**Dance Marathon raised record amount**

Hope's annual 24-hour Dance Marathon benefit took place this weekend, and participants raised a total of $103,012, a $14,727 increase from last year's total. This exceeded the team's goal of $100,000. More than 400 students and 20 student organizations contributed to the event's success. Families who have benefited from the fundraising efforts in the past attended the event to thank student participants.

**Student Congress sets up Meijer shuttle runs**

Evelyn Daniel  
*Senior Staff Reporter*

Many students, even those without cars, have noticed there seems to be a shortage of parking spots on campus. Student Congress has decided to use their vacations to do something a bit more meaningful—go out and serve others.

For typical college students, spring break is often spent either at home catching up on missed sleep or sunbathing on tropical beaches. This year, however, nearly 400 Hope students decided to use their vacations to do something a bit more meaningful—go out and serve others.

Josh Payne contemplates his next move in a photo from his mission trip of a year ago.

**Students use spring break to serve**

Kim Mosley, Autumn Bills, Dan Vagle, and Drew Bussler dedicated their break to serving in Clinchco, Va., in Spring 2004. Among what students enjoy most are the personal connections established with all those they meet, many with backgrounds very different from their own. In addition to time spent on the job, many of the best hours on a mission trip are spent just listening.

"We have lots of time to spend with people there, what our leader calls 'iced-tea, porch-sitting' time with the locals," said Kimberly Mosley ('06), leader of a work trip to Huzi Green, Ky. More MISSIONS on 2.
Gandhi: Attacking terrorists will fuel world anger

Lindsey Manthei
Senior Staff Reporter

Suicide bombings, Weapons of mass destruction. Anthrax. United States citizens have been inundated over the past several years with these images of terrorism, with the assumption that the only solution to the problem is war. Could there possibly be a nonviolent solution to terrorism? Arun Gandhi, grandson of the revolutionary peace activist Mahatma Gandhi, spoke to a packed Dimmitt Memorial Chapel Thursday night and explained his view of how the United States should be responding to terrorism.

As a young Indian boy growing up in apartheid South Africa, Arun Gandhi was ostracized for being too white by the black children and too dark by the white children. After being beaten up several times, he subscribed to a bodybuilding magazine and started working out so he could fight back. When his parents discovered why their son had become so fascinated with exercise, they decided that it might be time for the boy to travel to India to spend some time with his grandfather.

Arun Gandhi spent 18 months in India with his grandfather, where he watched the Indian struggle for freedom from British rule. During his stay, Arun asked about his grandfather’s philosophy of nonviolence and found his answer transformed.

“Anger is electricity—it is useful if used correctly, but dangerous if not. We need to use energy constructively instead of destructively,” Arun said.

Gandhi shared several stories of how his grandfather taught him lessons as a child. The young Gandhi was required to keep an “anger journal” in which he wrote down every little thing that made him upset.

“You can think about anger and let it build up inside of you, but to make a difference, you must find the cause of that anger and feel a solution to making it better,” he said.

On a larger scale, Arun Gandhi said that in the reactions of the world to terrorism, there is a tendency to believe that terrorism is a manageable problem.

“Terrorism is not a war we can win,” he said.

Since the US does not know where or even who the terrorists are, it is not feasible for us to wipe them out through war, he explained. The only solution to dealing with terrorism is to forgive and to improve relationships with those people, he said.

“Nonviolence is the way of the future,” he said. “Only by nonviolence can we save humanity from destroying itself.”

He illustrated this point using a story about his father. When Arun was a teen, he went to town with his father, where they put定了 ways and agreed to meet up again late that afternoon. Arun became side-tracked and was a half hour late to meet his father. When his worried father asked where he had been, Arun lied. His father, however, knew the truth and said to his son, “I have failed as a parent because your son feels that he must lie to me.”

Gandhi’s father walked the 18 miles home so that he could think about how he had to him.

“What I learned to walk home taught me more lessons than any punishment could have,” he said.

Through this example, Arun Gandhi expressed his belief that only by being forgiven will people see their problems clearly. Punishing will not cause others to see their mistakes, it will only make them angry.

Grandson of India’s Mahatma Gandhi, spoke on nonviolent responses to terrorism.

Renowned guest lectures on evil under God’s watch

Professor Richard Swinburne of Oxford University tells students that God uses suffering for the greater good. His lecture covered the logical limitations and limitations of God in an attempt to explain today’s evil.

It has been said that the test of a philosophy dealing with evil and suffering is to see if it is held up in the midst of a child being burned to death in an act of violence. Oxford University’s Professor Richard Swinburne said he has confronted the problem of evil in a world created by a good God, and the existence of evil is not antithetical to the existence of a good God.

The March lecture, hosted by the philosophy and religion departments, was titled “On the Problem of Evil.” Swinburne’s visit to campus was “a big deal,” according to English Professor Curtis Greenler. While Hope hosts guest lecturers on a regular basis, few are as accomplished as Swinburne, who has published more than 15 books and numerous articles. He is a leading authority in the world of philosophy and religion, and recent works include “The Existence of God,” “The Resurrection of God Incarnate,” and “Epistemic Justification.”

Swinburne explained some of his views concerning how God and suffering are interconnected.

“God has the right to allow us to suffer in order to achieve a greater good. Sometimes humans are only able to find the greater good through suffering,” he said.

Turnout for the lecture in Meas Auditorium was surprisingly high so students and faculty entering just before the lecture were forced to un-stack and place their own chairs because planners had not expected such a high attendance.

In his lecture, Swinburne outlined four possible points his belief that God has the right to allow evil to occur due to his role as the supreme benefactor of the human race. Though making sure to express his sympathy for the Jews, Swinburne said that, through the Holocaust, humans were able to see the worst of their race and correct it for the future.

Lastly, Swinburne presented the idea that the negative value of the evil God allows to happen must not exceed the good that could be achieved by that evil occurring.

Even though the lecture was on a serious topic, Swinburne’s occasional remarks of dry humor and obvious expertise concerning the topic made for an interesting and informative lecture. Many audience members contributed questions after the lecture, and Swinburne thoughtfully answered them, while being sure to make clear that what he was presenting was his own theory and not necessarily the definitive view on the subject.

While good can come about from evil, these are indeed horrible things, and when they happen, we must weep.

—Richard Swinburne, Oxford University
Movie Review: Hotel Rwanda

Holly Beckerman

The scene is set in a tropical paradise, and so what seems to be just that, only to find itself at a five-star hotel in the capital of Rwanda. Everything about the scene is elegant, even the people both white and black. Yet the people are elegant, even the people both white and black. The film captures the truth of the Rwandan genocide through a captivating plot and detailed historical notes both spoken and viewed.

Hotel Rwanda was filmed in Africa and the plot is based on a true story about Paul Rusesabagina, manager of a Belgian-owned five-star hotel in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. At the height of the genocide, when the hotel is utilized by its Belgian owners, Rusesabagina, a Hutu, is left to securely house his wife who is a Tutsi and children along with other Tutsi refugees and safely transport them to secure land.

When watching her music you may feel as if she is singing you a lullaby but she will only come close to singing you to sleep, since her poetics and soulful vocalizations will intrigue your mind. You definitely will not fall asleep by boredom since, like the talented musician she is, her songs vary in instrumentation, topic, and mood. Most of the songs have a low tempo but there is a couple on the CD that are slightly faster. Even when the harmony (in the background) seems to be moving slowly, her voice stylizations still carry the melody moderately quick, which maintains an upbeat tone.

The film is comparative to Schindler’s List. It is a powerful story of survival. A story, like Schindler’s List, that should not be forgot. The Holocaust is unimaginable for one to comprehend. Students are taught early in their education about the Holocaust as part of world history, but little, if anything, is taught regarding the post-Holocaust genocides. Genocide should not occur and the world should intervene if there is potential. Isn’t this why the Holocaust is taught in public education and why some schools choose to show Schindler’s List to its students?

Yet, Hotel Rwanda shows that genocide can still occur and the rest that would still not intervene to stop this horrific injustice. The film comes out on DVD on April 12.

CD Review: Norah Jones’ Feels Like Home

Julie Lancaster

When you pick up Norah’s most recent album you hold in your hand an accurate visual representation of the music it contains. The cover is soft hues of brown and white that down to the cover line and Norah is shown in casual clothes, from the side, looking downward.

Take the CD out, stick it in your stereo system and you will hear music that is neither melancholy nor vibraciously happy. The music will not make you cry, and it will not make you stand up and dance around until you are dizzy. Instead the melody is relaxed and perfect for the listener who is simply sitting on the couch relaxing. So just like the simple coloring and photograph that graces the cover, this music is appropriate for a college student’s everyday life. In “Feels Like Home” Norah’s voice is soothing, and most Hope College students could use some stress-relief. She sings in mid-tange - not high and not really low-s the lyrics will sound like a positive and upbeat friend speaking to you with rhyme and reason.

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If you like jazz and country music, you may find this album to be a happy medium between the two. Pianos, bass guitars, acoustic guitars, banjos, sit drums, cellos, violins, resonator guitars, and three kinds of organs serve to create the soothing sounds in Feels Like Home.

At one point Dolly Parton makes an appearance in the album. Dolly and Norah sing a duet in “Creepin’ In.” But don’t let this country star’s inclusion deceive you, this album is not particularly country.

So someday, when you are not feeling energetic and yet not deeply melancholy, pick up this album and listen to it. You will be surprised how it may be the perfect end to your long day.

There are a number of interested parties in establishing a permanent concert series on this campus. We have attempted to include each of those in designing a leadership committee, which would select acts and events and be the executive core that will organize this series.

We intend this leadership committee to coordinate other students to aid in the execution of this series. Since the purpose of this concert series is to bring acts and events that are appealing to the student body, we have designed this committee to be student led. The committee consists of the following members:

1. Committee Chair
2. Members appointed by SAC, unless the chair is a SAC member, in which case this is reduced to 1 member
3. Member appointed from Student Congress
4. Member appointed by WTHS

Any other members of the student body that the chair deems necessary, not to exceed two people. Advisor, selection to be determined.

Oversight:
For this committee to function in a successful manner, we feel it is important to minimize the required amounts of oversight. In dealing with artistic creativity, a smaller committee with resources around them can function optimally without a lot of oversight. However, recognizing that the long term success of the concert series relies on:

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1. The committee will attempt to bring one large musical act to the DeVos Fieldhouse every semester
2. The DeVos Fieldhouse radio station currently has a handle on the chair of the committee and the WTHS appointed member will meet at least once annually with the station director(s)

Visions:
The committee will attempt to bring one large musical act to the DeVos Fieldhouse every semester. In the years to come, such a concert series can only strengthen ties with the community and be a positive recruitment tool for the college. We would be wise to establish this ongoing campus activity at a fairly minimal cost.

Student congress proposes concert series at Hope

The start of such a concert series would be well coordinated with the opening of the new DeVos Fieldhouse. A large concert could be seen as a community event to celebrate the life and growth of the college.

This would further promote Hope College in the Holland community and beyond. In the years to come, such a concert series can only strengthen ties with the community and be a positive recruitment tool for the college. We would be wise to establish this ongoing campus activity at a fairly minimal cost.
Deleted: All replies to all silenced by CIT and UP

The "reply all" button on the campus webmail was removed this morning without notice in response to complaints that have ensued following the re-appointment of the spam-message administrators. Did administration act wisely or unjustly? The campus-wide dialogues overflowed mailboxes and perturbed some, but also provided an outlet for the repressed and frustrated on campus. While students expressed sentiments that at first could be interpreted as unacceptable and disturbing, these feelings are valid and must be addressed.

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6:16 I understand that you are having fun with this. However, we are live in a democratic country where people participate in events voluntarily not forcefully. I just sent an e-mail to CIT and Dean Frost with the first names that I received a message from and the names of the people who decided to join in the “fun.” I hope that other things to entertain yourself with... look around you... so many things to grow wiser, to nurture friendships and to know God better.

6:26 Well then I must say that you have to include yourself in the list of names to Dean Frost and CIT. I would really appreciate it if you wouldn’t send me e-mails.

6:31 All you have to do is click the box and hit delete. We are allowed to do that in a democratic country too. No one is forcing you to read these emails. I cannot believe that you sent an email to CIT and Dean Frost over such a small matter. Can’t you find better things to do with your time than send meaningless emails?

6:33 I hate these emails so very much. I wish I had better things to do...look around you.... so many friendships and to know God better.

6:57 some of this is the most disgusting, hurtful and unchristianlike history my voice shall be heard by the entire campus, please take the time to read my very long and enlightening email...!

First of all big high five for those who are enjoying these emails as much as I am, and I hope that the rest of the losers who are whining about the emails get a sense of humor... oh well. Anyways i better get this email out quick before the administration "lacks the stay down" on this. For one thing, the administration that controls my meaningless and demented little life.... oooooo... I’d also like to add that Hope college should not automatically light up a whole lot. Just last year a kid in our dorm tried to excommunicate my friend from the church cuz he approve of his life. If you are not happy with the statement I just made then you should read it again... this school is radical and so are the closed minded... well im just going to say it... I freakin losers who had terrible childhoods curie their smell. Also maybe you guys remember who are not freshmen, the “Ghetto Fabulous” party that was almost held like a year or two ago. the party got cancelled (lol)

7:05 just curious if anyone is going to cocoah beach for Spring break... if you are we’re gonna have to tag along. 8:20 One cannot be ‘removed’ from the list, persic. 73424727 people have the list, and not everyone you are going to take off, so i timed this, it takes 30 seconds to ‘select all’ when your BOX is JUNKED UP to delete the unwarranted messages. I have taken me... I minute and 10 seconds and counting to send this (or an ‘anarchy’ that your style) so my three minute creative option is to ignore and delete :) 

GOD BLESS

9:48 hello fellow lovers of mass emails. Before i start let me just say that I love mass emails. I support them, they will eventually help people loosen up.

But this once I can really afford to be on this list. I am in the middle of Grad School stuff and with the way things are going I’m going to need an important email because my box is full. So as much as I do love mass emails, I am respectfully requesting or someone to take a few from me... I feel the need to just delete from list just this once. Thanks. You may now change the mass emailing.

10:55 My sincere apologies for my sending mistake. On Friday, I was supposed to put the list of names to CIT and sent it mass ( -. -. and I instead left them in the Too. It was only my 2nd time using this process and guess what it now blew my big time.

That said, I’m hoping you can just delete the messages in your inboxes and quit hitting reply all, thus persecuting the people. I’m sure all the rest, including yourself, will appreciate not having the inbox filled up and webmail clogged.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and again, please accept my apologies. I will certainly remember to do it correctly next time.

11:09 don’t worry, the end is in sighs. I e-mailed CIT and straitly asked the whole thing out. Let them then know the person who really started this... his a great man.

I know our names even get on this mass e-mail. This is so random.

11:35 Snap. I hate you all. And now I hate myself because I have responded. My mail box has been exceeded which means I was missed an email I was waiting for about the status of my sick mom in the hospital which none of you would know because you are too busy judging the ‘judgemental’ people. Also, if you keep doing this I won’t get emails from potential employers about my resume. If I don’t get a job because you guys keep emailing I will stalk you on all facebook and kil you when I get there. Last year... and it was funny I wouldn’t mind it if you were amusing but you aren’t. All your ‘jokes’ are about the losers and who is non-gay? What the hell are you even talking about. No one thinks your funny. Dis. And then die again. “Ahaha” I wish I could think “Sanisk” He’s all action and no theory... We are all theory and no action. “Waking Life”

11:47 Hey, before ya get your knickers in a twist I hope you’ll take enough time to be enlightened by the SKANK-TEASE phenomenon that’s happening right here on Hope’s campus!

12:10 So I would like to say that I don’t know what was going on but that thing was. I thought it was something totally different. That is what I get for not reading the whole thing. I am fast to reply to this email. Even though they do crowd the inbox, it still hiliarious to read how people react to certain things.

12:39 So. A duck walks into a bar and he goes up to the bartender and asks “HEY bartender, got any grapes?”

12:54 since the entire campus can read this helleva mess... think it’s time to eradicate the Gay Straight Forum once and for all. If I read one more article in our newspaper about tolerance and diversity I am gonna puke my guts out.

13:16 I took a fast o’ fukkin dorken, geni, I’m very impressed. Now on a more serious note, I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for an email that i would be receiving lately. I laughed. I cried and all in all a great time was had. I just wanted to join in on the fun and see how many other considerate people out there would report me to dean frost. I hear he’s a great man and would be laughing at me some day soon for this email. Also, for all those people darling me and warm this time of year... I don’t have plans for spring break so why

...hope to talk to you all again sometime, keep up the emails.

March 15, 10:00 AM Dear Students: As you may be aware, a mass e-mail from an administrative office a few days ago that allegedly included its mailing list in the header of the message. The result is that the mailing list has been distributed to all recipients and many subsequent messages have been sent.

CIT, Student Development, President Baldwin, and several others have received numerous complaints about this situation. Most complaints cite the annoying and harassing nature of these e-mails and point out that they do fall in violation of college policy — http://www.hope.edu/resources/cit/policies/rescom.html.

In addition to the annoying and harassing nature of these messages, undue loads have been placed on the campus e-mail system and network. E-mail and network traffic volume has increased significantly. Many students have cited difficulty in accessing their e-mail or have noted that their e-mail boxes have overflowed and important messages lost. Last night, the Webmail Server at one time crashed due to excessive volume.

We are taking a two-step response to this unfortunate and difficult-to-resolve situation and ask that you help us in this matter:

1. We ask that you delete all messages you have received and also delete this e-mail distribution list if you have saved it.

2. We are hoping that request 1 resolves for this situation. If it does not, the college will take disciplinary action against misuse of this mailing list and the harassment caused. While this may sound heavy-handed, we have been asked by many students to take this action already.

Thank you for your assistance in this difficult matter. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

-Richard Frost, Carl Heidenman
What ya doin’ for spring break?
Some go to Florida to get tan
while others will do missions work

INFOCUS

Erin L’Hotta
INFOCUS EDITOR

“What are you doing for spring break?” is written in bold letters across the wall of Cook Hall second floor. An array of responses to this question plaster the wall in colored marker. “I’m getting tan,” one student wrote. Another wrote, “getting away from here.” Another mentioned doing hurricane relief work in Florida and another is spending their week on a missions trip to Tennessee.

Spring break is “the holiday” for college students. It is nationally known as a time when college students “let loose,” go to Florida and go “wild.” According to MTV.com, Daytona Beach, Florida is the number one spring break spot this year, with an estimated 100,000 college students flooding the city from now until April 2. Students can choose from bars upon bars, clubs upon clubs and beaches upon beaches. According to Hotels.com, the top spring break locations this year are:

Cancun, Mexico. Clearwater, Daytona Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Panama City.

The question is, are Hope students following this flood of 100,000 eighteen to twenty-two year-olds partying in Florida? Numerous Hope students were interviewed, asking them this very question. What do Hope students do over spring break? Seven students’ spring break plans were highlighted.

Yameka Ota (‘05)

“I’m excited to go to Fla. with the softball team. We’ll finally play some games outside in nice, sunny weather.”

Seth Timmers (‘05)

“I’m going to Ft. Meyers, Fla., with a group of 12 people from Hope. We’re driving and staying with a group of friends in a condo.”

Micaela Conroy (’09)

“Over spring break, I’m visiting my brother in Charleston, SC. I’ll go to the St. Patrick’s parade and go running on the beach.”

Daniel Vasko (’07)

“I’m gonna stay on campus as long as I possibly can in an attempt to stay away from home as long as possible and catch up on sleep.”

Katie Ousterhout (’08)

“Over spring break, I’ll be going to Bunnell, Fla. with Habitat for Humanity. We will be staying in a church and building houses with kids from across the country.”

According to MTV.com:

Daytona Beach, Fla. is the most popular spring break destination for college students.
Making time for what is important

A week ago today, I went to a speech by visiting writer and psychologist Mary Pipher. To be honest, I didn’t really want to go, mainly because it was being held on a Tuesday night and I had other things to do, like run a newspaper. I went into it thinking it would be boring and a waste of my time.

By the end of the talk, however, I realized how wrong I had been. Pipher’s speech was not only interesting but it also taught me about an aspect of life that I had never really realized or understood before. The experiences of the refugees in her stories were so far beyond anything I had ever known in my life.

One thing in particular struck me was Pipher’s distinction between the American concept of time versus that of other cultures. She explained that people from other countries live for the present while we in America tend to live for the future. When refugees come to America, for example, they do not understand concepts such as making a doctor’s appointment for two weeks later for a shoulder pain that they have now.

A funny anecdote relating to this was a group of refugees pretending to act like Americans. Every couple minutes they would look at their watches and say things like “I really like you and I am enjoying our time together but it is 3:00 so I must go now,” or “I am so full but it is 6:00 so it is time for dinner.” Everyone in the audience laughed at these examples because we were all able to identify with similar experiences in our own lives.

Last week I missed Arun Gandhi’s speech because I thought I had “too much to do.” An hour and not much homework done later, I regretted my decision not to go. It’s not every day Gandhi’s grandson goes to speak at a small college in Holland, Michigan.

Tonight I am going to another Visiting Writers Series event for which one of the readers will be Yvonne Park, an MD, pronoun dancer and a novelist. I have had trouble finding the “time” to even read her 400-page novel. As Heather Sellers stated in last week’s Anchor after listing off Leith’s achievements, “Students need to stop saying they’re busy.”

If we have the time to collectively send (and read) close to 200 mass e-mails, then we have a lot more time than we think we have. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have to go listen to some great visiting writers.

To the Editor:

In the thick of the midterm and budget season I feel that many points about the uses of the student activities fee has been grossly misrepresented in recent issues of The Anchor. Two weeks ago, the Appropriations committee asked every student to create a budget proposal. As a student organization that carries nearly a third of the student activities fee, SAC receives a huge amount of conflicting pressures each year from both students and administration to minimize our budget while providing more activities. This may sound not terribly difficult with $100,000 in the budget, but with 243 events already a year (our t-shirts don’t help!) SAC is already down to $50 per event. To put this in perspective, a typical comedy costs us a minimum of $500, discounts included.

With this in mind, I was unhappy to see that in the March 2 Anchor, the care and manner in which SAC’s budget was managed were being questioned. SAC is a unique organization in that the money allocated goes to benefit the student body rather than the committee itself. By no means are we the only student organization whose entire budget goes to the group when good, nor do we provide constant entertainment; yet we continuously strive to cater to the campus in a wide array of ways. That having been said, I would like to address the concerns with SAC’s money management, which in my opinion is extremely important during this time when the Appropriations Committee is determining the fate of our budget.

To be honest, the Amway has given Hope a cost-saving deal when it comes to in-town events: we pay only for the cost of the food, and in turn the Amway does not charge us for the cost of renting the ballroom for 800+ people and other additional expenses. So when we say the strawberry costs $30, frankly it does. The Amway is an expensive 5-star hotel, but real estate by paying for the venue and stuffing. Taking this into account, the price of a strawberry is not much higher than those at Meijer. In order for SAC to receive funding for large events such as Fantasia Vegas Night and the weekly movies, we are required to make a profit on such events, thus the need for a $12 ticket to the winter formal.

I hope that by shedding some light on a small portion of our budget, fact has been removed from fiction. If further concerns exist, I encourage students to peruse the budget book to understand exactly where their activities fee is going. I also call students to approach the source when questions arise. Leaders of student organizations are always willing to answer questions and receive feedback. SAC’s mission is to cater to the student body, and we cannot do that unless the students talk directly to us!

Sara Barnes ’05

Student response to recent mass e-mails

Dear Mailer-Daemon,

Would you take me off your list? cause, i feel wanna be on this list? cause, i feel like he would...maybe we could add offering you coupons to JC Penny. Get a sense of humor and if you don’t have anything funny to say than shut the e-double hockey sticks up!

Tom and Pat too. And to all of those who wished to be off this list, sorry, I had to delete your emails so I could get more of these and I never get your names. So I couldn’t take you off. I hope you understand.

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To be honest, the Amway has given Hope a cost-saving deal when it comes to in-town events: we pay only for the cost of the food, and in turn the Amway does not charge us for the cost of renting the ballroom for 800+ people and other additional expenses. So when we say the strawberry costs $30, frankly it does. The Amway is an expensive 5-star hotel, but real estate by paying for the venue and stuffing. Taking this into account, the price of a strawberry is not much higher than those at Meijer. In order for SAC to receive funding for large events such as Fantasia Vegas Night and the weekly movies, we are required to make a profit on such events, thus the need for a $12 ticket to the winter formal.

I hope that by shedding some light on a small portion of our budget, fact has been removed from fiction. If further concerns exist, I encourage students to peruse the budget book to understand exactly where their activities fee is going. I also call students to approach the source when questions arise. Leaders of student organizations are always willing to answer questions and receive feedback. SAC’s mission is to cater to the student body, and we cannot do that unless the students talk directly to us!

Sara Barnes ’05

Student response to recent mass e-mails

Dear Mailer-Daemon,

Would you take me off your list? cause, i feel wanna be on this list? cause, i feel like he would...maybe we could add offering you coupons to JC Penny. Get a sense of humor and if you don’t have anything funny to say than shut the e-double hockey sticks up!

Tom and Pat too. And to all of those who wished to be off this list, sorry, I had to delete your emails so I could get more of these and I never get your names. So I couldn’t take you off. I hope you understand.
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**March 26, 3:30 & 7:30 PM**

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**April 8 & 9, 7:30 PM**

**Mary Jane Potter**

You are guaranteed a night full of laughs as Mary Jane, and herfly witty personas, take to the stage by 7:30 AM & 9:30 PM. What better way to start your weekend than by laughing yourself silly with Mary Jane? Her show is a one-of-a-kind experience that will leave you feeling energized and entertained. Tickets are available online or at the theatre box office, and are sure to sell out quickly. Don't miss out on this hilarious evening of comedy! See you there!

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**April 29 & 30, 7:30 PM**

**Diane Snyder**

Diane Snyder and her sister, Abby, will celebrate you with their unique brand of humor. Their show is a must-see for anyone who loves to laugh. Don't miss out on this night of laughter and fun! Tickets are available online or at the theatre box office, and are sure to sell out quickly. Don't miss out on this hilarious evening of comedy! See you there!

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**Crash Presents...**

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**What's God Got to do with it?**

Come and discover some answers, ask some questions as we take a look at the covenant book of the Bible - The Song of Solomon.

When: Every Other Thursday Continuing March 17
Where: Cook Hall Lounge
Time: 7:30-9:00
Who: You

Crash is part of the ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

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**General Assistance - A student cut their foot at the DeWitt Center and needed the bio-hazard kit picked up for proper disposal.**

Posted Friday, March 11

**Medical - A student had minor cuts after running into a window and breaking it at Gilmore Hall.**

Posted Monday, March 14

**Lanceny - The donated pop cans at the Science Center were stolen.**

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**The Anchor Wants You!**

Have you ever wanted to see your name on the front page of the paper? Here is your chance! Come to our meeting tonight at 8:30 PM in the Anchor office. It's in DeWitt behind the radio station and Student Union Desk. Come find out what it takes to be part of a newspaper staff!

**Safety Reports: Students' Right to Know—Real events happening on your campus**

Posted Wednesday, March 9

**Alarm Activation - The fire alarm at Cook Hall was activated due to a student pulling a pull station thinking it was a door opener.**

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Lady Dutch impress at swim nationals

Bruce Lund
Guest Writer

Hope has four All-American swimmers

Sophomore Lisa Smith butterfly's her way to All-American honors.

and Smith would be competing in individual events and team relays. The four Lady Dutch swimmers had great support from their fans and teammates since the tournament was held in their backyard pools.

Teammates were in charge of keeping times and encouraging their swimmers to compete like they have never before. "It was a huge advantage and a distraction to have the teammates think it will just take me a little longer to realize how big the meet really is. When you leave and are taken to a new pool and an unfamiliar environment, it has a different atmosphere, which can hinder swimmers, but it helps me." The Dutchmen finished runner-up in the MIAA championships in the local pool by a month ago, which can serve as an advantage. "There are huge benefits of having it here though, which I think outweigh the cons, Ekdorn said. "We know the pool a little better, since we swam there for our league meet a month ago. There will be many more fans there for us, which is a huge motivation." The fans were out in full force for all schools this past weekend, and the events showed how big swimming has become.

In addition to the performances by Smith and Steele, the Lady Dutch can claim two All-American relay honors and an honorable mention All-America. The women finished with a pair of top 10 finishes in the relay, bringing back seventh in the 200 free relay and eighth in the 400 free relay. They also finished 13th in the 400 free relay and 14th in the 200-yard medley relay.

As with many men's swimming and diving championships will be held this weekend, also at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Dutch anticipate challenges in softball season

Team optimistic about chances this spring

Bruce Lund
Guest Writer

The Lady Dutch softball team is off to a disappointing third-place finish in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) last season and hopes to embark on a more improved season this spring.

The Lady Dutch are constantly battling the first-placeers in order to make the second-placeers' efforts in order to make the third-placeers' efforts validated. Not only do the Lady Dutch face competitive teams, but they have the pitching that can complement the hitting. Adams already can tell the difference between this year's team and last year's saying, "We have really good team unity compared to last season when we didn't have so much."

The Dutch are expecting to compete for a conference ring and not be caught in Alma's shadow. They expect to do this through hard work and dedication. Adams also added, "The way we worked during the off-season has really showed what kind of dedication the team has, and the level in which we hope to get to this year and years following. We are really trying to go the next level in Division III softball."

According to Adams, the key to the season is defense and hitting. "Defense is going to be huge this season. We have a lot of different combos we are going to try. The key is probably going to be timing hit. If we can get the younger girls to step it up for us, we should have a chance to win the title of MIAA champions."

The Lady Dutch will open the season Thursday as they go on the road to face Trine International in Illinois. According to Adams, the best part about playing softball for Hope is, "The friends I have made and the bond you get to experience through being together so much on and off the field." Adams and her teammates will get to do plenty of bonding as they begin their spring break trip to Florida on Saturday.

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Baseball looks forward to more rewarding season as an away team

Bruce Lund
Guest Writer

After finishing a disappointing third place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship the Dutchmen took a different approach to the upcoming season.

"One of the main focuses for the coaches this year was getting us in the gym," said Jon Edmondson ('06), second baseman. "Coach Fritz really made it clear that we need to get stronger to improve our batting numbers from last year," added Edmondson. The Dutchmen combined to hit only 8 home runs a year ago, a number that is down compared with seasons past.

The team this year is led by captains Jon Deming ('05), 1st baseman, Andrew Vlasak ('05) 1st baseman, and Edmondson. These are just three of many returners from last season who finished an overall 23-17. Vlasak feels very comfortable with the players that are in place for the upcoming season, saying, "We lost a couple of players from last year's team, but we have guys who are more than capable of stepping in and filling roles." The Dutchmen opened up their season on the road with a doubleheader at DePauw and Franklin.

Leading the Dutch in her 1st season with Hope is Head Coach Karla Wolters. She will need the help of co-captains Candace Graham and Libby Harmon.

Graham is a senior outfielder and Harmon is a junior infielder. Adams already can tell the difference between this year's team and last year's saying, "We have really good team unity compared to last season when we didn't have so much."

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The Dutchmen hope after taking home third last year they will play with more eagerness and strength. "Everybody is eager to get out there and make up for a somewhat disappointing season," says Brian Blanchard, ('05) outfielder. The Dutchmen only lost four home series this season and realize how important winning on the road is going to be. "We need to really play well early on and know how to win on the road," says Bill Lutke, ('07) catcher.

The first home game this season is on April 1st against Calvin.