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Survey conducted to determine spiritual needs of students

by Greg Brown

The Religious Life Committee is conducting an in-class survey of Hope students to determine if their spiritual needs are being met here at Hope. The survey is being given to a randomly selected group of classes in an effort to maintain a representative sample of the student body and to ensure equal returns. The survey is a direct result of the Hope in the Future Committee study done two years ago. One of the goals set by the sub-committee of Christ in the Campus was to determine what students felt were their spiritual needs, what programs were meeting these needs, and what could be done to meet them better.

"The basic goal of the survey is to assess the religious climate of the college in order to prepare programs to meet areas of need," said Todd Stern, chairman of the Religious Life Committee.

Stern commented further that perhaps the survey will be repeated every other year in order to gauge the effectiveness of programming and the changing attitudes of the student body.

The Religious Life Committee, made up of student, faculty and administration representatives, worked together to compose the survey.

The committee will consider the results of the survey and make recommendations to the Campus Life Board as to what action, if any, should be taken in response to the survey.

The survey results will also be used to advise the chaplain's office and to keep the committee informed as to the religious climate of the campus.

The survey, composed through several months of research into similar surveys done in other MIAA colleges, will be tabulated by the Frost Foundation. Just a few of the topics touched upon in the survey include effectiveness of current religious programs, student use of the chaplain's office, participation in programs offered, and the types of programming that would be welcomed by the student body.

"We want the survey responses to be what the students feel," said Chaplain Gerry Van Heest. "From this [survey] we want to be able to see where we are headed, where we want to go."

The survey will also allow for assessing the effectiveness of current programming in hopes of creating a more effective service of the chaplain's office to the students.

The survey will be issued before spring break, with returns coming in April. The programming effects of the survey should be seen on campus next fall.
Georgians vote pessimistic, frustrated as primary approaches

MARIETTA, GA (AP) President Bush and the challengers who want his job are finding a pessimistic, angry and frustrated electorate in Georgia as they move towards the state's first-in-Southern presidential primary Tuesday.

In interviews throughout heavily Republican areas of west Georgia, voters repeatedly criticized Bush's handling of the economy and lack of attention to domestic problems while voicing concern about the future.

"We've seen the best times, unfortunately, and that's sad," said Jim Chappell, 58, a year-old salesman from Marietta who supported Bush in 1988. "Our children won't have it as easy as we did."

Bush may have it as easy as we did, however, appear ready to translate it's not just me. There's a lot of people in the same situation.

Another voter who's still looking at both primaries is Dennis Williams of Villa Rica, an aircraft maintenance worker who voted Republican in 1988 and said he'd go back to Bush for Bush again unless he comes out with something major to turn the economy around.

Williams said he's concerned about the personal controversies that have dogged Clinton during the campaign, but doesn't see them as disqualifying him for the presidency.

The Mason-Dixon poll suggested that most Georgians would agree with an assessment of the allegations of infidelity and draft dodging that have been leveled at Bush. The Arkansas governor had the highest favorable rating of any of the Democratic candidates at 59 percent. His unfavorable rating was just 16 percent, half that of Bush, who had the highest negative numbers.

Robert H. Smith of Carrollton, who backed Bush's son, said he was concerned about Bush making Bill Clinton the is-}
Team physician to serve at U.S. Olympic training center

by Cynthia Tanty
campus editor

Dr. James E. Lemire, team physician for Hope, has been selected to serve as a volunteer physician at the U.S. Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lemire is a native of Colorado Springs from July 9-24. He has been Hope's team physician since 1987, and was team physician for Holland High School from 1979-1987. He is also a partner in Lakewood Family Medicine. Lemire will be responsible for the athletes' general medical care, including dealing with problems such as sprains, abrasions, lacerations, sprains and strains.

He applied for about five years to participate in the program, and will work with all athletes at Colorado Springs, including those doing their final preparation for the 1992 Summer Olympics. If all goes well in July, he will become a team for the next Olympics or Pan Am Games.

Lemire said, "That's one of my goals—to become a team physician at the Olympics—and that's the formal step into the process. It's possible, if I do well this summer, that I could be chosen for the next Winter Olympics, or a Pan Am Game in '94 and then with the Olympics in the summer of '96." Lemire thinks basketball would be a good option for him. "It's the kind of team that he doesn't plan to be choosy. Said Lemire, "I'm pretty open to whatever they have available."

Financial aid director testifies before Senate committee

by Cynthia Tanty
campus editor

Phyllis Hooyman, director of financial aid, testified in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 25, before the U.S. Senate committee on Labor and Human Resources on a component of the Senate bill on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Invited to testify by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), chairman of the committee, Hooyman testified on a proposal that would change the way in which federal student loans are administered.

For over a year, Hooyman has been actively involved on a committee with institutional representatives belonging to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges in developing an alternate approach to the current federal Stafford Student Loan program.

Hope not immune to STDs

by Heather Mushby
staff writer

The guest column printed in the February 26 issue of the anchor brought up a lot of questions about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

It doesn't really matter who wrote the letter, or who it was about, the fact is that this is a real issue of great concern. We, who are sexually active, even here on Hope's campus." I really want students to know that there's a problem on this campus," said Blanksma.

It's believed by many students that because Hope is a private, Christian college it doesn't have to deal with the kinds of problems (such as STDs) that are prevalent in big universities. Many believe that we are somehow sheltered from that sort of thing. The truth is that, statistically, the number of Hope students contracting a STD in the Hope Health Clinic is too big to be treated for sexually transmitted diseases or for pregnancy testing is not much different than that of larger universities.

"Students don't think that we deal with this sort of thing, but we actually see a lot of it," said Blanksma.

"I really want students to know that they may be infected with an STD, they can go to the Health Clinic and talk to Sharon Blanksma. She can tell them how to take tests and how to take a next step. Some examinations can be done right there at the clinic, others may have to be referred to the Ottawa County Health Clinic here in Holland. Without these referrals, they could not do the examinations totally confidentially.

"I'm pretty open to whatever they have available."

Hope-Calvin nursing seniors visit India

by Cynthia Tanty

campus editor

Students in the Hope-Calvin department of nursing added a lesson in cultural understanding to the clinical experience they gained during their program's January Interim.

Faculty member Beth Gordon and four of the program's seniors spent the three-week period at the Christian Medical CollegeHospital in Vellore, India, studying not only nursing but the different needs and conditions found in that country.

"I think it was very valuable for us to observe and participate in health care in another part of the world and realize the part that we play in that. It was also helpful for us to see the opportunity that there is for mission work through nursing."

While in India, the Hope-Calvin group visited a children's polio ward, toured a leprosy training and research hospital, cared for patients in pediatric and intensive care units, and worked in a village clinic, where they took blood pressure and weights, listened to heart rates of babies of pregnant women, and gave immunizations.

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Philosophy lecturer continues science and religion debate

by Erika Brohaker

director editor

The great debate of Hope vs. Calvin continues, but this time it takes place in the arena of philosophy.

Professor Steve Wykstra of Calvin College delivered a lecture on Friday, Feb. 26, entitled "Current Issues on the Relation of Faith and Science." Wykstra presented two views, one he deemed the "Hope" view, the other the "Calvin." Wykstra explained that there are two ways of approaching science, First, the "complementarist" approach, which says that science can be neutral; it does not need a religious basis to work. This theory can be likened to Hope.

The second approach, called the Calvin approach, states that faith and learning are totally mutually exclusive. Though this theory, all of scholarship (science, philosophy, literary criticism, etc.) is affected by a religious world-view.

Wykstra pointed out that there were two major shakeups in the study of the philosophy of science; what he termed the "building and the floor.

The builders constructed mainly from 1932 to 1962, and their views were along the lines of logical positivism or logical empiricism. The main thing that one could affirm in that way that a wall is built. On the bottom level rests the facts, then come the observational laws, that we can observe, like free-fall. At the very top level there are the theories, which serve to explain laws. The flouters, a group which began with the thoughts of Kuhn's structure of scientific revolutions in 1962, believe that a person's world-view is what shapes all that they are capable of believing.

Wykstra said that he presented his own stance on the philosophy of science, which states that scientists may need to start with their world-views (which may be based on religion) and then go no further in their world-views as their scientific theories get underway.

The next philosophy lecture will be held on Friday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. in Leemore 101, when Professor Larry Bonjour of the University of Washington will present a lecture on epistemology.

Northrop lecture to speak on work ethic

The Rev. Dr. Russell G. McKinnon of Australia will present the seventh annual Northrop Lecture at Hope College on Wednesday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Maas Center conference room.

McKinnon's presentation will be titled, "A Quick of Australia Work.", Refreshments will be served at 3:15 p.m. prior to the address.

The public is invited. Admission is free. McKinnon is a minister of the Presbyterian Church, South Africa. He received his doctorate in communication from the School of Management at Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria. He is a senior lecturer and head of the communication department, Faculty of Business Science, at the Warrnambool Campus of Deakin, retiring in 1991.
Lecturer presents model for Christian reflection on issues

Holland—Nicholas Lash presented a thoughtful Christian approach to contemporary social theories and problems on Monday, March 2, at 3:30 p.m. in Wisnous Auditorium of Graves Hall at Hope College.

The title of the lecture, presented through the college's Presidential Lecture Series, was "Flying Sheeps: Can We Switch in Time from Cain to Abel?" Lash took Augustine's "City of God" as a model for Christian reflection concerning social issues.

Lash is the Norris-Julce Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge. He has written 15 books, the most recent of which, Theology on the Way to Eternity and Easter in Ordinary, have been widely acclaimed for their excellence.

He has lectured in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden and the United States. Among other places, he has lectured in this country at the University of Notre Dame, the University of San Francisco, the University of Virginia and Boston College.

Lash is a member of the Board of Directors of SCM Press and of the editorial board of Ex Audia Modern Theology and New Blackfriars. He has also served as president of the Catholic Theology Association of Great Britain.

The Presidential Lecture Series through which Lash appeared was established by Hope College President John H. Jacobson as a way to help the college's academic departments bring speakers to campus who have distinguished themselves in their disciplines.

"It's not easy, when you're dating, to bring up about how to have safer sex. The fad is that start a sexual relationship with them yourself, partner's sexual history before deciding to but we need to change the behavior," said Blanksma.

"Women have to take the responsibility to insist on condom use or even insist on someone being HIV tested. The typical attitude on college campuses is "I'm invincible, this couldn't happen to me." But, in reality, no one is immune to STDS. Everyone who is sexually active can get transmit an STD.

"For more information about this topic, please contact Blanksma at the Health Clinic and talk to her yourself."
Entertainment tops at Fantasia 1992

by Cynthia Keip
staff writer

Over 300 couples danced the night away at Fantasia, the annual formal dinner and dance this past Friday evening, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

There was a mixture of entertainment for everyone to enjoy this year. Although ticket sales were down, everyone seemed to have a good time.

According to Tom Hardy ('93), chairperson of the Social Activities Committee (SAC), all but eighty of the four hundred tickets were sold. The leftover tickets may have been a result of the poor economy, but the main reason seemed to be the conflict with pledging.

To prevent the conflict with pledging, SAC hopes to have Fantasia on a Saturday earlier in the month next year. Dallas Scholten ('94), a member of SAC, said that this past Friday was the only day they could use the Amway.

Hardy also hopes to keep ticket prices down for next year's Fantasia.

Even though it may not have been a sellout, the couples in attendance enjoyed a romatic, fun-filled evening. "I went with a group of my friends. It was awesome. It was fun getting all dressed up and having a really nice time," said Tanya Cail ('93). "I think the caricatures were a bonus."

Cail was referring to caricature drawings which were a new twist to this year's Fantasia. Two artists were on hand to draw caricatures instead of having photographers at the dance as in previous years.

Unfortunately, more people wanted caricatures than the two artists had time to do. Scholten said, "They always had a big line."

During the dinner Cynthia Kortman ('93) played some background music, including selections from The Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Debussy, Chopin, Stephen Curtis Chapman, and George Winston.

The meal included a main course of Fettucini Alfredo with grilled breast of chicken, a green salad and fresh baked rolls, and double chocolate mousse for dessert.

Entertainment was provided in the Ford Room by Rick Kelley, who drew a good-sized crowd for the smaller room.

Kelley, who performed in the Pine Grove during orientation this year, played the keyboard and sang his own songs and some favorites often with the help of the crowd.

He had people hula-hooping and doing the limbo in formals and tuxes, and at times the whole crowd in sync doing line dances to tunes such as "Rescue Me."

Judy Kurrent had the crowd dancing to "house" music in the Ambassador Room. The couples enjoyed the live band, which provided energetic music.

"I had a lot of fun dancing. The beat of the music made it easy to relax and kick your shoes off and have fun," said Cail.
Editorial

Education focus should be on learning, not grades

Steven Wyksra, a professor from Calvin College, gave a philosophy lecture to over forty students and faculty last Friday. It was, relatively speaking, an insignificant event. However, it pointed towards something ominously large—the state of education today.

Wyksra was visibly distraught. He sheathed his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, and kept muttering "Why do I do this to myself?" and that question raised an issue more important than any his lecture produced.

The truth is, professors and students are feeling the cold, rigid, arc of academia and not recognizing the sickness it brings.

They say Aristotle, would pace the floor in excitement, when he came upon a new idea. Could Aristotle do this today at Hope College in a class or in a lecture hall? No. Students are expected to sit like boards, blocks, and stones, while professors are required to teach through formats, texts and grades—not through their hearts. It's no wonder that thousands upon thousands graduate all across the country, without ever feeling knowledge, without ever realizing that knowledge could mean something more than late nights cramming useless information.

Professors don't have to be machines that need figuring out for the sake of better grades; they could be a friend in learning. Perhaps this may seem high and airy, but isn't it true—right here, right now—grades are for most, more important than knowledge itself? Given the choice of graduating with a 4.0 and the sake of better grades; they could be a friend in learning. The entire system is hopeless. Take the examples of students who say Aristotle, would pace the floor in excitement, when he came upon a new idea. Could Aristotle do this today at Hope College in a class or in a lecture hall? No. Students are expected to sit like boards, blocks, and stones, while professors are required to teach through formats, texts and grades—not through their hearts. It's no wonder that thousands upon thousands graduate all across the country, without ever feeling knowledge, without ever realizing that knowledge could mean something more than late nights cramming useless information.

Grades do reflect what one knows, and in some cases are necessary, but we have been taking them too seriously. And when we pay more attention to grades than knowledge we are worshipping the symbol over what it stands for, and that is idolatry.

Grade worshipping is only a part of the whole; the entire system is hopelessly lost. Take the examples of students being taught Wordsworth in a classroom. If he were alive today and saw how old and dreary his poetry looked in a four walled room, hidden away in the pages of a generic textbook, he would yell. He would scream! And he would pity us beyond measure. As we should be.

Sadly, even if Wordsworth were alive today, he could do little. The system is too well set in its cumbrous ways, like an unmovable behemoth. Individuals can do nothing except reject the system and become an outcast, creating an even more hopeless situation.

If one thinks at all, one has to wonder will there ever be an end to this? Is there any way to emancipate knowledge from these cold buildings, libraries, and systems? And right now, if we are to be honest, the answer is no.

Letters to the editors

Making a commitment requires sacrifices

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to the letter: "Greeks shouldn't hinder pledges' independent lives." I agree that there should have been better communication between the SAC committee and the pledging committee.

However, what troubles me about the letter is this idea that Greeks are forcing pledges to make decisions. I cannot speak for all Greek pledging systems, as I am only familiar with the pledging of the Comopolitan (sic) Fraternity, but I suspect they would agree. We do not force pledges to make decisions.

After Rush, we extend bids to a number of Rushes, and then the decision is in their hands. They have a choice to make, and all like choices in life, when one chooses to do something, one is also making a decision not to do something else.

Thus, those who receive bids can ask themselves, do I want to devote a significant amount of my time to become a strong active member of this organization, or would I rather use that time to experience Winter Fantasia and various other events on and off campus that will be taking place during pledging.

To pledge requires incredible committment. In two weeks (not three, as last weeks letter stated), our pledges are devoting themselves to an intense effort that will provide them with the foundation to continue a tradition that is 102 years old. If at any time they decide this is not something they want to do, the door is always open, and the pledges are aware of this option; we do not hide it from them.

This is not unusual or cruel committment to ask from Pledges. It is similar to what Hope asks of its students. If you decide to come to Hope, you will abide by certain rules, and are expected to fulfill a specific level of achievement (sic). If you don't perform academically, or respect Hope Policy, you are free to leave.

That Greeks or Hope College require a certain level of commitment (show up at pledging events, attend class, refrain from drinking in the Pine Grove) is notarce. In fact, it is impossible to expect that one should not have to forgo one opportunity to experience another, as last week's misinformed letter so laughously asserts.

Guy Cheney '92

Don't be fooled—STDs reality on college campuses

Dear editor,

I would like to respond to your guest column in the anchor. Yes, students, STDs or sexually transmitted diseases are a reality on Hope's campus as well as campuses all over the country. Chlamydia, an infection caused by sexually transmitted bacteria is the most prevalent STD in the country. On college campuses, the incidence approaches 10-15 percent of the student population. If left untreated Chlamydia may cause painful infections of the reproductive organs which can cause infertility in both men and women. Unfortunately, as many as 75 percent of men and women have no symptoms. Genital herpes is another STD that usually produces painful, inflamed blisters on the penis, in the vagina, on the cervix or around the anus. This disease too has far reaching effects especially for women because herpes has been linked to increased risk for cervical cancer and may be passed on to infants in childbirth. Once you have had herpes virus you can carry it for life and you can have an outbreak at any time. HPV infection (human papillomavirus) or genital warts have almost become epidemic on college campuses. This disease affects both males and females and is sexually transmitted. Genital warts can be precancerous through genital, oral and anal sexual contact. Then, there are still the "oldiers", gonorrhea and syphilis, which nationally are on the rise. Gonorrhea has become resistant to antibiotic therapy and the long range effects are devastating for men and women when they want to have children and find they have a fertility problem.

The newest and most devastating STD is HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) which causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). This virus is transmitted by semen, blood and blood products, and vaginal and cervical se-crections. Most people infected with the virus seem healthy and do not realize they have been infected and can transmit the disease to others. The period of time from infection to serious symptoms averages to 10 years. The end result of the HIV virus is the disease AIDS and death.

The Health Clinic at Hope College deals daily with students with the issues of pregnancy, STDs and contraception. We are concerned about the sexual activity on the campus because we deal with the results of that activity. We have tried to see happy results with any of the above diseases and situations. Abstinence will solve all of the above situations. If you feel you absolutely cannot abstain, then be responsible and educate yourself on what it means and how to have safer sex.

We will be happy to answer questions or meet with you. This is all done in the strictest of confidence. Please call 7585 and ask for Sharon. Remember, STDs, unplanned pregnancy and AIDS have lifelong and life threatening effects.

Sincerely,

Sharon Blankema
Director of Health Services
Students take leadership over spring break

by Erika Brubaker features editor

Students will take leadership responsibilities as they go to a Native American reservation in South Dakota. They will break with the chaplain's office. A group of about 15 students will travel to the Reservation of the Lakota Indians to work for the repair, some of the church buildings on the reservation. The Lakota is a Sioux tribe that, for the most part, remains in its reservation in South Dakota.

Chaplain Van Heest explained that Hope College has some ties to this particular reservation. The education department sent a group of students to this same reservation last year during May Term, so they could work on their ESL (English as a Second Language) skills. A recent Hope graduate also teaches on the reservation.

Van Heest, before deciding where the spring break trip will be, consulted an advisory group composed of people who are familiar with things they think they would like to do...because I figure that this group... it typically is composed of people that are concerned about chaplain's programs and so forth.

Because the spring break project has never worked with Native Americans, they thought this year would be a good year to experiment.

Time Out provided for area teens

by Erika Brubaker features editor

Amy Haveman ("92) is one of three students from the state of Michigan to win the Michigan Campus Compact award last February.

The award included a $1,000 prize to be donated to an existing program, or to be used to set up a program that Haveman herself would start.

Haveman explained, "I got this award and I had three goals that I wanted to use the award money for: 1) I wanted to use it within the Hispanic community, 2) I wanted to involve Hope students, 3) I wanted it to have some of a religious slant." 

Since Haveman was unable to find an existing program in Holland that met these requirements, she had to find another outlet. After calling Sara Park, director of the Hispanic Outreach Program at First United Methodist Church in Holland, Haveman and Park put their creative energies together and designed a program called Time Out.

Haveman explained, "Time Out is a youth group for minority and at-risk teens in the downtown area. Teens at risk are those who are educationally at risk...[those] who are about ready to drop out, she said.

The group meets on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

For the first hour, they play competition volleyball. The second hour is spent in Christian fellowship. "It’s mostly discussion... dealing with issues that teens face—pressure, family problems, things like that."

Haveman has gathered a core group of about five volunteers, made up of Hope students, who help her run the Time Out program. About 40-50 teens take part each week, with some regulars. The teens are always welcome to bring their friends.

The size of the group has steadily increased since its beginning last semester. "The increase of kids means that we need an increase in previous years, they have worked throughout the United States in both the inner city (Chicago and Staten Island) and in rural areas (parts of Georgia)."

Alarmed, Haveman said, "We've done a lot of different things, but we've never done anything with the [Native] Americans. It looked like kind of a neat thing to do."

Haveman said that the chaplain's office takes in arranging for the spring break trip is to contact Char Ten Clay, who is the representative of the Episcopal Church for Volun-

The Lakota are a Sioux tribe that, for the most part, remains in its reservation in South Dakota over Spring Break. They're always excited to come. It's a slow process with some of the students who will go and where they will go, and it is up to the students to work the rest of it out among themselves.

Van Heest is excited about the project itself.

"The philosophy of it is that we're exposing some of our students to some needs of the people in the world. In the meantime, those people are going to be encouraged because there are people who care about them."

Each of the students who go learn a great deal about other cultures in the United States. "One of the things that he tells the report to the rest of the students about their trip sometime after spring break in the weekend chapel services.

Dental school an option for International student

by Cami Reister staff writer

Twenty-eight-year-old Paul Musherure ("93), an international student from Uganda, is completing his second year at Hope and may not be returning in the fall.

"I came in January '89 to Wayne County Community College,which is in Taylor, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. I was there for a year and a half, because my aim was to get into dental school because [I'm a] hygiene major. I was working back there as a hygienist, and I wanted to get a dental degree. I tried to look around for financial help, and I got a scholarship from Hope," explained Musherure.

He has been a chemistry major with a biochemistry emphasis at Hope for two years, and although he is not with a degree, he can still go to dental school.

"I did everything that is required to leave Hope in the fall, because you don't have to get a bachelor's [degree] to go to dental school. If you have good enough grades and background, it's sufficient. My background is extensive and I have all the credits that I need and passed admissions tests and stuff," Musherure said.

But just where is he going? At this point he's not sure if he will finish up next year at Hope or go right to one of two dental schools which have accepted him.

"Money seems to be the issue. It's down to 'the bucks again. I'm on a money hunt now," he said.

Musherure's desire to become a dentist was prompted by his career as a hygienist. He said the hygienist program in Uganda "involved a lot more extractions, fillings, endodontics, and everything. It's a lot of the things that he's doing there," he described himself and other people in the profession as overworked and undersalaried.

"A dentist is a man who you are overworked and you are not recognized for what you are doing. I did a lot more and it was frustrating. Also, the income was really meager. So I figured I better get my degree," said Musherure.

He came to America to get his degree because the opportunities for education are not as readily available in Uganda as they are here.

There was a dental school started in Kampala, the "pearl of Africa," to his school in Detroit was all that different for him.

"I knew most of what I saw except that there's always still that shock of seeing it happen live in front of you, the great amount of change in much of what happened in a more developed country, the decadence that prevails," he said.

What's Uganda like?

"It's a very poor country. There's a lot of sickness, it's hard to do anything. It's wondering what you're going to do next. It's very discouraging," he said.

Musherure said the transition from Uganda to "pearl of Africa," to his school in Detroit was all that different for him.

"It's a very poor country. There's a lot of sickness, it's hard to do anything. It's wondering what you're going to do next. It's very discouraging," he said.
Pepsi-Pistons challenge sends Hope students to Palace

The Palace of Auburn Hills was the destination for 19 lucky winners of the Pepsi/Pistons challenge contest sponsored by Creative Dining Services (CDS) this past Thursday. And if you ask anyone who went, it was lots of fun.

"The students that went were a great group, they appreciated it," said Chuck Melechio, food service director for CDS.

The trip was so successful that CDS is already planning to have a similar contest next year. "We're hoping next year to make it bigger and better. We want a full bus at least. We're going to start planning it in August, and who knows, maybe we'll even end up with a Bulls vs. Pistons game."

The trip over to the home of the Detroit Pistons was filled with games and excitement. But the big giveaway was an autograph basketball which was given to the person who guessed closest to the final score.

Bob Elinski won the basketball with a guess of 104-96, only one point off the actual score of 104-97.

The prizes were donated by Ticketmaster and the Piston's office, who worked with CDS and Pepsi in organizing the trip.

"Ticketmaster worked with us very well. They provided us with the autographed basketball he won in the 'guess-the-final-score' contest (Left) while the other students sat and watched the Pistons knock off the Bucks (Right)."

Students who won the trip include: Derek Stuart, Chris Hoflund, Bill Bunhart, Nancy Field, Lisa Stover, Logan Southfield, Amy Woolman, Bob Elinski, Casey Powers, Ben Labarge, Brian Conn, Nathan Defore, Jeff Clark, Graham Smith, Ritsuko Kuroda, Jason Gibbs, and Don Moore.

GOOD GUESS. Bob Elinski shows off his autographed basketball he won in the 'guess-the-final-score' contest (Left) while the other students sat and watched the Pistons knock off the Bucks (Right).
Poetess gives reading at Hope

Lucille Clifton, poet extraordinaire, read at Hope College last Thursday in the Mass center for what proved a memorable evening. Clifton, reading her works, extrapolated on everything from the social-political realms of hypocrisy to the mythical heights of the archetypal. She also had a powerful sense of humor.

"Like to comfort the afflicted, and affect the comforted," she proudly stated. The last of a dying breed, Clifton is a full professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland without ever having graduated from college. Leaving little doubt as to the merit of her work.

Clifton opened the reading with her virtually magnetic poem "Homage to my hips," launching out on a vast, simplistic ode to her massive hips, which ain’t gonna fit in no small places. Clifton, in her poems and life, celebrates her body like a child celebrates Christmas; gloriously. This is not to say, however, that she dwells in the soft and fleshy world of big hips. She thrived on juxtaposition.

Sneaking up on the audience with her poem series shapeshifter, she subtly weaved her massive hips, which ain’t gonna fit in no small places. Clifton, in her poems and life, celebrates her body like a child celebrates Christmas; gloriously. This is not to say, however, that she dwells in the soft and fleshy world of big hips. She thrived on juxtaposition.

Reflecting on her African-American heritage, Clifton also read a poem on the injustices of racism. She toured, some years back, a southern plantation. Slavery was never mentioned during the tour, and the gravesites for the slaves who worked there remained unmarked, while the white plantation owners’ graves sites had been kept up.

Most students walked away impressed with Clifton.

"The reading in it’s totality," said Mike Theune ('92), editor of Opus, "recognized the pain, the injustices of life, as well as the mystical aspects of it."

"She’s got great hips. I wish I had hips like that," added Reka Jelima ('88), wisely.

**Fiction not worth hardcover price**

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**BOOK REVIEW**

The novel Stations of the Tide, by Michael Swanwick, brings the reader into a world in transition. The world Miranda is a watery planet that undergoes periodic cycles of flooding, known as the juliebe sides, which entirely engulf the low-lying areas of the continent. The time of the juliebe sides is a period of confusion and chaos as the human settlers of the planet move from their homes in the flood plain to higher ground. The novel brings us to Miranda at such a time, but the coming of the sides is merely an ominous note in the background.

The true story revolves around a nameless bureaucrat, whose task is to apprehend a criminal magician known as Aldebaran Gregorian. The bureaucrat is a member of the Division of Technology Transfer. This agency is responsible for maintaining technological structures on planetary inhabitants.

It seems that Gregorian possesses some forbidden technology. The reader is led to believe that this is directly linked to his claims that he can adapt people to live in the sea. The bureaucracy, however, becomes continuously denied the existence of such a technology. Readers are left doubting the true objective of the bureaucrat.

Aldebaran Gregorian becomes a detective-ody. The bureaucrat completes a journey through the turbulent culture of Miranda as he follows the clues that will lead him to Gregorian. We see

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**ARTS**

**Diverse performers share common love of music.**

Holland — The members of the Opera Workshop Quartet participating in this year’s Hope College Musical Showcase on Monday, March 9 at DeVos Hall, want their audience to love opera as much as they do.

That one reason the four Hope College students have decided to present their rendition from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Finales from Impresario” in contemporary street clothes. Instead of strolling the stage wearing powdered beehive wigs and white silk stockings, the group is going to minimize the visual spectacle so that listeners can focus on the music and story.

“I used to hate opera,” admitted James Schut ('93) of Golden Valley, Minn. “I used to think it was a bunch of warbling and it seemed so stale to me.”

“But I would tell people who feel like I used to give it a chance, because there’s a lot more to it than they realize,” he said. “It’s not just a stagnant performance with a bunch of people standing there—it’s a full scale production.”

Mozart, for example, was a composer that used every single art form that he possibly could—acting; the script was supposed to be fantastic, the costumes and scenes,” Schut said.

“It’s a lot more exciting than what you see on TV sometimes.” “Finales from Impresario” plot features rival singers Madame Goldentrill and Miss Silverpell, amid their agents, Mr. Angel and Mr. Bluff. Mozart wrote the scene as a comic conflict between the four, and the students intend to capture that spirit in their performance.

**Versatile soprano next in Great Performances Series**

Holland — Soprano Dawn Kotski will perform through the Hope College Great Performances Series on Tuesday, March 10, 8 p.m., in Evergreen Commons.


She appeared with the Atlanta Symphony under the direction of Robert Shaw and the Minnesota Orchestra for performances of Handel’s “Messiah,” with David Zinman and the Baltimore Symphony, she sang Mahler’s Symphony No. 1, and Handel’s “Actus and Galatea” with Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony for Decca Records.

Her schedule featured appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra for “Carmen” in New York’s Mostly Mozart Festival with Gerard Schwarz for Mozart’s “Mass in C minor,” and a return to the Atlanta Symphony for concert performances of Puccini’s “Die Zauberflote” with Yehudi Menuhin.

During the 1989-90 season, Kotski completed her third and final year as a member of the Metropolitan Opera’s Young Artist Development Program, and appeared at the Met in “Il tabarro” and “Die Fraw ohne..."
Flying Dutchmen receive sixth straight NCAA berth

Holland — For the sixth consecutive year and the 10th time in 11 years, the Hope College Flying Dutchmen will compete in the NCAA Division III men's basketball play-offs.

Coach Glenn Van Wzeigen's Flying Dutchmen (22-5) have received an at-large berth in the Great Lakes Region and will meet percent top-ranked Calvin first since 1985. Wittenberg holds a 2-1 advantage in the series.

The game will pit a fast-paced Hope offense against a defense-oriented Wittenberg. The Flying Dutchmen are averaging 87 points per game, while Wittenberg is limiting its opponents to 66 points.

Both teams are coming off losses. Hope was upset by Kalamazoo, 77-74, in the semi-final round of the MIAA Tournament while Wittenberg lost to Wooster, 61-54, in the championship game of the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament.

The Tigers start three seniors, a freshman and a sophomore while Hope's probable lineup includes four seniors and two juniors.

Men's tennis losses to Grand Rapids Community College

The men’s tennis team lost their first home match of the season falling to Grand Rapids Community College by a score of 6-3. It was a difficult match for some of the Dutchmen, as Fantasia was the night before and undoubtedly took something out of their legs.

Doublets were played first and this way.

At first doubles, Cal Hodgson ('92) and Todd Jungling ('93) were defeated by a score of 6-3, 7-6. I believe their opponents were John MacEnroe and Boris Becker.

This has not been confirmed as of yet, but coincides with several sightings of the pro tennis players at a local Burger King.

At second doubles, Jon Van Wieren ('94) and Steve Gomo ('95) remained undefeated on the season by crushing their way to a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory.

At third doubles, Kevin Bobofchak ('94) and John Lilie ('92) were edged out by a score of 6-3, 6-4.

Singles action followed with Hope behind two matches to one.

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Fourth Singles also went Hope's way as Gomo blasted his opponent with "Excuse me, did I knock you down again?" serves, volleys and passing shots. The score came away as 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.

Fifth and sixth singles went to G.R.C.C. as Bobofchak and Lilie each suffered 6-0, 6-1 losses.

Marty Williams ('92) won his exhibition singles match, overpowering his opponent 7-6, 6-1 after falling behind 5-1 in the first set.

Hope's next match is Saturday at 1:00 at the Holland Tennis Club against Hope.

Kalamazoo steals victory from Dutch

With the Calvin crowd rooting enthusiastically for the Hopeans, Brian Witkowski hit the Dutchmen up for a game high 35 points including six three-pointers, and the game winning free throw.

Kalamazoo gained its first lead of the game 74-73 with 1:09 left on a Brian Witkowski three pointer. The Dutchmen worked the ball into Gugoino, who was fouled. Gugoino made one free throw and the game was dead even at 74.

Kalamazoo worked the clock down and worked the ball to Witkowski for another point attempt, but he missed and he cooly sank all three free throws to put away the game.

Hope still had a chance to tie with 18 seconds left, but Colly Carlson's two three point attempts with tremendous pressure were off the mark and Kalamazoo had earned their first win in 12-29 half time lead. The Dutchmen extended their lead as many as 16 points in the second half, but poor shooting and inconsistent play by the Dutchmen kept the Hornets in the game until they could get hot.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

MENS BASKETBALL

Calvin College cruised Kalamazoo 97-54 to win the first ever MIAA tournament and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. They are led by 6-6 forward Kris Gugoino, who is averaging 17.4 points a game and is second in the conference. The Dutchmen are averaging 87 points per game, while Wittenberg is limiting its opponents to 66 points.

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MIAA BRIEFS

MIAA All-Sports

Stands

(Through winter sports season)

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1. Hope
2. Calvin
3. Kalamazoo
4. Albion
5. Alma
6. Olivet
7. Adrian

1. Hope 90
2. Calvin 86
3. Kalamazoo 82
4. Albion 68
5. Alma 58
6. Olivet 39
7. Adrian 34

The MIAA All-Sports award is based on the cumulative performance of each member school in the league's 18 sports for men and women.

The All-Sports standings at the end of the school year will be determined on the basis of the school's standings in eight of sports for men and six of sports for women.

The MIAA All-Sports award has been presented since 1934-35. Calvin College is the defending MIAA All-Sports champion with three consecutive All-Sports titles.

In 1990-91, Calvin finished three points ahead of Hope in the final All-Sports standings, 138-135.
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Abraham Lincoln.
Thomas-Quinney's portrayal of Sojourner Truth is presented as a monologue told in the Black dialect. In character she

slavery and the discrimination faced by women

Middlesex, PA, Thomas-Quinney is a widely-

teacher, workshop leader and minister.

ational College of Education in Evanston, IL.

educational researcher with the Institute for

University.

Coalition and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Notes

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complaining.

If we continue to be complacent, not

communicating to others that we are upset

back and wait for black rights to just come

about. Martin Luther King, Jr. didn't sit

positive. If there is something on your mind,

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Another interesting aspect of the story is

major that Gregorian and his followers

empire. The Inner System is the workplace of the

bureaucrat and his colleagues.

Mushure

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that shocked me when I came here. People

don't look at you and say, "Oh! Someone

new!" No, they say "Oh, Someone new." They

are suspicious of a new person.

Despite the "decadence that prevails,

however, Mushure grew very fond of De-

troit. "I loved living in Detroit. I really did. 

I like Detroit so much. You know, you just sit

there, and I said to myself, 'Am I in America?' 

You go downtown, and [there are] all those 

black people. I felt so good on those buses 

because they [the black people] have the same 

temperament. 'They'll all be laughing and 

talking to you and they have never met you 

before,' said Mushure.

He went on to say that the warmer months

were his favorite time in the city. "During the 

summer in Detroit it's really nice," he said.

"There are a lot of cultural events. It's got a 

life of its own and I really like it.

Decadence is not what he found, however,

when he came to this side of the state. "Hope 

College, on the other hand...is okay. It's just 

a typical conservative neighborhood here. 

Holland, Zeeland...the mind-set of the students 

is mostly international students [but includes] 

other Americans," he said.

When asked if he would like to return to 

Uganda after dental school, Mushure replied.

"Oh certainly, certainly. I wouldn't stay here. 

I think I am needed much more back home in 

Uganda, since for over 20 years up to 1986 the 

country's infrastructure was destroyed by two 

successive dictatorships. Now, I would 
certainly like to be involved in the rebuilding 

process as the country gets out on its feet 

again. Besides, the atmosphere here for one 

dentist or a professional is highly competitive. 

Malpractice, all that stuff, I don't need any of 

that when I've been after something for so 

long."

The namelessness of the bureaucrat is an

interesting device. It leads us to disassociate

ourselves with him and simply follow his

actions instead of empathizing with him. It is

also interesting that all of the other characters 

in the novel possess a name. This gives the 

bureaucrat a pallid cast while he laboriously 

follows his clues.

The novel becomes somewhat of a mys-

tery for the reader. The various clues and 

innuendos must be sorted out to get a true 

picture of what is occurring.

We are left on our own to solve the 

questions raised in the story: why does the 
bureaucrat have no power? who is the traitor

in the Inner System? what is Gregorian's role

in the story?

The conclusion to the book was a bit 
dissatisfying. Though it answered some ques-
tions, it left a few untouched. This may be the 

mark of a good novel, but it is frustrating to 

the reader who is left hanging.

The novel, first appearing as a two part 

series in Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine, 
is interesting to read, but is defi-

itely not worth the price of the hard-bound 

edition. Wait for it to come out in paperback 

or try to obtain the Mid-December 1990 

and January 1991 editions of Isaac Asimov's 

Science Fiction Magazine.

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