Student costs rise for new school year

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Gorin Wanner

Hope College is raising its costs for the 2008-2009 academic year to $32,570. This is an increase of 4.7 percent from the 2007-2008 academic year.

Many students want to know why the tuition for what they may consider to be a fairly pricey college is increasing.

J.T. Schutt (08) said, “I know the high tuition pays for a quality education and college experience, but sometimes it’s hard. Where does all that money from tuition increase go?”

Schutt is paying for college mostly through loans, so tuition increases will affect him greatly in the future as he works to pay off his increasing debt.

“Tuition increase is the only way to generate revenue for increases in costs of faculty and staff, rising health insurance and energy costs,” Hope College President James Bultman said. “Health insurance costs for employees and students and energy costs have increased by 7.5 percent over the last year.”

“The main drivers to the cost increase are compensation increases, benefits for faculty and staff, financial aid and academic enhancements, and of course what’s going on in the market,” said Doug VanDyken, director of finance and business services at Hope.

While the U.S. dollar is weak and economic conditions are of concern to many, non-academic areas as possible in order to keep tuition increases at a minimum.

Cost-cutting

“We’ve worked hard to cut costs over the last couple of years,” said VanDyken. “We have looked very carefully at personnel, gotten better rates for indebtedness and tried to negotiate better insurance rates for students and faculty. Those are the big ones,” Bultman said.

VanDyken said that the college is working to creatively cut costs in some non-academic areas as possible in order to keep tuition increases at a minimum.

Don’t Stop Dancing—Sam Pettigrew (10), Kelly Cooper (11), Kayla Johanssen (11) and Sophie Hartman (11) keep moving despite exhaustion during the line dance. Hartman, who won the award for best dancer, chose not to sit even while eating, which dancers are allowed to do.

Dance Marathon ‘goes wild’ for kids

This year’s marathon held in memory of Ali Aardema raises record amount

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“She always kept the faith,” said Steve Aardema of his daughter Ali Aardema. As he spoke to the crowd of hundreds of Hope College students and faculty, his voice quivered and tears clouded his vision.

This year, Hope College’s Dance Marathon was held in honor of Aardema who passed away about three months ago after a seven-year fight with leukemia. The marathon raised a record-breaking $120,878.02 for the DeVos Children’s Hospital, which is located in Grand Rapids.

The DeVos Children’s Hospital is known statewide for its pediatric specialties. Money raised by Dance Marathon helps fund special programs for patients and their families that make hospital visits more pleasant and help families cope with their young child’s illness.

More than 200 students participated as dancers this year, choosing to stand for a full 24 hours. Musical entertainment, games, crafts and food kept most dancers occupied and lively, despite their sleep deprivation.

“I haven’t had much sleep. But I’ve been able to stay with it. It’s really worth it when you see the children’s faces when they come and jump in the bounce house,” dancer Aimee Barigan (11) said. “The families have to go without sleep all the time, so for me, experiencing that for one day has been a life-changing experience.”

Other students were morally or participated on committees for eight to 12 hour shifts. Their job was to keep the dancers energetic and make sure everything was going smoothly behind the scenes.

“This year I’m on the Family Relations Committee, and basically what we do is throughout the year, set up different events to hold with the families to get to know them and get them to the environment of Dance Marathon,” Aaron Knighton (08) said. “Throughout the Marathon itself, we supply a place for them to relax and stay if they need to. We kind of watch after the children (if the parents want to hang out).”

Miracle families are families who have one or more children who have been treated by Devos Children’s Hospital. These families participate in Dance Marathon all year as they meet with groups on campus for various events. These families also attend Dance Marathons and inform students of their experiences with DeVos Children’s Hospital.

“Seeing the families and hearing their stories is so inspiring,” said Ashley Barbieri (’09). “At times it can get tiring, but then you see the families and you remember why you’re here and you’re rejuvenated.”

Stacey Hill, the mother of Jordan and Mallory Hill, two “miracle children,” has been involved in Dance Marathon for seven years. For her, Dance Marathon has given her an opportunity to teach her children about giving of time and money.

“Dance Marathon not only gives (Jordan and Mallory) time to be with people who love them, accept them and support them, but it also shows them what older kids can do to help people in need,” Hill said. “(Hope students are) sacrificing time and energy in an effort to do something for them.”

Dance Marathons are in many ways a symbiotic relationship. Dancers need the families to endure the long, sleepless night. The families need hope to endure their tough battles with illness.

“(Jordan and Mallory) love coming. They enjoy playing and connecting with the kids. For us as parents it’s super because we can connect with other parents. A lot of the parents we will see year to year, and we can touch base and find out how the kids are doing,” said Hill.

For Aardema’s family, this is the end of their battle.

“This is goodbye, guys,” Steve Aardema said. “Thanks for all that you’ve done, but it’s time for other miracle families to take our place.”
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Diverse faiths uncommon on campus

Allison Thompson
Greta Warns

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, most likely Dutch and Christian—these are common descriptions of a typical Hope student. But what do other Hope students look like? How do students identifying with a minority fit in on Hope’s campus?

Diversity on campus is growing both racially and ethnically. According to statistics for 2007-2008 from the Hope registrar, Hope has 64 international students representing 31 countries, including Nepal, Ghana and Sri Lanka. Finding students who practice different faiths, however, is still quite rare.

Addison Haynes, a senior from Noblesville, Ind., is one such student. He’s Jewish.

Haynes grew up in a home split between two religions. “My mom is Jewish. My dad was Roman Catholic,” Haynes said.

His dad, however, has now become a supporter of the Jewish faith. “My whole mom’s side is Jewish;” Haynes said, describing how he became a supporter of the Jewish faith. He remembers years spent celebrating Hanukkah and Rosh Hashanah, two of Judaism’s biggest religious holidays.

Going through school, however, Haynes found he couldn’t let religion hinder him from a quality learning environment. He attended a Jesuit high school.

“It was the best education in the state of Indiana,” Haynes said.

To help him stay true to his Jewish faith, Haynes joined a Jewish student union group at the high school.

When it came time to apply for colleges and universities, Haynes decided not to attend a school with religious criteria as part of the required curriculum. Hope was the best overall choice for Haynes, however, despite its strong religious aspect of campus life.

“I heard (Hope) had a great chemistry program,” Haynes said, indicating his ultimate reasoning for attending Hope.

As a kinesiology and exercise science major, Hope’s Pre-med program seemed ideal for him. Remembering his decision to come to Hope, Haynes said, “Religious affiliations didn’t bother me. I figured I could live with it for four more years. I wasn’t going to let that stop me.”

In the midst of completing his final year at Hope, Haynes has come to find the religious aspect of campus life overwhelming. He’s not the only one.

Religion on campus

In response, Katy Sundararajan, one of Hope’s chaplains, said, “We don’t want to make minority students feel uncomfortable, but we will not compromise the integrity of the Christian mission at Hope by ignoring or stifling our Christian faith. If anything, we want the Christian faith to be recognized as warm and inviting for all Students.”

Only a handful of students identified themselves with a different religion this past fall. Nine students declare themselves to believe in a religion other than Christianity, and Haynes is the only declared Jewish student on Hope’s campus.

Motivating students of different faiths to participate in religious life on campus is a difficult task. Students are not forced to convert to fit in, but they are encouraged to share their beliefs with others on campus.

“(It’s) good for learning purposes,” Sundararajan said. “We should open up dialogue and understand the world better. Having conversations should strengthen our sense of belief.”

Religion in academics

Students of other faiths also have difficulty accepting the religion course requirement as part of the liberal arts curriculum. Some students find these courses to only focus on Christian perspectives.

“At a liberal arts college, we should embrace all religions,” Haynes said.

Junior Mike Golden, a religion major at Hope, feels the religion department does a good job for what they have.

“There are classes from different points of view,” Golden said. “Golden does agree with Haynes, however.

“The degree is called ‘religion’ not ‘Christianity,’ so we should incorporate other religions into the program,” Golden said.

Despite the hardships associated with being in a religious minority, Haynes has strengthened his Jewish faith. He cannot remember a time when someone challenged his beliefs, but in watching other Christians, he’s discovered inconsistencies between their proclaimed beliefs and their actions. He does regret one thing about his time at Hope, though.

“I should have done more to enlighten other students,” Haynes said.
**Kenyan Students reflect on new peace agreement**

Political compromise reached by Kenyan rivals: international community hopes for stability

**Sam Ogles**

**National News Editor**

After a two-month political crisis that left over 1,500 people dead, Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga have reached a compromise.

The newly signed peace deal will change the constitution to create a "new post of prime minister" according to the BBC. The concept has been agreeable to both factions, but only recently were the specific powers of the new position determined.

Under the agreement Odinga will occupy the new post of prime minister and President Kibaki will remain as president. Odinga's Orange Democratic Movement is the largest political party in Kenya's parliament and cabinet posts are expected to be divided according to parties' strength in parliament.

When asked about the deal, Hope College student Kiley Alderink ('08) of Kenya said, "I hope the division of government and cabinet ministries between Odinga's Orange Democratic Movement and Kibaki's Party of National Unity will allow Kenya to stabilize, allowing capital to flow back into the region."

Alderink's sentiments echo those of the international community. Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General, has spent more than one month working with the leaders on this compromise while others such as U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the African Union chairman Jakaya Kikwete have also assisted.

The deal is seen as a beacon of hope for the county, though the root problems may not be fully resolved. "The compromise of power in Kenya is an awesome thing," said Joel Bruner ('08), also of Kenya, "but I think that the recent developments in Kenya are only temporary, and that in five more years, the next election will bring just as many problems if not more."

**Historical tensions**

Many fear that the underlying tensions have not been addressed by long overdue agreement. Odinga used to work for Kibaki in 2002, but they have been at odds since because Kibaki failed to appoint Odinga prime minister as he had promised. Significant ethnic tensions also exist in the region which complicated the difficulties faced in pursuing successful power-sharing agreements.

**Peace talks stall between Israel and Palestine**

Grace Denny

Snr Writer

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been going back and forth for so long that you don’t know who is ‘attacking’ and who is ‘responding’ anymore when the media uses those terms,” said Halseh Awad, Hope College’s international student advisor and a native of Palestine.

The Israeli Palestinian peace talks that began in December 2007 were put on hold last week as Israel launched a five-day raid in the Palestinian Gaza strip and killed 120 people.

“There have been so many peace talks in the Middle East through time,” Awad said. “Many Palestinians see what is going on around them, and they don’t see very strong hope for things to change quickly.

They have both lost trust and hope that there is any movement because most of them end in failure."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas agreed to resume peace talks, which are expected to get underway later this week following a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. However, the talks may become more complicated.

Israelis are upset about last week’s gun shooting by a Palestinian targeting a seminary school in Jerusalem in which eight people were killed. Tensions might also arise as a result of the Israeli government’s decision on March 9 to approve plans to expand Jewish settlements along the West Bank, which go against international law.

“There is a simple solution. If Israel abides by U.N. resolutions, peace will be there," Awad said.

Some resolutions include the following: Israel must withdraw from the green-line and return to 1967 borders; Israel must tear down the wall that divides Palestinians; East Jerusalem is to become the Palestinian capital; and settlements built inside the green-line are to be dismantled.

Awad said that many Palestinians are forced to live through agony. "They don’t have freedom of movement to pursue their jobs. Israel controls everything that comes in and out of the West Bank including food and water, and they also control Palestinian papers and documents."

Abbas said he wants a different future for the Palestinians, and that currently their reality consists of hospitals full of innocent victims and of humiliation of living under siege.

Earlier this year in January, President George W. Bush visited both leaders and is hopeful that through this U.S.-sponsored peace process there will be a signed peace treaty by the time he leaves office. Abbas welcomes Bush’s commitment to"
Hope hosts Model U.N. conference

Gabriel Johnson
Guest Writer

On March 6 and 7, Hope College hosted a Model U.N. conference for its 36th consecutive year. The approximately 650 students attending the conference came from high schools across Michigan and surrounding states.

Model U.N. is a semi-debate conference in which students come together and simulate the proceedings of the United Nations in New York City.

Students are assigned a country to represent either individually or in a group and are scored on how well their proposals are true to what that country would say and also their interactions with other delegates.

All the countries come together in a General Assembly to work out a solution to a proposed problem. The different sections of the assembly are the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic Social Council and an International Council of Justice.

A variety of issues that were discussed included the international drug trade, global healthcare, free trade, worldwide education, racism and racial discrimination abolition, global overpopulation, the legality of uranium enrichment, crises in Iran and East Timor, and an emergency crisis, as well as historic debates regarding the Falkland Islands and the United States’ Invasion of Iraq.

The high school students who participated said that Model U.N. gave them the opportunity to meet other students who were interested in the same things as them. Chloe Londine, a high school sophomore, liked the challenge it gave her.

“You get to represent the opinion of a country. You’re not a person anymore, you’re a country. It’s like acting but on a global scale,” Londine said.

Why it matters

Others joined for the usual academic reasons such as getting more volunteer hours and boosting college applications. Jessica Johnson (’08), a high school senior, said that gaining volunteer hours was the original reason why she joined, but that it was not what kept her coming back.

“I joined originally for the volunteer hours but stayed because I was impressed with the debate and intellectual thinking,” Johnson said.

On the Hope student side of the involvement, about 30 students participated in Model U.N. serving on various councils in leadership and moderation roles.

Ethan Morrical (’10), who co-directed Model U.N. with Nate Clement (’10), said that his rationale for involvement included a desire to immerse himself in campus activities and educate high school students on world politics.

“I became involved because I was looking for something to get involved with on campus and found this to be a good experience,” Morrical said.

Morrical said that Model U.N. gave the students the chance to be creative with critical thinking and applying real life situations, and it also gave them knowledge of global affairs.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.) gave the keynote address on Friday evening during the closing awards ceremony. Hoekstra said that he hoped the students used Model U.N. as a learning experience and a possible resource from which they can draw in the future in directing their vocational focuses.

“I want these students to get a sense of the excitement that international conferences can offer,” Hoekstra said.

Both Hoekstra and Morrical talked about the importance of understanding what is happening globally.

“We are lagging behind other countries in that regard,” Morrical said.

NY governor faces impeachment, resignation following prostitution scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Eliot Spitzer’s prostitution scandal came just over a year after he stormed into the governor’s office, vowing to root out corruption in New York government.

But his first year in office was charged, and prosecutors would not comment on the case Monday. A spokesman for Spitzer said the governor has retained a large Manhattan law firm.

At a Manhattan news conference, a glassy-eyed Spitzer, his shellshocked wife Silda at his side, apologized to his family and the people of New York.

“I have acted in a way that violates my — or any — sense of right and wrong,” Spitzer said. “I apologize to the public, whom I promised better.”

He did not say what he was apologizing for and ignored reporters’ shouted questions about whether he can make it through a second year.

The first-term Democrat was caught on a federal wiretap arranging to meet a prostitute from a call-girl business, according to a law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still going on.

Spitzer allegedly paid for the call girl to take a train from New York to Washington — a move that opened the transaction up to federal prosecution because she crossed state lines.

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MC hosts kids’ writing workshop

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This Saturday, March 15, nearly 400 children will be participating in the “Writing, It’s Elementary!” workshop at the Martha Miller Center.

In this workshop, first through fifth graders from all over the area will learn from professional authors and illustrators how to write in different styles including storytelling, sports writing and journalism.

“This is for both kids who like to write and for those who think they don’t,” said Shandra Martinez, a Grand Rapids Press reporter and workshop coordinator. “This is a way to show those kids that there’s a type of writing out there for everyone.”

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The curious life

Evelyn Daniel

As we were assembling last week's issue of The Anchor, I caught a glance of the front page. A writing headline at the top read, "Hope students lack curiosity, ambition, study shows." The curious life behind the headlines

For some reason, the headline did not end up in the paper (the final version by Bettina Adams was entitled "National study shows Hope's highs, lows, and needs are available online at anchor.hope.edu). At the time, however, it stopped me in my tracks. Is Hope lagging behind in curiosity at times, completely ruined my life, as well as the lives of thousands of other people in my experiences this summer. I leave all of you now with these final words: "Of course we need to keep this in mind everyday through our actions and in our encounters with others. Chris wants to spread awareness of Crohn's disease. He encourages you to visit cfa.org to learn more about the disease."
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Now, I'll write anywhere. Air-

planes, hotel rooms, wherever. of paper receipts...it could be around a little notebook, scraps that I want to flip around or headline I see, some title I like.

To the Editor:

Along with making our decisions, we have to understand and deal with this freedom? Mark, what's your process like?

to the student body, I found that out of 50 Elimination of visitation hours would give students the option to study longer if necessary. With the loads of hard work we all carry around on us every day, there should be the opportunity to stay up late together to finish it. Since generally classes are scheduled during the day hours, we find it is necessary to continue working through the night hours. As a student myself, I do have to say that some nights can be unexpectedly long and it would be nice if they did not need to be cut short. After all, working in groups makes things easier because each student brings something different to the table.

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VWS authors impart knowledge

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Letters to the Editors

The Anchor welcomes all letters. The staff reserves the right to edit them to save space, change your perspective and the way you see the world.

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TD: You don't have to travel to be a writer, by any stretch of the imagination... You just have to do it and move on. The one thing about throwing away bad novels is you learn what it's like to get to 300 pages, and that's really important. but also to observe the world without it knowing — to hear its conversations, interactions and witness its effect on its inhabitants. I have always been fascinated and excited to be extremely deliberate with my own words, but to my shock and dismay, I must admit that my four years of intensive study have led me to cut short. After all, working in groups makes things easier because each student brings something different to the table.

On the other hand, I understand if the visitation hours were to be lifted, some may argue that students could be participating in inappropriate behaviors in dormitory rooms. However, the students always have the opportunity to partake in such behaviors during the day also. In order to poll a portion of the population of the student body, I found that out of 50 students, 44 agreed that the difference between night and day had no factor at all in their behaviors. Therefore, there really is no difference.

Private liberal arts colleges, have many more advantages and different guidelines than state funded colleges, or non-liberal arts colleges. For example, liberal arts colleges are smaller and therefore have a more personal relationship with not only our other peers, but also with our professors and administration. Liberal arts schools may be church-affiliated, while liberal arts schools do not practice just one religion. Both types of colleges are still ranked very highly academically, so why can't private liberal arts colleges share the advantage of no visitation hours, like state colleges, if there is a benefit involved?

I am also not saying that there should be no rules at all. I believe that in place of the visitation policies, certain doors should be locked and there should be a check-in desk at every open door after midnight. Some of the liberal arts colleges in Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University are just a few schools that have this check-in desk. This allows the students to have their freedom, but also keep track of them. I hope that my suggestions will be looked at and considered by my fellow peers and the administration. I highly believe that if our visitation rules are lifted the students will not be forced in any harm. It will allow us to continue growing and learning more slowly on our own.

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My: Sometimes you have to get away to shake things up—change your perspective and the way you see the world.

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so why can't private liberal arts colleges share the advantage of no visitation hours, like state colleges, if there is a benefit involved?

I am also not saying that there should be no rules at all. I believe that in place of the visitation policies, certain doors should be locked and there should be a check-in desk at every open door after midnight. Some of the liberal arts colleges in Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University are just a few schools that have this check-in desk. This allows the students to have their freedom, but also keep track of them. I hope that my suggestions will be looked at and considered by my fellow peers and the administration. I highly believe that if our visitation rules are lifted the students will not be forced in any harm. It will allow us to continue growing and learning more slowly on our own.

-Hetherfield (11)
Begley urges simple lifestyle

Kevin Seabold
Senior Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Hope College hosted actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. as part of the Student Congress Speaker Series. Presenting a talk entitled “Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live,” Begley spoke of many issues facing the earth today, including atmospheric pollution, water pollution, and global warming. Yet, mishap through his self-professed doom and gloom introduction, he interrupted himself. “Even in the midst of all of this, I’m filled with hope, because of what we’ve already accomplished – we’ve run halfway up the mountain towards solving some of the problems of today. We haven’t yet fixed things, but we’re getting things done,” Begley said.

Following what he calls the common-sense approach, Begley went on to share his experiences on what works, what does not and what can save everyone money – things as simple as recycling, turning off the lights, unplugging unused electronics and acquiring energy efficient appliances. “It’s important to get together and talk about the issues we face,” Begley said. “It’s time for those of us who are motivated to get around and talk to others about what they’ve learned and the challenges that we face.”

Begley is currently speaking across the country and promoting his new book “Living Like Ed.” Despite having appeared in countless TV shows and numerous motion pictures, Begley is perhaps now best known for his current reality television show airing on HGTV “Living With Ed.” The show stars Begley and his wife, Rachelle Carson. While Begley strictly conserves water, replaces incandescent light bulbs with low wattage fluorescent ones and powers his toaster with a stationary bike, his wife takes long showers, dislikes the look of recycled furniture, and as complex as retrofitting one’s house with solar panels.

Following the speech, Begley opened the floor to questions from the audience and addressed questions ranging from nuclear power (which Begley does not support) to the effects that diet has on the environment to the creative uses of rainwater. “(The talk) certainly heightened our awareness,” Hope President James Bultman said. “Our speaker was very reasoned in his approach, so it didn’t seem as if he was pushing radical ideas. The things he mentioned were all things that we can do...” He took us from the step of some ignorance to some awareness to showing us some things that we can put into action — relatively small changes but ones that can have a big impact on our lives.”

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Spring Break destinations for Hope teams

Fun in the sun
Players and coaches give insight on their team’s trips

Men’s Golf
Destination: Lakeland, Fla.
“My favorite part of the trip is just getting back in the nice weather and playing golf again. By the time March has rolled around, it’s been almost five months since the last time we have all played golf.”

Softball
Destination: Kissimmee, Fla.
“Getting out of the snow and cold and playing teams from all over the country. The competition is usually very good and our games are very competitive. These teams sharpen our focus and help us prepare well for CIAA league play.”

Men’s Tennis
Destination: Hilton Head, S.C.
“When we first arrive that first Friday, we always go to this all-you-can-eat wings place. We eat wings for like two hours and watch college basketball games. It is the best lunch ever.”

Baseball
Destination: Phoenix, Ariz.
“We get to play ten games in a week which will be great preparation for league play. We also have some great time to get to know our teammates. We pretty much play games and hang out in the hotel.”

Track
Destination: Orlando, Fla.
“Spring break is all about the relationships that we have by being together in one place. It is a time to get away from the busy student life and work as a team to improve our individual events.”

This Week In Sports

Thursday March 13
Women’s Swimming
NCAA swimming & diving championships in Oxford, Ohio

Friday March 14
Women’s Swimming
NCAA swimming & diving championships in Oxford, Ohio
Men’s Basketball
NCAA championships Sectional tournament vs. Ohio Wesleyan at DeVos Fieldhouse 8 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
NCAA championships Sectional tournament vs. George Fox at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas

Saturday March 15
Women’s Swimming
NCAA swimming & diving championships in Oxford, Ohio

In Brief
Basketball
Ticket Information
Student tickets for Friday and Saturday’s NCAA sectional tournament are on sale now at DeVos Fieldhouse. The tickets will cost five dollars for student general admission.

Student tickets for the women’s NCAA Final Four games will be available at a discounted price and will become available if the women’s team qualifies for the Final Four.

Six swimmers of the Hope College men’s swimming and diving team will compete in the 2008 NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships on March 20-22.

The team’s 400-yard medley relay and 800-yard medley relay received invitations to the meet after earning consideration cuts. In earning an invitation, the team will also be able to swim the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard medley relay and 800-yard freestyle relay. Qualifying individually were Phil Heyboer (‘10) in the 400-yard individual medley and 200-yard backstroke and Ryan Nelis (‘10) in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly.

The meet will be held in Oxford, Ohio at Miami University’s Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center. Last year, Hope finished 21 out of 55 teams with 53 points.

Men’s Tennis Defeat Oberlin College

The Hope College men’s tennis defeated Oberlin College on March 8 to improve the team’s record to 2-1. Hope won 6-3 overall, taking four singles matches and 2 doubles.

Singles winners included John Pelton (‘09) 6-1, 6-1; John Gardner (‘10) 6-2, 6-4; John Schlottz (‘09) 6-2, 6-2; and Zach Huber (‘09) 6-2, 6-4. Doubles winners included Pelton/Gardner 7-3 and Schlottz/Huber 7-4.
Athlete profile: Senior Jordyn Boles
Women's basketball continues NCAA tournament run

Gordie Fall
Sports Editor

In four seasons, Jordyn Boles has shot her way into Hope College basketball history. Earlier this season, Boles set a Hope career scoring record in 3-pointers with her play in Hope's Feb. 2 game against Kalamazoo.

"It feels great. I've always said that the individual records are a tribute to the team and the team that I'm on," Boles said. "I couldn't get the records if not for my teammates passing me the ball."

Boles' career has not just included individual records. Her time on the Flying Dutch roster has included a national title and three conference titles. Currently, both Hope basketball teams are ranked number one in the nation, a combination never before achieved by the school. Now, Boles and her teammates are looking to bring the third NCAA women's basketball title in school history to Hope.

Boles enjoys the presence of all her teammates and credits the friendship among teammates for their shared glory.

"We strive for success every day, work hard and get a lot accomplished. We all push each other to do better. Our team is made up of 16 best friends, our team chemistry is really good, and we look forward to playing together," Boles said.

"When a member of the Flying Dutch, their time playing at Hope is coming to an end."

"I always, the seniors have been making a lot of comments to each other, but it's hard to think about because it's one and we're done (in tournament play)."

Boles said.

Through all her accomplishments and team success, Boles still remembers what brought her to Hope.

"I wanted to be close to home and have a small Christian atmosphere, and I wanted to play basketball," Boles said. "Coach Mo (Brian Mordhorst) was by far the best coach on and off the court, he was very personable and made us all feel at home."

Also, in reflecting back, Boles has no regrets about her Hope career.

"It's been an amazing four years, and I would not change it for the world," Boles said.

Just as Boles' basketball career is coming to an end, so is her time in school. With a job in her hometown of Grand Rapids already lined up, Boles will graduate with a degree in business management, with minors in accounting and communication.

This past weekend, Boles and the Flying Dutch advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament, with two wins in snowy Ohio.

Hope defeated first school Baldwin-Wallace 68-48 on Saturday night, behind Boles' 20 points was Carrie Snikkers ('11) with 12 points and Courtney Knox ('09) with 10 points. One day before, Hope beat Juniata with 14-0 and 17-2 leads to start the game. Leading Hope were Philanna Greene ('10) and Jenny Cowen (10) with 12 points each.

With the win, the Dutch advance to the Sweet 16. Coming up next for the team is a trip to Texas, to play George Fox University on Friday night.

Longtime teammates lead Hope hockey into national tournament

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

As Hope hockey players Kevin Nelson ('08) and Jon Shaver ('08) have been playing hockey every since fourth grade, but that wasn't always how they initially met one another.

"I have known Shav (Shaver) since grade school," Nelson said. "My first memory of him was when he made fun of me for what I was wearing in third grade. He was kind of a skater punk back then."

Both Nelson and Shaver attended Wheaton Christian Grammar School during grade school and Wheaton Academy in high school. Along with going to school and taking classes together, they have shared the ice as well.

"I think Kevin started (playing hockey) when he was 7 or 8, and I started playing when I was 9," Shaver said. "We were in the third grade and started on the same team in fourth grade."

Now, the longtime teammates play at Hope, with Nelson as a captain and Shaver as an assistant. Despite being so close, they came to Hope for their own reasons.

"We both looked at Hope and were both potential recruits, but we made separate decisions," Shaver said.

Nelson agreed with Shaver, but he definitely enjoys playing with his childhood friend.

"I won't say I made my decision because of him but it weighed heavily," Nelson said. "I wanted to play hockey and with him. It was one of those added advantages."

By bringing their hockey past to the team, they also have brought a strong connection on the ice. It seems the long friendship among teammates for their shared glory.

"He was kind of a skater punk back then."

Kevin Nelson, captain

"It's like myself playing. I know what he's going to do and where he's going to be. It helps chemistry wise."

Currently, Nelson, Shaver and the rest of the Hope hockey team face their toughest challenge of the season as they head to Rochester, Minn. for the national tournament. The Dutchmen will face Fairfield University in the first round on March 12.

"We have had more intense practices with a lot of focus on the different teams we will be facing," Nelson said. "We will take every game as it comes."

Despite competing in the national tournament last year, the team has never faced Fairfield and is not exactly sure what to expect.

"The only thing we know about them is team stats and games played," Shaver said. "We are preparing to play our best hockey for the next four games. Every game could be our last."

As Nelson and Shaver near the end of their hockey careers, both reflect back on their most memorable times with Hope.

"I will miss the road trips the most," Nelson said. "All the inevitable pranks and having a good amount of fun with the guys."

In addition to winning the conference title this year and defeating Northwood University in double overtime, Shaver also will miss hanging out with the team.

"I'll miss spending time with the guys," Shaver said. "We are a fraternity in a sense. It's a good mixed group of guys."

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