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Acting on AIDS provides HIV testing
Megan Harper

Acting on AIDS will host an HIV Testing Day Wednesday, Feb. 25, in collaboration with the Ottawa County Health Department. Acting on AIDS leaders Allison Smith (’09) and Edleda James (’09) say that the purpose of this event is not to identify and ostracize those infected with HIV but rather to help Hope students take responsibility on the issue and know their own status.

One of the goals of this event is to reduce the stigma attached to the disease. Smith and James say that they had an extremely difficult time even getting an HIV testing day underway due to the controversial nature of the issue.

“Even some faculty members raised eyebrows,” Smith said. “We need to get rid of the mindset that it’s better not to know.”

Acting on AIDS leaders feel that many Hope students assume they are untouched by the issue of HIV since they attend a conservative private school in a small suburb of Michigan.

Acting on AIDS says that misinformation and naïve misconceptions are the most dangerous hindrances to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

James said that AIDS is “happening in America, it’s happening in Michigan, and it’s happening here.”

Acting on AIDS encourages everyone within the Hope community to get tested even if they think that they know without a doubt that their results will be negative.

Smith and James say that by being tested, Hope students can “stand in solidarity” and work with those who fear they have the disease and help them work through their apprehensions.

The testing process is completely confidential and there will be therapists available.

The testing will be held in the Science Center Atrium as well as rooms 1106 and 1108.

Acting on AIDS also conducted a discussion on HIV and AIDS in America on Feb. 24.

‘Vagina Monologues’ benefits local agencies
Emily West

For the third consecutive year, Hope students produced and directed “The Vagina Monologues” at Park Theatre. The monologues come from what is called the V-Day campaign.

“The goal of the V-Day campaign is to one day stop violence against women and girls,” said Laura Van Tassell (’09), director of this year’s production.

According to the V-Day organization’s website, the V-Day movement “has raised over $60 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, crafted international education, media and PSA campaigns, launched the Karama program in the Middle East, reopened shelters, and funded over 5000 community-based anti-violence programs as well as safe houses in Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq.”

Van Tassell has been involved in the monologues all three years: first as a performer and then as a performer and director for the past two years.

“I got involved in this fundraising effort to help those strong wonderful women in my life and to help women all over the world. I hope that someday if I have a daughter she will not need to be afraid,” she said.

Anna Pizzimenti (’10), the producer of this year’s show has also been involved with the monologues for three years.

She said, “I was involved in it (The Vagina Monologues) the first year because I read the book and it changed my life. I realized how much power it had to transform the lives of women.”

“The play doesn’t ask the audience to agree with every story; it asks the audience to listen,” Pizzimenti said.

V-Day raises awareness each year by giving attention to a particular group of women in the spotlight monologue. This year’s spotlight monologue was a tribute to the women of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

According to “The Vagina Monologues” program, women and girls of the DRC have been victims of systemic sexual violence as rape is a common weapon of war.

These crimes are very rarely acknowledged and most times, perpetrators remain unpunished. The legal and medical responses to these atrocities have been limited by a lack of resources.

V-Day has teamed up with UNICEF, including UN and NGO partners, to fight this humanitarian crisis.

Van Tassell said, “This year 10% of our profits will go to the city of joy in the Congo to help women and girls who have become victims of the horrible war still raging there.

The rest of our profits will stay here in Michigan and go to the sex MONOLOGUES, page 2

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**Trayless Tuesday: Take Two**

**Matt Oosterhouse**

The "5:30 (p.m.) rush" hit Phelps Dining Hall like a colony of ants swarming upon a leftover watermelon rind. Students streamed into the serving area in Phelps and proceeded to scramble and queue en masse for their food, during dinnertime on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The scene was typical Phelps Dining atmosphere, in which participants avoid even 8 out of 10 diners, on average, were choosing to bypass trays and go "trayless" on the 1st and 2nd rounds of "Trayless Tuesdays" in Phelps. Hall. According to Bob VanHeukelom, director of Hope College Dining Services, the difference between the statistics gathered from "trayless" Feb. 17 and "non-trayless" Feb. 18 were startling in terms of the amount of food waste and water and detergent usage. On Trayless Tuesday Feb. 17, Phelps served 2,488 students throughout the whole day, which resulted in reduction of 104 gallons of water, eight pounds of detergent, and 207 pounds of food waste in Phelps Hall when compared with Feb. 18, on which 2,469 students were served.

"I’m hoping that (as students) see the charts and statistics, that will encourage them to want to participate because they see that they’re making a difference," VanHeukelom said.

According to VanHeukelom, the economic impact of trayless dining is worth noting as well. He attributes the college’s increase of tuition by 2.9 percent, food cost inflation is projected to take be five percent, VanHeukelom said. "We have a similar program that we can participate in to help bridge the gap between the difference of rates."

Student reaction at Hope to trayless dining appears mixed. While 80 percent participated in Trayless Tuesday on Feb. 10, only 70 percent—1,775 diners—participated on Feb. 17. Katie Opakt-Duff (‘12) made the decision to go trayless on Feb. 17. "It’s a little less convenient, but it’s OK because I go without a tray most of the time," Opakt-Duff said. "It’s cool that we’re doing something environmental and reducing wasted food."

On the other hand, there are some who do enjoy the convenience that trayless has to offer. "It’s easier to carry stuff," Jake Hall (‘12) said. "I actually went trayless earlier this year but I like to take more than two drinks with my meal."

Further frustrations are the number of trays left over after dinner. "It has privacy options that aren’t available on campus. As Christian adults we are able to think for ourselves. I actually do enjoy the convenience that trayless has to offer. It’s cool that we’re doing something environmental and reducing wasted food."

**In Brief**

**FOOD FAIR PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL CUISINE**
The Hope College International Food Fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Maas Center Auditorium. The International Food Fair has been sponsored by international students for over 25 years and features many cuisines of different nations and cultures. Hope student cooks and present their dishes in attire distinctive. The dishes will also be accompanied by international cuisine and the International Food Fair participants on the dish and the culture.

Even tickets will be available at the door for $1 each. Food Fair participants will be able to buy a dish for either one or two tickets apiece. The International Food Fair is open to the public.

**DINNER HONORS WOMEN OF COLOR**
The 12th annual "Hope College Women of Color Celebration Dinner" will be held at the wiping Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m. in the Maas Center Auditorium.

At the dinner, outstanding students of color will be honored for their contributions to their field of study. Ticket sales are 5 for Hope faculty and staff, $2 for students and $7 for the general public and are available through the Hope office of multicultural education.
Gov. Granholm hopes to aid slow economy with bill, new jobs

Cory Lakatos
Guest Writer

Following a 31-3 vote in the state Senate and unanimous approval in the House, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has signed into law a bill providing generous tax incentives for the development and manufacture of lithium ion batteries for use in hybrid and electric cars.

“Want Michigan to be positioned as the battery capital of the world,” Granholm said. The governor and legislators hope that $355 million in tax credits will encourage companies to research automotive batteries, which would in turn bring jobs to the state. Michigan has already found some success with giving tax credits to the film industry.

According to Granholm, rechargeable lithium ion batteries have the potential to be used in homes and businesses as well as cars. Obtaining an early lead in this new industry could only help the currently ailing Michigan economy. Research by Detroit Renaissance indicates that Michigan’s economic growth is trailing behind the national average in 90 percent of 300 categories, and the state suffered the loss of 38,000 manufacturing jobs in 2008. The automotive industry has been especially hard hit. General Motors and Chrysler LLC received $17 billion in loans from the federal government and have recently requested another $21.6 billion.

The weak economy has also caused delays in the construction of a Flint factory expected to make GM’s Chevrolet Volt, a plug-in electric car the company has been hyping.

Ironically, GM has said that the Volt will utilize batteries manufactured by the South Korean company LG Chem, illustrating the challenge that the dog-eat-dog world of the global economy will present to the battery industry in Michigan. Though Ann Arbor manufacturers, making use of the brains at the University of Michigan, are in position to pioneer battery production within the state, they face strong competitors in China, South Korea, and Japan. Asian companies have a decades-long head start in manufacturing smaller lithium ion batteries, giving them an advantage in the world powers.

Seven richest countries band together to tackle world economic crisis

Benjamin O’Dell
Guest Writer

No matter where you look these days, it is quite obvious that the United States is in a deep financial crisis, and unfortunately the rest of the world is no exception.

Finance experts from seven countries, including Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan and the United States, met recently to discuss the current state of the world’s economy. It was the first international meeting for new U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who was also joined by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Feb. 14 at the Italian Finance Ministry.

The key revelation was that the world’s economic powers must refrain from protectionist methods in attempting to repair their individual economies. In common English, countries are urged to keep their doors open to trade and not impose excess tariffs or quotas in order to limit foreign competition.

If developed countries such as the United States and others were to suddenly put a halt to imports and focus solely on promoting a “domestic” lifestyle, the effect on the world’s economy would be crippling, especially to those countries that are particularly underdeveloped in the first place. The world’s economy thrives when countries (particularly the United States, India, and China) are in constant trade, so policies that would hinder that are being greatly discouraged.

This puts the United States in a rather awkward position, since our economy is primarily based on imports and exports, yet we have a president who’s encouraging us to “buy American” and bring our focus back home rather than keep an overseas perspective. In order to preserve the world’s economy, the best thing economic leaders can do is reinvest capital in banks, and find a way to get rid of the banks’ toxic assets, which was the main reason behind the $700 billion bailout that we saw last fall.

Regardless of our economic position, new data has just shown that Europe as a whole is going further and further into their economic melbourne. Germany’s GDP sank 2.1 percent in the fourth quarter compared to the previous quarter. Italy and France went down 1.8 and 1.2 percent, respectively. That might not sound like a very big drop, but when we’re speaking in terms of billions or trillions of dollars, a 1 or 2 percent drop is suddenly a huge decline. The global financial group is eager for their next meeting in April, and they are hoping to be able to influence the economic policies of the world’s major countries.
Taliban militants agree to ceasefire

ECONOMY hurtling downward in 2009, may rise in 2010

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brace yourself. The recession is projected to worsen this year. The country stands to lose a sizable chunk of economic activity as consumers at home and abroad retrench in the face of persistent economic troubles. And the U.S. unemployment rate — now at 7.6 percent, the highest in more than 16 years — is expected to hit a peak of 9 percent this year.

That gloomy outlook came from leading forecasters in the latest survey by the National Association for Business Economics released Monday. The new estimates are roughly in line with other recent projections, including those released last week by the Federal Reserve. The “steady drumbeat of weak economic and financial market data has made business economists more pessimistic on the economic outlook for the next several quarters,” said NABE president Chris Varvares, head of Macroeconomic Advisers.

Just over the past few weeks, a $787 billion recovery package has been passed, a $75 billion plan to stem home foreclosures and a $300 billion economic stimulus plan have been announced. But though the government has promised to do more, the second quarter of this year is expected to be a negative 0.7 percent growth.

The current recession, which started in December 2007, is posing a major challenge to Washington policymakers, include President Barack Obama and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said as much as $2 trillion could be plowed into the financial system to jump-start lending.

In terms of lost economic activity in 2009, the biggest hit will come in the first six months, forecasters said. NABE forecasters now expect the economy to slide backward at a staggering pace of 5 percent in the current January-March quarter. That’s a sharp downgrade from the 1.3 percent annualized drop projected in the old survey.

“Further pronounced weakness in housing and deteriorating labor markets underscore the risks for 2009,” Varvares said. Many economists believe the current quarter will be the worst of the recession in terms of the hit to gross domestic product, which is the value of all goods and services produced within the U.S. and is the broadest barometer of the country’s economic health.

The second quarter of this year also will be a lot weaker, with the forecasters now calling for the economy to contract at a 1.7 percent pace, compared with the prior projection of 0.5 percent growth.

In the second half of this year, the economy should expand, but still less than what was once thought just a few months ago. NABE forecasters believe home sales and housing construction should hit bottom by the middle of the year, which would help stabilize the economy. Home prices, however, are expected to keep falling, according to other experts.

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**Dance 35 showcases diverse talent**

Annual department dance concert expected to have strong showing in 30th year

**Anna Pillot**

Gust Woman

The faculty dance concert, Dance 35, currently in its 30th year, is a landmark in the dance department yearly calendar. Some pieces have been in rehearsal since mid-October to present interesting and challenging works to the public this weekend. Nerves are high, and excitement is building as the curtain to create a living breathing and they have worked in one ac-

According to Graham, Dance 35 has been a great opportunity for me to work with a profes-

**COLORFUL PASSION — Students perform 'Ondegierra,' choreographed by themselves, Linda Graham & Nicole Flinn.**

large part due to the diversity of dance instructors. Hope dance students are lucky to have had the opportunities to work with Anne-Renee Petrarca, Richard Rivera and Dorell Martin during the course of the school year.

**‘Big Love’ prepares for the curtain to rise**

Cassandre Warner

Gust Woman

Being a part of a play, one naturally looks forward with antici-

**‘Big Love’ runs Feb. 27-28 and March 4-7 at 8 p.m. in the De-

**IN BRIEF**

**PROFESSOR’S ARTWORK FEATURED WORLDWIDE**

Work by Bruce McCombs, professor of art at Hope College, has recently been featured in exhibitions across the United States as well as abroad.

The exhibitions include the "15th International Print Bienni-

The Hope College Orchestra and Symphonette perform

The Hope College Orchestra and Symphonette will perform with guest and faculty vocalists on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

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Hope jazz ensembles try new styles for upcoming performance

HOPE PR - Hope College jazz ensembles will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The concert will feature three ensembles: the Contemporary Ensemble, the Mainstream Ensemble and the Jazz Arts Collective.

The Contemporary Ensemble features Brian Coyle as coach, guitarist Michael Hobson, bassist Nick Van Kampen, and drummers Justin Ferens and James Sa. The ensemble will perform three John Scofield pieces: “Hottentot,” “Make Me” and “So You Say.”

The Mainstream Ensemble features Rob Hodgson as coach, pianist Larry Figueroa, bassist Nick Van Kampen; guitarists Alex Ketchum, Jeff Sweers; pianist Larry Figueroa; bassist Nick Van Kampen; guitarists Alex Ketchum, Jeff Sweers; pianist Larry Figueroa; bassist Nick Van Kampen; and drummer Ben Oegema.

The ensemble will perform “Nostalgia in Times Square,” by Charles Mingus; “Song for A.E.G.,” by Tom Garling; “Dunes at Dawn into Dromedaire Extraordinaire” by Christopher Brubeck; and “Better Get Hit in Your Soul!” by Charles Mingus.

It’s not all roses, though. A handful of songs fail to really develop or do anything interesting. Kevin Drew gives the mediocre and awkwardly raunchy “Love vs. Porn” and Cat Power delivers a really standard “Amazing Grace,” amongst oth- er letdowns.

Despite some flaws, “Dark Was The Night” is one of the better compilations in recent memory. With its star-studded cast, expectations are so high that disappointment seems nearly inevitable, but thank- fully the good far exceeds the bad. This album should not be missed.

Andrew Gehl reviews ‘Dark Was The Night’
Grace Denny (’10) studied in Nepal in the fall of 2008, with the SIT Tibetan and Himalayan Studies program through Hope. Denny was in Dhuramsala, Kathmandu, Mustang (Nepal), and Ladakh. She said studying abroad is an experience she will never forget. She will forever love the people in Nepal and the culture. There is one more thing Denny will never forget—the food!

“I loved the food. All of it,” Denny said.

It didn’t take Denny too long to get used to the Indian food and Tibetan food. She said one of her favorite meals is veg thuk-pa.

“It is this noodle soup with lots of veggies and it is very good!” Denny said.

She also came to love rice and dal (a special Indian family favorite) while exploring the Nepalese mountains.

The beauty of enjoying different meals is not only enjoying how delicious they are, but also learning how to prepare them. While Denny was in Nepal, she had the privilege to learn how to prepare some of the meals she ate. Many of the recipes required very simple ingredients, making them easy to learn.

“I’ve tried making a few dishes since I’ve been home, and it will take some practice to make it taste the same, but I’m very glad I had the chance to learn,” Denny said.

Lhamo’s Tibetan Veggie Momos

Ingredients for THE VEGGIE STUFFING

1 cup finely chopped cabbage, green or red
1 large carrot, peeled and grated
2 onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoon green onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoon green pepper, finely chopped
2 tablespoon cilantro, finely chopped
2/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons wild oil, such as chesna or soy bean

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, add water to flour drop by drop, and knead the mix into a dough. Then, cover the mix and let it sit and rise for ten minutes. After a thorough washing, chop the cabbage, onions, green pepper and cilantro.

Then, grate the carrots and mince the garlic and ginger.

Mix together the vegetables with salt, lhamo, pepper, oil, garlic and ginger and let them marinate for five minutes.

Roll the dough into a tube two-inches wide. Slice it into one-inch pieces; roll each piece into a ball and then flatten them a bit. Lightly flour each flattened ball. Then roll them out each piece so they become thin, four-inch rounds.

Put a teaspoon of the vegetable filling into the middle of each round. Fold into Momos. (For more instructions, please visit http://www.ishqinabackpack.com/4thist page4_momos.html.)

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Grace Olamijulo (’11) can’t wait for the International Food Fair this year as well. Olamijulo is from New York, and she is really excited about eating different international foods and showing the international students that she appreciates them.

“It’ll be a nice break from Phelps and will remind me of home in NYC where there are tons of ethnic places to eat,” Olamijulo said.

Olamijulo has had the opportunity to eat different types of food. It is actually one of the things she loves to do. She pretty much knows immediately if she will like a certain dish. Being that she has eaten a variety of foods, she could be justified on her ability to decide if a dish is for her or not.

Olamijulo is never tired of trying new types of food despite the fact that she has eaten Japanese, Chinese, Ethiopian, Korean, Mexican, Nigerian, Jamaican, Indian, Thai, Trinidadian, Halal, Kenyan, Italian and German food.

She said, “I enjoy [eating different foods] because it’s fun, tasty and a great way to activate taste buds that regular food doesn’t always excite.”

Even though Olamijulo knows how to make some Jamaican and Nigerian dishes, she will not be making any dishes for the International Food Fair coming up this Saturday. She is, however, looking forward to eating the food. She still remembers her experience last year.

When she got there she didn’t even know where to start. There was so much food! She wanted to try everything. It was hard to fit a little of everything onto one plate. She agrees to the fact that she didn’t like everything she tried, but all she remembers is how great all the food that she loved was.

“The Korean Kim Pop and Nigerian chicken were pretty memorable,” Olamijulo said.

She also said everyone was so nice. The people were really informative about the foods, which helped her gain a lot of knowledge along with the meals.

The International Food Fair at Hope started in 1950, and was sponsored and inspired by international students at Hope College. Even since, the Food Fair has always been a student-run event based on the common interest and initiative of the part of the students. Apart from the good food that the students prepare for the International Food Fair, the purpose of the Food Fair is to represent many nationalities and to celebrate the intercultural diversity that is represented here at Hope College.

Some people will not have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester in India like Denny. Others are not as privileged as Olamijulo to have tried so many different kinds of dishes. Most people are not like me, who had my first bowl of chicken noodle soup two years ago when I came to college in the United States. Despite our differences, one thing brings us together: we are not scared of exciting and new experiences. Even an experience as new as a different dish we had never tasted before.

My taste buds were not ready the day I had my first bowl of chicken noodle soup but after two years, they are ready for anything. This is because ever since that day, I have never been scared to try something new.

It could be a trip to a new state, or a totally different country. It could be a new outfit, or a different hair-do. It could also be a new type of food. You can start by attending the International Food Fair on Feb. 28th in the Maas Auditorium from 7-9 p.m. Try something new because like Olamijulo said, “You never know what you’re missing out on until you try different things.”
Monster trash bags

The thing I miss most from life before college is dogs. Those of you with beloved pets at home can probably relate to the poignant longing I feel when I see some lucky Hollander walking her Sheltie down a snowy 8th street. If only (enter your dog’s name) could be here! He would love the pile of snow this silly trashcan! Look at that gross smooched frog! Look at those slow fat squirrels! Seeing the world from our missing friends’ perspectives is strange—and a little wrong—but also wonderful. I have two hairy friends at home—Phoebe and Duncan. I love them both, but Duncan and I have a particularly special bond because he’s a weirdo. I’ve learned as much from Duncan as I have from my favorite classes in college.

I have to preface this column by introducing you to Duncan. He’s a black lab with a really shiny coat and a pretty severe overbite that makes him look a little goofy. In a way, Duncan is a total human: he’s pretty smart. He can remember which hand you hid the ball in. He’s trying to get into the dog park, he’s the most popular one there. He makes friends with all the other dogs and all the other owners right away and spends the rest of the time saying hello to them again and again in turn.

He’s a little clingy: He will follow you around watching your face even if you’re just walking from room to room. He’s kind of touchy. He constantly leans just walking from room to room. He’s around watching your face even if you’re about to do something else, the list goes on. Stuff like this throws in a lot of doorways, bodies of water, shadows, the safe house. The difficult part is letting Duncan cower from luggage and vacuum cleaners remind him of a recurrent nightmare dog that he has. Maybe they suggest to him a kind of monster that he wouldn’t be able to fight.

It was this summer, when I was shuttling Duncan safely in my room so he wouldn’t have to see the vacuum cleaner that I realized how similar we were. While Duncan covers from luggage and trash bags, I lie awake at night worrying about well, everything, but particularly the uncertain future. What if I can’t get a job? What if I get a job but I hate it and I’m miserable for the rest of my life? What if that suitcase suddenly lunges at my throat? What would I do then?

Although I suppose it is possible for something terrible to happen inside our house, Duncan is fairly safe from the monsters he fears. How are any of us different from him? Half of our reasons for stress are needless. I say we stop cowering and separate our monsters from our trash bags once and for all. If there are monsters, if we do end up pitted against a completely mysterious and feared enemy, let’s handle that when it happens. Until then, relax. Meet as many other dogs as possible and enjoy the safe house.

If you’re in Katie’s junior sem class, she apologizes for the repetition.

Katie Bennett
Columnist

The best doughnut ever

I have been on this campus four years and inside that school for a few weeks. I should have anticipated the learning curve to be steep. The first couple days of student teaching was like playing Monopoly with missing pieces (Where’s the top hat? I don’t want to be the damn wheelbarrow again), way too many Chance cards, and an AWOL banker. All in all, a major catastrophe. After a few weeks now it has gotten slightly better and some of my inquiries have been put to rest, like what should I pack for lunch everyday (Pick question: the answer is nothing) The teacher’s lounge is always loaded with donut holes and quesadillas.

Playing by a new set of rules is something that may not come quick, but should come naturally now to all of us. We are all smart enough to understand this. The difficult part is letting go of the old manual and retiring the well-established rules of your past. You don’t want to discount my time here at Hope, but simple tricks like decri- phoring the colorful word-jumble of a menu at the Kletz are not coming with me when I leave here and enter the wild- ness of the working class. For me it’s time to play by a new set of rules and even create some of my own. I’ll see you on the other side.

RJ wants to wish Abraham Lincoln a happy 200th birthday. If he were alive today the first thing that RJ’s writer would probably be along the lines of “Help! Help! Get me out of this box!” Wise words, Honest Abe. Wise words.

I just live here

Jim Kast-Keat
Columnist

Now, years beyond my college days, I find myself living once again on a college campus. I don’t have any classes or homework to worry about because I am living here. (My wife is an RD, but for me this is a friendly apartment complex full of 18-22 year olds.)

But one of the perks of just living here is that they still feed me. And this has re- ignited my days of digesting doughnuts. Once in a while you’ll find doughnuts in Phelps or even Cook, but every day there are dozens of doughnuts brought to The Kletz. And I found the best one ever.

There are rows and rows of them just sitting there below the muffins and ba- glehs. They lay them out every morning at 8 a.m., and if you’re lucky, there are still a few remaining by the time they close.

But whenever I go to The Kletz I look for one, and only one doughnut: it’s a simple cake doughnut with a blend of white and chocolate frosting (the chocolate is kind of drizzled across). When I come in for breakfast in the morning I always find it (who else is on a crazy doughnut hunt at eight in the morning?)

But what really baffles me are the days when I skip my Kletz breakfast and come home for dinner, only to still find this amazing doughnut waiting for me. It’s like the doughnut and I have a deep con- nection—I for it and it for me.

But then there are the days when I walk into The Kletz, my hopes up high and my eye scanning the rows for the best doughnut ever. But I don’t find it. And I’m forced to eat a different dough- nut or else dine doughnut free (and a bit healthier).

So to all the doughnut-eating students of Hope College, I continue to eat doughnuts, but leave my doughnut and me in peace. We have a pretty serious thing going on. And besides hunting for the squabutt, I always enjoy my favorite dough- nut is one of my favorite things about Hope College.

Jim Kast-Keat wants to be a writer when he grows up. And he wants to eat doughnuts forever, even though his doc- tor, his wife, and his potentially growing genus tell him otherwise. When he was in college he had a fantastic doughnut eat- ing tradition. You should ask him about it sometime.

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The sixth virtue

Industry: Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.

Usefulness begets Industry. Isn’t that why we’re going to college, to be useful? How many students are going to college in order to learn how to become what they’re already going to be? It makes more sense to learn how to make a big paycheck? Both activities are promisingly useful in the future, but neither is useful right now. Right now, they are part of the present, i.e., the present problems of society.

We’ve got problems, man. The world is melting as the rain forests are washed away with the gray weight of baby boomers taking loads out to pay for prophylactics and with the gigantic droop of dreams of college girls Next Door. As a miracle while they play video games. Who’s going to address the problems? It’s not enough to have the problems, to save their pensions. It’s not going to be the generation that used beepers in times of adversity. It’s going to be us. But we can’t approach the problem until we wake from our dreams of indifference and false optimism.

Our age can’t be retrospective or prospective, as always was in the past, because the consequences are too great. The future is uncertain and the end is always near, and that’s not a promising situation as concerns issues connected with the existence of nature, the lifeblood of science, art, and philosophy—knowledge itself. Nature isn’t simply something to view through binoculars. It’s not just the world outside the city. It’s the universe. It’s the soul. That’s reason enough to fight for it now. Before it’s too late.

You and I should care the most because it’s we who can use the knowledge our predecessors are burning into the archives; our soul weakens when the administration cuts down a forest to turn it into income statements with red numbers. Our universe shrinks as the bandstands in the bandhalls consume the plastic water bottles used to replenish dehydrated 50-year-old CEOs sweating over diminishing bonuses. Why isn’t the destruction of nature bigger news? Because we don’t demand it. Fussy old gents losing their investments have been around long enough to know that they have to raise a stink about their problems: hence the economy is in the news. But because our dreams are indifferent, our age propagates ESPN and sports entertainment instead of focusing on saving the universe to save. As a result, we lose our investments, and future scientists, scientists, writers, mathematicians, artists, and politicians lose knowledge.

But we’re still dreaming. Dreams all over campus—big paqery green-rectangle career dreams, full of shiny cars, and well-mixed cocktails, corner offices, and leather-bound Bibles. These dreams float during lunch and during class and after school, but they aren’t useful at all. We need industry. Nature isn’t in the news because we don’t put it there. Nature isn’t an issue because we don’t make it an issue. We can’t expect our moms or Benjamin Franklin or Barack Obama or Jesus Christ to do it for us. It’s our issue. It’s our soul to fight for and to save.

But we can’t wake you up. You can wake you up.

But wants to credit Jim Morrison, Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Lennon, Franklin W. Dixon, Jesus, Abbie Hoffman, that person who said “Bless you” to him when he sneezed in the library, Baloo, and Mrs. Butterworth.

Letter to the Editor

Student appreciative for worship band

To the Editors:

While many of us who attend the Gath-ering and Chapel services go because of the community, the excellent preaching of the Word, and the worship experiences of Hope, I feel God, many of us also go for the outstanding praise music led so faithfully by Josh Banner and the students in the Worship Band. In fact, I would dare say that it is what keeps many of us coming back. It keeps us coming back because it is worship that is alive and fresh aided by wonderful gifts and talented musicians, and because it very much focused on loving and glorifying God. It is in this that I have discovered joy and peace in praising my creator (And there’s just nothing else like singing praises with 1,000-plus voices every week). Worship here at Hope has created a special place in which I love to be—a place that sets my week in motion and prepares my heart for battle in a world of ideas.

I don’t think the meaningful worship that I’ve had over the past four years would have been the same without the Worship Band, and I don’t think that I would have grown as much in my faith were it not for the solid worship that helped me continuously connect with God and realize his glory. And I don’t think I’m the only one who thinks this. So, if you appreciate the work, time, and devotion of the Worship Band, tell them. I’m sure Josh Banner would love to hear from you, or even other members of the Worship Band, if you know them.

As such, for the high-quality, meaningful worshipful place that the Worship Band has helped shape and mold, I believe that a heartfelt Thank You is in order. So, thank you, Worship Band, for your faithfulness and dedication in serving both the Lord and Hope with your gifts and time.

Matt Oosterhouse (’09)
**Trayless Tuesdays take effect**

- **TRAYLESS, from page 2**

  “It’s kind of irritating because it’s not convenient but sometimes we underestimate such a small thing as going without a tray. Hopefully it’ll help,” Molly Pitsley (‘10) said. “If they’re going to continue with this, they should maybe think about going with smaller bowls and bigger planes.”

  Caleb Nykamp (‘12) believes that the good outweighs the bad. “It’s a good idea to save water. If you have to take a few more trips back and forth, it’s more exercise,” Nykamp said.

- **ECONOMY, from page 4**

  would be “slightly less than the 3.1 percent during the early ’70s,” according to the survey of 47 forecasters taken between Jan. 29 and Feb. 12. Even in the best-case scenario, with the recession ending sometime in the second half of this year, employment conditions will be tough. Some of the forecasters said the nation’s unemployment rate could rise as high as 9 percent for all of 2009 and hit 10 percent next year. In 2008, the jobless rate averaged 5.8 percent, the highest since 2003. The survey’s median forecast would be 8.4 percent next year.

  Companies touching every part of the economy have announced thousands of layoffs already this year and more cuts came last week. Good-year Tire & Rubber Co., said it will cut nearly 5,000 jobs, or almost 7 percent of its work force, this year, following the elimination of about 4,000 jobs in the second half of last year. General Motors Corp. and Chrysler, which are asking the government for billions more in aid to remain viable, announced plans to cut 50,000 more jobs, 47,000 of which would be at GM.

  The Fed said the unemployment rate could stay elevated into 2011. Some analysts think the jobless rate won’t drop down to a more normal range of around 5 percent until 2013 — at the earliest.

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**Granholm to bring jobs to MI**

- **GRANHOLM, from page 3**

  Despite votes in the state legislature that were not even close, the new law has both its opponents and its supporters. Proponents expect the vehicle battery industry to be worth $50 billion by the year 2020 and hope that it can also help development of electric cars and hope that it can also help backer alike can do little more than wait and see what will result.

  The Trayless Tuesday on Feb. 17, Phelps served 2,488 students throughout the whole day, resulting in a reduction of 222 gallons of water, eight pounds of detergent, and 207 pounds of food waste in Phelps Dining Hall when compared with Feb. 18, on which 2,469 students were served.

**Dance 35 performs at Hope**

- **DANCE 35, from page 5**

  “The better stewards we are in our energy and food, the less our resources will need to work on that,” said Danielle Reif ('10), a junior English major. ”We hope to get to a place where our facility is designed around trayless dining.”

  "A modification already underway is the renovated dish line in the dishroom. VanHeukelom said that he had introduced the old rollers that had previously only worked trays to a stainless steel chute system that works with both trays and lone dishes. He also said that he hopes to replace the dish handling system, which even though it currently works, is not ideal and could better accommodate trayless dining.

  VanHeukelom said that he hopes at some point in the future to replace existing equipment with equipment that allows for food and beverage areas in the dining area,” VanHeukelom said. “We hope to get to a place where our facility is designed around trayless dining.”

  Despite a plethora of opinions from students, VanHeukelom sees trayless dining as the future. “Our long range goal, when we move into the new facility, is to design it as such that we’d have enough food and beverage areas in the dining area,” VanHeukelom said. “We hope to get to a place where our facility is designed around trayless dining.”

**Economy stumbling; recession through `09**

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Hockey

Hope shooting for national tournament run

James Ralston
Co-Sports Editor

Making the national tournament in a collegiate sport is never an easy task. Five Hope College seniors have made the trip every year of their career at Hope. Hockey seniors Ryan Kelly, Jon Hatfield, Patrick Newhall, Mike Headley and Zach Van Timmeren have made a lasting impression, setting pace with the nation's best year after year.

The team will be making their eight straight appearance at the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III national tournament on March 4-7. They will enter the 16-team tournament ranked as the top seed in the North Region.

Remaining constant throughout the eight-year streak has been Coach Chris Van Timmeren. “One of the biggest reasons for our continued success has been coach's recruiting,” Kelly said. “We bring in four or five strong players each year. He also does a great job scouting other teams and preparing; we enter every game a step ahead of the competition.”

Before heading to the national tournament, the team faced off against the best of Michigan in the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference tournament. The team qualified into the tournament with high expectations, but was upset by Oakland University 2-3 in the first round.

“Last week’s game was disappointing; we played very strong but still lost,” Hatfield said. “Nothing went into the goal for us and we just couldn’t put it away. It has happened to us a couple of times this year, we just have to finish plays, take the scoring opportunities and turn it into goals.”

Despite the upset, the team moved on to qualify for a silver ball and exit from the tournament.

“It's disappointing because we didn’t play to our potential, but it also makes us look like a more realistic team going into the ACHA playoffs,” Hatfield said. “That can be a big advantage for us, and if we play to our potential we can come out on top.”

Our expectations from day one have been to win nationals,” Kelly said. "Now that we have had some losses, we have a reality check, so we’re coming in as more of an underdog. Our goal is to win, so going in without the prestige might help. The expectation is still there, but we realize that we can be beat, so we have to work hard if we want to be able to meet our goal.

In order to prepare for the tournament, they also realize that some adjustments must be made.

“As of right now things are not going as planned,” Kelly said. “So we’re trying to shake things up to find the bit of motivation and make things ready in a week.”

On top of the senior leaders, said other players have stepped up as standouts for the team.

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**MIAA Records**

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Ryan Nelis (’10) 48.88. Previous record was 49.65.

Women’s 1,650-Yard Freestyle
Sarah Sohn (’12) 17:26.54. The previous record was 17:26.62 in 1996.

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**SWIMMING & DIVING**

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**PRESSURE’S ON— Ryan Kelly (’09) vies for the puck in a game earlier this season. The Hope hockey team starts the ACHA national tournament March 4.**

FORWARD Chris Kunnen (’12) and defender Dan Bolt (’10) received first team all-conference honors due to their strong performances throughout the year.

“Chris has come in strong as a freshman, and for a freshman to come in and play as well as he has is special,” Kelly said. “The team looks up to him with the speed and skills, it’s always nice for him to have the weight and motivate the team.”

“Dan is a true leader and plays every game as hard as he can,” Hatfield said. “He is one of the best defenders in the league, if not the count. The team will be making the trip to Rochester, New York for their first round game against the University of Tennessee on March 4.

**MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Jesse Reimink
Jesse Reimink (’09) was named the MIAA men’s basketball player of the week for the third time this season after giving a 25-point performance in the final regular season victory against Trine. He has finished the season as the MIAA’s leading scorer, the first Hope player to do so in 13 years. In addition to being the top scorer, Reimink finished Top 5 in four other statistical categories.

Jenny Cowen
Jenny Cowen (’10) was named the MIAA women’s basketball player of the week for the second time this season after helping the Flying Dutch clinch an outright MIAA Championship. Cowen scored nine points during the game against Olivet and came alive to put up 26 points and nine rebounds in the final regular season game against Calvin. During the week of the season, Cowen shot 50% from the field with a 56% average from the 3-point range and 66% from the free-throw line.
Baseball

In 2008, Hope College’s baseball team had their first losing season in 12 years. After an uncharacteristic fourth place finish in the MIAA, the team is looking to return to their winning ways this season. “We have had good success in the past and are hoping to build on that,” Coach Stu Fritz said.

With 19 letterwinners bringing their experience to the team this spring, the Flying Dutchmen should be in good shape to accomplish their goal. Nine new players complete the 28-member team, which will be led by captains Robby Poll (’10), Matt Vander Velde (’09) and Dustin Wuis (’09). Preparation for the season began on Feb. 1 and will continue daily until March 13, when the team plays their first game of the season in Florida.

Women’s Tennis

After having their most successful season in nine years, the women’s tennis team is working to continue on that path this spring. The Flying Dutch posted a 16-7 record in dual meets last year and ended in third place in the MIAA for the second year in a row. Like the men’s tennis team, they also received the Team GPA Award from the MIAA and were honored by the ITA as scholar athletes.

Eight returning letterwinners and three new freshmen are on the tennis team this spring. Three-time All-MIAA player Samantha Stille (’09) is the lone senior and captain on the team. Like the men’s team, the women have begun their season indoors. On Feb. 20, they defeated Carthage College, 6-3, but lost to Wheaton College, 7-2, on Feb. 21. They will next play Ferris State in Big Rapids, Mich. on March 3.

Men’s Track

The men’s track team had one of its best seasons last spring and is working to carry that success over into 2009. In 2008, the team finished with its highest point total at the MIAA meet since the current point system began in 2000 and received second place in the conference. Three athletes also qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships.

Half of this spring’s men’s track team is entering the season as letterwinners from last year. Coach Kevin Cole is confident that this will be good for the team. “We have lost some important athletes through graduation, but we also have a large number of newcomers this year,” Cole said. “Our numbers are increased over last year, and I believe we are stronger across the board than last year.”

The team will be led by Rob Bailey (’09), who received All-MIAA honors for cross country last fall, and reigning MIAA triple jump champ Jeff Minkus (’10).

Softball

The softball team hopes to continue the success they have experienced in the past. The team has won 20 or more games every season since 2004, including a 25-14 record last year and third place in the MIAA. This success has made longtime coach Karla Wolters the fifth winningest NCAA Division III softball coach.

Despite losing six starters to graduation, 12 of the 20 players on this year’s softball team are returning letterwinners. Three of these players include All-Region shortstop Beth Yahraus (‘10), two-time All-MIAA first baseman and captain Kelly Diamatra (‘09), and captain Deidra Enochs (‘10), who was the starting pitcher for 18 games last season.

“If it will be fun to see how we play on the field and if our youth and senior leaders can lead us to victory,” Wolters said.

The team is currently conditioning and practicing indoors to help them prepare for the indoor Finlandia Tournament in Marquette on Feb. 27 and 28.

Men’s Tennis

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Nine letterwinners are back from last spring’s tennis team. Among these letterwinners is senior co-captain John Pelton. Pelton was voted the most valuable player in the MIAA last season and competed in the NCAA Division III national tournament. Three-time letter winners Zach Huber (’09) and John Schlotz (’09) will also lead the team as co-captains. The team has already begun to compete this season in indoor venues. On Feb. 19 and 20, they played in the Grand Rapids City Tournament, a non-scoring, five-team tournament. On Feb. 27, they will continue their indoor portion of the season at DePauw University in Indiana.

Women’s Track

The women’s track team also scored its highest point total at the MIAA meet since the system started in 2000. In addition, they set a school record by scoring 13 points at the NCAA Division III Championships, which earned them 20th place out of 83 teams.

Despite the fact that the women’s track team is young this year, with only two juniors and five seniors on the 49 member team, coach Kevin Cole has high hopes for the season. “Our primary goal is always to win the conference,” Cole said. “We would also like to qualify a large number of individuals for the national championships and place well at nationals.”

Team captains are Sarah Multer (’09), Emily Vander Meer (’09) and Nora Kuiper (’09), who is a three-time MIAA champion and MIAA record holder in the 100-meter dash and came in fifth in the same event at the national championships.

Spring sports: aiming high

A look at the season to come
compiled by Bethany Stripp

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