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MIAA champs, NCAA bound

TEAMS ENTER NCAA TOURNAMENT RANKED TOP IN THE NATION—Jordan Boles, (08) is all smiles following Hope's 70-59 victory over Albion College in the MIAA tournament championship. The men's basketball team also took the MIAA crown with a 88-72 victory over Calvin College.

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Pew lecturer speaks on faith, research

Kevin Hailey
Guest Writer

Despite having two master's degrees and a Ph.D., Dr. Everett Worthington is very familiar with failure, and he attributes much of his success as a forgiveness researcher to a prayer seminar from which he emerged an expert in the field.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, Worthington, a Pew lecturer and professor of psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University, visited Hope College to give a lecture entitled, "Personal Christian Service." His talk, the 11th annual Pew Faith and Learning Lecture, was sponsored by Hope's Department of Faith, Research, and Changing the World.

Worthington, who always emphasizes the importance of differing perspectives in learning, spoke about the importance of what he calls "influence." He said, "Influence feels like it's coming just from one person. It is. But it goes beyond that to our community, to our campus, to our city, to our nation, to the world."

Worthington noted that influence is the possibility to encounter someone who's unique and whose life is so similar to our own and yet so different because they're unique.

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Worthington also noted that the importance of diversity goes beyond one's own identity. He said, "...diversity really is a matter of faith. But we don't go there."

Rosaline Barton-DeVries, Wabash College

Barton-DeVries on diversity

During my two years living in Wyckoff Hall I had the opportunity to get to know and speak with Wyckoff's RD, Rosaline Barton-DeVries. In speaking with this semi- nary student and Hope instructor of dance, I had conversations about diversity that I had not encountered in any other setting within this community, neither academic nor social. It was for this reason that I recently sat down with Rosaline to ask questions about diversity and what it means for our community.

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Diversity on campus: making Hope 'part of a world community'

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Q: How would one do that?
A: Relationship. Diversity is about "sito-ry." I think we need to learn how to encounter the unique narrative of each person's life. We need to be willing to slow down and work on relationships with God, with self and with others, and we need to see how these three stories are woven together. And we can do that at Hope. God is clear, and faith traditions and scripture are clear about how we are to engage one another.

Q: Is diversity religious then?
A: Well ... diversity really is a matter of faith. But we don't go there. We go to categories of religion or of ethnicity. We need to understand that our commonness as God's creation is what's important. It's a matter of developing virtue and Christly gestures that practically express the commandment to love one another.

Q: So we shouldn't recognize categories? You don't see stereotypes?
A: We can't say, "I don't have stereotypes." Culture teaches us that, but we should set them aside. It takes practical, intentional, risk-bearing involved with one's own self and evaluation of the environments we've been raised in. Some things (we've learned) we will choose to keep because we find them to be good and right, but others we will set aside.

Q: So what is the obstacle in our community's way? What do you think holds Hope back from this ideal?
A: Most people are moving from a perspective of "retributive justice," of justice of the oppressed and the liberated. It's not that that is inappropriate, because it's not. But what's important is using categories of mutuality of reconciliation (with God, self and others). It's not about equality. That's not the proper metric. "Relationship as justice" restoring relationship between oppressor and the oppressed is the proper metric.

Q: Why?
A: If you're in relationship, if you're reconciled with God, self and others, then justice isn't a question because you would immediately respond to any differentials that cause harm to other people.

Q: Does Hope do anything that is counterproductive to diversity?
A: I'm concerned with any approach that centers in conversations related to power differentials - privilege or lack of privilege. These are important to be addressed, but not as a center for the conversation. I think people leading diversity programs understand that. But I'm not sure that the Hope's students do.

Study shows Hope's highs and lows

- **SURVEY**, from page 1

their peers. Inside the classroom, the students reported having quality professors and good experiences with diversity. That being said, the following improvements can be recommended: Hope faculty needs to improve on challenges more and providing tests, and the students body lacks diversity and meaningful conversations, and they feel as though their coursework does not allow them to practice advanced thinking.

"We are very excited about our participation in the Wabash study. Every constituency on campus can use the data to find an area of improvement. Students need to know to be more intellectually curious, more motivated, and thoughtful about life goals," Vanderstoep said. "Professors need to improve on challenges more and providing faster feedback on tests and papers. And the institution as a whole must strive to provide important diversity experiences for our students."

Q: How do you think Hope is doing?
A: I'm concerned that they see the peripheral and not to the heart of what's going on - nurturing understanding of the uniqueness of every human being. In these cases, students encounter a mixed message which results in confusion and suspicion and I think, to some degree, disengagement. And that's very frightening.

Q: Is Hope making any progress?
A: Absolutely. I'm proud of this college for becoming more diverse, for making initiatives toward being welcoming, and I yearn for the day when this campus reflects a sense that we are part of a world community. And I think people here have a heart for that.

Q: So how would Hope go about embracing this kind of diversity? What would that look like?
A: There is an incredible diversity of gifts in all corners of this institution. I think it would take a concerted effort together. For instance artists using images of shape and form, theologians using language and faith, scientists using the diversity of the created order. (It would take) every area of the institution committing. This is something we do together and individually, and I would say not only and against other institutions. It needs to be our clearly explained ground ... and maybe it is.

DAFFODIL DAYS

Even though Relay For Life is months away, you can still support the American Cancer Society by participating in Daffodil Days. Hope's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer is celebrating the coming of spring by selling daffodils - the first flower of spring and a symbol of hope in the fight against cancer. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

To order your flowers, stop by the Student Union Desk in DeWitt anytime between now and March 6. Flowers are $1 each and will be delivered on campus the week after Spring Break. For more information or to get involved in Colleges Against Cancer, email relay@hope.edu

WANTED: OA LEADERS

Orientation assistant applications are now available for all students. Applications are due Thursday, March 13, to the Student Development office. Interview sign-up starts March 3. Applications may be picked up in the Student Development office or from the Student Development website. Questions? Please call Amber Sibley in Student Development at ext. 7942.

IN BRIEF

Thursday March 6
Panel Discussion- Grad School
Sponsored by the Pew Society
Main Conference Room, 11 a.m.
Meijer Run
DeWitt Flag Pole 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Yoga Club
Holland Hall basement 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Open to anyone - bring a yoga mat or towel. Admission is free.

Friday March 7
Chapel
Kel Siundarajan. Diment Chapel, 10:30 a.m. - 10:52 a.m.
Children's Miracle Network
Annual 24 Hour Dance Marathon
Don Center. 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Sat.

Saturday March 8
Continuation of Dance Marathon
Don Center. All day until 7 p.m.

Sunday March 9
Gathering
Outs of Witnesses - Bartholomew, Troye Johnson. Diment, 8 p.m.

Monday March 10
Chapel
Becky Schmidt, kinesiology dept.
Diment. 10:30 a.m. - 10:52 a.m.

Tuesday March 11
Actor and Environmentalist Ed Begley Jr.
He will present the address "Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live."
Searching the Sacred
Professor and History department, CMU. Main Conference Room.
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday March 12
Young Leaders Initiative informative
Learn about the Transforming Leaders Program. Visit www.youthleaderinitia-
tive.org for more info. Sponsored by Career Services. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FOR More Information: info@fairbankstownhouses.com

A "STOEP" IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION— Scott VanderSteep, Psychology chair, presented the information of the Wabash service study.

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The Academy Awards: Who was Oscar-worthy this year

Taylor Hughes

More than 17 years ago, Madonna, known for her unusual but effective antics, wrapped herself in an American flag and wriggled around in red panties, bra and combat boots — all for a public-service announcement to jumpstart a young voter’s revolution. Scantily clad and rapping out memorable lines such as, “If you don’t vote you’re going to get a spanking,” Madonna helped launch a new demographic of voters.

It was among the first advertising tactics used to educate what is known today as the “Rock the Vote” campaign. Other big name performers of that time signed on, including Ozzy Osbourne, Megadeth, Iggy Pop and others.

The success of the campaign proved to be phenomenal — 10,000 students on five California campuses alone registered to vote just days after the campaign launched. Youth vote jumped 20 percent two years later.

Most remember the 2004 “Vote or Die” campaign. Inspired by Rock the Vote, this new campaign was run by Citizen Change. Founded by entrepreneur, producer and entrepreneur Sean John Combs (a.k.a. P. Diddy), this campaign brought a first face to the youth vote of Generation We. Its slogan, “Vote or Die,” inspired by the war in Iraq, alluded to the idea that youth could control whether their peers or they themselves were sent into a war that could be evaded by voting. Combs and other pop-artists such as Joss Stone, Alicia Keys and 50 Cent succeeded in registering over 1.2 million voters before the 2004 presidential elections.

Erika Oglesby (’08), remembered the event. “Vote or Die was a definite topic of discussion ... it inspired some of my friends to vote,” Oglesby said.

Nearly 20 million under age 29 voted in the 2004 election, an increase of 10 percent from the 2000 election.

Presidential campaign advertisers are becoming smarter and more effective. They target specific demographics to bring success to their campaigns. The youth vote has now joined the Latino vote as one of the most sought demographics for presidential hopefuls. Anyone 29 and younger will be the target of advertisements and will have increased control on campaign issues. Making up 28 percent of America’s population, young voters could sway the 2008 election. These are reasons that could explain candidates moving towards more electronic and media-directed campaign; each has a website, a blog, MySpace and a Facebook page that attract young voters.

Maggie Mohr (’09), a subscribed member of presidential candidate Barack Obama’s Facebook group said, “the way to reach youth ... candidates are making more of an effort in this election.”

Even the Rock the Vote website added new features helping youth register to vote. Many are watching “The Daily Show” with Jon Stewart and “The Colbert Report” to get a comic twirl on their political fix, which makes talking about current issues and politics cool again.

As political interest grows within America’s youth, their voting turnout grows as well. The directing of campaigns and media towards potential young voters empowers the youth of America to embrace their freedom of speech — giving the power to the people in a newer, younger way.

Hope Cameroon project recognized

HOLLAND - A successful and growing Hope College service project focused on water quality and community health in the village of Nkwo in Cameroon has been named one of four finalists for Michigan’s 2008 Carter Partnership Award.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration is given annually by Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) to one partnership involving a Michigan college or university and a community group, with its $10,000 prize divided equally between the campus and community partners for working together in exceptional ways to improve people’s lives and enhance learning in the process. The winner from among the four finalists will be announced and the award will be presented during the annual Governor’s Service Awards this spring, on a date yet to be determined.

The Hope College program, which is partnered with the Life and Water Development Group of Cameroon, began during the 2005-06 school year as a service project for the college’s then-new student chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA (EWB-USA), with an emphasis on the remote village of Nkwo.

During the first year the effort expanded to include the college’s department of nursing, which surveyed the villagers’ health and began working with them to improve hygiene, sanitation and nutrition.

Although the established water filtration and health education projects remain, new projects are being developed for implementation this year. The team is focusing on a piping system to bring water closer to the village from a river that is up to an hour’s hike away. The team also is emphasizing providing the training so that the villagers can help themselves and train other remote communities as well.

The villagers now build their own filters based on the initial design brought to them by Hope College.

Starting last year, the college’s department of education became more involved, helping to provide instructional materials that the people of Nkwo can use to teach themselves and others the health and hygiene lessons needed to improve health.

The department of communication is becoming part of the project this year, with college student member Kevin Fiechter and a communication student accompanying the team to film the work and training in action. Ultimately, the health and hygiene training materials and an instructional video will be posted online, available at no cost to anyone worldwide seeking to address similar needs in other villages.

CHINA INCREASES MILITARY SPENDING; US CRITICIZES

BEIJING - China says it plans to increase military spending by nearly 18% this year, to 417.8 billion yuan ($59 billion). Just before the announcement, the US released a report criticizing China’s military spending.

China rejected the Pentagon report as a “serious distortion of facts” that could harm its relations with the US.

“It breaks international norms... We do not pose a threat to any country,” said a foreign ministry official in a statement.

In the report, Washington claimed that the real Chinese defense budget for 2007 was at least double the stated amount.

The EU and Sudanese Forces Clash

SUDAN - Sudanese forces have clashed with troops from the European Union Force in Chad after a joint mission went astray into the Darfur region, Sudan says.

A Sudanese soldier and a civilian were killed during the exchange of fire, the Sudanese army says.

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The EU Force (Eufor) says it was trying to recover one of its vehicles which had accidentally strayed into Sudan. A French soldier who was in the vehicle is still missing.
Cuban presidency changes hands; a new Cuba?
Fidel Castro gives presidency to brother Raul; Religion Professor Van Til gives insight

Alex Quick
Star Writer

After 49 years in power as President of Cuba, Fidel Castro announced that he would not seek another term in that office. Days later on Feb. 24, the National Assembly of Peoples Power, the chief legislative body in Cuba, elected then-First Vice President Raul Castro to the presidency. Despite the fact that Raul Castro has been Fidel Castro’s heir apparent for a long time, some prospects for reform and hope exist on the communist island.

Already, some relatively drastic steps have been taken in a variety of areas, politically, economically and religiously. According to the Times (UK), Raul Castro has already announced his intention to open up minority stakes of state owned businesses to foreign ownership in hopes of bolstering the economy. There is also good news for the average Cuban. Professor Kent Van Til is a Hope College professor of religion who specializes in poverty and third-world issues. “The average person in Cuba lives in very very poor conditions. But there is not an upper class that lives far better, perhaps excepting a few party higher ups,” Van Til said.

This will possibly change under other plans by Raul Castro. According to the Times, he has already taken steps to decentralize certain aspects of the heavily socialized economy, such as the distribution of milk, which he has a history of doing.

In the mid 1990s, Raul Castro took steps to encourage private enterprise, which in 1996 resulted in an 8 percent GDP growth, according to the Times. However, these reforms began to stagnate, and Fidel Castro abolished them politically. Raul Castro seems much more willing to work with the international community. He has already signed treaties pertaining to human rights, both of which were opposed by his brother. These two treaties were, as reported by the International Herald Tribune, the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The first requires signatories to ensure basic rights such as freedom of speech, assembly, religion and travel.

The second is focused more on issues relating to wages, education and union relations. According to the Times, people are critical of the nation’s dedication to these rights. Much of the cardinal’s visit was televised, something that wasn’t previously allowed under the government’s tight control over the Catholic church’s access to broadcasting. Reuters reported that Cuban officials promised the cardinal that the Church would have greater access to written and broadcast media in the future.

Fidel Castro’s heir apparent may be able to obtain Cuban cigars or eat in the streets of Havana! No one knows for sure. President Bush had said that the embargo will remain intact, but presidential candidates have differing opinions. Both Clinton and McCain are supportive of the embargo until reforms occur, while Obama is in favor of lifting certain restrictions. For now, Americans can only speculate about a future relationship with Cuba.

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Showcase highlights
Hope musical talent

Laura Stritzke
Staff Writer

On the evening of March 3, sounds of Hope College students filled DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids when Hope’s music department hosted its annual Musical Showcase. DeVos Place was full of Hope students, faculty and members of the community who came out to enjoy the concert.

President James Bulman opened the event, expressing his deep pride in the musical gifts of Hope students and in the music department faculty’s ability to cultivate those gifts. He also paid tribute to professors Charles Aschbrenner and Roberta Kraft who have been a part of the Showcase since its founding 20 years ago and will be retiring after this year.

The Showcase highlighted a variety of Hope performers, and included an array of music genres including jazz, opera, piano and orchestra.

Catherine Ellis ’10 played in both the wind symphony and the orchestra performances.

Ellis said, “The Showcase is a lot of fun because you not only get to perform, but you get to see everyone else's performance also.”

“I am so proud of all the talent we have at Hope...the Showcase is a collage of all you get to hear everyone’s specialties of music. It’s also great to show off all of the hard work you’ve put into your music.”
Lemonjellis heats it up with pop, rock and open mic

Wednesday, March 5
Klets Student Performers
Mark Montgomery & Kim Jongma
9 p.m.
Robert Flans, 30 p.m

Thursday, March 6
Guest Musical Artists
Megan Sharp (soprano) & Jonathan Schakel (harpischord)
Wichers Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
John Rush performs
Dox, Dance Marathon 9:30 p.m.
1 AM Legends - SAC movie
Van Noord 202. 7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
3:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 8
Dorothy Dandridge Recital
Teri Bari (vocal), Joseph Sobieski (vocal)
Wichers Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.
1 AM Legends - SAC movie
Van Noord 202. 9:30 p.m. 11:30 p.m.
3:30 a.m.

In Brief
John Rush the ‘Human iPod’ to Perform
John Rush is a virtuoso guitarist with a praised voice. He has been called the “Human iPod” because he plays original music and covers depending upon what the audience requests, letting the audience choose the songs for the show. Rush has won Campus Activities Magazine Entertainer of the Year and Campus Awards Musician of the Year. He has also been showcased at NAC. In 2005, Rush has opened for big-name bands such as Fuel, Eve 6, Vertical Horizon, Edwin McCain and many more. He will be performing at the DeVos Children’s Hospital Dance Marathon fundraiser this Friday at 9:30 p.m. in the Doe. Admission is free.

Duo to Perform ‘Amorous’ Program
Hope College will feature soprano Megan Sharp and harpsichordist Jonathan Schakel, two guest artists with local connections, on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Wichers Auditorium. The public is invited. Admission is free.

The performance is titled “The Bird, the Bee,” and will feature Baroque music concerning all things avian, apian and amorous. The program will contain music by composers including Henry Purcell, George Frideric Handel, Jean-Philippe Rameau, and Francois Couperin. Schakel and Sharp are husband-and-wife musicians who together direct the music program at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, VA, and perform together frequently. They both grew up locally and with strong Hope ties. Schakel, a Hope graduate, also attended Holland Christian High School is the son of Hope English faculty member Dr. Peter Schakel and Karen Schakel of the college’s Van Raalte Institute. Sharp, who graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy, is the daughter of retired Hope music faculty member Dr. Stuart Sharp.

Abby Devuyst
Soprano
I was planning on writing a review for the movie “Semi-Pro,” but after seeing it I realized I had very little to say about it. Don’t go see that movie. It uses inappropriate comedy to try and shock and laugh from the audience, but all it really does is cross the line.

However, the gem I found in the film “Penelope” pleasantly surprised me. It is an unlikably fairy tale of a cursed girl (Chrsitina Ricci) who is born with the face of a pig. The only way for her to break the curse is to marry “one of her own,” and her frantastic parents waste no time in parading a multitude of blue-blooded suitors that are drawn to the promised dowry. An anxious reporter, who lost an eye trying to take a picture of Penelope, sends an un-lucky gambler (James McAvoy) in to get the job done. What he doesn’t expect is to fall in love with Penelope, but not being of the right up bringing is forced to leave her. This is the last straw for the poor girl, and in her sadness, she flees her sheltered life style and goes out into the world.

It is a delightful tale of love and self-acceptance. There are very few down points in the film and even in the dark moments the color of Penelope shines through. It is easy to feel connected to Ricci despite her turned up nose and floppy ears, and James McAvoy puts on a very believable American accent and brooding personality. Reese Witherspoon offers an enjoyable cameo, and a character unlike any I have seen from her yet. She has traded in her pink high heeled pumps and BMW for leather boots and a vespa. Without굄ing the show, Witherspoon adds even more brightness and comedy to this film.

The coloring of the film is a lovely mix of grays and blacks that make Penelope’s bright colorful pop with her vibrant personality. The whole film is a joy to watch as your eyes are constantly greeted with new sights and beautiful set designs. This film is fit for every person of every age. It not only offers an enjoyable plot line, but also gives a sincere message that is worth hearing. Young girls finally have a role model who takes control of her own life despite her imperfections. This film challenges you to look at yourself in a different light and to embrace the things that make us different from one another. As I said before don’t waste your time with Will Ferrell’s flop of a film “Semi-Pro,” but do take time out to see director Mark Palansky’s wonderful film “Penelope,” I would give it an eight out of 10.

Thurday, March 6
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Maas Conference Room
How to Pick Graduate Programs
How to Finance Graduate School
The Application Process

Panelists:
Virginia Beard (Political Science)
Mark Jensen (Philosophy)
Temika Michael (Psychology)
Anne Heath (Art)

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SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

Community involvement ‘starts with having a servant heart’

Meghan Fore
Assistant Features Editor

Beautiful, colorful tulips will soon appear out of the cold, dark spaces underground, bringing new life to our Holland community in high hopes for spring. Sprouttime brings new beginnings, giving many volunteer opportunities to Hope College students.

“We try to go to as many conferences as we can. We try to go to a lot of the things put on by the community where we can learn more about different programs and bring them to Hope,” Longwell said.

Volunteer Services offers a vast array of volunteering options ranging from one-time events such as the Cinderella Project to long-term involvement such as AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is an American network compiled of non-profit organizations that reach out to the community in different ways. Students looking for summer positions or something that offers stipends should contact Volunteer Services for more information.

For more information on how to volunteer, visit the Volunteer Services website at www.hope.edu/volunteer. Each month Volunteer Services showcases one event. Look for details regarding the Moonlight Serenade Mixer on March 28, a party/dance for senior citizens at Evergreen Commons.

Mentor a child, build a house, help the homeless

Teaching and Social Work

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland works with area youth. Opportunities are available at both the Central Unit on Van Raalte Avenue and the North Side Unit located at Pine Creek Elementary School. You must be 18 years of age and will be subjected to a background check prior to receiving any volunteer responsibilities. Please call Brian Van Kley at (616) 392-4102 or email bvankeley@bgc.org for more information.

Girls and Widows of the Poor

Wrap Around Mentoring

Spend just two hours a week with a youth involved in the mental health, child welfare or juvenile court system. Participate in community activities—fishing, playing sports, going bowling, eating out, miniature golfing, doing crafts. This is a paid opportunity that requires a minimum of a one-year commitment and your own transportation. Please contact Tesha Post at tspont@cac-ottawa.org for more information.

The Bridge

The Bridge is a youth center for middle school kids in Zeeland. The Bridge has several different programs, including a recreational after-school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays (kids just come in to play games and hang out), an alternative suspension program and a basketball team. The biggest need for volunteers right now is with the Bridge to Excellence program, which meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:45 p.m. - 5 p.m. Mentors must commit to at least one day a week to come to the Bridge and tutor students. They build lasting relationships with the students and help them succeed in school. There is a need in the Explorers’ Club, which is a program for elementary students on Mondays after school. If you are interested in any of these things, please contact Jackie Rutgers at (610)772-3338 or jmr100355@hotmail.com.

Health Services

Holland Rescue Mission

The Holland Rescue Mission is a non-profit organization committed to serving the homeless and less fortunate in West Michigan. The store serves to make the Mission less dependent on individual donations and more self supporting. They are looking for anyone who is willing to do everything from maintenance to window displays. To learn more, check out the website at www.hollandrescue.org.

Jordan River Ministries

Jordan River Ministries is an agency dedicated to helping women who are recently out of jail or drug rehab. They are in need of volunteers to help with special projects. Please contact Patricia at (616) 405-2185 or email paspinmonors@yahoo.com.

Warm Friend

Warm Friend, located at 5 East 8th St., is looking for activities assistants who will assist the activity coordinator with various activities (birthday parties, Bingo, outings). Monday, Tuesday and Thursday day times are available.

Youth Ministry

Golgotha Church: Underprivileged High School Students

Golgotha Church is looking for college volunteers or interns (unpaid). They are a non-profit youth ministry for underprivileged high school students. Wednesday night meetings consist of hanging out with the teens that attend by playing games, skateboarding and playing pool. They also meet on Saturday and Sunday nights for guys and girls Bible studies. Golgotha’s vision is to create a strong community in which young adults feel consistently accepted and loved. Golgotha is located at 412 W. 24th St. (just west of Holland High School). If interested please contact John Kapenga at jkapenga@gmail.com or (616) 834-1652.

Children’s Ministries

The Children’s Ministries department at Central Wesleyan Church has opportunities to help with special needs children at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. There are also opportunities to teach Sunday school classes at the Holland Rescue Mission. If you are interested, please email John at kjhusscher@centralwesleyan.org.

Bilingual Tutors

Holland Public Schools is in need of one or two volunteers that would be willing to work with high school students two to three times a week. They need to be bilingual in Spanish and have an interest in math and sciences. They would be working with two Latino students at the high school from 12:30 to 2 p.m. If interested please contact John Vega at (616) 494-2164.

Assistant to the Principal

Goodwill Industries of Muskegon is looking for students who wish to aid low income families with filing their taxes. Any interested student should contact volunteer services or Goodwill Industries at (231) 728-7871.

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity

This organization is a partnership, house building and homeownership Christian ministry in the greater Holland area. It is based on the principle that all God’s people deserve a decent place to live and that our community is a better place when those who are missing out on it. They are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

General Office Administration - This opportunity has many different aspects ranging from answering phones to data entry. It’s a great way to meet new people and make new contacts for your future, as well as sharpen your typing and basic computer skills.

More than Just Houses - Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to put on their work boots and help them build some houses. Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity has built over 80 houses in the Holland area over the last 17 years, all with the help of volunteers.

Retail Management and Service - If you are looking for a good time while helping great people, consider serving at the Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity ReStore. You will learn the basic “ins and outs” of what it takes to run a retail store as you volunteer.

If interested in any of these opportunities, contact Shannon Morton: morton@lakeshorehabitat.org or (616) 393-8001, ext. 103.

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In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Pappe

I voted for

My hope is that 10 years from now, after I've been across the street at work for a while, they'll all be glad they gave me that wonderful vote.

Sandra Day O'Connor

I am a political science minor, and yet I tend to avoid situations which force me to put my two cents in on political issues. I'd rather watch "60 Minutes" or read "The Wall Street Journal" than move into the political scene. I've been across the street at work for that wonderful vote. They'll all be glad they gave me put my two cents in on political issues. It seems clear that regardless of who is sworn into office in January, our country will still be at war. The national budget will still be in deficit, and there will still be discussion on how much money should go to education, health care and foreign aid. The debates over abortion and homosexual rights will continue, as will debates over the role of religion in the public school system. I hope that even they have difficulty keeping up. People hope to gain a tiny bit of satisfaction in the other person's concerning to their side of the issue on the table.

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Beautiful feet

Bryant Ross

Winter blues

Winter is kicking my butt. How about you? I’ve met dozens of people who are sick of the ice and snow, and to mention all the work that goes along with it. These weary months can leave us feeling isolated, low on energy and far from God. And on top of it all there’s still that Spanish test you have to study for (can I get an “amen”?). Winter can be a pain. I’ve heard of God’s love being compared to the sun—giving us energy and hope throughout the day. Then again, March is looking pretty cloudy. What is God thinking on days like today?

One might think, “A mountain, huh. What about this ‘blaz’ I feel in my chest?” What if he saw his work in a different light? According to the Bible, Jesus isn’t known for bailing out when life hits winter (or more accurately, when winter hits life). Take an average afternoon of running errands — go to the bank, buy milk, cheese and lightning. But, when compared to my meaning of our lives? — and it seems to me, the sun is still shining bright as ever. Cheer up, spring is knocking at the door.

Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

The simple life

I think there are three primary traits that make Hope College a paradise for running—high-quality liberal arts educating with Dutch-Reform religious traditions; two, all the students, faculty and staff who aren’t exactly purveyors of those religious traditions (just don’t tell the donors!); and three, Elvis, the calculus dog.

We’ve all seen Elvis running across campus, scuffling out students who haven’t done laundry since their last trip home; chasing down the abominable Squabbit; and calculating bifurcations, tangents, antidervatives and multifications of various tennis balls and Frisbees. Really, what Elvis is famous for is figuring out the optimal route when running into the lake to catch a Frisbee. From what I understand, Dr. Tim Penning’s theory is that nature, including dogs and other animals, automatically figures out the easiest, quickest path — like water running down a hillside or lightning striking.

Certain, that makes sense — for dogs and lightning. But, when compared to my own experience, it just doesn’t add up (or FOLL out). I complicate everything.

Take an average afternoon of running errands — go to the bank, buy milk, cheese and frozen pizza, deliver top-secret folio errands — go to the bank, buy milk, cheese and die. At the end of the day, I’ve toured all of Ottawa and Allegan counties, and I still don’t have any milk. And it’s not even about talking much I complicate interpersonal relationships. That would just be embarrassing.

My question is, then, are we natural beings? I can love and I can impart joy to you in a special way that doesn’t come when the sun is shining. You might not feel these good gifts of mine. In fact, you probably won’t, but I’m still at work all the same.

Write Letters to the Editors

To the Editors:

On behalf of the 2008 Hope College Men’s Lacrosse Team and staff, we would like to thank the Hope students, Hope College Athletic Director, Mr. Ray Smith, the college administration including President Dr. James Bultman, Director of Public Relations Mr. Van Renmer and his staff, and The Anchor and Co-Editors Ms. Emily Papple and Ms. Evelyn Daniel for all the support you have given our team and the program over the years and the present. It is greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend an invitation to all the College students, faculty and administration to come out and attend our games this season. We look forward to an exciting season, which is already underway.

The first home game is scheduled for April 2 against Ferris State University at Holman Field Lacrosse Stadium at 7 p.m. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you.

— The Members of the 2008 Men’s Hope College Lacrosse Team, Head Coach Mike Scharnhals, Assistant Coaches Tom Thiele, Andy Shults, Tyler Osburn and Team Physician Dr. Todd Harburn.
Pew Society brings lecturer

• PEW, from page 1

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Model UN to come to Hope

• MODEL UN, from page 4

The Hope College Model United Nations is organized by students in two political science courses aimed at developing an understanding of international politics and the United Nations’ role in international disputes. The Hope students serve as session chairpersons and perform other administrative tasks throughout the planning and execution of the event.

The secretary generals for this year’s conference are sophomores Ethan B. Morrical, a political science major with a pre-med focus from Yorktown, Ind., and Nate Clements, an international studies and Japanese double major from Lowell. The high school coordinating secretaries are Kendall Ramsden, a recent Hope graduate from Grand Haven, Senior Stelios Alveraz, a French, Spanish and international studies major from Paris, France is serving as media coordinator. Sophomore Alissa Beverly of Muskegon is serving as the director of the Introductory General Assembly, while senior Stephanie Kirkham of Springfield, Ill., and sophomore Ally Velderman of Oak Park, Ill., are directors of the Advanced General Assembly. Seniors Luke Heerema of Oak Park, Ill., and Colin Lawrence of Sterling, Ill., as well as sophomore Jordan Fullerkof Leesburg, Ind., are the Security Council directors. Sophomore Megan Sweet of Salida, Calif., and junior Jeff Lesko of Saline are directing the Economic/Social Council. Sophomore Stephanie Bogema of Kalamazoo is serving as the director of the International Court of Justice.

Both ways,” Worthington said.

In his lecture, Worthington focused on his personal experiences with God that came out of his research. He emphasized the occasions in his life when he fought with God.

“I defeated God,” Worthington said numerous times during his lecture.

However, every time he thought he defeated God, Worthington proved himself wrong. By following God instead of his own wishes,

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Athlete profile: Track sophomore Joanne Gabl

Former U of M track and cross country runner excels on Hope College teams

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

track practice In preparation for the 2008 season.

Wolverines. However, she decided to leave one of the most well-known colleges in the nation to attend Hope.

Gabl did not feel comfortable as a member of the University of Michigan's cross country and track teams. She also did not view herself as fitting in at the large campus.

“Attitude of M, I felt like I had made the wrong decision. I just had this feeling that I was not where I was supposed to be,” Gabl said.

Gabl is a nursing major, as well as a cross country and track runner where she specializes in the 5k. At Michigan, she felt she had to be either a student or an athlete. Academics were not as much of a factor at Michigan as they are at Hope.

“Your former coach at Michigan wanted me to choose between being either a running major or a runner,” Gabl said.

Gabl is impressed by Hope’s nursing program, which she feels is much stronger than Michigan’s. Gabl also likes the focus on themselves but have no focus on the team,” Gabl said. “When I saw the chemistry that her team had as an athlete, I knew I had to transfer.”

Gabl has enjoyed running for Hope College so far and feels comfortable when she is with her teammates.

“I have felt so welcomed by the team,” Gabl said. “My love running has come back again.”

Softball opens season with three wins at indoor tourney

Nick Hinkle

SPORTS EDITOR

A new snow-covered diamond did not stop the Hope College softball team from accumulating its first few wins of the season.

On Feb. 29 and March 1, the Flying Dutch traveled to Marquette to play in the Finlandia tournament held in an indoor dome. Hope won three out of its four games with the team’s only loss coming to UW-Oshkosh 1-0. Hope’s wins came against Mount Mary 11-0, Concordia 14-1 and UW-Lacrosse 8-4.

The event was the first time the team has played in an indoor tournament. The indoor dome was different compared the outdoor experience the team had experienced in past years, especially the difference between the turf and dirt surfaces.

“It was really cool,” coach Karla Wolters said. “We have never played in a dome before. We had a lot of questions going in but it was a neat experience.”

The tournament also provided Wolters and the team with an idea of where the team is right now physically and mentally.

“This was my first time starting (the season) before Florida,” Wolters said. “It was a good measuring stick. Also, it was a good bonding experience, with eight plus hours you can’t help it.”

After the tournament showing, Wolters was pleased with the team’s effort.

“Our defense played solid,” Wolters said. “We only had a couple of errors in four games. We had very few mental mistakes not giving away easy outs.

However, the team still has areas for improvement. Especially defensively, the team faced good pitching, which revealed some of Hope’s current weaknesses.

“We still need to work on our plays and get more aggressive at the plate against good pitching,” Wolters said.

In closing out its indoor play, the Dutch look ahead to the spring trip and MIAA competition. Hope’s first MIAA game is April 2 against Albion College. The Dutch defeated Albion last season 5-4. Last year, Hope finished 25-13 overall and 12-4 in the MIAA, which earned them a third place finish in the conference.

Despite having to wait for MIAA competition, Hope has already set some preseason goals.

“We have a hungry bunch, and they are hungry to do well,” - Coach Karla Wolters

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This Week in Sports

Friday, March 7

Women’s Basketball

NCAA tournament first round vs. Ferris State, in Corona, Ohio at 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Men’s Basketball

NCAA tournament first round vs. TBA at DeKalb Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Men’s Tennis

Avery vs. John Carroll in Oberlin, Ohio at 8 a.m.

In Brief

HOPE BASEBALL PLAYERS RECEIVE CONFERENCE HONORS

Women’s honors

MIAA MVP

Maggie Vanderhei
Senior forward

All-MIAA first team

Tyler Wolfe
Senior guard

All-MIAA second team

Derek Van Solkom
Senior guard

Women’s honors

Defensive Player of the Year

Julie Henderson
Senior guard

All-MIAA first team

Jordyn Holley
Senior guard

Philiene Greene
Sophomore guard

All-MIAA second team

Lindsay Lange
Senior center

WOMEN SWIMMERS RECEIVE NCAA INVITATION

Four Hope College women swimmers received an invitation to the 2008 NCAA swimming and diving championships on March 12-15 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Hope’s 400-yard medley relay qualified seventh with a time of 3:56.22. The four swimmers invited include Laura Anisio (‘09), Angela Glifford (‘11), Brittany Reetz (‘09) and Kate Williams (‘10). The team’s invitation also makes them eligible to swim the 400-yard freestyle relay, 400-yard freestyle relay, 200-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard medley relay.

Reetz, seeded fifth, also qualified individually in the 100-yard backstroke.

HOCKEY BOUND FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Hope hockey team will face Ferris University March 12 at 7 p.m. in the first round of the ACHA national hockey tournament. The game will take place at the Rochester Rec Center in Rochester, Minn.
From the Outside In
Regional coaches weigh in on Hope's teams

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### MIAA CHAMPIONS— Derek Van Solkema ('08), left, passes the ball down the court in the MIAA championship game. Women’s head coach Brian Morehouse, below, prays with the team after their tournament victory. Three Men Ben Thomas ('11), right, crowd surfs during the Calvin game to pump up the fans. Both teams captured the MIAA tournament and automatic NCAA bids.

### DOUBLE DUTCH:

Teams win MIAA; enter NCAA tournament ranked number one

**Gordie Fall**
SPORTS WRITER

Nick Hinkel
SPORTS EDITOR

On March 1, both men’s and women’s basketball teams walked off the court as MIAA champions. The men defeated rival Calvin College 88-72, while the women defeated Albion College 70-59.

The men’s team was presented with both MIAA conference trophies, one for the season title and one for the tournament title. In the 2007-08 season, Hope won their 34 MIAA title and their seventh MIAA tournament.

Hope’s win on Saturday night won the MIAA tournament title and clinched an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament. Along with beating Calvin, Hope defeated Adrian 83-64 and Alma 75-51 during the week.

In Friday’s semifinal, guard Derek Van Solkema’s (’08) half court buzzer-beater proved to be the difference, as Hope used that momentum to build a 22-point second half lead. Along with Van Solkema’s 13 points, Hope’s scoring attack featured forward Marcus Vanderheide’s 24 points and Tyler Wolfe’s (’08) 18 points.

“We’ve got a lot of guys playing well and playing well together, especially since it’s the most crucial time of the season,” Van Solkema said.

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