Hope raises tuition 2.9% up for sixth year in a row

Mary Kelso
Guest Writer

I’m sure you received the letter and let out a collective groan: yes, tuition is going up. Again. But before pointing fingers and threatening to transfer, it may pay to look a little deeper into this issue.

For the sixth year in a row, the tuition at Hope College is increasing. This year there will be a 2.9 percent increase, which translates into $1,040. Total tuition, room and board will increase to $36,320, up from $35,280 for 2011-2012.

Tom Blysmas, the vice-president and chief fiscal officer of business services, provides some reasons behind the numbers.

First, there has been a 3 percent raise in the inflation index since last year. The 2.5 percent base wage increase approved for faculty and staff must also be taken into account.

“When determining the level of tuition, room, and board rate increases for a given year, inflationary and market pressures on these items are carefully reviewed,” Blysmas said. In a letter to Hope students and parents regarding the tuition increase, this rationale is stated: “In considering student charges, the college tries to balance two principle concerns. The first is a concern to maintain the quality that Hope students and their parents have come to expect. The second is a concern for the financial impact of the charges on Hope students and their families...We are all committed to doing everything possible to maintain the affordability of the college for our students and their parents.”

If you look at other colleges in our academic consortium, Hope’s tuition increase looks like a bargain. Last year, Hope’s increase was 1.9 percent while peer colleges averaged at 4.4 percent.

Calvin College recently approved a 4.5 percent tuition increase for the 2012-2013 academic year, bringing the total cost of attendance to $35,815.

President James Bultman, in his winter 2012 Presidential Update, outlined how Hope is able to keep the increase below

Peace Corps recruits at Hope

Lauren Madison
Campus Co-editor

The Peace Corps held a meeting February 17 to inform interested students about the Peace Corps experience, from the initial application process, to time spent in service abroad.

Three former Peace Corps members spoke about their 27-month-long international experiences, in locations diverse as Eastern Europe, Morocco and South Africa.

The first three of these 27 months are dedicated to volunteer training, in which an accepted Peace Corps member learns the language, history and culture, of the host country. Though this initial training is the most time-intensive, training sessions do continue throughout a volunteer’s Peace Corps experience.

About 20 Hope students were in attendance, more than regional recruiter Judy Torres had expected. Among these students was Matthew Rutter (’12), who successfully applied for and interviewed with the Peace Corps. He was nominated by his interviewer to serve in Sub-Saharan Africa starting summer 2012.

Rutter, a management, philosophy, and organizational leadership student, views his Peace Corps experience as “an opportunity for [his] life’s great experiment!” He views the service component of the Peace Corps experience as hugely valuable, but also looks forward to living for a period of time outside the realm of Western influence.

“The Peace Corps is an unprecedented opportunity to serve as best I can, while ‘experimenting’ with ways to lead a Gospel-centered life outside American culture. It seems like God has given me a new peace toward my decision to go. Therefore, I go,” Rutter said.

Also in attendance was Hope student and music major Kelli VanDyke (’13). “The Peace Corps can do incredible things for recent college graduates. From what they tell me, Peace Corps allows you to see and experience the world in a way you wouldn’t otherwise. Plus, it looks great on resumes.”

The Peace Corps offers its volunteers help with student loans, free travel to and from a country of service, two vacation days per month, medical and dental care, health insurance, and about $7,000 in “transition funds” upon completion of service.

Many interested in the Peace Corps worry about the competitive nature of the application process. Recruiters present at Friday’s meeting emphasized the importance of volunteer work and the ability to keep an open mind as characteristics that can be valuable in an applicant.
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 aide 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, they didn’t have someone mediate questions who was non-partisan. 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 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.

Students share the spotlight—Hope Republicans Meghan Lechner, Emily Evans, and Stewart Elzinga pose with Santorum after the rally.

Everyday scores after nine!

**Santorum Comes to Hope — Above, one of the younger Santorum supporters follows his family out of the rally. Below, Rick Santorum fields questions and speaks to Hope and Holland community members.**
**Amnellée Goetz**

More civilian workers than military personal are now dying in Iraq. This is not because fewer soldiers are on the ground, but because more jobs are being contracted out to the private sector. These jobs include catering, guards and convoy drivers, jobs traditionally performed by the military. The implications of this are complex for Americans.

The military is under obligation to announce the number and names of those deceased, in service. The statistics are widely available and frequently highlighted by the media. The private sector, however, is unregulated, has no such duty. At most they must only notify the surviving family members. American businesses are generally unaware of the statistics concerning contractors as compared to soldiers. Our ideas about how the situation is progressing are therefore skewed. On a more personal level, those civilians who gave their lives often go uncelebrated on a wide scale. It is also not uncommon for the surviving family members to go uncompensated for the deaths of their loved ones.

In an interview with the New York Times, Professor Steven Schooner said, “By continuing to outsource high-risk jobs that were previously performed by soldiers, the military, in effect, is privatizing the ultimate sacrifice.”

In 2011, “at least 430 employees of American contractors were reported killed in Afghanistan and according to information gathered for the New York Times. This information was compiled through the American Embassy in Kabul and is only partially available to the American public through the United States Department of Labor. Of these 430 employees, 386 were working for the Defense Department and 43 for the United States Agency for International Development. One of these 430 worked for the State Department. An independent organization compiled a list of deaths of American soldiers for the Department of Defense, coming up with a total of 418 deceased. In record standards for private contractors are currently low and experts suspect that many contractors do not meet even these minimum requirements. Schooner said, “No one believes we’re underreporting military deaths. Everyone believes we’re underreporting contractor deaths!” According to the New York Times, American defense contractors are required to report the “war zone deaths and injuries of contractors, including subcontractors and foreign workers – to the Department of Labor, and to carry insurance to provide the employees with medical care and compensation.”

The families of foreigners employed by contractors generally receive benefits for life totaling half of the salary of their deceased. The families of Americans are entitled to higher benefits. The largest concentration of death centers around a few contracting companies or at least 159 companies who are reporting with fair reliability the deaths of their employees, while in the United States the deaths are those of “interpreters, drivers, security guards and other workers who are particularly vulnerable to attack.”

More contractors dying in Iraq

GOING HOME — Soldiers board a C-130 aircraft to make their way back to the U.S. in August. Despite the withdrawal, soldiers and civilians continue to die in Iraq.

**Cory Lakatos**

A new website that invites complaints about immigrants in Eastern and Central Europe is called the European Mavericks website and is a coalition of 20 parties in the Netherlands. The site was created by the Freedom Party, which occupies the radical right position on Dutch politics. “Do you have problems with people from Central and Eastern Europe? Have you lost your job to a Pole, Bulgarian, Romanian or other Eastern European? We want to know,” says the website.

Writers lodge their complaints anonymously. Categories include novamente parking, loud and obnoxious behavior, and uncleanliness. The European Commission has condemned the Freedom Party’s website, and the European Parliament has scheduled a special debate on the issue for March. Joseph Daul, leader of the European People’s Party, has strongly condemned the site. “It is against all European and international human values to attack a group of people in this way. It is ridiculous to encourage hate and discrimination,” he said.

A small number of people from Russia and Poland who get drunk and play loud music, is it? Dutch people do that, too,” she said.

Kremien worries that the site encourages discrimination in the Netherlands. “In every country there are good and bad people, but to have a site that just targets peoples 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 this,” she added.

Despite the widespread outcry against the Freedom Party, over 42,000 responses have been received on the website. Geert Wilders, the party’s leader, strongly considered the site. “It is not against Dutch national sovereignty to attack a group of people in this way. It is ridiculous to encourage hate and discrimination,” he said.

In the past, Wilders and his party have been accused of inciting hate speech by lashing out against European Muslims. Some observers, including Godfried Engbersen, professor of sociology at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, believe that the Freedom Party is now scapegoating Eastern Europeans because support for its anti-Islam platform is diminishing.

Speaking to the BBC, Engbersen spoke of the Dutch controversy in terms that are reminiscent of the debate over immigration in the United States. “The US government is dealing with the war zone deaths and injuries of contractors, including subcontractors and foreign workers – to the Department of Labor, and to carry insurance to provide the employees with medical care and compensation.”

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### WORLD

#### The Euro crisis: A turning point

**Brent Wilkinson**  
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The Greek debt crisis may finally 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 euros ($41 billion) to the Greek government, allowing it to redeem bonds worth 14.5 billion euros ($19 billion) by their deadline of March 20. Restrictions on the Greek debt would also provide mild additional relief to the government. Provisions in the agreement were varied. The German stock market DAX rallied sharply, gaining 1.4 percent. A Spiegel poll of German finance ministers, however, showed that the majority were preparing themselves for the failure of the proposal and the subsequent default of Greece.

Moreover, Friday's announcement merely indicated leaders' confidence that they will reach a settlement. The details of such a settlement now must be worked out. In the past, logistics have been the cause of many debt reduction proposals.

Among the many decisions that will have to be made about the settlement—perhaps most importantly—the distribution of the money must be determined. Some leaders who got involved part of the funds until after Greece's April elections.

In addition to the distribution of funds, any leaders are also seeking institutional and policy reform from the Greek government to ensure that the country's debt continues to shrink. Further austerity measures will have no doubt be included, but the exact conditions of the bailout are unknown.

Since that time 21 people have been arrested in Greece, none of whom worked for The Sun. Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp., is reportedly flying to Britain to attend the trial in which he will face charges of bribery and fraud.

### News Corp. investigated for bribery

**Megan Stevens**  
**Staff Writer**

The New York Times reports that eight people in connection with bribery of public officials. Five of the eight, according to police, were employees of the British Tabloid The Sun, mostly in senior positions.

While names were not released, police did confirm that one of those arrested was a Surrey police officer. Others arrested included a member of the armed forces and a civil servant from the Ministry of Defense. The Surrey Police told journalists that they had handed the matter over to the independent Police Complaints Commission. The Ministry of Defense gave no comments. According to the BBC, the arrests were part of the police operation “Operation Elveden,” which was meant to investigate bribes to police officers. The arrests were made in London, Manchester, and Wiltshire.

An email sent to Sun employees gave the names of those arrested as Geoff Webster, a deputy editor; John Kay, chief reporter; Nick Parker, the paper's chief foreign correspondent; John Edwards, a picture editor; and John Sturgis, a reporter. Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp., is reportedly flying to Britain in the wake of the arrests.

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### Arab League calling for help with peacekeeping in Syria

**Shubham Sapkota**  
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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. Arab League officials say that a joint peacekeeping force would be a joint effort by the Arab League and UN peacekeeping forces. The proposal has been included in letters sent to Arab leaders 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 Security Council to allow a joint Arab United Nations force to "supervise the execution of a cease-fire." They have also advocated for the Arab League members to "halt all forms of diplomatic cooperation" with the Syrian government. Furthermore, they supported the notion of cooperation and communicating with Syria opposition and providing all forms of political and financial support to them. However, the resolution has not yet specified what form of support it would be, and neither has it recognized the Syrian National Council, which is the legitimate representative of Syrian people in the opposition. While the politicians and ministers of the Arab League have continued to focus on diplomatic efforts, the Syrian government has made no progress toward a turning point. On Sunday night that it "completely rejected" any diplomatic approach to dealing with what was going on. The Syrian ambassador to Russia, Vladimir Zinchenko, further strengthened their disapproval when he claimed that the decision reached by the Security Council was "nullification" by the Arab League. Moreover, it is unclear whether or not the United Nations would actually approve of such a mission. The Security Council has been unwilling in the past to deploy peacekeeping missions where there is no peace to keep. The Council is not fulfilling its promise on how to deal with the situation in Syria, as was evidenced when Russia and China vetoed a resolution this month calling for a cease-fire. It is on-going in Syria. Regardless of what the United Nations may do, Western and Arab League nations have formed a "Friends of Syria" group that is similar in nature 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 along with international community will do anything to intervene in this until now there was no sign of that.
MacKenzie Anderson  
Guest Writer  

This week 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 plots touch on a topic in which students can relate the expression and persecution of personal spiritual identity. 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. It is a fresh experience with their identity with their 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 Dewey (12) served as the production’s vocal director, teaching the various acoustic 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 their faith. 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 relaxed themselves, and therefore could open themselves to God.

Graham said, “There 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 Duimstra; juniors Laura Clement, Kaithlin Colburn, Kelley Colburn, Sophia Daly and Kajia Von Websky; 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 Japina, 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 Bombé.

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.

The thing is, photography is a job. But have they ever tried it? Does your creative process ever become old or forced? Do people who have a photography as a fallback, so I don’t see it as the center of where I go, but I know it will always be there. I just need to have that camera with me. It’s a tool that I’ve had so many people ask, “So, you’re majoring in photography?” And inspired with. “Nope, not at all actually.” But honestly it’s really convenient to have; if all else fails in life I can always have photography as a fallback. So, I don’t see it as the center of who I go, but I know it will always be there.

What equipment do you use to capture all those other essences that you’re talking about? It’s a tool that I’ve had to decline so many clients because I’m a full-time student. That 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 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 saw this call within the first week of making my website. It was a limited avenue. If people are wedding photographers or baby photographers, then there’s only so much that you can do. You have a mother’s belly in front of a “Bump” sign. Or the baby blocks, on the belly. After a while you’re like, “Okay, every customer is getting the same thing, I want something fresh, but don’t do that stupid thing.” 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 one has never seen 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 it? 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 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.jhunjphotography.com.
Hope students turn business ideas into reality

Lifestyle branding company ignites Great Lakes passion

Name: Emily Hattori
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Major: Public Accounting

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Major: Undecided

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Year: Senior
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Major: Business Management & Communications

“Hope Grows” is a non-profit organization that supplements Collin Quick (12) developed last summer as part of the Hope Entrepreneurs Initiative.

The Anchor: Where did you get the idea for “Hope Grows?”
Colleen Quick: When I was 8, I started going to Juarez mission trips with my father and we would go about four times a year. In 2008, my dad started a non-profit organization called Amigos in Cristo.”

The Anchor: What was the initial step in getting the gardens started?
Colleen Quick: This past summer, I wanted to test two different times with the children: one in the community garden and one with the children and locals in the community center. We also hired a garden manager who oversees the gardens. He taught the children how to plant and water when to plant the crops.

The Anchor: What is grown and how is the garden maintained?
Colleen Quick: The main things that are grown are tomatoes, onions, cilantro and peppers, all of which are foods they eat a ton of in Mexico. Children at the orphanages water the crops every day in the morning and then pull them when they are ready.

The Anchor: How did you turn TIWAH into a business venture?
Emily Hattori: Day one I mentioned TIWAH to my friend Zyee and she was very interested in it, so we set down, talked about it, and decided that we wanted to make some type of business out of it. Originally we wanted to take TIWAH and work toward turning it into a networking company. We hoped that it could pop up at other colleges and there would be a “Today I Wore at Calvin” or a “Today I Wore at Grand Valley.” However, we quickly realized that we could not only get advertising revenue which is super hard to get. Our new idea is to be a social media marketing company where we package the information of how to utilize Facebook and friends to local businesses. Big companies have the resources to buy big social media parts, but small local businesses, like downtown Holland, don’t have the resources and the money to do that. We thought that we could help them utilize Facebook more and drive traffic to their business.

The Anchor: Where do you see this venture going?
Emily Hattori: I would like to see the company getting bigger and bigger, as well as working with other businesses.

The Anchor: What type of response did you get for TIWAH?
Emily Hattori: Within its first week, TIWAH was successful. The community engaged and contributed to the blog.

Emily Hattori: It doesn’t matter whether you’re talkable to Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior, Ontario, and Erie, according to senior Kylen Blom (12), “whether sailing, splashing, fishing or gazing, you know what your lake is. Part of it is lake in which you live your life.

Great Lake pride has inspired Blom and Holland local, Jonathan Blom, to develop “My Great Lake” a lifestyle brand and a growing company that strays not only to ignite passion about the Great Lakes, but to show that each one is unique and worth being celebrated. It’s a website that offers appealing T-shirts, long-sleeves, sweat-shirts and stickers tailored to feature each of the five shores that make up the Great Lakes.

While most students spend the week of finals cramming for exams or trying out their papers, Blom used his study breaks to design My Great Lake’s T-shirts and launch a website. The website is a preparation for their initial “soft launch,” which was held in December. As the purchases started rolling in, Blom said that they thought “this could really be something. Let’s keep going.” The Blom and Klop expanded their inventory to include long-sleeve shirts and hats. A portion of each sale made is donated to a Grand Haven organization called “The Alliance for the Great Lakes.” The company’s purpose is to protect and conserve the Great Lakes and deal with everything from the amount of water that is taken out of them, to the pollutants that are placed into them, species that invade the waters and cleaning up the shores. Blom says they support the company because it aligns with their passion.

“The reason that we didn’t start our non-profit” said Blom, “is that there are already a lot of non-profits out there that are already doing great work.” In the end, they reasoned that “we’ll let them do what they’re good at and we’ll do what we’re good at, and in the end, the Great Lakes will be even better.”

Since the initial launch of the company, “My Great Lake” has sold over 300 shirts and according to Blom, they already have plans to take the company even further. An initial step was entering their business in the Grand Rapids event “5/5” which presented five different companies with the opportunity to pitch to a panel of five judges to win $5,000 in grant money to help their company. While they might not have won the grand prize, they did walk away with $2,000. Following graduation, Blom plans to focus his time on expanding the company already started. This summer, he plans on taking a road trip to all the cities that are on the shores of the Great Lakes. “I’m going to be traveling around all the Great Lakes and make sure that we’re the only one not only to ignite passion about the Great Lakes, but to show that each one is unique and worth being celebrated. “The reason that we didn’t start a non-profit” said Blom, “is that there are already a lot of non-profits out there that are already doing great work.” In the end, they reasoned that “we’ll let them do what they’re good at and we’ll do what we’re good at, and in the end, the Great Lakes will be even better.”

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If it takes off and we get enough interest over the summer and find the right connections, I would love to start getting people together to get this thing going.”
10 things (not) to do when meeting someone famous

Alex Brennan Columnist

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) Make sure that you are indeed meeting a celebrity. I'm not kidding. In the moment it ex-wifely.

3) Do not mistake another celebrity for someone else. 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.

4) Do not be a mime. Thrust 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 Kleenex.

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

6) 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 on-screen. 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?

7) 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 forever! 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!"

8) 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 you 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.

A life worth living

Intentionality

Marc Tori Columnist

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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.

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 knew it was coming, as my grandma had slowly declined for about a year. Most of the time, she really wasn't herself, and her grief was palpable to the people around her. A few times, I'd felt like she was smiling again, but then I'd wake up to a tap on my door.

So I know that being a listless hipster isn’t the same thing as being a hitman, but I think that this is still a valuable message.

Matthew 27:51 describes how, given the rest of the song, I don’t think that’s exactly what Brandon Heath wrote about. ‘There is more life in the death of the earth...’ It’s not true. ‘No, it’s not true.’ The funeral is over, and the break is over, I’m not over my grandma’s death.

Kate Schrampfer
Columnist

One of my favorite movies is “Grosse Pointe Blank.” In this film John Cusack drops out of school to do his own thing (he ends up being a hitman) and the film documents his high school reunion. At the reunion he comes up to a woman he knew in high school who was holding a baby. He asks, “How is it all, is it not like it was supposed to be right?” She replies, “No, no it’s not true, it’s great. People think that when you get married, you’re done, but it’s not. It gets better and better.” She hands Cusack the baby and he gains a new appreciation for life.

Given the rest of the song, I don’t think that’s exactly what Brandon Heath wrote about the lyrics, for it fits, in a way, and it is my prayer of mourning. Give me your eyes, Father... give my family your wisdom... give us all the awareness of your great love for the world so that we can understand why these things happen. So that I can understand why my grandma is gone.

Love you and miss you lots, grandma.

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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.

Rising cost for a Hope education continues

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‘I love Hope but my family just can’t afford it’

— SARA BEASLEY (‘14)

Peace Corps offers post-grad option

• Peace Corps, from page 1

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 Corps’ 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.
Men's tennis opens season with indoor tournament

James Rogers
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's tennis team launched its indoor season by taking part in the Grand Rapids City Tournament at the Orchard Hills Athletic Club last Friday and Saturday.

The tournament consisted of six schools from the western side of Michigan. Participating alongside Hope were Aquinas College, Calvin College, Davenport University, Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University.

The tournament opened Friday with doubles play, while singles matches were held Saturday. Also known as the West Michigan Tournament, this was the first of six scheduled indoor matches for the Dutchmen.

Four pairs of Dutchmen took the courts on Friday during doubles play, with the tandem of Bobby Cawood (13) and Kyle Kreps (13) providing the strongest results for Hope. They posted wins in two of their three matches.

In the first match, Cawood and Kreps defeated Andrew Darrell and Benny Delgado-Rochas of Grand Valley 8-5. Dropping their second match 8-5 to Aaron Hendrick and Nick Artova of Aquinas, the pair finished strong with an 8-6 victory over Davenport's Vitaly Schumolov and Eric Pel. Cawood and Kreps finished third place in the tournament.

"Getting the win over Grand Valley in our first match was huge," Kreps said. "It gave us a lot of confidence going into our next one."

Although the pair dropped the next match to Aquinas, Kreps noted that Aquinas is one of the best pairs they will face all season. Sticking with them was a positive.

"We knew that the Aquinas 1 doubles team could be one of the best we could play all year and we hung with them throughout the match," Kreps said. "Unfortunately we couldn't get the victory though."

Kreps was pleased with the way he and Cawood came back in the third match against Davenport, complementing the other's game very well.

"Beating Davenport for third place was a good way to end the night too," Kreps said. "Bobby and I work pretty well together. We've been roommates for the past three years and that definitely helps on the court."

Hope's other three pairs each dropped both of their matches in doubles play on Friday.

Saturday's singles proved 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 Feenstra 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 Brian DeMaagd 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 Dutchman to tally a victory, flying to a 6-2, 6-2 beating of GRCC's Andrew Amantea.

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 these two absences, Kreps was optimistic with what he saw.

"I think the second day 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."

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 committed.

"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!"

In Brief

TRACK CONTINUES INDOOR SEASON

The men's and women's track teams competed in the non-scoring Grand Valley Tuneup on Friday. Four Hope athletes took first place among colleague competitors in the event.

MEN'S LACROSSE BEATS WESTERN MICHIGAN

The men's lacrosse team won its game on Feb. 17, defeating Western Michigan University 12-8. The Flying Dutchmen had a 7-3 lead at halftime and maintained their lead to the end to post their first win of the season. Josh Kamstra (13) had 12 saves in the game. Jacob Kamstra (14) had four goals in the game and Chris Scheldt (12), Niko Pangkanlan (14) and Will Franke (14) contributed two goals each. On defense, Byran Wolcott (12) had eight takeaways while Scheldt had five.

The Hope women's lacrosse team is in the midst of its last season as a club sport at Hope College. The team now has a break until March 15 when they will take on Calvin at Grand Rapids Christian High School. Next Thursday, the men's and women's lacrosse teams will be elevated to varsity status.
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.

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The final event of the evening was the senior recognition. Hope men’s basketball senior assistants, Paul Bowen and Brian Ward, were recognized as well as the four senior players: Bunn, King, Krombeen and Neil.

With their parents at their side, the players were presented with framed Hope basketball jerseys bearing their numbers, 44, 23, 11 and 12, respectively.

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Flying Dutch hold off Adrian, set for MIAA tournament

Bethany Stripp
Sports Editor

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