IN BRIEF
TUITION INCREASE

During their meeting on Jan. 25 and 26, the Board of Trustees approved a 5.2 percent tuition increase for the 2007-08 school year, raising the cost of attendance to a total of $31,100. The Board also approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for staff and faculty members. Several professors were granted tenure, including Ken Brown and Brent Kruiger of the chemistry department, Leah Chase from biology and chemistry, Kirk Brumels from kinesiology, and Christian Spievolg from communication.

BLIZZARD HITS HOLLAND

According to unofficial estimates from the National Weather Service, the Holland area received eight to ten inches of snow between Friday and Sunday evenings. The high for the weekend was 26 degrees, with a low of 3 degrees on Sunday. Hope athletic events on Saturday were postponed, but the college remained in session despite the snow and cold. Above-average snowfall and below-average temperatures are expected to continue through the week.

WINTER FILM FEST

The Hope College Kneickerbocker Theatre will be showing four films as part of its Winter Film Series from Friday, Feb. 9 through Saturday, March 10. The series will open with the French film “Joyeux Noel,” which tells of a brief moment of communication between the trenches and the sounds of war. The series will continue through the week.

THE NEW FACE OF HOPE — The new mascot, “Dutch,” walks past the crowd at the Hope vs. Kalamazoo game.

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SURVEY: STUDENTS DO LESS HOMEWORK

The annual survey, conducted by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Education, is randomly distributed to freshman and senior classes by email at participating schools.

Of the Hope College students who chose to partake in the NSSE (pronounced “Nessie”) survey online last year, Scott VanderStoop, associate professor of psychology and chairperson of the department, said, “Thirty-four percent of seniors and 25 percent of freshmen reportedly spent 10 hours or less preparing for classes each week.”

Having participated in this survey for the past four years, Hope students consistently show higher areas of involvement in such activities as physical fitness, worship events and volunteering. Issues that continue to pose a problem for Hope students include the amount of time spent preparing for class, as well as a lack of cultural diversity on campus.

People seemed to like it, but it scared a couple of younger kids,” said Brian Morehouse, coach of the Hope women’s basketball team. “Honestly, my team isn’t very concerned about a mascot, the cheerleaders not being at our games, or the band. They just like to play and appreciate any support they get from the fans that attend. If I thought the mascot would encourage more of our student body to attend the games, I’d probably be more excited.”

The mascot was created after Lauren Engels (’06) and Brad Matson (’07) initiated a recent trend on campus and campaigned for Student Congress in a squirrel costume.

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“College,” VanderStoop said, “is an opportunity you will not get again. There are other requirements, financial obligations and more commitments which do not allow you to be curious.”

To figure out the best solution to improve the academic involvement of students, Tim Penningas, mathematics professor and chair of the Hope College Academic Affairs Board, initiated action by sending out a memo that included the recent NSSE statistics to various campus departments and offices.

The brief memo requests input from each department about the steps they can and are taking in order to “promote the level of academic participation for more of our students.”

The board has requested that responses be returned by Feb. 10 to serve as a starting point of discussion about what steps need to be taken to raise statistics, but more importantly, to raise what is expected of students.

“We have to gradually reverse the trend,” Penningas said.

Robin Linscher (’10) an active member of the Union of Catholic Students, College Chorus, and German and philosophy discussion groups, currently averages 15 hours of homework.

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FLYING NORTH? TAKE YOUR PASSPORT

Joe Vasko
Short News

On Jan. 23 the Department of Homeland Security released new travel requirements that make it essential to carry a passport when traveling to and from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, Panama and the Caribbean. The requirements apply to both U.S. citizens and citizens of those respective countries.

The changes come as a result of the department’s Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative passed into law in 2004. They serve as yet another precaution against the threat of terrorism and warming caused by human overuse of natural resources, mainly coal and oil.

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EVENTS

February 7, 2007

Television and Film

Friday Feb. 9

Film: “Joyeux Noel”

7 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre. General admission $5, free for students and seniors.

Film: “Pretty Big Feet”

Monday, Feb. 12

6 p.m. Phelps Multicultural Lounge. Sponsored by HAPA.

THEATRE

Courtney Roberts
Arts Editor

‘The School for Scandal’ opens Feb. 15

Robins, the play will speak to modern audiences despite its Elizabethan roots. “School for Scandal” is very much wrapped up in appearance and gossip and that is very true of today as well. “With things like Facebook, we almost create gossip for ourselves,” Robins said. Unlike other works of its type, however, “The School For Scandal” is not a cynical admonition of society.” “It has a very optimistic perspective on human nature,” Robins said. “It ultimately proposes that human beings and society are good and that when we get past our rough patches we return to normal.”

The play will be shown in the Dewitt studio theater, a smaller performance space which seats audiences all the way around the floor in varying positions and also bring from the ceiling of the gallery.

Lining the walls is the work of Sullivan, a series of paintings titled “Melusine.” Also appearing is an innovative series of photographs by Alberg.

Many students in the arts community attended the opening.

“One found STERKA to be a creative combination of several different aspects of art,” Amy Pruttman (‘07) said. “It’s interesting how they combined improvisational movement with painting, photography, music, video, and sculpture.”

STERKA will appear in the Patons Gallery until March 3.

The Holland Area Arts Council is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 150 E. 8th Street. Admission is free and the public is invited.

‘Documenting China’ visits Hope

Zheng has written a catalog of the same name as the exhibit to see DePree, Page 4

The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series continues with the arrival of Percival Everett on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Everett has written 15 novels, three short story collections and one book of poetry. With a reputation as a wordsmith, Everett is known for his striking prose and scathing wit.

His most famous work is “Eunice,” a satirical novel that tackles black cultural stereotypes. He has also worked as a musician, a ranch hand and a high school teacher. He currently paints, is a woodworker and a flyfisherman.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre with jazz music provided by the jazz band beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL CONCERTO AND ARIA SET FEB. 8

The music department will present its annual concerto and aria concert Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The concert features students who were selected through a competition held last November, performing with the Hope College Orchestra.

Four students, Sally Vander Pluig (‘10), Megan Moore (‘08), Carol Beth Steiner (‘07) and Emily Chapman (‘09), were selected to perform this year. Admission is free and the public is invited.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR DANCE 33

Tickets are now on sale for the annual faculty choreographed concert. Dance 33 will be held March 8-10, at 8 p.m. in the DeVos Center main theater.

Along with the work of Hope’s dance faculty, the show includes works by two guest choreographers.

Jon Lehmer, who is assistant director of the Gus Giordano Dance Company, and Dorell Martin, who is a faculty member of the Joffrey Ballet School, Dance Amsterdam and founder of Dorell Martin Dance Fusion, both created pieces for the dance department.

Tickets are available at the ticket office located in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. Cost is $7 for general admission and $5 for seniors and anyone with a Hope ID. The ticket office is open weekday days from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.
Global

Earth and the threat of global warming and called on others to join them in the initiative to save the Earth’s environment.

Scandal

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of Holland and Hope College, Rev. A.C. Van Rietbeek.

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DePree

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International Food Fair

Saturday, February 17, Maas Auditorium 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the many cultures and cuisines represented at Hope College. See international students in traditional dress, hear street hotdogs are worth a try! Ummel said. Wigton has tried to talk a Philly cheesesteak but said, “Believe it or not... It is humbly possible to hold off on those.”

As for the grocery shopping excursions, Michael Prasad (’08) said that cases of soda are the hardest thing to carry back from the grocery store to his apartment.

“My four roommates carrying our couch home was a little awkward, but we didn’t get that at the grocery store,” Ummel said.

Whether or not they have been to the Liberty Bell yet or tasted the famous Philly cheesesteak, it is sure to be a great semester in the City of Brotherly Love for Hope students.

Larissa Mariano

Second Woman

Philadelphia is home to nine Hope College students this semester. They are living in downtown Philadelphia and working in the city at various internships. Most of the students live within walking distance from their internships and a few have to take the bus.

Philadelphia is one of the most historic cities in the U.S. It is home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Love statue.

Held, Philly has often been referred to as the City of Brotherly Love.

Aislinn Ummel (’08) is interning at The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. She has visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which features the steps made popular by the film Rocky.

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Annoyances Discussion

Last night, Student Congress discussed the different annoyances representatives have observed around campus. The conversation included ice removal, visitation hours, classes during community hour, the number of signs around campus, parking, and environmental issues such as recycling. Some students, such as the ticket box location and environmental issues, are being pursued by task groups. Others, such as ice removal, have been tabled.

The Annoyances Discussion will be continued tonight’s meeting. Students are encouraged to contact their representative with their campus annoyances or to attend the Congress meeting.

Tech Proposals

The Student Congress executive board suggested two possible future technology proposals at last night’s meeting. The first involves putting two fully-functioning computers, along with a printer, in the area just outside the Student Organization offices off the Dewitt lobby.

The second, a less popular idea, is to install several televisions in the Dow cardio room. The two ideas will be investigated further, but no official proposals have been brought to Congress at this time.

Meeting Time Change

Student Congress will be moving its meeting time back to 9 p.m. on Tues.
FEATURES

Shopper on a budget - Holland style
All you need to know about area thrift stores

The Washington Avenue Goodwill is smaller than its sister store, but offers a fine selection of clothing, shoes and other wares in an organized, clean store.

Men’s and women’s pants run $3-4, sweaters $4.5- pants $3-4. Soft cover books are 60 cents and hardcover $1 at both stores.

A non-profit organization, Goodwill Industries has been helping people in need of career training and counseling enter the workforce since 1902. Goodwill provides job training, placement and career services.

These programs are financed primarily through revenues from Goodwill retail stores, which sell used items that have been donated. With more than 2,000 stores across the U.S., revenue generated in 2005 was $1.64 billion, according to www.goodwill.org. Career services and education receive about 83 percent of the total revenue each year.

Goodwill also has an online auction site operated out of Santa Ana, California. The first auction site for a non-profit organization, www.shopgoodwill.com sells items from Goodwill stores across the country.

percent profit back. Clothing is kept on the rack for 180 days and then donated if it does not sell.

The Hive has been servicing “juniors, teens and sassy moms,” for almost a year.

The Hive donated more than 300 pounds of children’s clothing to an orphanage in Bolivia this year alone. On Jan. 1, they opened a clearance center where they sell the clothing that doesn’t meet the standards, for discounted prices. Jessica Tijerina, manager of The Hive, says the goal of this new establishment is “to provide clean, affordable, clothing to help charities help others.”

Ditto has provided Holland locals with eclectic used and discounted items since 2004. Ditto supports Holland and Zeeland Christian Schools, currently benefiting approximately 2,850 students. The store displays affordable home décor and upscale selections of clothing for men, women and children.

Whether you have a dorm or an apartment, your rooms will never want from lack of furniture, dishes, linens or appliances with a Ditto down the street. Students can also purchase gently used clothing as well as books and framed art.

Ditto accepts donations of clothes, furniture, dishes and books. Ditto is always looking for volunteers to sort donations, work as cashiers, do repair work or make deliveries.

GOODWILL
Lindsey Manthei
FEATURES EDITOR

The Goodwill on Lakewood Boulevard offers a consistent wide variety of name brand clothing, a sizable shoe collection and kitchen wares. Hope students with a valid student ID receive a 10 percent discount upon request. At press time, the store was also running a three-for-$1 record sale.

The Anchor
You never know how somebody can change your life until you let them into it.

Shannon Craig

The slogan of the denomination of my home church is “open hearts, open minds, open doors.” Love, tolerate and accept everyone. Anyone - no matter what.

Jesus loved us unconditionally. He didn’t ask questions, but called sinners. He didn’t come for the together and the outsider. I remember when he would come home from school - elementary school - crying after being teased. As my brother was 15 years old. He grew up as one of those outsiders full of hurt feelings wishing for acceptance from his peers. Whether big or small, no matter the color of your skin or your ability comparative to others in different situations. Be open to others whether it’s ideas, actions or customs, because you never know how somebody can change your life until you let them into it.

If we lived as Jesus did, if we lived with open hearts, open minds and open doors, maybe – just maybe – outsiders would find their way in and our lives would be changed for the better.

Shannon is political science and history double major, whose favorite Bible verse is 17:20. When not at The Anchor, she enjoys watching the work of Aaron Sorkin and drinking copious amounts of Dr. Pepper.
Rumbleweeds

I won’t even get into the whole mascot thing...

Jeremy Benson

As you read this, Hope College basketball fans across the country are gearing up for the big game: painting faces orange and blue, stretching spirit fingers, grilling hot dogs on the porch of the DeVos Fieldhouse, and making signs such as “Dan Holt is so broke!” Although game time isn’t until 8 p.m., the upper-echelon of the Dew Crew will assume their position in the front rows of section 10, donning masks and striped shirts, talking about homework they are neglecting.

All this will be happening while the women face Olivet College. But the Dew Crew won’t notice, or care to notice. They are only there to support the men, apparently, and only give marginal shout-outs to the women.

At the last Hope/Calvin game at home, a women’s game, the Dew Crew showed up in the last three minutes. Oh, they were ‘there’ the whole time, but only thought it necessary to join the handful of cheers during the final seconds. Hope lost by three points.

Nobody from the Dew Crew showed up for the match up against Kalamazoo College. The Dew Crew has no reason not to be actively present at women’s games. It’s not like men’s games are more exciting than women’s games. Games of teams excel so much that nearly every game is a blow out. The men beat Tristate University 101-57. The women beat Kalamazoo 101-53. I fell asleep when the Flying Dutchmen defeated DePaul University. I will continue to push, hope you will join me.

In the mean time, GO DUTCH!

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DUTCHMEN LAUNCH TOWARD MIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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With only one conference meet left in the 2006-07 season, the Hope College men’s swimming team is looking forward to another chance at Olivet College and the MIAA championship trophy. The Flying Dutchmen currently rank second in the MIAA standings with a record of 4-1. Defending champion Olivet currently holds first place and remains the team to beat as Hope heads into MIAA action this weekend in the Czech Republic.

“Olivet College will be a huge challenge. They had a great team last year that beat us at the MIAA championships, and they lost very few people from last year to this year,” captain Wade Engers (’08) said. Hope was defeated by Olivet 109-189 early in the season.

“The tough loss to Olivet in the first meet of the season will play a key role in preparing us for the big meet,” Jeff Holtman (’07) said.

The Dutchmen are led by captains Kyle Waterstone (’07) Jacob Holton (’07) and Engers. The three combine to lead a strong Dutchmen squad, with half the team comprised of freshmen.

“We’ve had freshmen such as Matt Rose (’10), Ryan Nelis (’11), Mitch Ruch (’10) and Phil Heyboer (’10) step up and win very important races throughout our dual meet season,” Engers said.

Although the Dutchmen have their hearts set on winning the MIAA championship, they know Olivet will be their main obstacle this weekend. The Dutchmen are currently on taper, cutting distances in practice to reserve energy and strength for the MIAA championships. However, Olivet does things a little differently.

“They train differently than we do, without a mid-season taper so it is very difficult to determine how fast they will be,” butterfly and IM swimmer Karl Hoesch (’07) said.

“The Dutchmen sacrifice skill to the breaststroke to Olivet, and will be without any diving points this weekend as Olivet scores four. Although Olivet will be the favorite on paper this weekend, the Flying Dutchmen have plenty to motivate them. “Each good swim that comes out of everyone will build confidence and get us excited for our upcoming races,” Andre Bravo (’07) said.

As the meet nears, two things become obvious. One is that Olivet will boost the best shot at taking the title this weekend. The other is that the Dutchmen have faith that teamwork will keep them in the meet and give them a chance to take it. “It is unity and determination that will allow us to win the MIAA and stand together as champion when it is all said and done,” Holtman said.

After a tough loss to Olivet early in the season, the Dutchmen are eager to get going this weekend. With a strong taper and recent wins against Albion and Alma, Hope will be right in the thick of things at the MIAA’s. “Winning the MIAA trophy back from them would be one of the greatest things to ever happen in my life to this day,” Bravo said. “I speak for all the seniors when I say all we want to do is bring that trophy back where it belongs, Hope College.”

Look for the Dutchmen to swim strong Feb. 8-10 and bring home the MIAA hardware for the third time in four years.

DROPPED PUCK – The clash of ACHA DIll titans ended in a Hope loss on Feb. 5 when the Dutchmen fell short by one goal to Northwood University. Hope anticipated another win for its 23-2 record at its next game at Albion on Feb. 9 in preparation for the MCHC playoffs.

BASEBALL GOES ABROAD

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