Let the madness resume
Hope squares off against Calvin tonight in the House of Orange

GET PSYCHED—Be a part of the next chapter in a storied rivalry. Break out those vividly orange pants that your friends bought you as a joke that one time but you never actually dared to wear. Decades of passionate Hope College alumni and current Dew Crew members will raise their voices in support of the Flying Dutchmen. It all goes down tonight, starting with the JV game at 5:45 p.m. and the varsity game to follow at 8 p.m. Calvin fans might be there, too.

Photo Courtesy of Hope Athletics

Highlighting VWS
Spring 2014 lineup starts out strong

That part was long and crazy and didn’t make any sense, which I like.
—ISMET PRIC

That is just one of the great quotes that came out of the festivities of last Thursday, Jan. 27, when the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series hosted guest writers Ismet Prcic and Benjamin Busch. The readings kicked off what is sure to be an exciting Spring 2014 lineup of events for the VWS.

It was a cool, casual night in Winants Auditorium. Whether students were there for extra credit in their various English courses, genuinely interested in inspiring literature or simply there for something to do on a quiet Thursday night, Prcic and Busch combined to deliver a wonderful display of literary talent for their listeners to enjoy.

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JAMMIN’ THE NIGHT AWAY—Rudy Currence hit the stage at The Kletz last week on Jan. 30. A repeat performer at the SAC Coffeehouse, Currence never disappoints. His soulful performances combined with his deep faith and inspirational story ensure a knockout performance each year. Love Currence’s music? Follow him on Twitter @RUDY_CURRENCE or look him up on YouTube today!

Calling all Dutchmen: Let us know how you spent your break!

Any plans for Winter Recess? We’d love to hear all about them when you get back! Took some sweet pictures? Send them in! This is a paper by the people of Hope for the people of Hope. Fill it with your voices and experiences. Tweet us @hopeanchornews with stories and pictures!

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Students raise money for families at Christ Memorial Church over Christmas

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Best Writer

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This Christmas, three men of Durfee Hall went above and beyond the call of charity to serve the Holland community. Blaine Wierzbicki (17), Alexander Corbin (17) and Ryan Arndt (17) (with the help of Campus Ministry’s Jerry Root) came up with an idea to spread Christmas cheer by being mindful of those in need in the Holland area.

“Alex and I were just sitting in my dorm one day when he got the idea to do some good in the community for Christmas,” Wierzbicki said.

After some help from Root to point them toward a means to serve the Holland community, contact- ed Christ Memorial Church in Holland. A contact informed them that many families in the congregation could not afford to have a Christmas-like celebration this year.

“There were families in need in the congregation that could not afford to have the Christmas experience that many of us are accustomed to having,” Wierzbicki said.

Thus, the Durfee Hall Christ mas Project was born.

Heartbroken by the need in the community, the boys re- solved to adopt a family from Christ Memorial. They began by simply placing jars outside of dorm rooms in Durfee Hall in which students walking by could drop off cash and extra change into. The boys never expected the generosity that their project received.

“Surprised by the quantity of money we were receiving, we decided to adopt a second famil- ly,” Wierzbicki said.

The students realized they had the opportunity to make a greater impact than they even bad imagined when Arndt be- gan to get involved.

“His connections on cam- pus with a variety of students from different places on campus helped us a lot,” Wierzbicki said about Arndt.

With a renewed sense of pur- pose, the students started going door-to-door in other residence halls around campus. Through their hard work they raised $1,100, enough to adopt four families from Christ Memorial for Christmas. The money went toward food for a Christmas dinner, gifts for the children and gift cards to enable the families to share enjoyable experiences together over the holiday sea- son.

Shocked by the success of the venture, the students vowed to continue the Durfee Hall Christ- mas Project next year.

“[We] hope to expand and grow this project year after year. Look out for us to come around again, collecting for a great local cause next year,” Wierzbicki said.

Six hundred and fifty stu- dent tickets may sound like a lot, but when it comes to the Hope/Calvin game we’ve all realized that, unless you have a solid three hours to wait in line at DeVos Fieldhouse, it’s virtu- ally impossible to get a ticket. I guess it’s the price you have to pay when you attend a col- lege with a rivalry so intense it’s placed fourth on ESPN’s list of Greatest College Rivalries in basketball. That being said, if you didn’t snag a ticket this year, have no fear! The game will be screening at 80+ locations na- tionwide, including some nota- ble locations from the Holland community such as Buffalo Wild Wings and Freedom Vil- lage (unfortunately, this party is being hosted by a Calvin Col- lege graduate). So get out, paint your face orange and blue and go eat wings and meet older Hope College graduates while watching the game this year.

You’ll make a few new friends, see a little less maroon and, best of all, you’ll get to miss out on the road rage of furious Calvin fans after their loss—because we all know if Hope plays, Hope wins.
A new farm bill is greenlit by both houses

Brianna Cherry
Staff Writer

On Monday, House and Senate negotiators agreed on a new farm bill that will make amendments to both agriculture subsidy programs and the government food stamp program.

This five-year plan has brought an end to the controversy over previous efforts including two unsuccessful attempts to pass the bill.

The implementation will include a new milk insurance program and will put limits on farm subsidy payments. The Federal Sugar Program is said to be held in place.

Farmers welcome the new bill with the hope that it will promote success in American agriculture.

Ray Gaesser, president of the American Soybean Association and a farmer himself, said, “The bill is a compromise. It ensures the continued success of American agriculture, and we encourage both the House and the Senate to pass it quickly.”

Co-leader of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees Rep. Frank D. Lucas said, “I am proud of our efforts to finish a farm bill conference report with significant savings and reforms.”

However, not everyone agrees that these changes will be a change for the better. There are also critics.

“It’s a classic bait-and-switch proposal to protect farm subsidies.” Vincent H. Smith, a professor of farm economics at Montana State University said. “They’re eliminating the politically toxic direct payments program and added the money to a program that will provide farmers with even larger subsidies.”

It is estimated that about $8 million will be cut from the food stamp program over the course of the next 10 years. This is alarming for anti-hunger advocates, who say that over 850,000 individual households will have up to a $90 reduction in food stamps per month. However, this will not require drug testing or proof of work for eligibility.

Joel Berg, executive director of The New York City Coalition Against Hunger does not agree with the changes: “They are gutting a program to provide food for hungry people to pay for corporate welfare.”

Although spending will be reduced, new programs to encourage healthy lifestyles will be filling the gap in this case. One program listed in the bill will allow those within food stamps to double their value when shopping at the local farmer’s market. Senator Debbie Stabenow offers her support for the bill: “This program helps families buy healthy food from their local farmer’s markets which also helps family farmers and boosts the economy. It puts us on the verge of enacting a five-year farm bill that saves taxpayers billions, eliminates unnecessary subsidies, creates more effective farm safety net and helps farmers and businesses create jobs.”

The full details of the bill have not yet been released to the general public, but we can hope they will provide a substantial outcome for both the consumers and farmers.

PERSPECTIVES

The state of socialism in the European continent
Economically and societally, it is a failure for all to witness in the 21st century and beyond

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As some in the Democratic Party and the far-left circles call for the establishment of a more European-style welfare system, it would seem that all is not as it appears in the Old World. The truth about the socialist policies that have governed Europe and many other countries across the globe is that their results have led to less than satisfactory outcomes.

The interesting aspect of socialism is that the truth will often show its face in full clarity when given the chance to prove itself.

This was demonstrated last week when we learned that total foreign investment in France dropped an astounding 77 percent. The government, run by the socialist president Francois Hollande, is facing its largest economic crisis since the Second World War. The problems, of course, are not just economic, as social unrest among the French people has only escalated in last few years of the Hollande administration.

Chronic youth unemployment and a decaying social safety net overburdened with abuse have left the French with few prospects for the future.

On the other side of the English Channel, the modest reforms that the British are enacting has helped to spur the economy (though modestly) to levels not seen since before the Great Recession. But even with these reforms being pursued by nations such as Spain and Portugal, who have seen socialist governments run their countries into the ground with their credit ratings at junk status and record unemployment), it is not enough to dissuade some in the upper echelons of European society to abandon their dreams of a socialistic utopia that lurks over the horizon.

Some Europeans are so passionately committed to this fantasy that they often praise the regimes of Cuba and the late Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela. Thus, if we look at the record that socialism has left in these countries as well as dozens of others, we will get a better understanding of its catastrophic results.

We start in the island of Cuba, where we find that after 50 years of the supposed communist revolution, the wealthiest individual (with close to a billion dollars in Swiss bank accounts and various luxury homes around the island) is still the aging dictator Fidel Castro.

The island’s economy is all but in shambles as travelers are taken in a time machine of the past, with rusted automobiles from the 1950s and decrepit infrastructure that predates most of the modern world.

On the other hand, further south toward the equator, Venezuela cannot seem to escape the clutches of the late president Chavez’s direct control government. With some of the largest oil reserves in the world, the nation faces record unemployment and poverty with the nationalization of the major oil manufacturers under the former leader. Meanwhile, as the people continue to protest in the streets for lack of food and medicine, the new president and his political allies live in the lap of luxury in the presidential palace.

Regardless, even in the face of these stark realities, one should not hope for a change of heart among the Europeans as their most cherished state programs—from healthcare to unemployment benefits—will be hard to give up. It is important to remember that this moment could still be used to make the necessary reforms to save what few programs will remain in the next 50 years.

What the American left and others must understand is that cutting back on the size of government is a necessity in order to remain a viable civilization in the long term. Ignoring the tendencies of human nature and simply advocating for a method for soaking the rich will produce the same outcomes every time. Socialism feeds on the worst aspects of individualism, by incentivizing the special groups associated within a larger society and promoting stagnation instead of a sense of upward mobility. If you still have doubts, just walk past any of the tourist areas in one of Europe’s major cities and see for yourself.

## WORRIES ON THE FARM— Dow Brantley discusses his plans for the upcoming growing season at one of his fields near England, Ark.

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**WORLD**

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**Marijuana sellers’ banking problems**

**Timothy Cook**

Those who deal marijuana have come a long way. When recreational marijuana became legal in Colorado and Washington, many dealers expected that they would be able to make a successful transition to becoming legitimate businessmen. However, what we have seen is that in a situation convoluted by contradictions in American federalism, the path has been far from easy. Marijuana dispensaries, like other small businesses, need a loan in order to obtain startup capital. An aspiring owner will find that it is not easy to get such a loan when your business is in a Schedule I narcotic, whether for medical purposes or not.

Though 20 states allow marijuana for medical purposes, many American banks have branches in states where marijuana is illegal. For this reason, banks will not take the risk of handling money that in some states is regarded as the result of criminal activity. Some businesses involved in marijuana growth or sale have simply not disclosed the nature of their business, though this can create complications if they ever raise the ire of federal investigators. Banks that do loan money to, or accept money from, marijuana businesses risk being charged with money laundering. Regulations may be changing in marijuana sellers’ favor, however, as the U.S. Department of Justice has stated that they will not try to intervene against marijuana users in Colorado and Washington. Federal officials have stated that they do want marijuana businesses to start using banks in order to better control cash flow and monetary security. Until banks become a viable option, some marijuana dispensary owners sell product as legitimate businessmen and stash the money like criminals.

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**UNREST CONTINUES**—A supporter of Egypt’s ousted President Mohamed Morsi wearing a headband with Arabic writing that reads “Sisi leave” holds pictures of Mohamed Morsi during a protest at Nasr City.

**Egyptian army backs el-Sisi for president**

Field Marshal Abdul Fattah el-Sisi has received backing from the military to run for the position

**Shubham Sapkota**

It has only been three years since Egypt overthrew Hosni Mubarak, and it looks like another military leader is going to take over the role of president in Egypt. Egypt's top military officials have given their approval and support to Chief Field Marshal Abdul Fattah el-Sisi to run for the position of president in Egypt where the future of democracy and governance is still uncertain.

Field Marshal el-Sisi was part of the group that led the coup against President Mohamed Morsi in July. It is speculated that el-Sisi is going to resign from his post in the military to announce his ambition for presidency in several days. In the midst of all of this, supporters of the former President Morsi have come out to protest, demanding reinstatement of Morsi, who came into power through a win in the democratic elections.

*The alliance led by the Muslim Brotherhood, who is still supported by over 30 percent of Egyptians, claims that opposition against el-Sisi shows that “people want the execution of the murderers” and not “to appoint the murderer as president.”*  

Field Marshal el-Sisi was appointed the head of armed forces by Morsi in August 2012 after Morsi was voted into office as president through Egypt's first election after the rebellion that ended Mubarak's regime. However, after protests began demanding that Morsi resign from the office, it was el-Sisi who gave the president an ultimatum to step down and let the army step in. After Morsi refused, el-Sisi suspended the constitution and established a supposedly technocratic interim government.

Since the coup that ousted Morsi, over 1,000 people have been killed from the Muslim Brotherhood, which has now been labeled as a terrorist group by the military. Members of the Muslim Brotherhood, along with Morsi, have been held on charges of provoking murder and plotting terrorist acts. Morsi, along with 130 others, is on trial for murder of prison guards during the escape when the 2011 uprising began. Even though there is widespread approval of el-Sisi taking the role of presidency, there is an overwhelming amount of opposition as well.

El-Sisi’s public image and how he has been treating protesters since the overthrowing of Morsi can definitely cause him problems. One of the many things that has come to attention is the infamous “virginity test” that el-Sisi believes is done to protect girls from rape as well as protect soldiers from rape accusations. He put this test to use during protests in Tahrir Square in 2011 where women were detained, beaten and strip-searched for the virginity test. If they refused, they were charged with prostitution charges.

Egypt has been going through turmoil ever since its uprising in 2011, and it is not like it is going to end soon. Even though there is support for el-Sisi, taking large quantities of hard cash that, if lost, cannot be easily traced. Short of declaring the drug fully legal, this is something neither the legislative nor executive branches are prepared to do, the justice department has considered several reforms to better streamline the relationship between federal and state laws. Many have suggested that the Justice Department could remove marijuana from the list of Schedule I narcotics.

President Barack Obama, however, has denied that he has the power to do this and has instead suggested that congress make the necessary changes to federal law. For now, however, owners will have to keep finding creative monetary solutions until the government and the financial sector work out more permanent solutions.

**ABDUL FATTAH EL-SISI—** He will likely be Egypt’s next president despite opposition from the Muslim Brotherhood.
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The Anchor

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ARTS

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Guest Writer

The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series hosted its first event of the spring semester this past Thurs-day, Jan. 30, with readings by ac-claimed authors Ismet Prcic and Benjamin Busch in Graves Hall’s Winans Auditorium at 7 p.m. Prcic—a native of Bosnia who immigrated to the United States in 1996 at the age of 19—read from his Pacific Northwest Book Award-winning novel “Shards,” a work that is innovative both in its use of varying points-of-view as well as in its approach of both fiction and memoir-like storylines.

Centering on the events and aftermath of the 1992-1995 Civil War in Bosnia, “Shards” follows the life of a fictionalized Ismet Prcic and is in many ways auto-biographical.

Similarly, Busch read from his book “Dust to Dust,” a memoir largely concerned with recounting his time as a Marine serving in Iraq in the early 2000s. The work won the 2012 Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award for creative non-fiction.

Both Busch and Prcic’s works unflinchingly examine the reality of armed conflict and the gravity of its repercussions. But even beyond the subject matter of their books, the men have several similarities as artists, each engaging in theater and film. Prcic, a 2011 Sundance Writing Fellow, began writing plays before he turned to short stories. He is now involved with avant-garde theater and independent filmmaking.

Busch, too, wrote plays from a young age, the first of which he recalled greatly resembled the plot of Star Wars. Today, Busch is best known for his portrayal of a narcotics officer Anthony Colicchio on the critically-acclaimed HBO television show “The Wire.” Furthermore, while in Iraq, Busch honed his skills as a photographer, taking many pictures that he eventually organized into several breathtaking exhibits.

Before the evening’s readings, organizers of JRVWS also hosted an afternoon question-and-answer session with the authors in Fried Hemenway Au-ditorium in the Martha Miller Center. Prcic and Busch joined each other on stage to answer the questions of student organ-izer Lindsay Timmerman (’15) and of the roughly 20 students, staff and faculty gathered in the intimate space.

The event drew enough fac-ulty, students and Holland com-munity members to fill up Wi-nants Auditorium. As attendees walked in, they were greeted by the music of student jazz musi-cians until the authors were in-troduced.

The JRVWS began at Hope College in 1982 and currently operates under the supervision of English department profes-sor Pablo Peschiera. According to its mission statement, the se-ries aims to “provide [the Hope] community with diverse and rich literary experiences.”

“I’m glad we have the series on this campus,” says student and JRVWS-attender Kasey Jef-fries (’14). “I think the authors that come all have something to say that we need to hear!”

The next JRVWS event will be on March 6 with Brenda Hillman and Rowan Ricardo Phil-lips.

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Chris Zacche, bassist for the Head and the Heart, says on the subject, “I feel like I’m at peace with what’s happening. Whether it’s total failure, complete suc cess or somewhere in the middle I feel good about it. We made a great record with some great songs, and had a lot of good ex periences doing it.”

Fans of the band are still thor-oughly pleased with “Let’s Be Still” and all that The Head and the Heart produces. As the band evolves, so does the richness of their vocal quality.

For more information on The Head and the Heart news and their upcoming performance for the Boston Calling Music Festi-val, check out theheadandtheheart.com.

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BLENDED GENRES—The Head and the Heart, a Seattle-based band, takes the best pieces of folk and rock music and mixes them together. The result is truly a unique one that indie and rock fans alike should give a listen to.

“Let’s Be Still” trackList
1. “Homecoming Heroes”
2. “Another Story”
3. “Springtime”
4. “Summertime”
5. “Josh McBride”
6. “Shake”
7. “Cresc”
8. “Let’s Be Still”
9. “My Friends”
10. “10,000 Wounds In Gold”
11. “Fire/Fear”
12. “These Days Are Numbered”
13. “Gone”

Dear Readers,

At a liberal arts college such as ours, the goal is to be well-versed in just about everything. This week, I decided to do my research on Cupid and his crew. So, whether the thought of candy hearts and cute little handwritten cards gives you butterflies or incites your gag reflex, I’m here to teach you a thing or two about St. Valentine’s Day.

XOXO,

Lindsay Timmerman,
Features Editor

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.

- Anais Nin

Stats and Fun Facts
from Hallmark research

- In addition to the United States, Valentine’s Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark, Italy, Korea and Japan.
- There are 119 single men (i.e., never married, widowed or divorced) who are in their 20s for every 100 single women of the same ages.
- 141 million Valentine’s Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine’s Day the second-most popular greeting-card-giving occasion after Christmas.
- More than half of the U.S. population celebrates Valentine’s Day by purchasing a greeting card.

For more, visit history.com/topics/valentines-day-facts.

What do you know of love?

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.
- Aristotle

Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch it, and it darts away.
- Dorothy Parker

History
from www.history.com

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Valentine actually sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor’s daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today.

At the end of the fifth century, Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine’s Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that Feb. 14 was the beginning of birds’ mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine’s Day should be a day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written valentines didn’t begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture.

To read more, visit www.history.com/topics/valentines-day.
Desert Storm
The gay marriage discussion and its future

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Societies are not as rigid as we would like to think. In fact, they are constantly in flux. In this respect, what was once considered to be foreign or out of place in a particular society can mold itself into the fabric and become an accepted philosophy. In Western civilization, the greatest change in societal attitudes has occurred in the institution of marriage. The belief and idea of marriage is as old as recorded history. It dates back to one form or another, whether under the guise of God or many gods. The principle behind this sacred act has generally been acknowledged as a bond between two people, one man and one woman, with the sole purpose of creating and raising a family in the pursuit of finding true happiness (love, so to speak) in life. While many forms of marriage have existed throughout history, this central premise has not changed, until now.

In modern society, evolving attitudes about the role of marriage and monogamy in a person's life has shifted considerably in the last few decades. Divorce rates have increased dramatically, and many young people have chosen to cohabitate instead of pursuing marriage. With this change occurring, there has been a move by the gay community and leaders among civil rights organizations to push for a wider acceptance of what some refer to as alternative lifestyles, not just gay and lesbian, but bisexual, transgender and even those who refrain from engaging in sex at all. The push for gay couples to get married is one that spans over 40 years of counter culture revolution that began with the Stonewall riots in the late 1960s. Try to fight for gay rights against tyranny and discrimination. While the issue of love outside the bounds of two people is still very contentious, a shift in public attitudes toward accepting marriage as a broader way of life is occurring. Two individuals is gaining ground in some circles.

Thus, it brings us to the issue of respecting the rights of those who are for gay marriage and those who have moral and religious objections. Within 17 states legalizing gay marriage, there is the chance to partake in. Let us reflect on this opportunity and remember that with every step toward the future, there are unforeseen consequences, and choosing the right path can be the greatest challenge of all.

Andrew is a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. His favourite quote from the late president is, “I leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today.”
Anchors away
Rest in peace, Philip Seymour Hoffman

Emma Fondell
Voices Editor

This past Sunday afternoon, many people were shocked and devastated to hear that one of America’s most beloved and talented actors had passed away. I didn’t realize at first why so many pictures of Philip Seymour Hoffman were coming up in my news feed on Facebook, but then I read the letters R.I.P. in the comment section of one of the pictures. I honestly could not believe it. I kept thinking, there’s no way this is true, and I had to investigate this sudden news further for myself. As I shuffled through a few online news articles, I learned that this horrible news was unfortunately true. Not only did he die at the young age of 46, but the cause of death was a drug overdose. The actor has been struggling with a drug addiction for over 20 years. One of the most recent things to me is that he was very open about it. I don’t think he was open about it to get attention, but I believe it was because being open about an addiction can sometimes keep one from relapsing. Many fans and other actors who had worked with him reached out to his family with very kind and supportive words. Some did not, however. Jared Padalecki made a huge mistake of advertising his opinion of how Hoffman’s death was not a tragedy at all. One tweet read, “Sad isn’t the word I’d use to describe a 46 year old man throwing his life away to drugs. Senseless is more like it.” This tweet, along with a few others, went viral on the Internet, and many people are not very happy about it. In fact, I think the majority of people are offended that Padalecki referred to Hoffman’s drug addiction as “senseless.”

Millions of people around the world are struggling with drug addiction. After years of drug use, drugs are not something you truly choose to do. Drugs can psychologically control you. I’ve watched a few documentaries on drugs and additions and I have learned that once you start, the drug becomes you in a way. It controls you psychologically and physically. Deciding to do drugs in the first place is a choice. Perhaps some see being open about it as a choice. However, it is not an intelligent choice. It will most likely ruin your life. However, as those of you who took the D.A.R.E program in grade school know, all it takes is one time and then you’re hooked. These drugs took away many dear friends and family members. On Sunday, Hoffman’s drug addiction took over and now he is no longer with us. No matter how a person dies, I believe it is important to be incredibly respectful and understanding. I think Padalecki’s tweets were very insensitive and ignorant of the feelings of many fans and Hoffman’s family members had at the time. Perhaps some see Hoffman’s death as “senseless” or shameful, however, I only see a father, husband and an incredibly talented man who now is no longer with us. Philip Seymour Hoffman truly had seniour pride in high school, I thought maybe it was starting last December when I waited until the day before my 20-page final paper was due before I started writing it, but I was wrong. Those may have been (somewhat irresponsible) bouts of procrastination, but the senioritis I have now is a little more complicated than that. You see, my senioritis definitely includes an element of procrastination, but it’s more about a change in my priorities. It’s not that I’ve suddenly stopped caring about homework or grades, it’s just that I’m appreciating more and more the time I get to hang out at home with my best friends writing together, watching “Pride and Prejudice” for the 1000th time, making crafts by spraying glitter on plates or generally being college roommates. While I continue to spend more and more time on campus in rehearsals or here in The Anchor office putting this wonderful paper together, I’m also beginning to spend some time out in the real world, taking weekend trips to Chicago to audition for potential real-world jobs. And it’s making me realize how much I love being in college, living and eating and going to classes with these incredible people who I was lucky enough to meet three-and-a-half years ago.

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Claire Call
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Well, it’s a few weeks into the semester—my last one as a Hope College student—almost time for the glorified long weekend we call the Spring Break, and I have a confession to make: I have entirely succumbed to senioritis. I thought I had fought senioritis in high school, I thought maybe it was starting last December when I waited until the day before my 20-page final paper was due before I started writing it, but I was wrong. Those may have been (somewhat irresponsible) bouts of procrastination, but the senioritis I have now is a little more complicated than that. You see, my senioritis definitely includes an element of procrastination, but it’s more about a change in my priorities. It’s not that I’ve suddenly stopped caring about homework or grades, it’s just that I’m appreciating more and more the time I get to hang out at home with my best friends writing together, watching “Pride and Prejudice” for the 1000th time, making crafts by spraying glitter on plates or generally being college roommates.

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Flying Dutch defeat Calvin by 31 points on Saturday

DUTCH TAKE DOWN KNIGHTS 78-47— Autumn Anderson (‘16) protects the ball against a Calvin defender during Hope’s 31-point victory at DeVos Fieldhouse on Saturday. Anderson posted a team-leading four steals to go along with three assists.

Hope led 37-21 heading into the half and then outscored Calvin by 16 in the second half. Maura McAfee (‘16) recorded a double-double for the Dutch, totaling 22 points and 10 rebounds. Angelique Gaddy (‘17) added 15 points to Hope’s offensive attack.

See full story on page 11.

Cartoon comic strip by Jessica Gaines (‘17) depicts a snippet of dorm life from Dykstra

We are excited to include Jessica's cartoon comic strips in The Anchor, and we hope to showcase a new piece of her work in each forthcoming issue. The Anchor is ready to up its comic game.

Valentine Jams

Claire Call
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Feb. 14 is right around the corner, and in honor of the holiday, The Anchor compiled a playlist of love songs.

1. “Till There Was You” - The Beatles
2. “Secret Heart” - Feist
3. “Our House” - Crosby Stills & Nash
4. “Incredible Love” - Ingrid Michaelson
5. “Do You Love Me” - Guster
6. “To Be Alone With You” - Sufjan Stevens
7. “Love Story” - Taylor Swift
8. “Mirrors” - Justin Timberlake
9. “Love Song” - Sara Bareilles
10. “Flawless” - Beyonce

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Washington D.C. Honors Semester 2015

Have you considered a semester in Washington D.C.?
Women’s basketball drubs Calvin

Will DeBoer
Guest Writer

The women’s basketball incarnation of The Rivalry sports an impressive history of tight matchups and close finishes. Saturday afternoon’s affair at DeVos Fieldhouse was neither.

Maura McAfee (’16) and Angelique Gaddy (’17) combined for 37 points to pace the Hope College Flying Dutch (No. 2 USA Today, No. 4 D3Hoops.com), who handed the visiting Calvin College Knights a 78-47 thrashing in front of nearly 2,000 spectators.

McAfee led all scorers with 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting. She also pulled down 10 rebounds for her eighth double-double of the season. Gaddy added 15 points for the Dutch (18-0, 10-0 MIAA).

Hannah Doell (’15) scored seven points with seven rebounds for Hope, while Brittany Berry (’14), Megan Kelly (’14), and Mandy Traversa (’17) went for six points each.

After the Knights (12-6, 7-3 MIAA) tied the game at 2-2 one minute in, Hope used a 10-0 run over the next four minutes to put the visitors in an early hole. Calvin would never get closer than eight, as Hope put forth a volatile combination of balanced offense and lockdown defense.

Kayla Engelhard (’15) led the Knights with 15 points on 5-of-15 shooting. Hope limited Calvin’s top scorer on 5-of-15 shooting. The Flying Dutch bested the Knights on 35.4 percent shooting and held them to 34 percent.

In the November matchup, the Knights held a 27-9 lead with 9:20 to go in the first half. Since then, Hope has outscored Calvin 157-101.

The win was Hope’s 43rd over Calvin in 109 matchups dating back to 1965. However, since the Knights won the first 22 contests, the teams have traded the series to a virtual tie, with Calvin up 44-43 since 1980. The Dutch have fared much better in the 2000s, leading the series 28-10 since the turn of the century.

Coupled with a 70-58 victory over current MIAA runner-up Olivet last Wednesday, Coach Brian Morehouse and his team blistered through their toughest week of the regular season and remain undefeated on the 2013-14 campaign. After three road games this week, the Dutch return to DeVos Fieldhouse for their final four games of the regular season against St. Mary’s on Feb. 12, Trine on Feb. 15, Albion on Feb. 19 and Rochester College Feb. 22. With a two-game advantage over both Calvin and Olivet, Hope is in the driver’s seat to host the MIAA tournament and appears well on their way to an NCAA tournament berth.

BEATING THE DEFENDER.— Anna Kaufmann (’14) dribbles past a Calvin defender during Hope’s 78-47 win against the Knights at DeVos on Saturday. This was the Dutch’s 18th win in a row.

On Monday, Feb. 3, the Dutch traveled to Alma for a makeup game. Hope cruised to a 46-point victory, defeating the winless Scots 89-43. The win launched Hope’s record to 19-0 overall and 11-0 in MIAA play.

The Dutch buried a season-high 11 three-pointers on the night. Traversa nailed four from beyond the arc to lead the Hope three-point barrage.

The Dutch shot 47.7 percent from the field and scored 32 points off 29 Alma turnovers. Hope also received an outstanding 60 points from its bench.

Morehouse saw balanced scoring from his squad, with Elizabeth Perkins (’17), Traversa and McAfee each recording 12 points. Autumn Anderson (’16) added 10 for the Dutch. Perkins led the team in rebounds with seven, while Anderson dished out a team-high five assists.

Hope outscored Alma by 23 in the first half and didn’t slow down in the second stanza, defeating the Scots 42-19 in the final 20 minutes of action.

The Dutch will be visitors at Kalamazoo on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and then head to Adrian on Saturday, Feb. 8.

FLYING DUTCH 2013-14 STATISTICAL LEADERS: Points per game: McAfee (14.2); rebounds per game: McAfee (9.7); assists per game: Gaddy (2.7); free-throw percentage: Kelley (83.9); three-point percentage (minimum 30 attempts): Traversa (41.2)

PREPARING FOR VICTORY.— The Flying Dutch gather for a pregame tradition before taking a victory over Calvin on Saturday, Feb. 1. In front of almost 2,000 spectators, Hope crushed the Knights 78-47 during the last regular-season matchup between the rivals.

In Brief

MEGAN KELLEY HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

Women’s basketball guard Megan Kelley (’14) has truly epitomized the phrase “student-athlete.” Recently, she earned Capital One Division III Academic All-District Honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America. Not only is Kelley the starting point guard on the unbeat- en Flying Dutch squad that has compiled a 19-0 overall record, but she has compiled a 4.0 GPA in the classroom thus far in her Hope College academic career. She is currently pursuing a degree in Secondary Education of Mathematics with a minor in Health Education. On the court, she is third on the team at 10.6 points per game while playing a team-high 24.5 minutes per game. She also is contributing 4.5 rebounds, 1.9 steals and 2.1 assists per game.

Kelley was one of five Division III players chosen all-district in District 6 and only 49 recognized nationally.

First-team Academic All-District honorees advance to the Capital One Academic All-America Team ballot, where five Division III players will be selected later this month.

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Hope College athletics is set to take part in National Girls and Women in Sports Day on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The event will include the opportunity to play and learn from Flying Dutch female athletes and mentors through a variety of activities.

Not only do participants get to experience a few hours with distinguished Hope women athletes, but they will also receive two free tickets to the women’s basketball game against Saint Mary’s College later that night.

This night is an incredible opportunity to not only meet female athletes of past and present, but to recognize all of the success that female athletes have had at Hope. From conference titles to national championships, women’s athletics has been a tremendous part of Hope’s history.

The event will start at 5:15 p.m. in the Dow, and the game will tip off at 7:30 p.m. at DeVos.
Hockey falls at home against Davenport

Steven Skawski

Hope’s 15-Game Win Streak Snapped by Davenport University

The Dutchmen squad traveled to Patterson Ice Arena on Friday night to take on host Davenport University. It didn’t take the home team long to seize the lead, just 2:34 into the game on a two-on-one fast break. The Dutchmen dug in and responded just over two minutes later when Ryan Restum (’16) pivoted and fired a shot that beat the goalie glove side, knotting the score at one.

Despite a spectacular sliding toe save from Drew Cook (’14) that prevented a certain goal, Davenport regained the lead again a mere three minutes later when Ryan Restum (’16) pivoted and fired a shot that beat the goalie glove side, knotting the score at one.

Four minutes, 15 seconds into the final frame, Rob Calvert (’15) fired a low wrister that beat the tendy to pull within two. But it was not to be. Hope could not find the back of the net, and the Panthers buried a chance late in the game to lock up a 5-2 victory.

Dutchmen Stumble at Home

Thanks to Student Activities Committee, the Edge Ice Arena was packed with students eager to take advantage of the free entrance fee and complimentary hot chocolate. Kyle Wollet (’14), Kaleb Skinner (’14), Calvert, Andrew Dolehanty (’14) and Elliott Digison (’17) started the game, with Cook in net.

Both teams came out where they had left off the night before: fast and physical. It was Davenport who tallied first, just over halfway through the first period. That narrow margin would prove to hold until the third period.

Despite the lack of scoring in the second, the period proved to be exciting, marked by fearsome hits and plenty of trash-talking. Both Cook and DU’s tendy made a slew of impressive saves as the action moved back and forth.

Finally, Hope solved the Panther’s tendy when E. Digison went cheddar (over the goalie’s blocker) a few minutes into the third. Davenport responded with two goals. Hope looked determined to make a comeback, dominating play for long stretches. But the Dutchmen simply could not put the biscuit in the basket.

Ultimately Davenport put the game out of reach with a late goal to walk away with a 4-1 win. The score was not indicative of the game.

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What music gets the Dutch ready?

Six captains from six different teams were asked to give their top three favorite warmup songs.

Jake Hunt (’14)
Men’s Swimming
“Till I Collapse”
Eminem
“Despicable”
Eminem
“Said”
AWOLNATION

Bethany Schmoll (’14)
Women’s Swimming
“Timber”
Pitbull ft. Ke$ha
“Boy Oh Boy”
Diplo & GTA
“Dark Horse”
Katy Perry ft. Juicy J

Caitlin Schwark (’14)
Women’s Track and Field
“Live For”
The Weeknd ft. Drake
“Hell & Back”
Kid Ink
“Over”
Drake

Keenan Erickson (’14)
Men’s Track and Field
“Little Secrets”
Passion Pit
“Marilyn”
G-Eazy
“Decisions”
Borgore

Grant Neil (’14)
Men’s Basketball
“The Man”
Aloe Blacc
“Dreaming”
Smallpools
“Gotta Have It”
Kanye West & Jay-Z

Alex Hunt (’14)
Baseball
“Man of the Year”
Schoolboy Q
“Ambition”
Wale
“F***withmeyouknowigotit”
Jay-Z ft. Rick Ross

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