BEAUTIFUL BALLET — Hope dancers test their toes in dress rehearsal for 'Les Soeurs a la Grande Soiree.'

IN BRIEF

"NEED A ROOMMATE?"

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/needaroommate.

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 Marthaler Miller Center. The Emmy-award winning documentary “Until the Violence Stops” will be screened at 7 p.m. on March 9 in the Fried. Hemenway Auditorium. The week will conclude with a letter writing campaign at noon on March 10 in the Kletz.

FOR THE KIDS

Dance Marathon will begin at the stroke of 7 p.m. on Friday in the Dow Center. For 24 hours, students and staff will boogie to raise money to support patients at the DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. Nearly 110,000 visits are made to the hospital annually by newborns, infants, children and adults from throughout Western Michigan. All proceeds from the marathon will go directly towards fundraising programs that ease the patients visits as well as helping the children’s families. Dance Marathon is organized by Hope students, and since beginning in 2000 has raised more than $481,000 for the DeVos Children’s Hospital.

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 5.5 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 scholarships, 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 costs stack up against public schools in the state, Bylsma added 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.

“TWO FACES OF CAPITALISM” EXAMINED

“The faculty and the guest choreographers all have such different perspectives on the 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 Matsen (’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," Matsen said. Solman also brought religion into his discussion, asking in
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 $920 million deficit, something that may be necessary for any type of feasible plan.

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 massive layoffs, buy-outs 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 the 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. The discussion, “The State of Michigan: Your Money, Your Future” will be broadcasted by Wood TV 8 at 7 p.m.

GRANHOLM RETURNS TO W. MICHIGAN — Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who spoke in Dimnent Chapel last fall, will be discussing the future of Michigan’s economy in Grand Rapids today.

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.
**DeVos Musical Showcase**

**Talented, diverse, professional, well put on...**  
— Katie Haines ('10)

**It was engaging, entertaining and you could tell that there was a lot of work put into it.**  
— Andrea Woods ('10)

**DeVos Musical Showcase**

**Whoosh? ‘Breathe Owl Breathe’, That’s Who**

**Tara Kuhnlein, Staff Writer**

Friday evening, Lemonjellos was full of Indie, traditional and classical style music. The bands Ben & Bruno and Bates & Foote opened up for the modern-folk style duo Breathe Owl Breathe.

The harmonious duet performed playful, heartfelt and mysterious songs in between light-hearted jokes made by the lead singer, Micah Middaugh.

“I traveled faster than the snowball I threw at him, gave him a white-wash and yelled ‘Welcome to Holland!’” Middaugh said.

The amount of snow in Holland became a point of focus throughout the night, in jokes and inspired in the new music written by the duet.

The cello and guitar were accompanied by the harmonious voices of the Ann Arbor natives, who say they are inspired by the music of M.Ward and Joanna Newsome, among many others.

Audience members described the duets music as “inviting” and “thought-provoking.”

Breathe Owl Breathe plans on performing a show at Hope College on April 28. Their newly released CD, “Canadian Shield,” along with other band merchandise, can be purchased at the show. More information can be found on their MySpace account, “Breathe Owl Breathe.”

**Dance**

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**Leaf & Bean**

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Dance:

Dance features 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, said, “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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ship deters many companies from
employing international students.

“IT is very high pressure af-
fter college for international stu-
dents,” said Doriana Peku (’07).

Peku grew up in Albania. While working as a translator for
mission trips, she met a family

from Michigan who invited her to
live with them.

“Aim toward big companies to
sponsor you,” Peku said.

Peku’s future is secure. Dow
Chemical in Midland, Michigan
hired her and agreed to sponsor
her after one year.

Not everyone is as lucky as Peku, however.

“I had a few interviews in the past two
weeks, but it seems like it is extremely
hard for me to find employment, particu-
larly in West Michigan, be-
cause I am not a U.S. citizen,” said Shova KC (’07), a student from Nepal.

“Most of my friends are working in big cities
such as Boston and New York be-
cause employers there are more
willing to hire international stu-
dents since they have done it be-
fore,” KC plans to attend graduate
school next year for economics,
another popular

option for international students.

Once international students
have an American education,
some feel the need to choose be-

 tween taking their skills back to
their home country or staying
here.

“There is a pull to stay in the
(United) States. Otherwise,
you go home to lower
wages,” Peku said. “I
respect those who go
back to their coun-
tries. I plan to do
that after three or
four years.”

Xing Wen Wu (’07) grew
up in China
and moved to New York
with her fam-
ily when she
was 10 years
old. As a
U.S. citizen,
Wu does not face the
same issues as other international students,
but she wants to give back to her
community in New York.

“During my four years at

Hope, I realized I wanted to work
with the Chinese population,” Wu
said.

As a political science major
at Hope, Wu wants to work with
Chinese immigrants who do not
know their legal rights.

“People don’t know what their
rights are. Social rights, they
know, but political, they don’t,” Wu
said.

For many international stu-
dents, Hope has been a positive
experience.

“(Hope) has provided me op-
opportunities that would have other-

 wise not been possible,” KC said.

Peku and Wu agree that they
would like to see more U.S. stu-
dent involvement in international
activities on campus. Students do
not have to be international stu-
dents or minorities to participate
in the multicultural life at Hope.

“HAPA, BSU, La Raza and In-
ternational Relations club are ac-
tively looking for individuals to be
involved in leadership positions,” Peku
said.

ERIN LATTIN

As many Hope College seniors
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International students have to find
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‘Part of the family’

A taste of Mexico

Rachel Lackey
Staff Writer

With a plethora of popular chain restaurants cluttering U.S. 31, it can be difficult to find something unique when dining out. For most Hope College students, walking downtown to find food has become all too familiar, so many are turning elsewhere to find affordable and unique dining options.

Located just outside of campus on west 17th Street, Margaret’s has been serving authentic Mexican food in Holland for almost 13 years.

Visiting Margaret’s is not just about the authentic Mexican food, it is about the dining experience. Every dish is made from scratch right down to the tortilla chips cut and fried fresh each day. Hope professors have been known to bring students in for an authentic Mexican dining experience.

The family behind the restaurant has ties to Hope, Alonzo Salina and his mother were very eager for the chance 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 days a week. 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.

“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.”

“The service at Margaret’s is all about presentation, in the establishment and is also active in the community through various charity events; Margaret’s recently provided catering for the Community Health Center benefit.

The Margaret’s menu offers variety as well, with choices in tortillas, meats, cheeses, toppings and eight to ten different salsas made from scratch every day.

“We treat you like you are another part of the family.” — Alonzo Salina, owner of Margaret’s

Students find diverse dining options in Holland area

Spicing it up — Authentic Mexican food is the specialty at Margaret’s. The owners of the restaurant were formerly employed by Hope College Dining Services.

Passage to India

Samuel Baker
Staff Writer

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.

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“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 $6.99 lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Dinner hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. The Taj India also offers delivery at 396-6131.
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 dysphemism). More importantly, we mustn’t aban- don the people we have “freed.”

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 Iraq a 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.
Rumbleweeds

Sticks and stones: Why words should never hurt you

Jeremy Benson

My ex-girlfriend loved to constructively criticize me during our stints 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. Haworth, she told me I was and had always asked Mr. Muffler the wrong questions.

In a poem of which Shakespeare would be jealously sanding and polishing them until you found the best thing since Shel Silverstein—you poured your soul into the words; sculpting, it becomes a Hallmark card or something read on a 14-year old girl’s Livejournal. Or worse: in the 21st edition of “Chicken Soup for the Soul”. You could write a poem that you think is the most important. It doesn’t have to fit a mold... just like God envisioned it.

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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 20 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 for the fifth time this season. The Dutchmen defeated 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 Patridge ('07) and Tyler Wolfe ('08) each with 10.

Hope will play against Carroll, Wisc. at 7 p.m. at University of Wisconsin Stevens Point on March 9. Tickets are available for $4.50 at the DeVos ticket ports.