Cinderella Project:
Volunteer Services, Kappa Beta Phi, SAC donate prom dresses
Paige Calamari

Although they may not be waving magical wands or singing "bibbidi-bobbidi-boo," Volunteer Services, Kappa Beta Phi Sorority and the Student Activities Committee are working together to ensure a successful year for the 2008 Cinderella Project.

On Feb. 28 and 29, Volunteer Services representatives and the Kappa Beta Phi Sorority will be collecting new and used formal dresses, gowns and accessories for young women within the community. The Cinderella Project will be held in the lobby of the DeVitt Center from noon to 5 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday.

Dresses are donated for what many young women consider a significant event in their high school career: prom.

According to the Cinderella Project website, "The Prom is not just a dance, it is a milestone." The non-profit organization is dedicated to promoting the confidence and self esteem of financially challenged young women in the area by providing the means for them to attend formal social events within their schools.

Caitlin Lamade ('09), Volunteer Services Student Coordinator, said that Hope College students donated approximately two dozen dresses in 2007.

Whether this year will be a success "depends on the students and how much they want to get involved. I think it would be a success even if we receive a dozen dresses. That means that a dozen people were willing to give," Lamade said.

For those planning to donate a dress and who attended Winter Fantasia on Feb. 23, be sure to bring your Winter Fantasia ticket stub to receive a $5 reimbursement from SAC. Reimbursements are limited to one per student.

"I think it shows Hope students that there is more than one way to help the community," Lamade said. "It is a good way for students to get involved."

To learn more about the Cinderella Project check out our www.cinderellaproject.net or visit the Volunteer Services Office on the first floor of the DeVitt Center.

Date Auction raises $585

Christine Hostetler

"Going once, going twice sold!"

This proclamation signaled the end of the 2008 Dance Marathon Date Auction as the last group was auctioned off as part of a fundraising effort for Hope College's annual Dance Marathon.

On Feb. 19, 75 Hope students came to Phelps Dining Hall to bid and be auctioned off. The masters of ceremonies were Tommy Gordon ('08) and RJ Casey ('08). Dressed in crazy outfits, the two auctioned 12 groups of volunteers, raising a grand total of $585.

Participants included the Delta Phi sorority and the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, who comprised the largest groups to be auctioned, followed by the freshmen girls' volleyball team.

In Grand Rapids, "I am just so appreciative of the people that came and participated. It takes a lot to stand in front of everyone and be bid on," co-executive director of Dance Marathon Courtney Vredvoegld ('08) said.

Date Auction is one of several fundraisers held for Dance Marathon, which is a 24-hour fundraiser held at Hope College every spring. Dance Marathon raises money for the Children's Miracle Network at the DeVitt Children's Hospital.

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'Vagina Monologues' focuses on stories of New Orleans women

Emily West

Guest Writer

February 2008 marks the 10th anniversary of V-day, an international movement of a non-profit organization that has generated over $50 million to create and maintain over 5,000 community-based programs that promote anti-violence and safe houses that protect women.

According to V-day.org, the focus of the V-day movement was the women of Congo last year; this year, the spotlight comes to American soil to the women of New Orleans.

This international effort to end violence against women has brought the production of "The Vagina Monologues" to 18 different colleges and universities in Michigan. A version of this play was directed, produced and performed by Hope College students and faculty last year and returns again this year.

The play compiles a series of monologues that will be produced and performed by approximately 55 Hope students. The true accounts of several women's experiences address relationship, vulnerability and sexual discovery.

"These are the stories that need to be told," said Executive Producer Brittany Jatzo ('09) as she explained the importance of the event.

Jatzo believes that Hope students should and do have an interest in addressing the oppression of women through violence.

"The student body wants to talk about this," Jatzo said.

Laura Van Tassell ('09), director of the 2008 production, and Jatzo both want to clear up the common misconceptions about the monologues, such as the V-day movement degrades men. "It's not about man-bashing. I think that in our patriarchal society we are just shocked when something doesn't revolve around us," Tassell said.

Jatzo explained that the issue of violence against women is an issue for both genders.

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Baha'i Faith heightens diversity on campus

Brittany Adams

Guest Writer

Alex Quiek

Guest Writer

"People don't know what it is," said Grace Denny ('10), referring to her Baha'i faith. "If they don't know what it is, they're scared of it."

Although Hope College is a predominantly Christian campus, 36 students profess either a non-Christian faith or no faith at all, in addition to the 561 students whose faith is not declared, according to the fall 2007 registrar's enrollment report. One such faith is the Baha'i Faith.

Like many Hope students, Denny came from a Christian background. However, her individual convictions led her to believe that she did not quite fit in with her family's faith. The Baha'i religion, which focuses on human unity and world peace, was a match for Denny since it expresses what she already believed.

Another Baha'i at Hope is Kim Douglas, adjunct assistant professor in the English department. Douglas has been a Baha'i since she was a student at the University of Tennessee in Tucson. While in school, she found that she enjoyed meeting people of different faiths. Douglas said that she was originally interested in Baha'i's due to a couple she met who were service oriented, genuine and down to earth, but it was the diversity within the followers that she really loved.

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Fair trade- For coffee drinkers, it's a small world after all.
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Everett Worthington of Virginia Commonwealth University.
Mass Conference Room, 11 a.m.

Economics Seminar
Kurt Schiefelbein, Professor of Economics at College of William and Mary. 4 p.m.

The Asian American Vote in Economics Seminar
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Lecturer
Pew  Faith  and  Learning

Evanston, Illinois. 4:30 p.m.

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DeWitt Fieldhouse, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Yoga Club
Kolon Hall Basement, 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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Chapel
Chris Koon, Denver Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Dancing Around the World Show Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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Gathering
Tryste Johnson, "Glee" director, 8 p.m.

Monday  March  10
Chapel
Bryan Linn, Emerton Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

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Hope for the Nations
Manna building, 9th and Central 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Student Congress Meeting
Henriek Room, DeWitt Center 9 p.m. All members of Hope community are welcome.

IN BRIEF
HOPE COUNSELOR ASSISTS NU
Kristen Gray, director of the Counseling Center at Hope, and assistant dean of health and counseling, went to Northern Illinois University from Feb. 23 to 26 in response to the shootings that took place on February 14. She took with her a banner of signatures and messages from the Hope student body to give support to those at NIU.

DANCE MARATHON SEeks VOTES
Dance Marathon is participating in a contest run by Dodge called "Go! Give! Live!".
The first event to get 20,000 votes gets $20,000. Any undergraduate student (Hope or non-Hope) can vote for the event. Go to www.grablifeawfulhike.com to register your e-mail address. (Each only) and create a password. From there, either search for Hope College, or go to "Top Events" in the "Browse and Vote" section to vote for Hope. Participants can vote once every day.

At press time, Hope was in third place with 3,908 votes.

Date auction raises $585 to benefit Dance Marathon

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At auction, the box whose contents are offered as a reward when a child gets a shot.

Dance Marathon is held in the Dow Center at Hope College. The event itself is the culmination of what we've been working towards since August. It's exciting that it will finally be here. "The Marathon itself is the culmination of what we've been working towards since August. It's exciting that it finally will be here," co-executive director Malley Golas ('08) said.

Special "theme hours" occur throughout the night, with participants involving themselves in activities such as competing in games, dressing up and learning dances. Inflatable moon jumps, football and card tables offer entertainment, as well as local and visiting musicians. Participants are served a dinner served at the Marathon, and attendees can take part in ticket sales.

An important aspect of Dance Marathon is the 25 Miracle families, each of whom is paired with a fundraising team. Each family has a child who is or has been a patient at the DeVos Children's Hospital. The families' participation brings a very personal aspect to the event.

Van Tassell said, "I want to make clear the intentions of the production team.

"Controversy has surrounded this event from the start. The Hope College Administration allowed the production to be held on campus last year and made the same decision again this year. Although controversy may sell more tickets and draw attention to the Monologues, Jatzo said that the production team is working with the administration on the issue.

The 2008 "Vagina Monologues" production team includes Jatzo, Van Tassell, Brittany Stock ('10), Candace Tiddell ('10) and Anna Pizzimenti ('10). They met with Dean of Students Richard Frost to keep the relationship mutually respectful and adhere to the wishes of the college.

"We don't want to create animosity with Hope College," said Van Tassell, who remains hopeful that someday the monologues will be allowed on campus. "In time, Hope will come around."

For this year, the production will take place at the Park Theatre on River Avenue, just off campus.

Van Tassell spoke on behalf of the 2008 Vagina Monologues Production Team when she said, "We are all really excited about the Vagina Monologues this year." The show will be performed Feb. 29 and March 1 at 8 p.m. The Park Theatre doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at 393-7890 and are $8 for Hope students and $10 for the general public in advance. If available, tickets at the door will be $10 for students and $15 for the public. The show will run approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.

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Escalating violence prevents aid from reaching refugees; countries pledge to stop violence

STAFF WRITER

The violence in Darfur began in 2003 when local rebels in Sudan took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government. This led to what many knew as the Darfur genocide. Since 2003 more than 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million people have fled to refugee camps.

Kosovo declares independence

Chris Lewis

On Feb. 17, Kosovo, a republic located in southeastern Europe, declared independence from Serbia. Kosovo's parliament unanimously endorsed the declaration, and the republic has officially termed itself the Republic of Kosovo, according to the BBC.

Upon the announcement, Kosovo's Prime Minister Hashim Thaci promised to install a democracy that would recognize the rights of all Serbs. Meanwhile, has disapproved Kosovo's independence, pointing to a 1999 resolution that banned Kosovo over to the United Nations.

On the day of the announcement, tens of thousands of Kosovo citizens joined together in the capital city of Pristina and celebrated by lighting fireworks and fireworks and firing guns. An independence movement was activated during the evening of the announcement and was sparked by Thaci, as well as Kosovo's President Fatmir Sadiqi.

As celebrations occurred in the streets of Pristina, two hand grenades were thrown at international community buildings in the town of Mitrovica. According to the BBC, one of the grenades exploded at a United Nations court building while the other failed to explode when the conflict escalated. This is preventing a lack of progress in peacemaking and aid efforts.

"The army (is) killing in broad daylight and the international community is doing nothing" - Abdulrahman Elmor, Sudanese Liberation

Rebels

Also on Feb. 19, China's envoy for Darfur, Liu Gujin, started a five-day tour of the country, trying to assure the Sudanese foreign minister of China's commitment to stopping the violence in Darfur. Activists call China's involvement to stop the violence is responsible for 8 percent of Sudan's weapons imports annually, possibly contributing to the ongoing violence.

Republican Party.

The Democratic battle for the presidential nomination has received much more media attention than the Republican Party, and following Super Tuesday, it has only surged. Unfortunately for 2004 vice-presidential candidate John Edwards, the unprecedented contest between Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) thwarted any chance of his success. According to TIME magazine, Clinton and Obama split Super Tuesday's delegates 50.2 percent to 49.8 percent respectively. Following Super Tuesday, Obama won eight consecutive primaries and caucuses and hopes to maintain this momentum through March. This took the confident Clinton campaign by surprise, which now clings to the Ohio and Texas primaries in March for hope to help secure the nomination. If Ohio and Texas reflect the unprecedented contest between the Democratic Party may look to Superdelegates to determine its candidate, a situation which has not occurred since 1992 for a party that has been off-chilled (most infamously in 2000) by the representative voting system. Topper suggests that superdelegates may in fact Clinton's best hope.

With all of the political speculation of who is ahead and who might be soon, one should keep delegate numbers in mind. McCain has 830 delegates and needs to secure 1,191 total delegates for the nomination. Romney has also pledged his 286 delegates to McCain. Obama currently has 2,626 delegates (pledged and unpledged) but analysts agree she has the advantage in superdelegates. The Democratic candidate needs to secure 2,025 total delegates (not counting Superdelegates) for the nomination. According to BBC, Obama needs to win more than 55 percent of the remaining delegates to reach 2,025. This data backs the suspicion that the nomination will be determined by superdelegates.

With McCain as the almost certain Republican nominee, much speculation has arisen over which Democratic candidate could defeat him. While politicians will continue to strategize over this debate, the choice ultimately lies in the hands of the remaining voters, or perhaps superdelegates.

In Brief

NY Philharmonic gives concert in North Korea

PYONGYANG - The New York Philharmonic Orchestra visited Pyongyang, North Korea to give an landmark performance. The concert a combination of pieces by US composers and Korean folk songs - constitutes the largest U.S. presence in the isolationist state since the end of the Korean War. After three encores, the orchestra left the stage, some moved to tears, while audience members waved fondly.

The visit coincides with the U.S. Secretary of State's visit to China to further discuss North Korea's nuclear disarmament. The concert has been called a remarkable display of cultural diplomacy for the two nations.

Nader enters presidential race

Consumer advocate Ralph Nad- er announced Feb. 24 that he was entering the presidential race as an independent. This recent announcement marks his fourth presidential bid. Experts speculate about his potential impact on the presidential race, but Nader denies being a political spoiler.

Nader said Jefferson believed, "When you lose your government, you've got to go into the electoral arena." Nader added that it is time for a "Jeffersonian revolution."
NATO disputes troop levels, strategy in Afghanistan

Karie Luldens
Guest Writer

Recent disputes over strategy in Afghanistan have led to questions about the future of NATO’s coalition efforts to secure and reconstruct the war-torn nation. Complaints have been raised in various contexts, including the 44th annual Munich Conference on Security Policy, held the weekend of Feb. 9.

Canada specifically is demanding an additional 1,000 troops in Kandahar, the southern region where its own 2,500 troops are facing ever-increasing violence. If no ally responds to this call, the nation has threatened to withdraw entirely from the mission when its mandate ends next year.

Meanwhile, Australian defense minister Joel Fitzgibbon says that the coalition’s overall strategy lacks coherence, and refuses to increase Australian troop levels until greater commitment is seen in “underperforming” NATO countries.

But for such calls have received little response from the majority of participating countries. The United States, however, has agreed in recent weeks to commit an additional 3,200 troops. French President Nicolas Sarkozy is also currently considering raising its troop levels, but no other substantial new contributions have been made.

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The Taliban was largely ignored by the United States until its post-September 11 War of Terror drew attention to the activities of al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations in Afghanistan. When the Taliban refused to cooperate with American demands that they turn over Osama bin Laden and other terrorists, the U.S. launched Operation Enduring Freedom, a military invasion of Afghanistan that toppled the government and drove most of the Taliban to seek refuge in neighboring Pakistan.

Since that time, however, much of the Taliban has regrouped and reorganized within Afghanistan. Guerrilla tactics, rocket launches, roadside mines and suicide bombings have been on the rise since 2003, and saw a particularly large spike in 2007. In general Taliban control has increased in recent months, undermining the current Islamic republic, whose constitution was ratified in 2003, and President Hamid Karzai, elected in 2004.

Kosovo’s parliament approves independence from Serbia

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In the meantime, Serbia’s leaders were not at all pleased by the announcement of Kosovo’s independence. According to the BBC, Serbia’s Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica blamed the United States and its support of Kosovo’s independence.

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Students to perform bite-sized opera

Katie Bennett

On Feb. 28 in Wichers Auditorium, student vocalists will perform scenes from several operas in this year's Opera Workshop. The performance, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will feature the work of Gian Carlo Menotti, a 20th century American composer.

Dr. Kennedy-Dygas, vocal professor and music department chair, is this director of this year's unusually American opera workshop.

"It's cool that the arias are in English," said Caitlin Lautz ('09), senior vocal major. "It's going to be easy to understand. It's been fun and challenging pretending to be a little boy." Lautz plays the young boy Amahl in a scene from the opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

McKinley Martin, according to a Hope College press release, Petrarca lives in New York, where she is an assistant faculty member at The Juilliard School and Martin is a faculty member at The Joffrey Ballet School and has appeared in musicals such as "West Side Story." Graham says that each choreographer holds their own auditions for Dance 34, and then they get together to "meet and select." Auditions are held in the fall and in the beginning of the spring term. More than 50 students are involved in Dance 34, and each choreographer has their students meet for rehearsals for about 6-10 hours per week.

The show opens with a piece of music performed by Voice teachers Anne-Reine Petrarca and Dorothy Martin, according to a Hope College press release. Petrarca and Dorothy Martin, according to a Hope College press release, have been working closely with the students for 34 years. This year's Dance 34 will feature guest choreographers Anne-Reine Petrarca and Dorothy Martin, according to a Hope College press release.

Dance 34 concert "takes flight"

Rachel Syens

Dance 34 is an exciting mix of dances choreographed by faculty and guest. It is an annual concert, and according to Linda Graham, head of the dance department, it has been taking place for 34 years. This year's Dance 34 will feature guest choreographers

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Ashley DeVocht
Features Editor

After a long day of class, a Hope College student saddles up to a table at Cool Beans and begins her physics homework over a cup of coffee.

Thousands of miles away, in Guatemala, a coffee farm worker collapses next to his dinner after a long day of sweating in the heat of the sun.

These two people have never met, but initiatives like fair trade are making their connection even stronger.

Coffee has a long history, dating back as far as 1000 A.D. Yet, in the last 200 years, the coffee industry has grown in ways that are not necessarily ethical or fair.

"Farmers were getting a very small percentage of what was actually being paid for coffee, and they had no recourse to try and get higher prices," David Lee (’08), one of Cool Beans’ managers, speaks up so I don’t miss his insightful question.

"Have you ever had a time when you were sitting at Phelps with a bunch of your friends, and you stay there for hours after you’re done eating?" Lee asked.

For some, Phelps is the social center on campus, a place where people gather to avoid homework and enjoy conversation. Students are known for straggling behind, even after the closing crew has begun to vacuum and wipe down tables, so as not to miss out on the laughter and juicy conversation.

Lee believes the "Phelps phenomenon" reflects a lack of social outlet on our society and at Hope College. He described a book by Ray Oldenburg, "The Great Good Place," which delves further into the root of the problem.

"America’s society has turned into a place where all you have is home and work and nowhere in between. I think that’s really the problem here at Hope," Lee said.

"Everyone sleeps in their dorms, and they dress themselves there and they dress themselves there and they dress themselves there and they dress themselves there. Work for students is both having a job and going to class. I think within all of those everyone has a pre-determined role. There’s very little time that you cannot be a title and just be yourself. (Eating) is the only time you have as students to not be doing something," Lee has been working hard to make Cool Beans into a place where students can gather, socialize and just be themselves. They want Cool Beans to become that "great good place" that Phelps and the New Holland Brewing Company have been for so long.

"The crowd of people who go to Stein night (at the Brewery) go there because everyone’s going to be there. They’ve accomplished what I want to do with Cool Beans already. The problem is that three quarters of the campus can’t go there on Wednesday nights to hang out. Here at Hope we should be able to create a sense of community," Lee said.

Atmosphere was the first thing on their to-do list.

"This summer we painted the entire area, we hung decorations on the walls, and this Monday, we got the two extensions to the bar that make it look like a real coffee shop now," Lee said.

The new coffee bar was built by Henry Bosch, a physical plant staff member. Besides the fact that the new bar makes the opening and closing process much easier, it looks significantly more permanent.

"The coffee bar has always been this thing on wheels that couldn’t really go away at any minute. Now it’s a little harder to get rid of," Lee said.

There are also other improve- ments in sight for Cool Beans. Lee has considered incentives to encourage more students to congregate at Cool Beans.

"I’ve toyed with the idea of having a mug night at Cool Beans where you come and fill up your mug for a dollar. I’m still working on that," Lee said.

THE MAGICAL FRUIT — A variety of fair trade coffee beans lines the walls at Lem-jello’s, said. "Equal Exchange (along with coffee plants) to provide habitats for birds," Scott said.

Fair trade coffee growers tend to work harder toward growing organically and sustainably.

Fair trade cooperative organizations that would buy crafts and products from indigenous people and sell directly to consumers. By taking out the middle man, the producers of these products were able to receive more of the profit.

Fair trade coffee companies help people in the poorest countries provide for themselves. Farmers form co-ops with other small farmers. They negotiate the rate for which they want to sell their coffee and the amount of coffee they will grow. This ensures that they have a stable income and that they have money to put back into building a stronger community.

"(Fair trade) allows us to build back into the community. There are other needs besides just money," Matt Scott, owner of Lem-jello’s, said. "Equal Exchange has done everything from building a well, to creating local radio shows, to education for women."

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In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Green: more than a label

In recent weeks, Hope College has demonstrated its eagerness to jump on the "green" bandwagon. Participation in events such as Focus the Nation shows a growing awareness of environmental issues. The same question almost indefinitely follows: "What's your major?" I've become accustomed to the look on people's faces when I answer, "I'm writing." They ask, "What is a science major and exploration of the ability to be invisible" in Hebrew and choreographers are internationally recognized and the supporting "The Old Maid and the Thief."6

From the inside out

Amanda Gernentz

The science of writing

When people ask me what activities I'm involved in at school, I always say with pride that I am on the staff of the Anchor. The same question almost indefinitely follows: "What's your major?" And I answer, with the same amount of pride, "Chemistry." I've become accustomed to the look I see when they ask, without saying a word, people ask, "What is a science major doing writing for the newspaper?" At first, it hurt, but now I'm just used to it. I don't understand why I can't do both. Just because I want a career in science shouldn't mean I have to give up my one true love—writing. I understand where the stereotype comes from; science and math people are analyti- cally thinkers. Everything has one solution, and nothing is open-ended. Something is either right or wrong. Trust me, I under- stand that. I want life decisions to be like that—either black or white, right or wrong. Subjectivity scares me to the very core of my being. I don't want to be judged just want problems in life to be like equa- tions—once you find the right formula, it's smooth sailing from there. Yeah, right.

When I arrived here in the fall, I thought I had it all figured out. I knew which class- es I wanted to take in the fall semesters. I had already planned my study abroad trips. I even knew where I wanted to go to grad school. My future-oriented mind only knows how to think like that. My life equation was at equilibrium. And at that point, I saw no variables. Writing is at the other end of the spec- trum. It comes from both the mind and the heart. I don't mean paper-writing, where you pound out an assignment in a heart. And I don't mean writing in my spare time and in the mar- kets of notebooks in class. It's just flow- ing—and who am I to stop it?

It may seem like I'm kidding myself. Why stick with chemistry when English might be my calling? Honestly, I don't have an answer. All I know is that I was thinking about it all wrong. Life is not supposed to be at equilibrium, and it's full of variables. That fact is hard for me to wrap my mind around, but I'm working on it. Why can't I be a chemist who is also a writer? Why do I have to choose? Maybe someday I'll write a novel about chemis- try. Who knows? And really, who wants to have everything all figured out? As futuristic as I like to be, I've come to realize that life is one equation that is not far to solve. And frankly, I'm ok with that, so why can't we both?

This is the time of your life that you should be pursuing all of your interests. Whether you are a math major who likes art or an English major who wants to join the biology club, do what you like. It will be worth it in the long run.

Amanda plans to use her chemistry major to pursue a career in forensic science. She majors CSI, but no she does not find pleasure in looking at dead bodies.

Dance 34 'takes flight'

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called "Nachtet," a word literally mean- ing "lovers" in Hebrew and choreographed by Rosanne Burton-DeVries. In a Hope College Press Release, she said that "the piece was inspired by the experience of women as they prepare for a wedding celebration." Petrecia's piece is called "Tuking Flight," and is about a "journey and exploration of the ability to be invis- ibly nourished by hope," while Martin's piece, titled "Electric Counterpart" "uses contrast or interplay of elements that is vi- brant and explosive in movement," according to Hope College Press Release.

When asked why students should at- tend, Graham answered that "if you've never seen your what your fellow students can do, you really need to. Each piece has been created by a different choreographer, and there is such great range to the style and nature of each experience. From narrative to abstract, intense to delightful, with styles varying from tap to contemporary to jazz and ballet, Del to need to add the choreog- raphers are internationally recognized and the supporting "The Old Maid and the Thief."6

Dance 34 will run Thursday, February 28 to Saturday, March 1, at the Knicker- bocker Theatre. Tickets are $7 for regular admission and $5 for senior citizens, stu- dents, and members of the Hope faculty and staff and can be purchased at the Ticket Office in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Students to perform bite-sized opera

• OPERA, from page 5

Opera Workshop will present materi- als from two other operas, "The Mid- summer," which follows the story of Madame Flora, a spectral medium, Monica, her daughter, and Toby, Monica's object of affection, and "The Old Maid and the Thief."5

"It's a funny little comedy," said Isaac Droschia ('08). "I play a drifter who is in- vited by two desperate women to stay at their house." Droschia's character, Bob, the drifter and ex-chief finds himself taken in by town busybody Miss Todd and Laetitia, her en- snared maid.

The students involved are accompa- nists Robin Litscher ('10) and Sally Van- derpool ('09), and singers Isaac Droschia ('08), Kay Gillette ('08), Stevie Joliet ('09), Sarah Koon ('09), Caitlin Lautz ('09), Katie Ross ('09), and Briana Sosen- heimer ('10).

The production promises lots of vari- ety and never a dull moment. Admission is free.
Rachel Lackey

Everything in moderation

As I have written many times before, coming to a final year at Hope College is eagerly sign up for Gen. Ed. required classes—on Literature, Writing, and French classes so eager to begin my major I loaded up to receive snowfall like this in years past. Driv-visibility around five foot high snow banks. As 1 have written many times before, While it is somewhat expected that The onslaught of snow showers this Lake-effect effects

Seymour

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Baha’i Faith heightens diversity on campus

"(At a meeting) were Mexican Americans, African Americans, Tohono O’odham, Indians, Yaguis, Moroccans, Persians, people from everywhere, and over five languages were being spoken. I had never experienced that kind of diversity anywhere," Douglas said.

Douglas came to Hope enthusiastically, she informs her students of her faith and to exemplify in every area of their lives their dedication to unity," Douglas said. "All of the Baha’i teachings revolve around the pivotal message of unity."

Denny said that Baha’is unite not only science and religion but also other religions with each other. Baha’is believe that all religions find their roots in the same God. According to the official website of Baha’i, Baha’is believe in one god who has, throughout history, revealed his will through the major world prophets such as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Mohammad and Christ; and that all carry a common message of peace and mercy. Baha’is see them all as part of one religion rather than many. As Denny explained, the Baha’i tenant of progressive revelation affirms that each of the prophets had something to say for their times and to their cultures.

"Abraham and Moses (also) came from God, but (Jesus) just had more to say," Denny said.

According to the website, the Baha’i Faith was founded by two prophets, the first being the Bab (1819-1850), who spread a message of a new spirituality throughout Iran. He was later executed by Islamic officials who felt that his messages posed a threat to the social order. The second prophet was Baha’u’llah (1817-1892), another Iranian who said that since humans are all children of the same god, they need to break down the barriers of racism, classicism, religions and political divisions and strive for a peaceful, universal civilization.

"(Baha’u’llah was) continually exiled, imprisoned and subject to a life of great sufferings. Nonetheless, his teachings ... spread," Douglas said.

The Baha’i spiritual life consists of morning and evening prayer, study and discussion groups, worship services and fasting. Many Baha’is will go on an annual spiritual pilgrimage to the holy lands of various Baha’i shrines, to the faith’s international headquarters and to pay homage at the holy sites of Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Baha’i has no formal clergy and communities guide each other in spiritual growth; individual congregations elect administrative bodies to handle the practical affairs of their communities. Denny said that many groups will meet together in homes, or, if the community takes place in a larger city, there may be a Baha’i center.

Among the other tenants of the Baha’i Faith, Denny said, are equality of the sexes, education for everyone, eradication of discrimination and independent investigation of truth. This means, as Douglas also said, that Baha’is are forbidden to proselytize.

The Baha’i Faith is based on the idea of unity and, in the words of professor Douglas, the celebration of diversity.

"Each person has something different to contribute," Denny said.
Women's basketball 24-0, jumps into history

Nic Hinkle
Sports Editor

Slowly but surely, the Hope College women's basketball team continues to make its presence known in the record books.

For the second time in school history, the Dutch have completed a regular season undefeated. Hope defeated Alma College 69-40 on Feb. 23 to complete its perfect regular season. The team's 24-0 season record does not put another to get better as well.

"We try to get better each and every day," Boles said. "People have improved immensely this season, including our freshmen right off the bat." With the continual hard work, individual players, such as Boles, have managed to make their way into the record books. Earlier this season, Boles broke the career three-point record and, in Saturday's game, captain Julie Henderson ('08) had two steals which tied her with the school record for career steals. However, Boles noted that these record-setting performances are the result of a team effort.

"We are trusting each other," Boles said. "Our individual accomplishments are because of a team effort."

As Hope continues the season into the MIAA and NCAA tournaments, the team will rely on its trust, which has given the Dutch a strong bench and depth.

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This is no different for the men's team.

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The Hope College men's and women's track teams competed in the Margaret Bradley Indoor Invitational on Feb. 23. In the 10-team field, the men finished second, while the women were third.

On the men's side, Hope won three individual events. Erik George ('08) won the 55-meter dash (6.06.63), Aaron Clark ('08) in the 400-meter dash (51.45) and Sean Bergena ('09) in the high jump (1.97 meters).

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday Feb. 27
Men's Basketball
MIAA Tournament Home vs. Alma at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 28
Women's Basketball
MIAA Tournament Home vs. St. Mary at 7:30 p.m.

Friday Feb. 29
Softball
Finlandia Tournament in Marquette

Saturday Mar. 1
Softball
Finlandia Tournament in Marquette

IN BRIEF

CHEERLEADERS WIN MIDWEST OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hope College cheer team won its first competition of the season on Feb. 23. Hope won the Midwest Open National Championship in the coed college division hosted at Columbus, Ohio.

TRACK TEAMS COMPETE AT CHICAGO INVITATIONAL

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HOPE SWIMMERS RECEIVE ALL-MIAA HONORS

Twelve Hope College swimmers received all-MIAA honors.

For the men, Ryan Nelis ('10), Phil Heyboer ('10), Matt Rose ('10), Mitch Roch ('10), junior Ryan Vogelzang and senior Chas Vanderbrook were selected.

On the women's side, Laura Arminio ('09), Brittany Reest ('09), Ashley Jaggers ('11), Claire Piezer ('10), Alicia Tuss ('11), Katie Williams ('10) were recognized. Nelis and Reest were also named the MIAA MVPs.

MEY'S TENNIS DEFEATS GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Dutchmen tennis team improved its season record to 1-1 by defeating Grand Rapids Community College 9-0 on Feb. 25. All of Hope's singles players won in straight sets.

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SPORTS
Athlete profile: senior captain Marcus Vanderheide

Senior forward leads by example on offense and defense

Gordie Fall
Staff Writer

Once again, Hope College men’s basketball team is on top of the MIAA conference. With a blowout home victory against Calvin, followed by a clinching win over Tri-State, Hope won the outright MIAA title. These victories have been led by Hope’s three captains, seniors Ryan Klein and Marcus Vanderheide and junior Jesse Reimink.

Vanderheide has averaged 13.5 points a game and has averaged 6.7 rebounds a game, both of which lead the team. The 6-7 forward has come full circle in his basketball career, after being left the West Michigan area to play for Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. Coming from Calvin Christian in nearby Grandville, Vanderheide eventually came back to play for Hope, transferring after one year at Canisius.

“I wanted to get a good education at a private Christian school and I didn’t want to go to Calvin, so that limits it down to Hope,” Vanderheide explained.

He added, “I liked it because it was fairly close to my hometown where my family and friends could come watch me play.”

Vanderheide has played exceptionally well for Hope in his three seasons here, with the team winning conference titles in each of the last two seasons, having an 8-3 record over Calvin and having a 5-2 record in NCAA tournament play. On an individual level, Vanderheide received MIAA Second Team honors and was named MIAA player of the week on three occasions this season including one last week.

Along with five other seniors, Hope has produced an excellent season, with a 21-3 overall record, 13-1 in the MIAA and a number three national ranking by d3hoops.com that came before last week’s two wins. This marks Hope’s second consecutive outright MIAA title and the third in five years.

“We are the team we are having is going pretty much as I had imagined. I knew that we would have a good team and have a good record, but I didn’t picture us losing to Aquinas or Albion,” Vanderheide said. “I think our seniors are really enjoying the year that we are having. Our chemistry is great and we are having fun!”

Recently, Hope has posted a six-game winning streak, with each win a resounding one. Most notably, Hope defeated archrival Calvin by a score of 76-59 last week in front of more than 3,600 fans at DeVos Fieldhouse. After starting off the game with four successful three-pointers and scoring on their first six possessions, Hope never trailed. Reimink, on his dad’s 50th birthday, led Hope with 25 points, as Vanderheide and Tyler Wolfe (‘08) each added 13 points. Hope has taken a two-game advantage in the all time series between the two rivals.

Three days later, Hope rode a 70-0 opening lead to beat Tri-State 74-57. Once again, Hope never trailed, as Vanderheide led the team with 18 points and seven rebounds while Reimink and Wolfe each scored 11.

This week, Hope will be playing in the MIAA conference tournament with the first game on Wednesday against Alma. With a victory, Hope will play on Friday night against the winner of the Adrian vs. Tri-State game. An eventual final game is scheduled for Saturday. Thanks to Hope’s conference victory, all games will be at DeVos Fieldhouse.

Hockey wins MCHC conference; next goal is national tournament

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

After making goals to win the conference title and eventually nationals, the Hope College men’s hockey team accomplished one of those preseason objectives this weekend.

On Feb. 23, Hope defeated Northwood University in double overtime 4-3 to win the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference. The win improved Hope’s record to 23-2-0 on the season as they head into the national tournament on March 12-15 in Minneapolis, Minn. The team enters as the first seed out of the Northern region and will play four-time seeded Fairfield University in the first round. Hope did not face Fairfield last season.

Heading into the national tournament, the team looks to repeat the recent stellar play in close games against Saginaw Valley State (2-1) and Northwood in the conference tournament.

In commenting on this weekend’s close game performances, center Anders delong (‘09) said, “Our team never gave up. (The) past couple years, we failed in close games, but we continued to fight hard and play well.”

Forward Gunnar Martin (‘08) agrees Hope has improved its performance in close games from past years.

“We have shown we can play in close games and perform,” Martin said. “I’ve been impressed with how consistently we have stepped up.”

Martin believes Hope’s consistent defense and goal-tending have been huge factors for the Dutch. Goalies Mike Headley (‘09) and Steve Pols (‘08) had excellent performances this weekend in the Northwood and Saginaw games. Headley stopped 30 of 33 shots against Northwood and Pols stopped 14 of 15 against Saginaw.

Delong was impressed with Headley and Pols’ performances this weekend, along with the team’s penalty kill.

“Our goaltending was very good this weekend,” delong said. “Both of them were key factors in those games.”

Another notable performance included left wing Austin Sonneveldt (‘10), who scored both game-winning goals against Saginaw and Northwood this weekend.

Looking forward to nationals, both deJong and Martin believe the team’s tough mental approach will come from University of North Carolina, Albany and California University of Pennsylvania.

Hope will try to continue its clutch game and fine tune certain aspects of their game in practice.

“We will work on our power play in the next two weeks,” deJong said. “And (we will be) staying in shape with a lot of skating (because) playing up to four games in a weekend is a lot.”

Along with the physical aspects of the game, the team enters this year’s national tournament with a different approach.

“I think last year we were almost the favorite,” Martin said. “If we win this thing this year, we will have to fight for every inch. I think it’s better mentally.”