**Choirs combine for Gospel Fest '97**

STACY BOGARD  
campusbeat editor

Despite three last-minute cancellations of acts for this year's Gospel Fest, event planners were pleased with the annual concert's turnout.

Approximately 250 students and community members enjoyed an evening of song and praise performed by Gospel Music Workshop Choir, Mark Jenkins Workshop Choir, Voices of Western Michigan University and Hope College Gospel Choir.

Two of the choirs cancelled last Wednesday, Calvin College Gospel Choir due to their Sibblings Weekend and The Voices of Grand Valley State University had trouble getting their choir members together. Olivet College Gospel Choir never arrived and has not offered an explanation.

But the cancellations did not damp the spirit of the event. "I was very pleased, particularly because I had a lot of fun," said Darnisha Taylor, Director of the Hope College Gospel Choir. The audience was well involved from the beginning when three directors from the Gospel Music Workshop Choir led a medley of well-known hymns, including "This is the Day," "O Come Let Us Adore Him" and "We Exalt Thee!"

Audience members felt free to stand up and sing along and were encouraged to think about the many more GOSPEL on page 10.

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**Oliver Twist**

Yesterday's faculty resolution voices dissent and sparks controversy over pending Oliver North visit. The issue will be discussed in tonight's Student Congress meeting.

STACY BOGARD  
campusbeat editor

Faculty members who attended their monthly meeting yesterday found a surprising addition to the agenda. A resolution regarding the appropriateness of Oliver North's pending visit was proposed by Dr. Christopher Barney, professor of biology and department chairman. The final modified resolution stated on the record that faculty members "deeply regret that College funds will be used to support a visit of Mr. Oliver North to Hope College. The faculty do not believe that it is in the best interest of the College or its students to provide a forum to Mr. North."

The resolution will be presented at the Student Congress meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in Phelps Dining Hall. Approximately 100 of the 150 faculty members were in attendance. Only six members dissented on the vote, including Dr. Jack Holmes, professor of political science, who felt that the resolution supported a violation of free speech.

"It seemed to me that it was a case of political correctness," he said.

Controversy surrounded the decision, specifically due to the faculty's supposed narrowed views regarding a speaker's views and past history. Dissension centered around the fact that North has a shady claim to fame, not that he is a conservative or liberal, attenders said.

North is well-known for his part in the Iran Contra scandal in the late 1980s. He was found guilty of providing illegal arms to Iran, illegal transfer of funds to Nicaragua contra guerrillas and lying to Congress, but he was later cleared of all charges due to a technicality. Faculty members were concerned that the event coordinators were not fully informed of North's activities when they chose to bring him to Hope.

"I brought this up because I have a personal concern about individuals who profit from illegal activities," Barney said. "He did something very wrong. He broke the law and he shouldn't get paid for it."

Students on both sides felt strongly about the resolution and expressed intense views for and against the more NORTH on page 11.

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**GVSU to open satellite campus in Holland**

STACY BOGARD  
campusbeat editor

Grand Valley State University will soon invade Hope's territory with a $8 million satellite campus on 17 acres of Holland soil donated by Meijer, Inc.

Due to an increase in Holland area students, Grand Valley, the state's fastest growing university, plans to build a 12 classroom building and library facilities leaving room available for expansion.

Seven hundred eighty Holland area students currently are attending GVSU night classes at Holland High School, but the new campus will provide these students with daytime classes. Enrollment is also expected to reach up to 2,000 students within the next few years.

Director of Admissions Gary Camp said that the campus will not affect Hope's enrollment in the future because it will cater to a different type of student.

"The potential exists that this closer facility may attract some students currently commuting to Hope, but those commuting to Hope have chosen the Hope experience over other institutions," he said.

The campus extension is planned for a site behind the Meijer store between 16th Street and 24th Street off Waverly Road.

It was approved on Feb. 7 by Grand Valley's Board of Control. This extends the University's campus sites from Grand Rapids to Holland, with the main center, Allendale, in between. A new $50 million campus extension is currently in the works for downtown Grand Rapids.

"The campus will not be operational for the upcoming '97-'98 school year, but is expected to be up and running for the fall of 1998. The campus will offer classes currently available now at the night sessions, like master's programs in business administration and education, sociology, nursing, elementary education and criminal justice. Other expanded programs are to be announced before and after the campus opens.

"I think it's important to emphasize that Hope will suffer little from the potential confluence of area students attending the Grand Valley satellite campus. "Hope continues to be a place that students choose to attend because of the total college experience we provide. Grand Valley's new facility won't change that and therefore I don't see Grand Valley's new facility drawing the typical Hope student away," Camp said.
Blinding Them With Science
Miz Wiz lecture reveals women's role in science history

HEIDI HUEBNER
staff reporter

Over 200 students, faculty and community members packed into Wichers Auditorium Monday night to experience the kickoff event of Women's Week.

The presentation, "Miz Wizard's Science Secrets" was written and performed by Jane Curry. The acclaimed author and storyteller returned to Hope this week to give a presentation that creatively intertwined humor and history to paint a picture of the role of women in science.

Curry was here in the past with another of her presentations, "Nice Girls Don't Sweat." "I actually learned something while enjoying myself," said Vickie Sprague ('80).

During the two scenes of her hour and a half show, Curry addressed the obstacles women faced through history and how they overcame them. She shared the real secrets of science.

"We have our heros and we don't even know most of their names. They sat behind screens and were denied access to public buildings, worked without pay, and endured taunts of 'people with ovaries need not apply.' Still they persisted and they prevailed despite the obstacles. Science is women's work," Curry said.

Throughout the presentation Curry assumed the character of Barbara Knight, a fictitious woman whose passion was to be an engineer.

She explained that she was forced to give up her dream at the prompting of her husband and the arrival of twins.

During Scene I, Knight was preparing for a television show she was about to start called, "Miz Wizard's Science Secrets." She charted with the audience about the ancient Greek philosophers of women and many other past misconceptions regarding women and science.

Such false ideas included that if women pursued higher education they would become sterile and women are unevolved men.

Through slides, stories and occasional experiments Curry explained all the contributions women have made despite what they have endured.

"Women have made discoveries because of their relationships with certain fields," said Curry as she referred to late Goddard's work with pristines.

After intermission, the character Barbara Knight pretended to tape the first episode of the television show she had been planning. She elaborated on more history of women inventors, mathematicians and scientists.

"In time women are recognized for their contributions instead of their race or gender," Curry said.

The presentation was well received by the audience members.

"I think this is just what Hope needs. This is an explosive beginning for Women's Week," said Dana Marot ('99).

Women's Week to feature a variety of events

STACY BOGARD
staffbeat editor

The Student Congress forum scheduled for last Monday evening was moved again due to scheduling problems and a lack of organization.

The forum on "Where Does Your Money Go?" will now take place on Monday, March 10.

The forums were originally scheduled for the third Monday of each month through spring semester, but due to Winter Break and scheduling conflicts within Congress, they had planned to hold the event last Monday, Feb. 24.

But that date was tentatively set until the panel members confirmed their availability. This caused more conflicts when some were unable to attend and Congress organizers had to scramble to find a date that worked with everyone's schedules.

Those planning on participating are Vice President of Business and Finance William Anderson, Business Manager and Controller Barry Warmka, Director of Financial Aid Phyllis Hoover and Tyler Smith, Student Congress Controller. President John Jacobson will be out of town.

The forum will be in the Kletz at 9:30 p.m. Students will be able to pose questions via 3 x 5 cards.

Area Center plans in limbo

TROY DAVIS
staff reporter

As the city of Holland continues to pursue locations for the $50 million proposed Area Center, Hope College patiently waits for the final decision.

The facility will include a multipurpose arena, performing arts center and an ice rink.

The two sites that are under consideration are the Western Foundry on the corner of Eighth Street and Fairbanks Avenue and the General Electric Plant at 16th Street and U.S. 31.

Currently, the G.E. Plant is the most attractive option according to the Area Center Authority, which consists of nine community members who are overseeing the plans for the Center. The Authority voted in July of 1996 to build the Center at the G.E. Plant site, which canceled the initial plans to build on Eighth Street.

The anticipation for this venue from Hope College's point of view stems from the need for a new basketball facility. Two years ago the men's basketball team was to host the NCAA tournament at the Civic Center. However, the court was unfit for NCAA tournament play because the floor was approximately four feet too short. The tournament was moved to the Dow Center whose courts are regulation length. But the Dow's, limited seating makes tournament hosting undesirable. "What we would like to see is a basketball arena built first, then eventually the performing arts center and hockey arena. The city needs to take their time to ensure they have put the Center in the right place," said Ray Smith, Men's Athletic Director.

Hope Men's Basketball Coach Glenn Van Wieren was very adamant about where he believes the facility should be built.

"I believe that the city of Holland must continue to support the downtown area (like they have done in the past. Holland has a great downtown area and the minute the center goes to the G.E. Plant site it
Missing the call

February 26, 1997

For the first time in my life when someone asks me what I plan to do I am confident of my response: minister. More often than not I get a confused look and a timid “That’s great,” followed by a perplexed, “Why?”

The “why” is always harder to take than the disappearing stores or patronizing words of encouragement. The short answer is I really feel God has called me into ministry. That word “call” has a lot of different connotations.

Some people ask in mock amazement if God has talked to me. Others look at me and I can almost see them thinking, “How could God call someone as ordinary as you? You don’t look like a Calvin or a lyther.”

Still others are less polite and more direct with their criticism, by telling me that I’m making a mistake and I should really think that through.

At first I was shocked by the negative response of both non-Christians and Christians alike. I began to wonder why I was getting this from the very friends I thought would support me.

We can talk about progressiveness all we like, but the bottom line is that a lot of people still do not think women should be in the church. Even those that support equality in politics and the work force for some reason start to sing a different tune when it comes to spiritual leadership.

The reactions I’ve received may appear to be a result of gender, and to some extent are, but there is a bigger issue at stake here.

People begin to get nervous when anything is talked about with certainty. We are so trained to doubt and question everything that we slowly lose the ability to believe in anything that we can’t see or prove exists.

We reduce our life to a series of meaningless routines and learn how to live for nothing and no one but ourselves.

We come to Hope so we can get a better job, so we’ll be one step up from everyone else, so that we’ll be able to have everything we want.

These things are not all bad, but I wonder if God gets lost along the way.

Are not all Christians called to give up their lives to serve God? Whether that means you are a doctor, lawyer, accountant, business person or teacher. We are all called into a vocation where we should minister to those around us.

For women and women it means that their vocation is to minister.

The issue of whether a woman can be called into ministry goes much deeper than gender issues.

It comes down to all of us longing to feel as though we have a purpose and a reason. It forces us all to determine how much we really want to listen to the call on our lives.

It is much easier for us to make ministry as a vocation a matter of men vs. women than it is for us to admit that we all want to hear a call toward something.

IT’S THEIR CALL

NOELLE WOOD

Many women receive the call to serve God. Whether it is in an audible voice or an unmistakable inner longing, women who answer the call face many challenges.

“It was an audible call that said ‘Teach.’ I wasn’t sure what it meant, but it must have been right because here I am,” said Hope Religion Professor Janet Everts.

Everts was first called to ministry in 1972 and was ordained in 1981 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Professor Lynn Japinga (’81) began her college education as a pre-med student at Hope. While here, she felt a call to religion and attended seminary at Princeton. During her first year of seminary, that call shifted to ministry.

After ministering in a church in New Jersey, Japinga moved to Holland to teach at Western Theological Seminary. She currently teaches religion classes at Hope.

“Some of the best experiences I’ve had are from teaching and building relationships with students,” Japinga said. “I have also enjoyed the opportunity to preach at ordinations of students that I’ve come to care about.”

Dolores Nasrallah joined the Hope Chaplain staff in July of 1994 and has been involved in chapel services, counseling, and Bible studies while here.

She was a journalism major in college when her thoughts turned to the ministry.

“I saw God’s love for me and for the world, and the desire to help people understand the goodness of God was something that I couldn’t ignore,” she said.

The road not taken

Those who enter into this traditionally male profession often find it difficult to find a church in which to use their gifts. But despite the obstacles, many do succeed in ministering and being faithful to their call.

Everts was a minister in an American Baptist Church of the South. She is currently a minister at Faith Christian Center, an Independent Charismatic/Pentecostal church.

Everts has run into many difficulties in her struggle to minister.

“After I gave a sermon one Sunday, a man came up to me and told me that he wasn’t in favor of women preaching because all the heroics were women,” Japinga said.

“Many people have met, and I have been able to define my own ministry more than many men.

WHERE IN HOLLAND IS...

Hope Church?

Gumshoe Persuading Paula is off to discover a new congregation in Holland. In honor of Women's Week, her mission is to find a church hosting a female pastor.

Hope Church, a congregation of the Reformed Church in America, has a history dating back to 1854. Its distinctly Dutch feel is unmistakable both in the architecture and the congregation's warm style of worship. A 100 to 150 member congregation meets in the cozy atmosphere for a traditional worship service.

Two services are held on Sunday mornings. The first at 8:30 a.m. is an alternative service. The second at 11 a.m. is the traditional service. Adult education classes are held between 9:45 and 10:45. Hope Church is located at 77 West 11th St. in Holland. It's within walking distance, but it would be a little chilly on a cold day.

Visiting Hope last Sunday from neighboring Third Reformed Church was Kathy Davelaar, who gave a thought-provoking sermon entitled “Hope Against Hope.” She defined hope as carrying the belief that what is hoped for will happen, allowing the uncertain to be certain. She tied that word “hope” into the difference between trusting in God and using it. It's a struggle that Christians face between what we let God do and what we do.

“Hope Church has a real commitment to adult education. I think the classes would be of interest to Hope students. They are often led by Hope professors, people in the community or Western Seminary professors. Part of what attracted me to Hope Church was the quality of the sermons and adult education. I have a lot of respect for the way Hope Church addresses some challenging questions” — Deirdre Johnston, Professor of Communications at Hope College.
Opinion

Reading your mind

It must be hard to read people’s minds. It must be a challenge to inherently know what faculty and students from different walks of life think. It must be difficult, even taxing, to speak for each of Hope’s almost 3,000 students. It’s a tough job, but Student Congress does it. Without gathering the opinions of constituents, Congress makes decisions regarding them. There is no need for polls, formal or informal. Why should representatives walk from door to door in a residence hall and ask students what they think concerning Gray Hall initiatives? Clearly, it would be a waste of time for members to call the people that voted them in and endeavor to reflect their concerns.

Because members of Student Congress intuitively know all the answers.

That which sounds good to Congress members must sound good to students as well. Why ask the students themselves when Congress just knows it?

The voices of students are not really needed after all, because the voices of Congress members reflect them just fine.

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The going rate for a high profile, hard-hitting speaker is between $9,000 and $50,000. Oliver North usually speaks for $15,000, but has tentatively agreed for $10,000. Granted, ten thousand dollars is not exactly pocket change, but Mr. North’s price tag is only about $3,500 for every appearance, or slightly more than a SAC-sponsored movie. To date, our committee has been promised $5,000 from President Jacobson’s Office, $500 from the President’s Office, and undetermined amounts from the Student Congress Office, Hope College Republicans, and other sources affiliated with Hope College. These contributions total an impressive $3,500, or slightly more than half of our goal. At this pace, we will not be able to afford Oliver North.

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Eric Friedman (’97)

Correction

The Hope College mascot will not be completed by May Day. Planners hope to have the final design and name chosen by that date. This information was incorrectly reported in an article by Troy Davis in the Feb. 19 Anchor.

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Student explains details of possible North visit

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Ollie visit naysayers to meet; multiculturalism thwarted

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Again, I strongly urge each of you to join me and see the power of this year’s Student Congress meeting to let them know how you feel. Just remember, Oliver North does not own you and making your own decision about taking your $10,000 unless you tell Congress otherwise.

Andrew Van Eden (’97)

The end of the concert, all the choirs sang together and the audience was treated to a musical banquet of all the choirs. At first, when I was shocked at this visual in front of me. That evening we made the trip to Hope College and not in the real world. Fortunately, I have only had to suffer four years of the Big House and was able to experience the diverse world around me. I also know that I will leave here with a great education. I just wanted to say why so many of us needed to make a trip to the Big House.

Andrew Van Eden (’97)
There are more girls than boys at Hope, and boys do the girls know it.

The angst this generates is apparent when talking to members of the freshmen class, which has an even greater disparity than the college as a whole. When asked to guess the ratio of women to men at Hope, their answers bordered on the extreme.

"3 to 1," "70 to 30!" "100 to 0!" Stacey Slad ('00) offered in the most severe estimate. Slad is correct that there is an imbalance, but not quite to the extent she presumes. Of the college's 2849 students this year, 1189 are male, resulting in a 58.3 percent to 41.7 percent proportion of females.

The freshmen class has even less testosterone, with women making up 60 percent of the population. These figures don't go unnoticed by Slad's cluster mates.

"The proportion of men to women is really strange in my classes," Slad concurs. "There is no way my parents would spend $20,000 a year for the sole purpose of getting me married," she said.

Bekkering also believes that the lure of big time sports affects Hope's male enrollment. "It is easy for young boys to get caught up in the macho image of big sports schools," he said. "This macho image definitely seems to attract a liberal arts college which carries out its mission in the context of the Christian faith."

Trying to maintain the number of males where it currently stands requires more time and effort than recruiting women. "We apply the same standards of admission to everyone, but we know from experience that we must contact more boys to get the number that we do," Bekkering said. "We're not abandoning the women, it is just that girls are attracted more naturally."

Bekkering believes the growing ranks of women at Hope are the result of cultural change, and not because Hope has cut male tour guides, as some ladies propose. "This is the positive result of the feminist movement," Bekkering said. "Women are going to college than in the past and considering careers that in the past they never would have considered. Thirty years ago, the natural sciences were dominated by males, but now these departments are very open to women. Yet as women enter professions which were once predominantly male, men aren't making inroads into formerly female dominated professions. Take nursing. Men are just not pursuing it."

Other changes in societal norms have also affected the way colleges recruit women. "In the 1960s, the assumption was that you wanted to enroll a lot of men," Bekkering said. "The belief was that after marriage, couples only made contributions to the husband's alma mater. Today, as women have much more control over financial issues, such a policy isn't even a thought."

The desire of parents for their children to find a spouse at college has also faded. "In the '60s parents wanted them to find a mate," Bekkering said. "Now as women marry later, this is not so much a concern."

Jakosz concurs. "There is no way my parents would spend $20,000 a year for the sole purpose of getting me married," she said. Bekkering also believes that the proportion of men to women at Hope has changed. "The assumption was that you wanted to enroll a lot of men," Bekkering said. "The belief was that after marriage, couples only made contributions to the husband's alma mater. Today, as women have much more control over financial issues, such a policy isn't even a thought."
**Intermission**

**Prof to live in Scotch castle**

M. HERVALDT
intermission editor

Imagine a 16th century castle perched on the side of a cliff. Imagine eating marmalade within its stone walls every morning, and walking the courtyard every evening in the twilight cool.

This summer Heather Sellers, an assistant professor in the English department, will be doing just that. Hawthornden Castle, a few miles outside of Edinburgh, Scotland, hosts five writers every month as part of an international retreat for poets and novelists. It was once owned by a Victorian poet who hosted Queen Victoria and is now connected to Edinburgh University.

"Only four other writers and I will have this castle all to ourselves," Sellers said. "And we're there to work that means no talking during work time. But then there's social time, when we have our afternoon sherry in the garden."

Sellers was selected out of one hundred writers who applied for the residency. I didn't expect it to get at all," she said. "I've never applied to this sort of thing before.

Her acceptance to this residency will enable her to work on her new novel, "Georgian Underground."

Sellers came to Hope College last year after putting in three years teaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Her stories and poems have been published in many journals and magazines. Her collection of stories "Never Told Me" finished in the top 20 in the Iowa Short Fiction competition last year and was runner-up in the 1996 Associated Writing Programs competition for best Collection of Short Fiction.

As if spending a month in a castle wasn't enough, Sellers considers herself doubly lucky. For four weeks in May she will work at the Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, N.Y., a retreat for painters, composers, dancers, sculptors, and writers. It is the namesake of American poet Edna St. Vincent Millay.

"This one is different than my castle, because I will be surrounded by painters and composers, not just writers," Sellers said.

When asked what shape she would like to see her castle take, she laughed and said, "the answer to that question is what makes these writing residencies, these times to write and nothing else, so necessary."

**Find all the best arts events inside...**

**Flattop's Burberry Coat**

- Dance 23, dance concert. Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8, at the Knickerbocker Theatre. 8 p.m. 55, 54 for seniors. 39.
- Judith Ortiz Cofer & T'ai Derricotte. Visiting Writers Series. Thursday, March 6, Phipps Hall dining room. Free.
- Informal Dance Concert. Thursday, Feb. 27, Dow Studio. 7 p.m. Free.

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**Prof's photo exhibit takes off**

MELISSA OOMS
staff reporter

The sounds of a music box latently emerged from the back corner of the DePree Art Center gallery, setting the tone for "Steve Nelson: Solo Flight," a new exhibition of work.

"I definitely have a restless creativity," Nelson said. "I decided the idea I was going solo on this one. The verb and the noun together work as a metaphor for the idea of launching myself and my work. Many of the pieces are together for the first time, so I was sort of anxious to see if they would work together as a group.

The sounds of the music box are part of Constellations, an interdisciplinary piece that Nelson worked on and off for eight years.

Incorporating music, photographs and other visual aids, Constellations demonstrates an eerie and complex quality of Nelson's art.

"I started the piece in 1988, wanting to bring together certain components," he said. "I wanted to use a part of a graphics art camera, which I did, and a constellation chain. I tried to get funding for it and failed, so I put it away for awhile. I came back to it and developed the idea of suspending and sound.

A part of his installation series, Constellations carries both the art enthusiasts and novice alike through an audio visual journey. The viewer steps through blue and black banners, each imprinted with the white silhouette of a child.
Expanding their families
A growing number of Hope students create partnerships with a area children

This year, one type of sisterhood and brotherhood is pushed into the limelight, as students undergo new member education to join fraternities and sororities. The Greek system isn’t the only place where a Hope student can turn for new brothers and sisters. Holland is full of elementary and high school kids waiting for a big sibling. The program was encouraged to meet at least once a week, whether to hang out or just talk on the phone. Through his church, Kaper-Dale found no lack of willing little siblings.

Now, almost three years later, Partners in Promise has grown to encompass 57 sibling relationships, and the program has become established enough to merit a budget from Student Congress, thus being recognized as an official student organization at Hope.

The program’s group activities included only three programs when it began in 1995. Now, more than 1,750 programs serve nearly 700,000 low-income Americans nationwide. "Upward Bound at Hope serves high school students in the Holland area. According to Yoli Vega, assistant director of Hope College Upward Bound, 26 Hope students work as tutors for the program. "Most of the students go through an interview process and are paid tuition, but there are some education majors who tutor for internship credit," she said.

"The goal of the event was to make the public aware that TRIO programs work and have an impact on students’ lives, and that they’re worth funding," said Vega, who is also a member of the committee who planned this event.

The conference at Grand Valley featured Congressman Peter Hoekstra, representative for Michigan’s Second Congressional District, which includes Holland. The highlights were an overview of TRIO history, its progress, and a round table discussion with TRIO students and Hoekstra.

According to Vega, local TRIO participants are interested in boosting awareness and appreciation of the program’s progress in helping students, given the approach of the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which funds TRIO.

Hoekstra is a member of the Education and Work Force Committee, which will recommend whether or not the act should be reauthorized, and if so what shape it should take. Hearings will be held throughout 1997.

Fifty student met in small groups at the conference to ask questions about the progress of TRIO programs and whether TRIO should be reauthorized.

Upward Bound has a placement rate of 95 to 100 percent for getting these students into colleges. "The environment of Upward Bound is like a family. We try to help the students with all their problems, not just helping them with their grades," Vega said.

She says the students cannot attain college skills without meeting their social, emotional, and family needs first.

Vega says, "We did our job. We made the public aware that TRIO programs work. We will keep doing this as long as we have a voice." Students who go on to college say they couldn’t have done it without Upward Bound helping them. 
Religion

FINDING PEACE

Commuter student lives in monastery

RYAN PAZDUR
staff reporter

Answers to the deep questions of life come to individuals in different ways. For Daniel McMillan ('98), the answers were found through the practice of Vedanta, an Eastern religion associated with the Hindu faith.

McMillan lives at the Vivekananda Monastery in Fennville, and he commutes to class at Hope during the day. Originally a native of Kalamazoo, he has been living at the monastery for two years.

After attending Hope from '90 to '92, McMillan left the college seeking a deeper purpose for his life.

"I've always been a questioner and a seeker. I was at Hope College for those two years and I didn't know why. I didn't know what I was doing. I looked around and I saw a lot of drunken parties, a lot of confused people, a lot of anger and misdirection, a lot of saying one thing and doing another, and I got to a point where I just thought I should leave," McMillan said.

After studying Eastern philosophy and reading the Tao Te Ching, McMillan began searching for a deeper meaning to life.

"It hit me. It's like, God, there has got to be something more in this life. There has got to be something more here that I can discover," McMillan said.

Searching for answers led McMillan to travel, and he began hitchhiking around the country, often attending Rainbow Gatherings, where groups of people who have left society live together in the woods.

While attending one of these gatherings, McMillan was introduced to Vedanta. McMillan describes Vedanta as the unity of all religions.

"One thing Vedanta has that is unusual for religions is a deep respect for other religions. It believes in Christianity, very much, but it also believes in Buddhism, and it also understands that they are two distinctly different paths, but there are many ways," he said.

At the monastery, McMillan follows the gospel of Sri Rama Krishna and spends much of his time devoted to meditation.

"There is just something there. It's a meditative space. Right here there is all this noise and distraction and confusion going on—the televisions, the chatter, and everything else," he said. "It is hard to just be still. When you are still in your mind then you can abide in who you are."

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"I don't want to know. You don't need that," he said. "It just gets in your mind. The mind is already cloudy enough. We want to get out of that."

Vedanta means "the end of the Vedas," which are the holy scriptures of the Hindu religion. It contains the study of the Upanishad and the Bhagavad Gita, which means "the song of God." Vedanta is around 350 years old, according to McMillan.

"Vedanta is about stilling the mind. It is about being here, it is about abiding in your own being. It's about asking the really big questions. Where was I before I was born? Where will I be after this body drops away? Those are the big, big questions. Vedanta daring to ask them, daily," he said.

According to McMillan, although Vedanta acknowledges the authority of the Vedas, the ultimate authority for answering these questions is direct experience.

"This is the process of enlightenment, and Vedanta details five ways to enlightenment: self-inquiry, devotion, commitment, participation in the company of seekers, and meditation which leads to the direct perception of truth."

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McMillan would get up at three in the morning to do japa, which is counting on beads while saying the Mahamantra. He would say that for two hours, until five in the morning. At five he would participate in the kirton, singing a mantra while participating in the company of seekers during the monastic services which commence at five o'clock in the morning.

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fractures what the city of Holland has worked to do with downtown," he said.

There are some questions about the Area Center that have yet to be answered. The cost of this proposal causes some concern that the Center may be on the expensive side to rent out for different functions.

There are also questions about the availability of the basketball facility for practice and game times. "Until these questions are answered, it is speculation as to how much we would actually use this new Center. However, we will probably be one of the main users," Van Wieren said. "It has been disheartening in the past when we hosted the NCAA tournament and not been able to play at our home arena. We tended to love some of the home court advantage when we play in the Dow."

The final decision and funding decisions will be made when the plans go to the public on August 5th.

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dancing with the other followers. "For me, right now, that’s why I’m here. I’m getting disciplined, my mind is getting disciplined," he said.

McMillan is planning on leaving Hope College after this semester, and he is hoping to hitchhike to New Mexico this summer. "I have found my way. I hope other people find their way. There is no handbook to life. There just isn’t. You take little bits from things you find along the way. A little bit here and a little bit there. Life, to me, is an experience, everything is new," he said.

McMillan encourages people to visit the monastery, which has been around since 1969. There is a large bookstore containing a variety of unique and exotic books.

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Dutchmen come from behind to beat Calvin

GLYN WILLIAMS
sports editor

The Flying Dutchmen did it again. Saturday’s 81-71 win over Calvin marked the third straight regular season championship for the men’s basketball team and the seventh straight win over Calvin.

The Flying Dutchmen are favored to win, as they will not only be hosting the game, but also coming in off of a full week’s rest.

The win over Calvin was not an easy one, despite the misleading score, as Hope trailed throughout much of the game. The Dutchmen were down by an uncharacteristic 11 points early in the second half.

With Calvin up 52-41 and 13:38 left to play, Hope College head coach Glenn Van Wieren made his move. As the clock ticked down and approached the ten minute mark, Van Wieren opted to go with a quicker three guard system, with Brandon Goodyke (‘99), Josh Canan (‘00), Jason VanderWoude (‘97), Tom Gortsema (‘97) and Jon Vertalka (‘99).

The use of this lineup was to wear down an already tired Calvin team that still had three of its starters in the game.

The plan worked, and the Knights began to lose a little hop to their more CALVIN

WE EXPECT TO SEE (CALVIN) AGAIN THIS SEASON, WHETHER IT BE IN THE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OR THE NCAATURNAMENT MAYBE.

—Kris Merritt (‘98)

Coach Glenn Van Wieren, who has coached more than 500 Hope College varsity men’s basketball games, grimaces as he looks up at the scoreboard early in the second half, only to find his team down by 11 points.
Seniors power Flying Dutch to league title

MIKE ZUIDEMA

Over the four day period of Feb 19-22, the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams concluded their MIAA season with the conference championship in the Kresge Natatorium.

For the sixteenth time in eighteen years the women’s team captured the MIAA championship ahead of Kalamazoo.

“Kalamazoo’s team swam a little closer, but other teams played a role in displacing them,” said head coach John Pattot.

The women’s team finished in second place behind K-Zoo College.

“We were a definite, solid second,” said coach John Pattot. “Kalamazoo is very strong and we are stronger than the third place team, so it was pretty much a given where we were going.”

The women’s team had numerous individuals qualify for national cuts.

Qualifying in three individual events was team co-captain Lindsey Chelf (97). Chelf made cuts in the 100-yard backstroke, the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley.

Chelf was also the league champion for the third consecutive year in both the 200 individual medley and backstroke.

Also qualifying earlier in the season were divers Kari Jackson (99) and Laura Mihaloff (97).

“We have twelve women who are possibilities, but I suspect nine will make it. It all depends on where they rank nationally,” Pattot said.

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Qualifying in five individual events were: 100-yard backstroke - Derek VanderHeide (97) who made cuts in five events including the 50-yard freestyle, the 200-yard freestyle, and the 500-yard freestyle.

VanderHeide also qualified in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle relays with teammates Hunting Prince (99), Enim VanAsken (’00) who captured two MIAA titles in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley.

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Men’s captains Bill Malpass (97), Luke Pinkerton (97), and VanTubbergen will also be graduating and could be very difficult to replace.

“We’ve got some people to replace and we have to make an effort to replace those people,” Pattot said. “But we have a solid base to work from.”

Both teams tennis gear up to ace the upcoming season

MIKE ZUIDEMA

staff reporter

The men’s and women’s tennis teams will enter their respective seasons trying to top perennial MIAA rival Kalamazoo College.

“We’re a stronger team than they were last year,” said coach Rob Koekstra. “They’re very enthusiastic and very motivated. They look to improve as individuals and as a team, and that makes it fun,” VanTubbergen said.

Kalamazoo won 7-2 overall, and undefeated in the league.

The men’s next match will be at the DeVos Tennis Center, Monday, March 1 against Wabash at 2 p.m.

“The way the schedule is set up we play a lot of national and regional teams, so we really control our own destiny for nationals,” Gorno said.