In an effort to make the housing process less stressful, Residential Life and Housing created a website to help students find roommates for the 2007-2008 school year. The “Need a Roommate?” site allows students to post their contact information where they would like to live next year and what they are looking for in a roommate. To look at the current posts or to create a post, visit: www.hope.edu/student/residential/needadrroommate/.

Amnesty FOCUS WEEK CONTINUES

Amnesty International’s week-long focus on global women’s issues continues through Saturday, March 10. On March 8, Kristen Johnson, associate director of the Crossroads Project, will present “A Christian Perspective on Women’s Rights and Social Justice” at 7 p.m. in the Martha Miller Center. The Emmy-award winning documentary “Until the Violence Stops” will be screened at 7 p.m. on March 9 in the Fried.

In Brief

“NEED A ROOMMATE?”

“Food, glorious food, Hospital. $481,000 for the DeVos Children’s Home. Nearly 110,000 students and staff will boogie to music in the Dow Center. For 24 hours, at the stroke of 7 p.m. on Friday March 10 in the Kletz, ‘Violence Stops’ will be screened for the winning documentary ‘Until the Stroke of 7’.”

Kurt Pyle

Guest Writer

“Tuition increases, an annual fact of college life as familiar as the winter snows off Lake Michigan, have made their yearly return to Hope College, boosting costs through the $30,000 barrier for the 2007-2008 academic year and prompting renewed concerns over the school’s spiraling costs.”

The 5.2 percent increase ($31,100 total student charges), fueled primarily by rises in faculty wages and student services, is lower than that of other comparable liberal arts schools. Heightened investment income, an increased school endowment, along with auxiliary income derived from grants and conferences served to control the size of the increase.

One main area of growth over the past decade has been in faculty wages, which account for most of the 5.2 percent of Hope funds spent on instruction and instructional support. The cost of attracting and retaining faculty has grown on average by about 4.7 percent over the past 15 years, chiefly in order to compete amid a national shortage of qualified faculty. Despite these increases, Hope wage rates still rank below the median wages of similar colleges. Student services have been another source of rising costs. Increased spending on health clinics, counseling, student organization and residential life are all a part of maintaining Hope’s attractiveness to incoming students.

A third reason for Hope’s rising student costs is tied to the school’s $155 million endowment, which is small relative to its peer group. This limits the ability of the school to generate outside investment income, but has an unintended benefit according to Thomas W. Bylsma, Hope’s chief financial officer. “I think we have a lower endowment we’ve had a lower cost structure because we’ve had to live within our means,” Bylsma said.

The sticker cost of attending Hope does not accurately portray the true cost of a Hope education, Bylsma says. About a third of the cost of attending Hope is discounted by the value of scholarshipships, reducing the true expense to a net cost of $22,937 for the average student for the coming year. For those concerned with how Hope’s sticker cost stacks up against public schools in the state, Bylsma adds a final assessment. “If they (public universities) didn’t receive the money they did through tax dollars, they would be just as expensive, if not more,” Bylsma said.

AMITY FACULTY COSTS FUEL INCREASE

“Two Faces of Capitalism” examined

Mackenzie Smith

Guest Writer

“According to the Oxford English Dictionary, “terrific” can be used “as an enthusiastic term of commendation,” can refer to “anything very severe or excessive,” or can describe something like the “dreadful, terrible, frightful.” Paul Solman, the 2007 Stuster Congress Speaker Series presenter, invited audience members to consider what it means to “be terrific” in every sense of the word.”

Solman’s March 6 presentation was entitled “Two Faces of Capitalism: Why We Love and Hate the So-Called Free Market.” A business and economics correspondent for the PBS “NewsHour with Jim Lehrer” and former editor-in-chief at Mother Jones magazine, Solman’s economic analysis is different than that generally presented in economics courses. Capitalism, he argued, is like the human being a curly in the middle of her forehead capable of being both “very good indeed and horrid.” A particular view of human nature provided the frame for Solman as he explored the appropriateness and feasibility of capitalism and communist economic systems. “We all have the competitor within and the cooperator within.”

Solman said, emphasizing the tension between t h e s e two in the economic realm. A re human beings c o m p e t i t i v e n a t u r a l l y inclined to capitalism, or cooperative and inclined toward communism? “I think they’re both obviously part of us,” Solman concluded. “I think our goal has to be a balance.”

Fred Johnson, professor of history, recognized the challenge of achieving this balance, but stressed the importance of pursuing it. “We see what companies are doing when people are asking these kinds of questions,” Johnson said. “I’m terrified of what companies would do if people weren’t even asking.”

Not all audience members were receptive to Solman’s ideas. Bradley Mantsen ’07 thought that the hope of finding a positive balance was overly optimistic. “The preventative (of a cooperative economy) is the global system. If we started taxing up to fifty percent (to provide more social services), then we’d fall in our global ranking,” Matson said.

Solman also brought religion into his discussion, asking in

 Asking Hard Questions — Sol- man ponders the nature of capitalism.
IRAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM INTENTIONS

Brian McLellan
Staff Writer

Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad recently announced that his nation’s nuclear ambitions will not be stopped. The program “has no brake and no reverse gear.” This is in stark contrast to calls by the United Nations for Iran to suspend its enrichment of uranium program. The deadline for suspension was on Feb. 21.

Ahmadinejad insists that the Iranian nuclear program is intended solely to develop nuclear power sources to provide electricity to Iran. However, President Bush and other leaders in Washington believe that Iran is attempting to enrich its uranium to build an atomic bomb. A report by the International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed this possibility stating that, in addition to uranium enrichment, Iran is increasing its number of centrifuges and building heavy water reactors, both of which could help it develop nuclear arms. The United States wants to prevent Iran from obtaining atomic weapons. Great Britain, a key U.S. ally, expressed support of America’s stand on Iran’s nuclear program.

“We remain determined to prevent Iran acquiring the means to develop nuclear weapons,” British Foreign Minister Margaret Beckett said.

Because of Iran’s defiance, it could now face increased sanctions by the United Nations. A lesser set of sanctions were imposed on Iran in December, which included a ban on transferring materials or personnel related to Iran’s nuclear program into or out of the country. The new sanctions, if put into effect, could include a ban on travel for anyone related to Iran’s nuclear program.

Leaders in the United Nations have expressed their support of these new sanctions, hoping that the increased pressure might bring Iran to the negotiating table. If this happens, it is possible that Iran might be convinced to suspend its nuclear program. Leaders hope that this can be accomplished by peaceful means.

“We should not lose sight of the goal – and the goal is not to have a resolution or to impose sanctions. The goal is to accomplish a political outcome,” said Vitaly Churkin, Russia’s ambassador to the U.N.

Also, Britain’s Prime Minister, Tony Blair, stated that “the only sensible way” to resolve the situation with Iran was through political means, not through military force. Although the United States has increased its naval presence in the Persian Gulf, which is near Iran, it also currently remains committed to diplomacy with Iran. However, it has also stated that no option, including military action, has been ruled out.

Currently, no military action has been taken and Iran continues to enrich uranium. Despite the possibility of war, the leaders of many nations around the world remain hopeful that, through sanctions and political pressure, the situation may be resolved peacefully.

MICHIGAN FACES $920M BUDGET DEFICIT

Gordie Fall
Staff Writer

After multiple years of a declining economy, newly re-elected Gov. Jennifer Granholm must now face a problem that has not been fixed in her entire term in office: Michigan’s economic woes. The state has a $502 million deficit, with projections showing that the hole will grow to $1 billion within one year. To further the problem, jobs are continuing to leave the state at a rapid rate, leaving Michigan citizens out of work and, in some cases, even causing them to leave the state.

A main factor of the crisis is the plight of the automotive industry in Detroit, as the Big Three (General Motors, Ford, and DaimlerChrysler) are all suffering heavy losses. All of the Detroit companies have announced mass layoffs, buyouts and closings, while Asian car makers continue to expand into the United States, with production plants opening throughout the South. The auto industry is but one example of a state that has ranked last in job growth in the United States in every year since 1995.

The declining state of the economy is visible with the departure of the corporate headquarters of one of the nation’s largest banks, Comerica Bank. The company announced Tuesday that it will be relocating its headquarters to Dallas resulting in a loss of 200 jobs.

This comes at a time when Michigan is losing college graduates to other parts of the country, primarily because of a shaky job market. In the 25-34 age group, those who would most likely be opening small businesses and beginning to take long-term jobs, only eight counties in Michigan have actually seen a sizable increase with four of the eight being boosted due to an increase in prisoners, not an increase in workforce.

Both of these issues are important problems that Granholm must address quickly, before the problem worsens. To tackle the issue, she is planning a five-city televised series of town hall style meetings on the economy, a move also used right after her first inauguration four years ago.

The governor has stated that she would like to see what the people of Michigan have to say on the topic.

“We need to take this hard and stubborn economy head-on and push forward with persistence and courage, and we need to do it together,” Granholm said.

Part of the reason for such a tour may be to gain support within the state, something that may be necessary for any type of feasible plan.

The tour is planned for Flint, Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Traverse City, and the invitation-only meetings will be throughout the month of March. Granholm will visit West Michigan today as well as hold a televised Town Hall forum.

News Brief

LIBBY CONVICTED

I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby, former vice-presidential chief of staff, was convicted on March 6 by a federal jury after 10 days of deliberations. Eleven jurors found Libby guilty of two counts of perjury, one count of making false statements and one count of obstruction of justice. Libby was acquitted of a single count of lying to the FBI.

Libby stood trial under accusations that he lied about his role in the leak of the identity of an undercover CIA agent. The trial lasted for seven weeks. Libby will face a probable prison term of 1 1/2 to 3 years. He will be sentenced on June 5 by U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton.

According to the Washington Post, Libby is the highest-ranking White House official to be criminally indicted in modern times.
**Wednesday**

March 7

Coffeehouse Entertainment: 9-11 a.m. Hiltz.

Film: “Killing Us Softly 3” and “Tough Guise”
7 p.m. MMC Rm 135. Sponsored by Amnesty International.

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**Thursday**

March 8

Film: “Riding Along for Thousands of Miles”
March 2-10; 7:9 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre. 56 general admission; $5 students & seniors.

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**Friday**

March 9

Film: “We Are Marshall”
March 9 & 10; 7 p.m. midnight.

March 11; 3 p.m. Winants Auditorium.

**Saturday**

March 10

Senior Recital:
Noah Livingston, percussion
6 p.m. Wichers Auditorium.

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**Tuesday**

March 13

VWS: Anele Rubin, Mary Ann Samyn
7-9 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre.

**MUSIC STUDENTS, OPERA FINALISTS**

Meghan Moore (‘08) and Elizabeth Skaff (‘07) were selected as finalists during the preliminary round of the Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition. They are two of eight finalists chosen from among 24 contestants hailing from Hope, Aquinas College, Calvin College, Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University. Moore, Skaff and the other finalists will compete for a $250 grand prize in the final round which is scheduled for Sunday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend the event.

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**Gbps to feature Simon Shaheen**

The Hope College Great Performance Series will showcase the musical talent of the Simon Shaheen Ensemble on Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. A master of the violin and oud, Shaheen has been described as one of the most significant Arab musicians, performers and composers of his generation. His ensemble aims at a fusion of Arab, jazz, Western classical and Latin American music. Tickets for the performance are on sale at the ticket office in DeVos Fieldhouse. Regular admission is $16, $12 for senior citizens and $5 for children 18 and under.

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**SYMPHONETTE INVITED TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Symphonette is one of four orchestras from around the country invited to perform at the 2007 National Conference of the American String Teachers Association. The 32 member symphonette is directed by Richard Piippo who is director of the orchestral activities and associate professor of cello/chamber music at Hope. The conference will run March 7-10 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

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**DeVos Musical Showcase**

Whooo? ‘Breathe Owl Breathe’, That’s Who

Tara Kuhnslein

Friday evening, Lemonjelllos was full of indie, traditional and classical style music. The bands Ben & Bruno and Bates & Foote opened up for the modern-folk style duet Breathe Owl Breathe. The harmonious duet performedrful, heartfelt and mysterious songs in between light-hearted jokes made by the lead singer, Micah Middaugh.

“Talented, diverse, professional, well put on...”

— Katie Haines (‘10)

“I enjoyed it thoroughly...you didn’t know what was coming next.”

— Claire Charette (‘10)

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**Dance**

Freeret styles and it gives you an outside perspective.”

Erik Alberg, technical director for the dance department, created much of the lighting and sound design for Dance 33.

“There’s so many pieces of music to identify with, (the audience) is guaranteed to leave humming.”

The show runs March 8 to 10 at 8 p.m. in the DeVitt Theater. Tickets are $7 regular admission and $5 for Hope students, faculty and senior citizens.

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**Passage to India**

**Samuel Baker**

Although it is immediately obvious to most people that Holland is a city with a predominantly Dutch-American culture, those who look closer can find influences from nations around the world. One example of this is the Taj India restaurant, located at 91 Douglas Ave., just a mile and a half away from Hope College’s campus.

Upon entering the Taj, guests will find themselves in a quiet, semi-formal eating environment with displays of Indian culture ranging from a picture of the Taj Mahal to Indian music playing in the background.

The menu offers more than 50 entree choices ranging from $9 to $14. These entrees are divided into four main groups of chicken, lamb, seafood and vegetarian dishes.

Hardeep Singh Shergill, co-owner of the restaurant, said that his personal favorites are the chicken tikka masala and the vegetarian thali.

The menu also includes a variety of appetizers, breads and desserts that are all traditional Indian choices. Even the beverage menu offers traditional Indian drinks, such as the yogurt drink lassi and Indian spiced tea, along with more traditional American choices such as coffee and soft drinks.

The restaurant has been co-owned by Shergill and his father Surinder Singh for about a month now. Although they are new to Holland, they are not by any means new to the restaurant business.

Shergill relates a story of moving to America from India at the age of 11 and going to school for two years while his father was a chef for another Indian restaurant.

At age 13, Singh followed his father into the full-time restaurant business, starting with the job of dishwasher. Singh feels like this was a very important part of preparing himself to run a restaurant.

“My dad told me that you have to know everything about a restaurant to run it,” Singh said.

Singh worked in restaurants around the country with his dad for about seven years. Then one day, on a visit to Holland, Singh and his father went to the Taj India restaurant for a meal.

While visiting, the owner approached them, asking if they would be interested in buying the restaurant. Singh and his father were very eager for the chance and quickly agreed to purchase the restaurant. Singh said that he is enjoying his experience running a restaurant.

“I don’t like the customer to go away sad. The customer is my goal. When I know they’re coming, I want to know that they enjoyed it and that they want to come back again,” Singh said.

The Taj India is open for a business hours.

**Flavors of Thailand**

**Michelle Read**

Family owned and operated, the Thai Palace of Holland has grown from humble beginnings to establish itself as a quality and unique dining option in the Holland area. Behind this restaurant’s authentic aesthetics and food lies a fascinating family journey from Laos to Holland.

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Despite reservations regarding Holland’s somewhat slow-growing economy and predominantly Dutch community, the Somthais persevered and eventually opened the restaurant in November 2003.

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Thai Palace has quick and friendly service, so whether students are in a hurry or looking to sit down and drink in some Asian culture, the Thai Palace offers both.

Some combination platters are brought out sizzling on a skillet, creating quite the stir among the customers.

The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and also offers a take-out menu for customers on the run. Meals average between $5 and $9 at Margarita’s.

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Appetizers are around $5 and the average entree is between $7 and $9. Two very popular dishes are the pad thai and the fried rice, each of which comes in large portions for $6.95. This restaurant is vegetarian-friendly with many of the dishes including a tofu option.

The menu is also versatile in that each dish can be customized to the customer’s desired level of spiciness using only authentic Thai spices.

Although all the choices have Thai names, the menu offers an English description for each.

Thai Palace is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Thai Palace online at www.thaiplacefood.com or call 994-9624.
Crossing cultures -
My Lament
Danielle Revers

We are told we must win. We cannot lose.
It is vital to our safety, their safety, and the prosperity of democracy. We must win.
What, exactly, at this point in the Iraq war is considered winning? I am very curious. The BBC estimates that 2 million Iraqis have fled the country to places such as Syria and Jordan. Is this the road to victory? Democracy?

This past week, while participating in “The Vagina Monologues,” I listened to the story of a young Iraqi girl, scarred and burned by the bombs dropped by United States forces. The monologue, speaking of the young girl’s father says, “He hated those planes that dropped fire from the sky; that promised freedom and then destroyed…”

Listening to these words made me feel exposed, as if standing naked, with guilt. They also make me ask all sorts of questions, the largest of them all being, “when will this war of terror end?” (All wars, no matter how “necessary,” are wars of terror for those that it affects).
The government says that it will not end until we win. We cannot accept defeat (or “cut and run,” a particularly clever euphemism). More importantly, we mustn’t abandon the people we have “freed.” In this war, the line between winning and losing has become very blurry. In fact, I think it may have disappeared altogether.

I am not claiming to have any answers to the Iraq problem; I do not know if there is a solution or what it is. I do not know if we should leave or stay. I do not know if in the end this war will have been worth it, and I suppose only time and hindsight will tell. But what I would like is a definition. If I am to be satisfied with a strict policy of victory, I would really like to know what exactly winning is. A functioning and stable democracy in Iraq? Is beacon of peace and freedom in the Middle East? Are either of these actually possible when 2 million Iraqi citizens have fled and hundreds of thousands of others have died? Or when the country has erupted into sectarian civil war? Or when “soldiers” wave the banner of religion and use faith as a scapegoat for their killing?

I used to be full of opinions. But I just don’t know anymore. And I suppose that’s the problem; nobody really knows anymore.

Danielle is a senior who is addicted to the Travel channel. She hates the cold and wishes this winter would hurry up and end.

Reclaiming language for us all

Solman

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Rumbleweeds

Sticks and stones: Why words should never hurt you

Jeremy Benson

My ex-girlfriend loved to constructively criticize me during our stint as mutual romancers. She told me not to wear white undershirts with khakis around the dorm because it looks trashy. When I took my van in to fix a flat, she corrected me as I asked Mr. Muffler the wrong questions. Once, on an early October night outside Haworth, she told me I was and had always been, dependent on women. I admit it hurt

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Haworth, I broke up with my girlfriend. She returned to the arms of a former boyfriend, and I did my stats homework by myself.

For months, I re-evaluated everything about me. I'm dependent on women (aren't we all?), and I certainly like them around. But I can get along fine without them, too.

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All this can be applied to more than writing workshops and relationships. For instance, the church, Catholic and Protestant, gets a lot of criticism for, well, just about everything it does. Mention its treatment of minorities or evolution and the church shows up as a lawyer armed with Bible verses.

I think the church, most of Hope’s campus and myself included, should interpret criticism with grace. Perhaps among that slung mud is some truth which might just help to pave those streets of gold, just like God envisioned it.

Jeremy Benson is still single. He likes seeing movies and taking long, romantic walks on the beach. To critique this story, e-mail him at jeremy.benson@hope.edu.
The Hope College hockey team advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament by winning a pair of games last week.

On March 2, the team defeated the University of Chicago 76-54. Captain Stephen Cramer ('07) led the Dutchmen in scoring with a career-high 12 points. Other contributors were Marcus Vanderheide ('08) with 13 points, Derek Van Solkema ('08) with 11 and Jesse Reimink ('09) with 10.

On March 3, the team faced rival Calvin College 80-64 to advance to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive year. The Dutchmen made 12-three-pointers on their way to victory. Cramer led the team with 26 points followed by Reimink with 11 and Tim Partridge ('07) and Tyler Wolfe ('08) each with 10.

The Hope College women's basketball team, defending national champions, failed to advance past the first round of the NCAA tournament on March 2 in Greenscotel, Ind. The Dutch faced a rematch of last year's first-round game against Denison University, who had 24-4 overall record. The Dutch began had only 18 points in the first half, while Denison went on a 13-point run and was ahead 40-18 at halftime. In commenting on why the Dutch shot inconsistently, coach Brian Morehouse said, "No reason, we just missed shots we usually make."

The Hope College women's basketball team all-tournament, and two players were recognized for their individual contributions in the tournament. Jeff Guy ('07) made first team all-tournament, and Brian Gatiffe ('08) made second team all-tournament. The tournament concluded the most successful season in Hope's history. The team had a final record of 26-4 and won the Michigan College Conference tournament.

"Everyone on the team got along very well," Peter Volbrecht ('07) said. "That was huge in our ability to play together. We didn't let up, if we had a lead we wanted a bigger lead. That helped us stay on top of games and not let them slip by. We also worked very hard which was a big helper and difference maker." The team is hoping to build upon this year’s success with a strong 2007-2008 season.

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