the college. The oldest existing building on campus, Van Vleck Hall, is now standing because donors responded to Rev. Albertus Van Raalte’s plea for funds. The average donation to Van Raalte’s building fund in 1857 was $9.36. Similar fundraising efforts resulted in almost all of the major buildings at Hope, from Graves Hall (the library and chapel) in 1894 to Van Wyen Library in 1967.

Winter Fantasia promises a “rockin’ good time”

Katie Burkhardt
Sports Editor

It’s that time of year again. Second semester is underway, the college is restless, and Fantasia is on the horizon. Fantasia, a long-standing tradition will take place on February 19 at Arway Grand in Grand Rapids. For all those new to campus, or simply unfamiliar with the event, Fantasia is a formal dance described by SAC director Sarah Burns (’05) as “a rockin’ good time.”

Overall the event is “classy,” said Burns. The food, the music, and the company are all the finest quality. The music differs from homecoming in the absence of a swing band, and although this makes the songs a bit more subdued, the DJ’s requests are all he will play.

“People sometimes get worried that he’s just going to play whatever, but no, I don’t think a lot of people realize that,” said Burns. The request list will be available at the front of the ballroom and at the ticket table.

The food for this event is “really too nice to eat,” said Burns. According to SAC director Katie Randa (’05) food favorites are “chocolate covered strawberries that are embossed, all edible.” The estimated price for each individual strawberry has been estimated at over thirty dollars. SAC members have admitted to taking pictures of the food now.

Eight hundred tickets for the SAC sponsored dance are currently available at Student Development. Tickets will be available at the door, but Randa advises against waiting that long to purchase one.

“Tickets are available at the door and that’s where we normally sell out. I would definitely buy them ahead of time,” Randa said.

Unfortunately, in past years people have been turned away. SAC has taken several precautions to accommodate the popularity of this event and it is held in the largest ballroom the campus has to offer.

For students concerned about transportation to the Grand Rapids location there is a bus available free of charge, but you there are only forty seats available. Sign up for the shuttle is also available at the Student Union Desk.
Faculty, staff recognized for achievements

Amanda Zoratti
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR
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Heather Sellers, an English dept. faculty member, recently published a book titled "Page After Page" and subtitled "Discover the Confidence and Passion You Need to Start Writing and Keep Writing (No Matter What)." The book is based on Sellers' 15 years of experience and is subtitled "Discover the Confidence and Passion You Need to Start Writing and Keep Writing (No Matter What)." The book is written by Heather Sellers, an English dept. faculty member, and has generated an enormous response via email.

It's been wonderful to be at a place like Hope where the administration and faculty have been so supportive of my work.

-Thomas Ludwig, Professor of Psychology

LEGACIES from 1

The funding for the new buildings and renovations does not come from student tuition. While the building projects will make the most apparent physical changes to campus, the largest single portion of the capital campaign went toward an endowment to help future generations of students attend Hope. The $52 million allocated to endowment allowed for the creation of 139 new scholarships.

"Fundraising campaigns are essential to the future of Hope," Anderson said. With record enrollment during the fall of 2004, it continues to be important that the college encourages growth rather than inhibit its development. Though projects like Legacies, Hope will assuredly continue to grow for many years to come.

The BLAME GAME

Amanda Zoratti
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

Walking around campus, I've heard many attempts to justify the rowdy and disrespectful behavior demonstrated on recent sporting events. 5 years ago, it may have been true that Hope College students are not the only ones who have displayed poor sportsmanship and inappropriate behavior. Other college's behaviors do not justify our poor conduct in any way.

It's easy to blame our poor actions. As we were all taught as children, two wrongs do not make a right, and the same applies here. The attempt to rationalize our actions this way is completely invalid. The basketball game against Calvin may have had a sign saying, "Hope Girls Are Easy," our students could not have known that such a sign would be present when they brought theirs, so that doesn't really relate either, and even if it had, it does not mean we have to retaliate with such infantile idiocy.

Another argument I have heard is that some of the signs had support behind them. While it is true that the posters were not really being rude, it is false. I fail to see how a supportive remark legitimizes the actions of others.

As children it may have been acceptable to blame our actions on the behaviors of others. As college students, we are responsible for our own decisions.

I have also heard remarks indicating that if we were not loud and disruptive our team would not have won. This is an insult to our character and the team's ability. While support for our team undoubtedly increased their drive, we have a talented enough group of players that they could be successful without stooping to the low level of chanting or trash talk. Why should our student body have to detract from their ability by losing our sense of pride? It is one thing to show up and support your team. It is another issue entirely to show up to be a negative force in the spirit of healthy competition.

Regardless of the actions of Calvin College or any other school, Hope students are responsible for their own demeanor. Lack of respect for our competitors and ourselves is a disgrace to everything we stand for.
Two decades later, St. Olaf Choir sings return engagement

World renowned choral ensemble maintains special relationship with Hope College

Shannon Mee

Senior Staff Reporter

The St. Olaf Choir will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The choir is an amazing a cappella ensemble with a vast performing repertoire, and has become arguably the most famous collegiate choir in the United States.

The choir has been working for 19 recordings! Students have got to be familiar with the choir. Their music has been played on NPR and around the world. The choir is very diverse with students from all over the United States and even some international students.

As the Exhibit Statement reports, these classicists demonstrated during their lives that "although there may be social segregation, it is impossible to segregate the mind."

The program/events for the remainder of the month are as follows: Feb. 10 — lecture entitled "Twelve Black Classicists" (Professor Michele Ronnick), Feb. 11 — "Life as a Sundanese Refugee" speech and tour, Feb. 19 — "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks" film, Feb. 21 — "Contested History" discussion of classicists, Feb. 24 — An African-American Celebration (includes food, music, and the exhibit).

The Holland Museum is open 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, and 2 — 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is located at 31 West 10th St.
Jenny Cencer

Spotlight

"Somehow we must be able to stand up before our most bitter opponents and say: we shall match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your suffering by our capacity to cooperate with good...But be assured that we will not only win freedom for ourselves; we will so appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory." -Martin Luther King jr.

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week during the month of February to honor the contributions of African-Americans. The name was later changed to Black History Week, and eventually expanded to Black History Month in 1976.

Hope's diversity perspective challenged by Race in America

Charles Green

GUEST WRITER

"Asian Perspective"

Happy Lunar New Year wishes of good health and fortune from the Asian Perspective Association!
Hope dedicates weeks to 24/7 prayer

Students, faculty and staff sign up to pray in the Keppel House basement around the clock for three weeks

**In Focus**

Erin L'Hothe

**Vision for prayer room**

As the door opens to the basement, one is greeted with a woven mat, sole stained shoes and a sign that reads: “Take off your sandals, for the place that you are standing is holy ground,” Exodus 3:5. The walls are textured in paper covered in written prayer requests and lyrics of psalms. On one wall hangs maps of the world, America and Holland complete with plastic thumb tacks pushed into each location receiving prayer. Upon the floor sits a guitar next to piled blankets and worship hymnals. In the middle of the room lay a wooden cross and a place to kneel in quiet reflection.

This is the place reserved for 24 hour prayer, found in the basement of the Keppel House.

This week marked the first of three weeks of 24 hour prayer on campus. On Feb. 4 Bethany Metiers ('06) spoke at chapel to introduce her vision for continuous prayer among the Hope community. This idea, which came about in October, was spurred after Metiers was reading Red Moon Rising how 24/7 prayer is awakening a generation. Through this reading, she said, “my heart became ignited for 24/7 prayer to be on Hope's campus.”

After embracing this idea, Metiers spent two whole months praying and fasting in a direction in this vision.

“I knew that God wanted me to put this idea into action, but I didn’t know how and I didn’t know where. I mean, where is there a place open 24 hours for people to go?” said Metiers.

The answer arrived two weeks ago after the chapel staff suggested that Metiers use the Keppel House basement as the prayer room.

Aftering the decision was made, Metiers’ vision, which took months to form, came together in the matter of two weeks. A week ago, Metiers spoke at chapel and encouraged students, faculty and staff to sign up for one hour time slots of prayer on www.go29.com. By today, each hour has been filled with volunteers praying.

Hope for the Nations assigned today to be a day in which each hour be spent praying for a different country, including countries such as Africa, Uzbekistan and India. Yesterday, 26 people signed up to fill each time slot, some of which also noted that they brought friends to pray with them. Tomorrow over 26 people have volunteered again to pray around the clock.

Megan Fuller ('07) is one student who believed that the prayer room is something that Hope’s campus spiritually needs.

“At chapel there are distinct chapel cliques. Sometimes it almost seems as if chapel prayer and worship is used to impress others. I think the prayer room is an awesome idea because its taking prayer outside of the chapel,” Fuller said. “In the prayer room, it’s not about putting your arms up in the air to look like a good Christian, it’s a place where you can go and be humble. God wants you and humble and dedicated.”

Dane Clark ('08) agreed that the prayer room will help Hope’s spiritual growth as a campus.

“I think that it’s an awesome idea to have 24 hour prayer at a college that isn’t necessarily a campus where you need to be a required Christian, that’s amazing. I know that things will happen with this and it will produce fruit for our campus,” Clark said.

Jen Wierenga ('06), who prayed last night in the prayer room from 10:55 to 11:55 p.m., thinks that the prayer room is going to contribute to a spiritual revival on campus.

“This year people keep talking about a revival that’s going to happen. But I really think that’s not going to happen until we pray for it. I think that the prayer room is asking for the revival to come and do things on this campus and in our lives,” said Wierenga. “Plus, it’s really nice to have a place to go to scream my lungs out where no one will hear me and also it’s great to be there with another person and pray for each other.”

Metiers said that her vision is to have this prayer room flourish on campus and develop its personality through the response of the Hope community.

“My vision is for our people to surrender to God, to come and pray. And through that prayer, I hope that it ignites a cause, a vision and a mission to do God’s will.”

Paul Boersma, chaplain, encouraged the community to take advantage of the 24 hour prayer room as an outlet to hear God.

“The primary posture to receive visions and dreams from God is through prayer. When we pray, we’re exposed to God’s light. It humbles us, it makes us dependent. And He begins to change us,” Boersma said.

“Through prayer, we begin to think like God, as He reveals His heart to ordinary broken people like you and me.”
Your voice is what you make it

First off, I would like to thank everyone who sent in letters this week. With only four issues out so far this semester, there has already been an overwhelming amount of student voice. I encourage you to keep it up. Even for those who do not completely agree with everything we print, what you have to say can only make this paper better. I believe it is important to have healthy dialogue concerning issues that we as a campus community care about. The letters printed in this issue are good examples of this; however, I would like to remind everyone that we are all adults and therefore capable of mature and civilized discussion. The Anchor is your student newspaper and you all play an important role in what goes into it. Having said that, I’m going to shut up now and let your letters speak for themselves.

Opinion

To the Editor

Johanna Swanson ('06)

Your voice

Lack of student voice addressed

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Retired Hope employee comments on Hockey game

To the Editor

The article in the Anchor of February 2, relating to Hope hockey fandom prompted me to write. I am retired from the Hope College faculty, spent several years on the Athletic Committee, helped launch a club sport, love hockey, and attended the HopeCalvin game. First, I want to congratulate the Hope hockey club for a great game. I was impressed with the competitiveness and level of play. Good luck in the play-offs.

I have great appreciation for the maturity and responsibility of Hope students but, I, too, was disappointed with some of the student behavior. I must confess, I neither heard all of the comments, nor did I see all of the signs described. But one sign was especially crude and in very bad taste. And the students who were pounding, pushing, and hanging on the side glass were totally out of line. Sometimes we wish for common sense.

Club sports can create awkward situations. The sport is not really part of the College Athletic Program, as I understand it, but it does have affiliation. When club athletes put on a Hope College uniform, however, they are representing the College and one expects the same level of conduct from them as from varsity athletes.

Similarly, in my view, when Hope students attend club sport games, they also are representing the College, just as they would at a varsity venue, and one would expect the same behavior from both groups of students. I doubt that the student(s), who brought the crude sign(s) into the ice arena, would have considered bringing it to a soccer or basketball game. And students who persistently pounded the glass would have stopped to avoid eviction. Apparently, there is something about the freedom of a "non-sanctioned" hockey game that gives some students the opportunity to show us how crude and immature they can be.

While varsity sports are organized and run by the College, club sports are usually created by and for students, with some form of College sanction. I would hope, therefore, that students would claim some ownership and responsibility for club sports. I was disappointed that some of the students at the game didn't focus their collective judgments on those who were judgment impaired. With a little student leadership, I think the problem could have been nipped in the bud.

I was with a friend and neither of us heard booing when the Calvin player went down with injury. How tasteless and pathetic to boo or jeer an injured player. But I want readers to know that, from our vantage point, fans sat in silence while the injury was being attended and cheered appropriately when the player left the ice.

Finally, I don't think cheering when the puck is brought over the blue line is necessarily poor sportsmanship. A blue line rush is an exciting part of hockey and typically causes the hair on one's neck to stand up—at least for me. Go Hope. And Go Students.
Dutch basketball tops MIAA-leading Albion

Nick Everse
Staff Reporter

This is more like it. After struggling against top competition for most of the year, the Hope Men’s College Basketball team jumped out to a 29-25 half time advantage.

Facing MIAA-leading and nationally ranked Albion the Dutchmen ran away from the Britons in the second half for an improbable 68-59 win Saturday at Albion. The win was even more amazing considering the 68-44 whopping Albion laid on Hope at the Civic Center on Jan. 12.

On Saturday, the Dutchmen committed themselves to proving that the first meeting between these two teams wasn’t a fluke. Riding an aggressive defense, Hope jumped out to a 29-25 half time advantage.

Guard Daane Griffeth continued his hot shooting early, scoring 10 points to pace the Dutchmen at the break. Hope promptly extended the lead early in the second half. After an Albion basket, the Flying Dutchmen went on a 10-0 run to gain a 49-27 advantage.

Hope wouldn’t relinquish the lead, but there were some nervous moments down the stretch. Albion was able to take advantage of a flurry of Hope turnovers to cut the lead to 47-42 with just under seven minutes remaining.

That’s when lake Hope took over. The sophomore guard, who has filled the void left by the injured Greg Immink, knocked down two clutch 3-pointers to put the game out of reach.

Griffeth ended any doubts with a 3-pointer of his own on the ensuing possession. Griffeth led all Hope scorers with 17 points on 6-7 shooting from the field, including a perfect 3-3 from beyond the arc. Kyle Kleezynsider added 13 and Eric Voison chipped in with 10. Hopegoem scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

After the game, Hopegoem was just relieved to get the win.

“This was a huge win for us,” said Hopegoem. “We’ve always had confidence in ourselves, but this just gives us more heading into the last part of the season. We are finally playing together, and it is a great feeling.”

It’s hard not to feel great you’re Hope. Just a few weeks ago many counted the Dutchmen out of the conference race. Now winners of four in a row, Hope sits just one game behind Albion and Calvin for the conference lead at 7-3 in MIAA competition. The win also marked the first time Hope has moved above the 500 mark this season at 11-10 overall.

With all the injuries and suspensions that have ravaged Hope this season, it would have been easy to fold up the tent and call it a year. But this team is lead by a group of experienced seniors who refused to let the season slip away.

“We’ve been through a lot this year,” Griffeth commented. “We kept on battling through and we’ve won 6 out of our last 7 games to put ourselves in the position for a shot at the conference championship.”

While there are a variety of reasons for the turnaround, one constant has been Hope’s defense. During their current win streak the Flying Dutchmen have yet to allow a team to shoot better than 41 percent from the field.

Albion shot just 40 percent on Saturday, with center Brandon Crawford and guard Mike Thomas the only Britons to reach double-figure point totals with 18 and 15 respectively.

The race for the conference championship brings the Dutchmen home for three of their final four regular season games. Hope hosts Kalamazoo on Wednesday before traveling to Olivet this weekend.

All eyes will be back in Holland on Feb. 16 when Hope hosts rival Calvin in a game that could potentially decide the conference championship.

Until then, Hope players are just trying to enjoy the success they’ve battled all year to find. The Dutchmen have given themselves an opportunity to play for an MIAA championship that recently seemed so far out of reach.

“It’s going to be a fun last part of the season for us,” Hopegoem.

The season promises to be even more fun if they can bring home the hardware.

JACOBSON from 1

During his presidency, the college developed a multi-dimensional comprehensive plan to improve minority participation at Hope, with priorities including focusing on minority student recruitment and retention, increasing the presence of minority faculty and staff, and emphasizing cultural understanding.

Strengthening Christian life and witness at the college was among the four major emphases of the successful “Hope in the Future” capital campaign, which ran from 1992 to 1994.

Prior to coming to Hope, Jacobson was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Empire State College, State University of New York (SUNY) in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He joined the Empire State faculty in 1972 as dean of the college’s Rochester Center in Rochester.

New York. He became vice president for academic affairs in 1974 and provost in 1980. He twice served as acting president of the college. Before joining the Empire State faculty, he was a faculty member in philosophy at Hamilton College (N.Y.) and at Florida Presbyterian College. He also served as dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs at Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College).

Jacobson was an active participant in scholarly and professional organizations. He gave presentations at national meetings of the Association of American Colleges and had served as an educational consultant to Cornell Glassworks, the University of Maine, American People’s Encyclopedia, and the West African Conference on University Outreach held in Ibadan, Nigeria. He was included in Who’s Who in America and Who’s Who in the East among others.

He was born on Nov. 6, 1933, in Evanston, Ill. He received a bachelor’s degree with high honors in philosophy from Swarthmore College in 1954, and master’s and doctoral degrees in philosophy in 1956 and 1957, respectively, from Yale University.

He received an honorary degree from Hope in 1987 and from Empire State College in 1996.

The college’s Board of Trustees established an endowed chair at Hope in honor of both John Jacobson and Jeanne Jacobson in 1999, as a retirement recognition. An adjunct professor emerita of education, Jeanne Jacobson was a member of the Hope faculty from 1996 to 1999, and has been a Senior Research Fellow with the college’s A.C. Van Raalte Institute since 1996.

In addition to his wife, Jacobson is survived by many, including three living children: John Edward Jacobson, Jean Katherine Pokrzywka and Jennie Jacobson; eight grandchildren; a sister, Mary Cotton Miller; and a brother, Carl Whitney Jacobson. He was preceded in death by two children, both a son and a daughter.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. at Siesta Key Chapel in Sarasota. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope for the John and Jeanne Jacobson Scholarship Fund, or to Doctors Without Borders.