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Santorum campaigns for Ottawa County vote

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discourse, and the more of that we have, the better. So I really hope that he takes questions and we have an open discourse and we can aid democracy in that way,” said Lee Marcus (*12), president of the Hope College Democrats.

Santorum’s speech covered campaign topics such as health care reform, his plans for smaller government and growing the private sector, and the recent birth control debate.

Throughout his speech, Santorum continually emphasized the importance of family values and religious freedom in America, as he believes both to be threatened by the possibility of four more years of the Obama administration.

Santorum also made sure to make his speech relatable to the people of Western Michigan, praising Ottawa County as “the second-most Republican county in America.” He criticized the snobbish or elitist outlooks of other politicians while describing himself as more approachable and down-to-earth. “I come from Western Pennsylvania. I come from many areas that are very similar to Michigan, and I can tell you, we went through some tough times, but I always believed that government wasn’t the answer.”

This statement echoed the words of Rev. Tyler Wagenmaker, one of Santorum’s opening speakers, who said, “We’re not like liberals, every time we see a problem we don’t have a government program to fix it,” a statement welcomed with applause from the audience.

Reactions to Santorum’s speech varied and were predictably divided along partisan lines. “I thought he did well. I thought the topics he covered and the way he approached a lot of the issues is what we’re looking for in our next president,” Elzinga said.

Marcus, on the other hand, said, “I was really disappointed in the way that they fielded questions, and I was disappointed that it didn’t end up being an event where there was open discourse.”

Even more were upset by the absence of questions taken from Hope students; the three questions that were taken were asked by older community members.

Regardless of individual political alignments, having a presidential candidate on Hope’s campus was widely accepted as an honor and privilege. “I think anytime we could have national leaders in front of undergraduates it’s a good thing because it helps them engage with the civic process. We have terrific leadership of the student group that made the invitation and they worked very well with college staff in the events and conferences office and that joint partnership made it happen,” said Provost Richard Ray.
"They put a stake in the heart of efforts to resolve this medicare. Hopefully." – U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice, speaking of China and Russia’s veto of the resolution for Syria’s Bashar al-Assad to step down.

"Think of what happened after 9/11. The minute before there was any assessment, there was glee in the administration that we can invade Iraq, and so the war drums beat...that’s exactly what they’re doing now with Iran." – Ron Paul speaking in Ames, Iowa.

"It is going to fail...it is going to be going tomorrow rising from the west than to see all these orders, all these measures that is harking our growth, bringing us to normal life." – Greek journalist Stylianos Chrysoyomitidos speaking of a Greek deal with the European Union and the I.M.F.

"If a women's employer is a charity or a hospital that has a religious objection to providing contraceptive services as a part of their health plan, the insurance company, not the hospital, not the charity, will be required to reach out and offer the woman contraceptive care free of charge." – President Barack Obama speaking at a White House press conference.

"We can cut back on the things that we don't need, but we also have to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share for the things that we do need." – President Obama, speaking at a campaign event in Chicago, unveiling a $3.8 trillion budget for 2013.

"It seems like the president has decided again to campaign instead of govern and that he's just going to duck this country's fiscal problems." – House Select Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., after Obama released his budget plan.

"The General Assembly is dangerously close to making Virginia the first state in the country to grant personhood rights to fertilized eggs."

– Tara Irwin of NAALP, Pro-Choice Virginia, after a Repeal of Contraceptive Mandate two of the most restrictive anti-abortion bills in years through the Virginia House.

News from the other Holland:

Cory Lakatos West New York

A new website that invites Dutch nationals to complain about immigrants in the United States and Central Europe is circulating in the Netherlands. The site was created by the Free Democrat Party, which occupies the heart of efforts to resolve the Dutch asylum crisis. In an interview with the New York Times, the site's creator, Geert Wilder, who was born in the Ukraine but has worked in the Netherlands for 20 years, voiced his concerns about the asylum crisis affecting the Netherlands. "We need to know," he said. "What are the asylum seekers doing in the Netherlands?" The site is against all European and indeed human values to attack a group of people in this way. It is not going to be able to ignore a country, a city, or a European people. We know that they are campaigning anonymously.

Categories include double parking, loud and obnoxious music, and the use of mobile phones. The European Commission has condemned the party's website, and the Euro- pean Parliament has advocated new rules to combat discrimination in the Netherlands. In every country there are good and bad people, but to have a site that targets people from Eastern Europe and asks people to say bad things about them, it's wrong and I don't think any good can come from the site.

Despite the widespread out- cry against the Freedom Party, more than 100,000 have been reported to the party's leader, Geert Wilder, the party's leader, sites this as proof that Dutch voters are using the site as a legitimate outlet for free speech. Wilder has told the Euro- pean Parliament to "get stumped." "They should mind their own business," he said. "We are a sovereign country, we are a democratic political party and we voice the concerns of many Dutch." In the past, Wilder and his party have been accused of inciting hate speech by launching out against European Muslims. Some observers, including Godfried Engbersen, professor of sociology at Erasmus Uni- versity in Rotterdam, believe that the Freedom Party is not only separating Eastern Europeans from Westerners but also using against Islam as a platform. Speaking to the BBC, Eng- bersen spoke of the Dutch controversy in terms that are reminiscent of the debate over immigration in the United States. "The Poles are do- ing the job that the Dutch people don't want to do themselves. So they are not illegal be- ing at jobs at all, but Mr. Wilder needs to unite the people and he is using hate and fear to do that to try and boost his own political support," he said. Immigration has been a hot- button issue in the Netherlands and other European nations for years. The national statis- tics bureau recently estimated that in the Netherlands there are cur- rently 168,000 migrants from Morocco, 197,000 from Turkey and 300,000 from Eastern Europe. Of the lat- ter group, four out of five mi- grant workers are from Poland. Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte has thus far nei- ther condemned nor sup- ported the actions of the Freedom Party, most likely because he needs its support to keep his government in power.

Amelie Koonce

More contractors dying in Iraq

The largest concentration of deaths cen- tered around a few con- tracting companies or at least that's how the deaths are being tracked by the U.S. government. The deaths are those of "inter- preters, drivers, security guards and other people who are particularly vulnerable to attacks." The families of foreigner- ened contractors employed by contractors gen- erally receive benefits for life totaling half of the salary of their deceased. The families of Americans are entitled to higher benefits. The largest concentra- tion of deaths cen- tered around a few con- tracting companies or at least that's how the deaths are being tracked by the U.S. government. The deaths are those of "interpreters, drivers, security guards and other people who are particularly vulnerable to attacks." The families of foreigner-
The Euro crisis: A turning point

Brent Wilkinson
Guest Writer

The Greek debt crisis may fi-
nally reach a turning point. On
Friday, European heads of state
and finance officials negotiated a
settlement to relieve Greek debt.

The settlement would provide a
bailout of €30 billion (€17 bil-
lion) to Greece, which would
allow it to redeem bonds
worth €14.5 billion (€9 bil-
lion) by their deadline of March
20. Restructuring the Greek debt
would also provide mild ad-
ditional relief to the government.
Finance ministers at the nego-
tiation were varied. The German
stock market DAX rallied sharply,
gaining 1.4 percent. A Spiegel
poll of German finance ministers,
however, showed that the major-
ity were preparing themselves for
the failure of the proposal and the
subsequent default of Greece.

Moreover, Friday’s announce-
ment merely indicated lead-
ers’ confidence that they will
reach a settlement. The details of
such a settlement now must be
worked out. In the past, logis-
tics have been the Achilles heel
of many debt reduction propos-
als. Among the many decisions
that have to be made regarding
the settlement — perhaps most
importantly — the distribution of
the money must be deter-
mined. Some experts believe
will withhold part of the funds until
after Greece’s April elections.

In addition to the distribution
of funds, some negotiators are
seeking institutional and policy
reform from the Greek government
to ensure that the country’s debt con-
 tinues to shrink. Further auster-
ity measures will no doubt be in-
cluded, but the exact condi-
tions of the bailout are unknown.

Since that time 21 people have
been arrested, none of whom
worked for The Sun. Among those
are Rupert Murdoch, chairman of
The Sun’s parent company News
Corporation, which is reportedly
flying to Britain in the wake of the
arrests.

This is not News Corp’s first
scandal. Last summer the

Chief foreign correspondent
John Edwards, a picture editor;
John Sturges, a reporter.

Five of the eight accord-
ing to police, were employees of
the British Tabloid The Sun,
mostly in senior positions.

While names were not re-
 leased by the police, officers
did confirm that one of those
arrested was a Surrey police of-
fer. Others arrested in-
cluded a member of the armed
forces and a civil servant from
the Ministry of Defense.

The Surrey Police told jour-
nalists that they had handed
the matter over to the
dependent Police Complain-
tion Commission. The Ministry
of Defense gave no comments.

According to the BBC, the
arrests were part of the police
case “Operation Elveden,” which
was meant to investigate bribes
to police officers. Those ar-
rested were taken to police sta-
tions in Essex, Kent, London,
and Worcestershire.

An email sent to Sun em-
ployees gave the names of those
arrested as Geoff Webster, a
deputy editor; John Kay, chief re-
porter; Nick Parker, the paper’s

News Corp. has initiated investi-
gations into a number of crises
that have shaken the company
in recent years.

BRIEBRY ALLEGIATIONS— A protester imitates Rupert Murdoch. Protests over the phone hacking scandal.

Shubham Sapkota

Workers fear that this is not just
another episode in Europe’s
domestic debate about the
very heart of corporate gov-
ernance of the company,” said
Labour MP Tom Watson.

All of the eight arrest-
ed are currently out on bail.

February 22, 2012

Arab League calling for help
with peacekeeping in Syria

Shubham Sapkota

A week after a UN Security
Council resolution was vetoed
by Russia and China, the Arab
League is calling for a joint
peacekeeping force to end the
11-month conflict in Syria.

Amnesty International would
be a joint effort by the Arab
League and UN peace-
keeping forces. The proposal
called a “peace mission in
Cairo where the league tried to
focus on new ways in which they
could diminish the bloodshed in
Syria.

The ministers who adopted the
resolution asked the Se-
curity Council to allow a joint
Arab-United Nations force to
“supervise the execution of a
cease-fire.” They have also ad-
vocated for the Arab League
to “halt all forms of diplo-
matic cooperation” with the Syrian
government.

Moreover, they sup-
pported the notion of coop-
eration and communicating with
Syrian opposition and
providing all forms of politi-
cal and financial support to
them. However, the resolu-
tion has not yet specified
what form of support it would
be, and neither has it rec-
ognized the Syrian National
Council, which is the legiti-
mate representative of Syr-
ian people in the opposition.

While the politicians and
ministers of the Arab League
have continued to focus on
diplomatic efforts, the Syr-
jian government has made
no move toward a cessation
of violence.

The regime
stated on Sunday night that it
“completely rejected” any
diplomatic approach to deal-
ing with what was going on.

The Syrian ambassador to
London, in an interview, said
mad, further strengthened their
disapproval when he
claimed that the decision re-
cognizing the “Syrian Na-
cional Council” by the Arab
League.

Moreover, it is unclear
whether or not the United
Nations would actually ap-
prove of such a mission.

The Security Council has been
unwilling in the past to de-
ploy peacekeeping missions
where there is no peace to
keep. The Council is not out-
lined in its criteria on how to
deal with the situation in
Syria, as was evidenced when
Russia and China vetoed a
resolution in March that was
called for an end to the vio-
ence that is ongoing in Syria.

Regardless of what the United
Nations may do, West-
ern and Arab League nations
have formed a “Friends of Syria”
coalition, which is similar in
terest to the group
that was used to put pressure
on Libya prior to the fall of the
regime.

It is going to take time to see
if United Nations efforts alone
will be enough to end the con-
frontation. The international
community will do anything to
intervene in this crisis; until
now there was no sign of that.

February 19

1473: Copernicus, the founder of modern
astronomy and originator of the heliocentric model of the solar system, is
born.

1942: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs execu-
tive order 9066, which leads directly to the
establishment of inter-
ment camps for Japanese
Americans.

February 20

1962: John Glenn Jr. becomes the first Ameri-
can to orbit the Earth when he is successfully
launched into space in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

2006: A gang of at least six men pull off the larg-
est robbery in British his-
tory, stealing £53 million from the Securitas bank
depot in Kent.

February 21

1848: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels publish “The Communist Mani-
 festo” in London.

1916: The 10-month-long Battle of Verdun, the longest battle of World
War I, begins at 7:12 a.m.

February 22

1868: The New York Times reports that President
Ulysses S. Grant ordered the
establishment of intern-
ment camps for Japanese
Americans.

February 23

1845: President Andrew Johnson becomes
the first president in U.S. his-
tory to impeach.

February 24

1840: Former President John Quincy Adams
dies during the Amistad
case in front of the U.S.
Supreme Court.

1868: President Andrew
Johnson becomes the
first president in U.S. his-
tory to impeach.

February 25

1948: President Eduard Benez of Czechoslovakia
bows to pressure from the
Communists and
allows the organiza-
tion of a communis-
dominated government.

Source: history.com

The Anchor, February 22, 2012
Theater shakes up DeWitt with Shaker production

MacKenzie Anderson

MacKenzie Anderson marks the opening of “As It Is In Heaven,” the most recent Hope College Theatre Department production. The play will run Feb. 22 – Feb. 25. “As It Is In Heaven” by Arlene Hutton focuses on the women of the Shaker community of Pleasant Hill, Ky., during a time of religious revival and conflict. Trouble arises within the community when young newcomers begin to express their spiritual beliefs in ways which defy the strict Shaker traditions.

The play touches on a topic to which students can relate the expression and persecution of personal spiritual identities. The Shakers found their identity in their spirituality and later in their religious traditions. With the various freedoms that come with leaving home, often one finds a need to define his or her identity, which differs from their identity with their activities, academics, friend groups or, like the Shakers, through their expression of spiritual beliefs. The young women in this play encounter opposition from the leaders of their community when they express their faith in radical ways.

Directed by John Tammi, “As It Is In Heaven” showcases traditional Shaker worship songs and dances during scene transitions. Elizabeth Dwyer (’12) served as the production’s vocal director, teaching the various a cappella Shaker songs to the cast. Linda Graham of the dance department, who had previous experience with the Shakers, served as the choreographer for the production.

The Shakers were both admired and derided – admired for their successful and industrious work ethic, their aesthetic and functional designs and their pragmatic inventions; at the same time they were derided for their eccentricities and one of which was dancing. Through their shaking dances, which eventually became highly choreographed, they released their tensions. Ecstatic dance was also their plug-in to God. Through dance, they related themselves, and therefore could open themselves to God. Graham said.

It is a long history of ecstatic dance in many faiths serving as a direct conduit to God. It is believed that the first dance was actually ritualized for this purpose, and all other forms, styles and conceptions of dance have stemmed from this sacred purpose,” Graham said.

Ten women comprise the play’s small cast, including freshmen Rebecca Flinker and Taylor Ann Krahn; sophomores Molly Coyne and Alexa Diumstra; juniors Laura Clement, Kaithin Colburn, Kelley Colburn, Sophia Daly and Kaja Von Wesbyck; and Kara Williams, a senior. On Friday there will be a discussion panel after the show. Audience members are encouraged to stay after the performance to discuss the production and the questions it raises with professor Lynn Lapinga, Deborah Schakel and Diana Van Kloken.

Scene and properties were designed by the resident scenic designer Prof. Richard L. Smith. Costumes were designed by director theatre and resident costume designer Prof. Michelle Bombe. Lighting and sound were designed by resident sound and lighting designer and manager of theatre facilities professor Perry Landes. Andrew Gras, a junior, served as the assistant lighting designer. Tickets for “As It Is In Heaven” are $10 for regular admission, $7 for senior citizens and Hope faculty and staff and $5 for students. Tickets are available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395-7890.

Hope artist profile: photographer Ji-Hyun Jung

Ben Lemmen

What inspired you to pick up a camera as the tool for your art?

I’m just thinking of all the times I was sitting in the back seat of my mom’s car when we’re driving down the highway, and I see the way that certain clouds are parting and the way the light hits them. And it’s like, ‘Oh, I wish I could capture that. I wish I could capture the moment someone laughed, or the moment someone cried, or the smell of a cake when someone cuts it at a wedding. I try to capture all those other essences that are not just a picture but a whole sight. So, when you look at a picture, you can hear that baby laughing because at that moment it was legitimately laughing. You often use people as your subjects. Are there other objects, or themes, that you enjoy capturing?

I really like nature and architecture. Which is funny because they’re two completely opposite things; one is man-made and one is God-made. But I like nature because I know that it’s so temporary. Like the moments when I’m walking after the rain and there’s those little dew droplets on a tree. Things that are so temporary that I know I need to capture them. I like that. I like architecture because... things so sharp and shiny just look really cool on camera. (Laughs) I guess there’s no other way to really explain that one.

What outlets are you using to get your work out to the general public?

Obviously a lot of media. I actually never wanted my work to go anywhere. It was honestly just more convenient to have a website for people to put an inquiry into me. I never meant to be a big business, but I’ve had to decline so many clients because I’m a full-time student. I don’t think that the business is not something I intended to pursue; just something that’s on the side. Facebook also works like magic, if you know how to work it right as a tool. I have a page on there, and remember when I got like 600 fans in a few days, but I did not intend that at all. There are a lot of avenues through there. Like, randomly I got like 70 likes on a call within the first week of making my website. It was a person in California and they told me that they had found my information on the back of a CD in a hair salon. I was like, “What is my information doing there?!”

All I did was make a website. I didn’t advertise it by any means. I didn’t do business cards or anything. The world’s crazy.

So, could you see photography as a possible career path?

It’s funny because so many people ask, “So, you’re majoring in photography?” And I would maybe say something like, “Okay, every customer is like, ‘Okay, every customer is getting the same thing, I want something fresh, but don’t know what else to do!’ But I think that when you are truly creative, you don’t look at all the websites, get inspired by people, and try to imitate it; you do your own thing. You see things the way no one has seen something before.”

Any advice for aspiring photographers?

I would say to literally just pick up a camera and go for it. I’ve had so many people come up to me and say, “I see things and I want to take pictures, but I know I’m not a good photographer.” Well, how do you know? They say, “I’m just not artistic.” But have they ever tried? The thing is, photography is so different than any other form of art because you don’t have to recreate it; you just have to see and know how to feel it. Honestly, I think it’s a passion that a lot of people can pursue, and it’s a lifelong thing. I really would consider it for anyone. If it was something like painting or something like that, I would maybe say something different. But just go for it, and practice. No one can teach you to be a good photographer; you just have to keep working at it.

Check out her work at www.ji-jungphotography.com.
Hope Grows helps orphans grow own food

Fashion blog evolves into social media marketing effort

Hope students turn business ideas into reality

Lifestyle branding company ignites Great Lakes passion

Name: Colleen Quick
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Springfield, Ill.
Major: Undecided

The Anchor: Where did you get the idea for “Hope Grows”? I started going to Juárez (Mexico) on mission trips with my church. The trips were led by my father and we would go about four times a year. In 2008, my dad started a non-profit organization called Amigos in Cristo that helps keep children off of the streets. Amigos in Cristo is a group of church volunteers that work with my friends. I love going to the orphanage, seeing the children who oversee the gardens. I have always been a heavy eater and that was the main reason why I was so interested in growing food.

The Anchor: Why are you passionate about this cause?
Q: I am really passionate about children who are living in poverty and feeding the hungry. It has always been a heavy eater and that was the main reason why I was so interested in growing food.

The Anchor: How did you turn TIWAH into a business venture?
EH: One day I mentioned TIWAH to my friend and she was very interested in it, so we sat down, talked about it, and decided that we wanted to make some type of business out of it.

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I’ve always perceived college as the time when you finish the transition from being a kid into being an adult. But recently I’ve noticed that even as a senior, I don’t really view myself as an adult. And looking at my classmates, I don’t see anyone else who I think of as an adult.

Sure I think I’m generally responsible, and based on my age I’m legally an adult, but when I think of myself, the term “college kid” pops up in my mind.

College has been marketed by Hollywood as everyone’s last chance to be a kid and people seem to be carrying this mindset into their post-college lives. There is nothing wrong with taking some time before you “settle down” and there is nothing wrong with not wanting to “settle down” at all. But this desire to pursue personal interests needs to be tempered with responsibility, and based on the number of post-college graduates who are still reliant on their parents, this is not happening.

Before people take the time to chase their dreams they need to earn that opportunity. Sure the cost of college is high, but it is a necessary step toward the life you want to lead. Do not underestimate the importance of speaking out, showing up, or giving money. Some working adults see college students as unreliable and uninterested. We can change that. We can show them we are different.

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I hope my words don’t fall on deaf ears. What we do now echoes in eternity. Each day, we have an opportunity to make a difference in the world around us.

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1) When waiting make sure you go to the bathroom beforehand. There is nothing worse than having to pee just minutes before your favorite celebrity shows up. Also, it decreases the chance that you will wet yourself just minutes before your favorite celebrity shows up.

2) Do not be that person that is taking a picture with someone just because everyone else is. And for the sake of everyone involved, ask who they are while you are getting their autograph.

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4) Do not be a mime. Thrusting your pen and paper in the celebrity’s face, while smiling, is not a good idea. Try having a normal conversation. Ask how their day is going or thank them for taking the time to sign your used Kleenen.

5) Think before you speak. There is nothing worse than meeting someone and blurting out the first thought that pops into your brain when you have watched on screen for years. It’s usually something stupid. For example:

Don’t yell, “I want to have your baby!” This is just uncomfortable for you, the celebrity and the entire crowd you have so willingly announced your desires to. The following comments are also unacceptable: Talk dirty to me. You’re better looking onscreen. How’s your ex-wife? You are my God. Will you marry me? I hate you. Can I have your autograph? Can you help me with my math homework?

6) Don’t really think before you speak. I mean it. When you have scripted what you are going to say, make sure to say exactly what you plan. I’m not kidding. In the moment it is really hard to remember what you have planned, but really really just stick to your script. Otherwise, you’ll say something like: “I’ve always wanted to meet you for ever! Will you be my friend? This is a dream come true! You’re real, like right here in front of me! I can’t believe this is happening! Oh my God, I love you.”

7) Do not cry in front of said celebrity. Some people will tell you that it is flattering, but I cannot urge you enough to keep your composure. You will look ridiculous. If it makes you feel better, you can tell yourself the appreciate the enthusiasm and the intentions of your actions, but they do not. Do not under any circumstances attempt to caress their face. This will end poorly for you every time. You will be slapped with a restraining order at best, if you are lucky. You can however, accidently brush hands when getting their autograph.

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A life worth living

Intentionality

Marc Töri
Colunnist

Do you remember SOPA and PIPA? They were bills introduced in the U.S. Congress that would censor content on the Internet, among other things. They were highly controversial, but it was clear that Internet users were not in favor. Several people changed their Facebook profile pictures and tweeted about the injustice of censoring the Internet.

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begin the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays, I have "uni" — simply put, class.

The walk to campus takes me down a muddy trail alongside the River Don, through the sprawling and green Seaton Park, up a hill past the enormous Cathedral Church of St. Machar (built in the 1130s), and down cobblestone roadways lined with humble cottages, small pubs, and bakeries. I enjoy four hours of lectures on Victorian and Scottish literature on Tuesdays, and I immerse myself in the analysis and discussion of the material in the four-hour tutorials on Fridays. My schedule is much more relaxed than I imagined. My dorm is much closer than I expected. My roommates are much more likeable than I thought. So even though the funeral is over, and break is over, I'm not over my grandma dying. And I can't ever cry, but was then. And through the shaky tears he told me what I'd already suspected: that my grandma had died.

Winter break was supposed to be a fun, relaxing couple of days. I had a few set plans but left lots of room for spur-of-the-moment decisions, naps and even a little homework. But things changed pretty quickly early on Saturday morning. Instead of waking up to the sun streaming in my big, south-facing windows, I woke up to a tap on my bedroom door. It was still dark out, and for a moment I was really confused. Then my door opened and my dad came in and sat down on my bed. And then I got a feeling in my gut that I'd only had a few times before in my life, on the days when my grandpas died.

My dad said something like "I'm sorry to have to tell you this" and I know I responded with, "Oh, no." And then I was crying and hugging him my dad, who almost never cries, but was then. And through the shaky tears he told me what I'd already guessed: that my grandma had died.

He had to leave then, to go take care of things, and I rolled over, trying to fall back asleep… but I couldn't. I guess I'd known it was coming, as my grandma had been slowly declining for about a year. Most of the time, she really wasn't herself, and her world seemed childishly and selfishly small. So I'm not saying that everyone needs to get married and have kids. I think that this is still a valuable message.

Everything that I keep missing. "Father… give my family your wisdom... give us all the awareness of your great love for us all."

So I'm not saying that everyone needs to get married and have kids, but I think it's worth considering that sometimes, these things can actually make your life better.
average while still providing an above average education. He attributes this success to "realistically, disciplined effort to control costs, strategic financial planning, targeting stewardship efforts, and diligent student recruiting and fundraising efforts."

Despite these promising statements, many students are not convinced that the tuition increase is necessary. Sophomore Sara Beasley, who holds two jobs to help pay for Hope (one of which involves babysitting at 5:45 am!) is not pleased by the numbers. When asked how she felt about the tuition increase Beasley said, "As a transfer student, I don't receive much financial aid and my parents can only pay for so much. Working two jobs on top of school isn’t easy but it is necessary for me to be able to afford it. One of those jobs is in the admissions office talking to accepted students and the most common thing I hear is ‘I love Hope but my family just can’t afford it.’"

And Beasley is not alone. All across the country students are forced to search for yet another job or pray for additional financial aid to supplement the skyrocketing sticker price of their college education. Although this has caused frustration for students and parents, Hope says it is doing its best to offer an above average education with a below average tuition increase.

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Peace Corps offers post-grad option

Furthermore, certain academic concentration and language combinations were cited as potentially helpful, such as environmental degrees and Spanish or Agriculture and French.

Rutter took steps to both prepare himself for the Peace Corps and give him a competitive edge. "I knew after applying to the Peace Corps that I wanted to be involved in the entrepreneurial aspect of their small business advising program, so I chose to continue to pursue learning from and experimenting with the growing entrepreneurial crowd in West Michigan. These experiences and relationships have worked to prepare me for the unknown - to critically think and properly react in high-stress scenarios. More importantly, however, I have sought spiritual training and preparation from my local elders and church to strengthen me for endurance and perseverance in the faith within non-Christian cultures,” Rutter said.

While there is no "typical" Peace Corps volunteer, 90 percent of those in service do have a college degree. And while the average age to serve is 28, seven percent are over the age of 50. Twenty percent are minorities, 61 percent are women, and 39 percent are men.

If you see yourself joining the ranks of these adventurous men and women, explore some of Peace Corp’s many social media outlets, which include Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and LinkedIn. For more information about the Peace Corps application process and service experience, visit Peace Corps offers post-grad option— A Peace Corps volunteer teaches in a classroom abroad.
Hope's men's team of Josh Grabijas ('13), Patrick Frayer ('12), Chris Waechter ('15) and Vitaly Schumilov and Eric Pell defeated Andrew Amante of GRCC 8-6. Sohn and Grabijas won the 500-yard freestyle MIAA championship for the third time on Feb. 16. Westrate took home her second consecutive 50-yard freestyle championship that day as well, winning the race with a NCAA conditional qualifying time of 23.74. Hope also won both the men's and women's 400-yard freestyle relays.

Two highlights of Feb. 16's competition came from Wiese and Kyleigh Sheldon ('13). Wiese took her men's title, finishing in 4:40:08 and Jeff Shadle ('12) finished in first place for the men for the second year in a row. Westrate won her third 200-yard freestyle gold medal and tied the school record time of 1:52.58 in the preliminary race. Nick Hazekamp ('13) set a school record that day in the 100-yard backstroke, winning a race with a time of 51.14 and won the finals with an NCAA conditional qualifying time of 51.20. Maria Kieff ('14) also won the event for the women in :57.94. The MIAA meet concluded on Feb. 18. Sohn opened the day with a win over Calvin's Stephanie Fox to be more successful for the Dutchmen, with four different players serving to a match win. Cawood led the way with three straight wins. He cruised past Casey Fremsdorff of GRCC, 6-2 6-1, then had similar results against Calvin's Loukas Peterson with a 6-0 6-3 triumph. Cawood ended with a default win over Aaron Hendrick of Aquinas.

Parker Russies ('14) clashed with Calvin's Brett DeBenedet in a close three-set match. Russies dropped the first set 4-6 but came back firing, claiming the second set 6-2 and eventually finishing off DeMaagd 10-7 in the third set.

Cody Herbruck ('15) held on against Matt Jackson of GRCC, winning in straight sets 6-3 6-4. John Panzer ('15) was the fourth Dutchmen to tally a victory, flying to a 6-2 6-2 beating of GRCC's Andrew Amante.

The Dutchmen were without two of its top players in Gabe Casher ('14) and Davis VanderVeen ('13), who were presenting research at a conference in Las Vegas. Even with those two absences, Kreps was optimistic with what he saw. “I think the second set of the tournament was good for our team,” Kreps said. “There is definitely a lot of room for improvement but for the first tournament of the season, it wasn’t bad. A lot of guys played really well on Saturday.”

With the first matches of the young indoor season completed, Kreps compared the advantages of playing indoors to outdoors. Kreps enjoys both settings. “Indoors is nice because the courts are much faster than outdoors and that definitely bodes well for my big game,” Kreps said. “Outdoors is great too because you get to add the element of the weather. It definitely can change the way you play a bit.” Another thing that changes the way you play is establishing friendships with fellow teammates and keeping each other accountable on a daily basis.

With no seniors on the roster this season, the young Dutchmen still have veteran experience with a handful of juniors who lead by example and keep each other motivated. “I think we have a chance to have a pretty successful season,” Kreps said. “The atmosphere during our practices has been great so far. We want everyone to be giving it their all in each drill.”
Dutchmen finish perfect in MIAA, honor senior class

Katherine Maguire
Sports Editor

Hope College men's basketball team defeated Trine 65-46 topping off its perfect 14-0 MIAA season record on Feb. 19.

"I think it (14-0 MIAA record) is pretty special," David Krombeen ('12) said. "It puts our senior group in a special category in history."

Hope and Trine got off to a slow start as they struggled to break their 2-2 tie for over five minutes.

The Flying Dutchmen's weak defense in the beginning left them trailing the Thunder by as many as five points during the first half.

Hope finally took the lead with less than 10 minutes left in the first half and maintained that lead throughout the game.

Going into halftime, Hope was shooting 53 percent and making 66 percent of their free throws—with a strong lead over Trine, 39-16.

"This game was won on the glass," head coach Matt Neil said.

The Flying Dutchmen continued to play strong in the second half. At one point they led the Thunder by as many as 29 points.

For the last MIAA game of their final season, Hope's four seniors, Peter Bunn, Nate King, David Krombeen, and Logan Neil, dominated the court for most of the second half.

"Our four seniors getting a chance to play together (Nate Snuggerud)," Neil said, "was a special thing."

Hope came back in the second half to tie the game. "There's just no way we're going to play," Burnett said of missing his head definitely was not right for most of the game.

"I thought Katie Overway and (Nate Snuggerud)," Krombeen said. "You have really made these four seniors, our senior group in a special category in history."

"It is tough to beat a team three times," Neil said. "I think that our team is mentally and physically tough enough to beat a team three times."

Hope will host Calvin in the semis of the MIAA tournament on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in DeVos Fieldhouse.

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Flying Dutch hold off Adrian, set for MIAA tournament

Bethany Stripp
Sports Editor

Hope College's women's basketball team closed its regular season on Saturday with a 55-49 win over the Bulldogs of Adrian.

The women entered Saturday's game after a close game at Trine on Feb. 15 that saw the Dutch fall to the Thunder 52-50.

The Dutch fought back from an 11-point deficit early in the second half to regain the lead with less than three minutes remaining, but a series of Trine free throws secured the win for the Thunder.

The Dutch had an early lead in Saturday's game against Adrian, but an 11-Bulldog run in the middle of the first half put Hope down by seven.

A jumper by Courtney Kust ('13) ended Hope's nearly seven-minute long scoring drought, and a layup by Rebekah Llorens ('15) with 5:28 left in the first half put Hope back on top.

The Dutch took a four-point lead into the break, but two quick threes from Adrian gave the Bulldogs the lead again. Two free throws by Ashley Bauman ('13) helped cut Adrian's lead before Llorens netted the Dutch's first field goal of the second half to tie the game.

A three-pointer by Liz Ellis ('13) less than a minute later gave Hope a lead they would hold on to for the rest of the game.

"I think it was really good that we got on a run and created some momentum," Ellis said. "We had some players really step up to fill spots."

Ellis led all players in scoring with 16 points. Kust recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds and 10 points. Llorens also added 10 points to the Dutch's total and Bauman grabbed nine rebounds.

Absent from Saturday's game was co-captain Maddie Burnett ('12), who suffered a concussion in the Feb. 15 game against Trine and had to sit out against Adrian.

"It was tough, but I know that my head definitely was not right to play," Burnett said of missing the game. "There's just no way that it would have worked out. I'm so proud of my team. They did awesome."

Burnett's absence allowed other players to fill in.

"We overcame the loss of another important player to our program but other people had a chance to step up," head coach Brian Morrison said. "In particular Anna Kaufmann ('14) got in the game and I thought she did some really good things, gave us seven very, very important points. I thought Katie Overway ('13) did a nice job on the glass, getting us six rebounds."

Kaufmann also had a team-high four steals in Saturday's game.

The Dutch will begin MIAA tournament play on Feb. 23 when they host Albion in a rematch of the Jan. 21 63-46 loss.

"I'm looking forward to the week ahead," co-captain Allie Cerone ('12) said. "It's a different situation than we've been in in the past, so I think that's kind of exciting. I don't think this season, no matter what happens, could be disappointing."

In the latest NCAA Division III basketball polls, the Flying Dutch are ranked number 18 going into the MIAA tournament.