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Pepsi wins in Hope cola war

by Richard Bouwens
staff writer

Creative Dining Service (CDS), which services Hope, Calvin and Adrian, committed to purchase all fountain syrup from Pepsi Cola for three years as a business decision to cut costs. Seeking to obtain a better price on the soft drinks they serve, the food service solicited bids in January from both Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola. The CDS board of directors, after discussing the bids that both companies have submitted, chose to implement Pepsi's offer.

Phelps manager Chuck Melchiori said, "Service, marked superiority and program cost. Those were the three criteria we were looking at. And after we reviewed the bids, Pepsi Cola was substantially more competitive."

Besides offering the lowest price, Pepsi will place a designated amount per gallon into a marketing allowance for Hope College. The marketing allowance will allow the food service to do promotions that might offer such prizes as tickets to the final four or tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.A.

Also, for three years, Pepsi will donate one thousand dollars for student scholarships on the three campuses that CDS services.

Creative Dining Service had determined to solicit highly visible sodas rather than just any generic soda. Melchiori said, "We feel they were both high-quality visible products."

Students differed in their response to the change. Joe Miklosi ('91) said, "I support Melchiori's move because it was a business decision, and it will save the school money. Besides, I like Mountain Dew."

Craig Toomayan ('93) said, "Personally, I like Coke better than Pepsi, but it really doesn't matter."

The bidding process, which actuated the switch, is nothing new to food service; conversely, food service obtains bids on each product it serves. Without soliciting bids on each product, Melchiori said that food service costs would be substantially higher. Melchiori explained: "First, students should understand that the bidding process is a fact of life in the food service...We bid every product. We bid orange juice...It is by far the most effective means we have to control costs. Let's face it."

"...[S]tudents should understand that the bidding process is a fact of life..." --Chuck Melchiori

Queries have been made regarding the accommodation of both Coke and Pepsi beverages in Phelps dining hall. While both beverages could be purchased, the campus would lose the benefits and equipment that the soft drink companies provide, including the soft drink dispensers. Melchiori explained, "neither of the companies are willing to participate on campuses [that purchase from their competitor] to my knowledge. Service is a major problem with two companies. They are not going to bid for half your business."

Not only did the campus switch from Coke to Pepsi products but Pepsi also installed new dispensing machines. While students have noticed that the ice machines are more accurate, they have also noticed that the dispensers require two hands.

Jun Matsumuro ('91) said, "The dispensing machine is inconvenient with the button up there."

While Melchiori concedes that the new dispensers are less convenient than the previous paddle fountains, Melchiori explained that the switch-over was inevitable. The old dispensing model was not hygienically safe because the students who receive refills might contaminate the dispenser in the glass they use contacts the dispenser where syrup accumulates. Some states already have laws, which prohibit this type of self-serve dispenser.

"We made a business decision that we feel will benefit the students, the campus, and each campus [Hope, Calvin and Adrian] in years to come."

Closings limit availability of library, computer facilities

by Scott A. Kaukonen
news editor

Students who had planned to use the library or the computer center in VanZoeren over Easter weekend found themselves rearranging their plans. The library closed at 5 p.m. Saturday evening and did not reopen until Monday morning. VanZoeren was locked Sunday, preventing access to the computers in the building.

This marked the second time in as many weeks that students were unable to access these resources due to holidays and breaks. Students returning from Spring Break were limited to the computers in the library since all other terminal rooms were closed.

Students contacted Public Safety in their attempts to find a computer they could use, were told that Public Safety did not have the authority to open the computer labs.

According to Greg Maybury, director of Computer and Information Technology, their policy is to have the computer labs open when the building is open.

According to Provost Jacob Nyenhuis, decisions to close are the responsibility of the Director of Libraries. He also noted that the Library Committee is currently examining the larger issue of closing hours during vacations.

Students to help clean up community areas

(HOLLAND) -- Approximately 100 Hope College students will help clean up the Holland area this weekend.

The event, scheduled for April 6 and coordinated by the Student Congress, will start at 10:15 a.m. with an address by Hope College President John Jacobson outside the DeWitt Center.

Subsequently, students will be going to places around the Holland area to do pre-assigned tasks for residents and organizations.

Nearly 30 tasks have been arranged, including raking and miscellaneous yard work, washing windows, removing debris and moving furniture. It is expected that two students will work on each task, but several college groups have signed up for larger jobs.

These include the Sibylline Sorority (raking and cleaning Prospect Park), Student Congress (raking and cleaning Lake View City Park), the Delta Phi sorority (raking and cleaning Municipal Park), Alpha Phi Omega (working at the grounds of the Cappon House), the Cosmopolitan Fraternity (painting curbs and fire hydrants for the city's Street Department), the Dorian Sorority (cleaning the grounds at Windmill Island) and the Centurian Fraternity (raking at Herrick Public Library).

Several other jobs have yet to be assigned.

Joe Miklosi ('92), vice president of the Student Congress, has been organizing the event.
State trims college scholarship packages

by Scott A.Kaakonen
news editor

Roughly a little over 1000 Hope students returned from Spring Break to find that the State of Michigan had cut their Michigan Competitive Scholarships for second semester by $100.

Part-time and three-quarter-time students also saw cuts of $25 and $50, respectively. Most Hope students who receive the aid are full-time.

According to Phyllis Hooyman, director of Financial Aid, the cuts were primarily the result of "oversubscription." The State must project the number of people who will come into the system, meeting the requirements for the scholarship, which Hooyman says cannot be done accurately.

Before the State can finalize the aid distribution, it must await enrollment lists from the schools. This is why students did not learn of the cuts until mid-March.

According to Hooyman, the budget situation in Lansing also contributed to the cuts. But Hooyman defended those involved in the decision-making.

"I wouldn't want it to reflect negatively on the legislature. They're faced with real difficulties in Lansing," said Hooyman. "Everybody involved has been trying their hardest for this not to happen."

Hooyman also said that the private institutions in Michigan have an excellent lobbying firm that has done a "tremendous job" the past few years in helping to avoid these cuts. For at least the past three years, schools have lived under the threat that such a cut could occur late in the school year.

Students who have received the cut in aid have little recourse but to come up with the money on their own. "At this late date in the year, it's going to be up to their own resources," said Hooyman.

Hope does not have the resources to make up the $100,000 in aid its students have lost. Adjusting loan awards would have been an alternative, but according to Hooyman, "Even if it had been earlier, most banks wouldn't make that small of an adjustment (in loans)."

According to Hooyman, the State is saying the maximum will be $2150 for next year. "I'm feeling more optimistic for next year," said Hooyman.

Xanne Oxender ('91) in response to the cuts said, "I realize it's only $100, but for some people who count on it, it is a hundred bucks."

Students seemed confused about why the cuts had occurred when they did. Kevin Kar ('92), said it was, "Just a bummer," recognizing that there wasn't much he could do at this point.

English profs edit C.S. Lewis book

HOLLAND -- Peter J. Schadel and Charles A. Huttar, members of the English faculty at Hope College, were the editors of "Word and Story in C.S. Lewis," published this month by the University of Missouri Press.

The book enlists well-known scholars to examine Lewis's ideas about language and narrative, both as stated in theory and as exemplified in practice. Owen Barfield, in the afterward to "Word and Story," calls the volume "superior...to any other collection that has so far appeared" on C.S. Lewis.

The 16 essays, most of them published for the first time, demonstrate how an awareness of Lewis's ideas about language and narrative is essential to a full understanding and appreciation of his thought and works.

By approaching Lewis as an artist and theorist, not just a Christian apologist, the essays offer new insights into his creative imagination, critical acumen and his craftsmanship as a writer.

Schadel's responsibilities with the book included writing the text's introduction. In addition to his editing skills, Huttar also contributed one of the essays: "A Lifelong Love Affair with Language: C.S. Lewis's Poetry."

"Word and Story in C.S. Lewis" will be available in the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, and has a list price of $37.50.

Hope professor publishes travel journal guide

HOLLAND -- Nancy Taylor, professor of English at Hope College, has written a guidebook to make travel journal writing a more meaningful learning experience for students studying abroad.

"The Travel Journal: An Assessment Tool for Overseas Study" is a development of Taylor's use of journal writing both in the classroom and while co-leading study-abroad tours to Yugoslavia. The system was refined following field-testing of its techniques by colleagues and their students during summer programs in Japan and Europe, and their own experiences while a 1989 sabbatical traveling in Australia.

Her guide has since been adapted for use in all overseas programs coordinated by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), as well as by a variety of overseas programs at seven colleges, including Hope. Taylor has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1966.

U. S. Government text highlights political perspectives

HOLLAND -- "American Government: Essentials and Perspectives," written by current and former members of the political science faculty at Hope College, has been published by McGraw-Hill.

The authors are Robert E. Elder Jr., Michael J. Engelhardt and Jack E. Holmes. In addition, Dr. James Zoetewey prepared the instructor's manual for the text.

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The textbook has been developed over several years with the active participation of Hope students.

Education Department loses NCATE accreditation

by Cynthia Tancy
staff writer

The Education Department teacher education program was reviewed last spring by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) through a process which occurs every ten years. The bid for reaccreditation was denied in December.

"I don't want people to be alarmed, we didn't lose our accreditation. We have Michigan accreditation and a very sound program with the State of Michigan," said Dr. Lamont Dirkse, Chair of the Department. According to Dirkse, about 50 percent of teacher training institutions in the U.S. are accredited by this organization.

Accreditation by this organization is sought by institutions and out of 32 in this area, only 16 or 17 are accredited by NCATE.

It is not known how this will effect education students. Michigan has an interstate contract with other states, so problems for students are not unforeseen, according to Dirkse.

"We are disappointed that we didn't receive it. We feel our program is just as strong as before," said Dirkse. In her memorandum to all education students, Dean Nancy Miller says, "Failure to receive reaccreditation is a disappointment for we know that ours is a program of quality, that it compares favorably with programs elsewhere."

There are five reasons listed in Dean Miller's memo from NCATE as to why the department did not receive reaccreditation. The team from NCATE which came to campus to evaluate the education program was looking for specifics and details. "So much depends on the make up of the team and we know that all teams do not operate the same way as others," said Dirkse. Dirkse felt the situation could have been handled better by the team and they should have informed the department of its shortcomings so they could begin working on them. Dirkse believes it is unfair that the department was not given a chance to work on the shortcomings that were found since they have been previously accredited by NCATE.

"Although our Education Department is committed to providing the best possible program for its students, we too remained unconvinced that affiliation with NCATE is the best way to enhance and insure the strength of that program. We are, therefore, giving serious consideration to dissolving our relationship with NCATE and affiliation instead with professional groups that are more committed to supporting and improving "teacher education at the undergraduate level," said Miller in her letter. So, it does not appear as though the department is overly worried about losing this accreditation.

"I was alarmed at first, but now it doesn't bother me because Hope is still accredited by the State. It bothers me that this might reflect poorly on Hope students when it is the faculty's responsibility to keep up the standards for accreditation," said Education major Melissa Whitcomb ('92).
Stanford shifts emphasis from research to teaching

(CPS) -- In what could be the start of changing the way professors are hired and promoted across the country, Stanford University President Donald Kennedy announced a new program to emphasize teaching over research.

The effort, Kennedy said, would help professors break out of the "publish or perish" syndrome and let them focus on teaching.

The reform could spread.

"When big research universities make these kinds of commitments to teaching, it has a major impact on higher education," said Robert Hochstein of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which in 1990 published a report calling on universities to reward teaching skills as much as they reward research papers.

Kennedy proposed his initiatives, which included some $7 million in programs and incentives, would "increase the resonance between teaching and research."

But at the same time, Stanford's own research practices are being investigated by four separate federal agencies, including one criminal investigation by the U.S. Naval Investigative Service.

The investigations are focusing on $200 million in "overhead costs" Stanford billed to the federal government for research projects being done on campus.

Washington allows colleges to charge it for overhead costs -- utilities, building depreciation, administration, libraries and some student services and upkeep -- that the schools incur while doing research, but research that may not be directly connected to a specific federal research project.

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Jews for Jesus

Christian Jew re-enacts Seder supper

by Carrie Maples
associate editor

John Moskowitz, director of the Chicago branch of Jews for Jesus, was on campus last week to present a Passover re-enactment. The Chaplain's office brings someone in to do this every four years.

Moskowitz said he was going to explain "how the different elements (of the Passover feast) point to the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus." To do this he set out a Passover table in the Chapel with the traditional elements.

Reading from Exodus 12 Moskowitz told about the original Passover commandment in Egypt. "The first Passover was eaten in the spring, the meal is taken at ease," he said. "The first Passover was eaten standing up...but today, to show the contrast, the feast is taken at ease," said Moskowitz. While the Jews were enslaved in Egypt they were not allowed to eat reclining comfortably.

In Jewish homes all forms of meat have been removed before Passover. After the wife does her spring cleaning the husband will symbolically and spiritually cleanse the house of leaven. The bread that is eaten is matza (unleavened bread) that represented his body and broke it and gave it to his disciples," said Moskowitz.

The fourth cup is the cup of praises. At this time one of the children opens the door for Elijah to come in. If Elijah appears it means they have failed to do what the Messiah will come to do.

Moskowitz explained the traditional Passover foods of bitter herbs, horseradish, mortar (a mixture of fruit and wine) and Hagigah (roasted egg) as symbolic of the trials of slavery and the destruction of the second temple in 70 A.D.

The Lamb's blood put on the posts and lintel of the door at the first Passover dripped down to the threshold forming the shape of a cross.

Next comes the Haggahah or the telling. A young child asks four questions beginning with, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" These questions are answered by the head of the family and result in telling the story of the tradition of Passover.

The second cup is the cup of plagues and is in remembrance of the ten plagues visited on Egypt. Ten drops of wine are dipped out with the little finger. "In that act of pouring out his wrath (the plagues) God demonstrated his holiness," said Moskowitz. "His holiness demanded that sin be judged and at Calvary that sin was judged."

The cup of redemption is the third cup. This is the cup Jesus passes to his disciples. "Jesus took the very marrow (unleavened bread) that represented his body...and broke it and gave it to his disciples," said Moskowitz.

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RAPE: a reality, a dilemma

Hope graduate discloses account of her two rapes

by Jennifer Heitman
guest writer

Editor's Note: Jennifer Heitman graduated from Hope in December 1984 and is a past-president of the Women's Issues Organization. She is currently a research associate at Common Cause in Washington, D.C., and is a volunteer media contact person for the D.C. Rape Crisis Center. Ms. Heitman was invited to write an article on her experiences as a two-time survivor of rape.

I have twice survived the violent crime of rape and have recently begun to speak about my experiences in order to help my healing process, to reach out to others who have survived, to help sensitize others to the issue and in the hopes of preventing even one rape from happening. I tell my stories here not to sensationalize the issues of sexual advances. He verbally pressured me, would not let me leave his apartment, and forced himself into me even as I said — and screamed — the word "no" over and over. The pain combined with fear made me feel like I was going to die.

After the rape was over, he got up and took a shower and I went home. I felt ashamed, embarrassed, and dirty. At the time I did not connect the words "rape" or "date rape" with what had happened to me. They were not commonly used words eight years ago. I felt that I had done something wrong — that it was somehow my fault.

I told a few friends when I got home and they tried to be supportive but didn't know what to say. I wanted to curl up in a ball and sleep for a week straight, but I had classes to think about. I tried to study but couldn't concentrate. Over the next few days, I had a number of long crying jags. I went to class but really don't remember much of February.

I was miserable and needed to talk to someone. I wanted to talk with the chaplain, and actually dialed the phone number, but was too embarrassed and ashamed since I thought my problem was about sex.

Someone suggested calling Joyce Hanlon, Hope's former director of counseling, which was the first step I took towards healing. It was through crisis counseling with Joyce that I came to learn what had happened to me is called "date rape" or "acquaintance rape" and that all the feelings I was having were common for rape survivors. Another feeling surfaced at this point — anger. How dare he force himself on me?

My healing process has been a long, gradual one. I slowly began to tell close friends what had happened and occasionally learned from them.

Community offers rape victims options

by Carrie Maples
associate editor

When a woman becomes a victim of rape the first thing she should do is report the rape. If the rape occurred on-campus — in a dorm, cottage or apartment — the rape should be reported to Public Safety. If the student was off-campus when she was raped the Holland Police Department should be notified.

The most important thing to do is notify the authorities immediately, before doing anything else. A Holland police officer would either take the victim to Holland Hospital or meet the victim there. If Public Safety was called Ray Gutknecht, Head of Public Safety, said, "We would assist in getting the victim to the hospital."

According to the Police Department it is very important that the victim not shower or change clothes because evidence can be lost this way. The victim should take extra clothes to the hospital because those worn at the time of the assault will be kept as evidence. The victim should also write down everything they can remember about the assault as soon as possible to aid police in the investigation.

The Police Department recommends several things to avoid being in a position vulnerable to rape. Women should avoid going out alone at night, take advantage of the escort van or call a friend. Avoid walking in dark or strange areas. When going out with someone you don't know go in groups. Watch the amount of alcohol consumed by both you and your date. When walking to the car at night carry keys interlocked between fingers in a defensive position. If assaulted run and scream.

There are a number of counseling options open to students who have been assaulted. "We try to give as many options as possible, both on and off campus," said Darrel Schergadur, Director of the Counseling Center.

Possibilities for on-campus counseling include meeting with a female counselor at the Center meeting with a Sexual Harassment counselor if the assault was campus-related; joining the Survivors of Sexual Assault support group; and meeting with a peer who has been trained in counseling are just a few of the options available.

There are also groups based in the Holland community designed to provide counseling and support to sexual assault victims. The counselors at the Holland community designed to provide counseling and support to victims of assault. The counselors at the Holland community designed to provide counseling and support to victims of sexual assault as well as information about legal action. "What we try to do overall is give students choices and to help them make choices for themselves," said Schergadur.
Editorial

Operating hours need student focus

The administration and committees of Hope College need to overhaul the hours of operation of campus facilities, particularly those facilities crucial to the academic life of the college. As poorly publicized and questionable decision to close both the library and computer terminal rooms in the past two weekends left many students upset and unprepared (see story, P. 1). The computers were closed all day on the Sunday following Spring Break and, along with the library, on Easter Sunday (Mar. 31). These same facilities had limited hours over Spring Break and on the Saturday before Easter.

On the last Sunday night of Spring Break, however, only the library was open, meaning that for those students who had papers due immediately after break, just 12 computers were available. There was, in fact, a line of students waiting to use these few terminals.

Students found themselves in a similar situation a week later -- Easter weekend -- with another closing of the library and computer facilities. Again, many students were unable to complete projects or papers. Most were completely unaware that the facilities were to be closed, being that the college had not declared Easter as an official holiday and had not widely publicized the closings to students or faculty.

Certainly, there are legitimate concerns for the security of college buildings and the expensive equipment they contain. There may also be a desire to save some money by limiting hours. Additionally, it is understandable that the college may have wished to give its staff some time off, particularly on Easter Sunday.

More importantly, however, this college's reason for being is its students and their academic pursuits. Decisions to close the library and computer terminal rooms, especially over the past two weekends, did not reflect a concern for the students.

College facilities important to the academic pursuits of the college should be open regular hours on all days during the academic year that are not specifically scheduled holidays or breaks. This would include computer terminal rooms, libraries, Nykerk, the modern and classical languages labs and any research labs. Over breaks, facilities should be open for limited hours.

It is easy enough to arrange for student staff members to work as a skeletal staff during times when college staff does not, for whatever reason. In this way, facilities could at least stay open. This could also include college offices, such as the business office, the career planning and placement office and the mailroom.

Although an institution of higher education, Hope College, like any business, has a clientele. Students who compose this clientele have schedules and needs which are unique. These include irregular eating hours, sleeping habits and working times. The decision-makers at Hope should make plans which accommodate and respect the students' requirements. As the most recent closing determinations have shown, such courtesy is lacking.

Students' postcards boost morale

To the Students of Hope College:

Recently my battery received a package with post cards from your school. They were signed by many of the students. My name is Joseph C. Sanchez. I'm a PFC (private first class) in the United States Army.

I'm 25, 6'3", green eyes and 235 lbs. I'm writing to show my appreciation for you all's support. I am part of a headquarters battery deployed near the border. I belong to HHB XVIII ABN CORPS ARTY (Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery). I have been here for nearly six months now. It helps us all to know that we are backed by the people of our country. Especially the younger generation which I am proud to be a part of. I'm glad I have this opportunity to defend the rights of our country, and those who are our allies. Thank you for your support.

You are all hero's in my eyes, for supporting the American way of life.

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Congress Corner: Congress funds two sand volleyball courts

by Joe Miklosi

In the last two Student Congress meetings, we have performed two main duties: One, we have allocated funds for two sand volleyball courts and for four portable VCR's. Secondly, we have performed two more organizational reviews upon Amnesty International and upon the representatives of The Pull and Nykerk.

After this summer, students will be able to play beach volleyball on two sand volleyball courts just off 14th street, on the grass lot next to the Sigma Sigma house. They will lie north and south and have professional measurements. The courts, which were organized and coordinated by representative Tim Grotenhuis, will cost around $1,600 and will be available for future May Day tournaments, or intramural sports and for a fun time by all students.

Student Congress also allocated $1,175.00 for five portable, encased VCR's. The VCR's will cost $4 for one 24 hour period (With a $6 late fee) and will be able to be checked out in the evenings from the Klecz attentand. Students who use the machines will also sign a contract to be liable for them. The should be available by late April or early fall.

Congress has also reviewed Amnesty International and representatives from The Pull and Nykerk in the past two weeks. The leaders from Amnesty International which is a world wide organization expressed their areas of specialty as well as future goals. One recent event that succeeded quite well was their letter writing campaign to free political prisoners. It was reported that a couple have been released due in part to this campaign.

When Congress reviewed the representative of the even year Pull and both the even and odd class representatives of Nykerk, discussion quickly turned towards the issue of integration. Since the Campus Life Board will be making a decision in early to mid April concerning this issue, Student Congress will be making a recommendation to them at our next meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 8:30 in Maas Conference Room. Please come with an opinion. Have a good week, Happy Belated Easter and remember, together we can make a difference.
The ranchor

reporting raunchy, radical -- revolting?

by George Saurat
investigative editor

Hype College's newspaper, the ranchor, has been accused of sensationalism and poor journalism by a coalition of campus leaders and administration.

The leader of the coalition, Student Congress member (a Durfee hall representative) John Kettering ('93) said, "For the last three years the ranchor has been aggressively going after other organizations and administration departments. Every semester there's at least one front page banner story about the same group that didn't act according to their specifications. It's going to stop now."

Kettering has compiled evidence that the co-editors of the ranchor, Barb Perskil and Jay Monet were intentionally building a newspaper styled on the Enquirer.

"Just look at these stories," Kettering said, "They challenged the Board of Trustees' Buildings and Grounds Committee decision to reject the (A.I.) Muste sculptures installation in the library. They accused Student Congress officers of sexism. And that's just this year. Last year, the ranchor went after the radio station, saying no one listens."

"Probably the worst thing they did was under Jay Monet's sole leadership when they jumped all over the college for not divesting its investments in South Africa. That story came out right on Critical Issues with Allan Boesak was on campus."

In response to these charges, co-editor Perskil said that she and Monet were just continuing the work of the past two editors Brad Brawn and Ernie Shotpoor.

"The ranchor isn't a public relations tool," Perskil said. "It's a newspaper that reports news. The problem is doing things right isn't often news. Reporting news is going to hurt the people involved. That isn't the paper's intent, and it can be lessened through good reporting."

"They don't have good reporting," said Jan David ('94) a coalition member and a member of the Student Media Committee.

"Too often the ranchor's younger reporters print what people say and not what they mean. A good reporter asks clarifying questions to help the people being interviewed so that what they say is what they mean to say. We all say things that sound worse in print. It's a reporters job to get the meanings straight."

"On the other hand, Monet said in response to Davis' comment, "If students and administrators didn't try to deny knowledge of an event at the beginning of the interview they wouldn't look so stupid in print."

According to a Student Congress member, in an executive Student Congress meeting, Kettering accused Monet of being the main problem.

"John said Jay Monet was trying to make the student'sSee 'raunchy,' Thumper

Talented team trying to trim trees to transmit terrific topical talk

by Jackie Anderson
investigated editor

In a daring move, the Stupid Congress of Hype College today began to cut down trees in the Big Space in the Middle of Campus Where You Can't Play Laser Tag or Golf.

Quarterback Brainless Voltage said, "Our aim this entire year has been to improve communication among students. We had a vision to improve the vision of students who couldn't envision or talk to each other through all those trees."

Backup quarterback Jolt McLostishead agreed. "Our aim this year has been to improve communication among students. We had a vision to put human kiosks out there and there just wasn't room with all those trees."

Third string quarterback Jeans O'Squeal, whose common sense was damaged when he left the lid open on the copy machine and looked straight into it, has spent most of the year on injured reserve and was unavailable for comment.

Voltage and Timber Groaningtwice, Special Plebe to All Quarterbacks, said the cutting was hard work, but had gone faster since they sharpened the Phelps knives they are using.

"You know," said Groaningtwice as he sawed at a 70-foot pine, "students just don't appreciate the difficulty of our job. How would they feel if nothing ever got accomplished? At least we're making decisions and doing something."

Meanwhile, McLostishead has been lining up other Stupid Congress members to take part in his round-the-clock human kiosk project.

It is expected that members will roam the Big Space Without Trees Where You Still Can't Play Laser Tag or Golf with signboards and assorted bulletins pinned to their clothes.

"Unfortunately," said McLostishead, "I'm having trouble finding enough Stupid Congress members who own clothes appropriate for the task ahead of them. Males are to wear tuxedos and females are to dress in formal gowns."

"It has been proven that people can't act professionally unless they dress professionally," McLostishead explained.

One of the first human bulletin board volunteers was Polly Less, representing Gilmarred Hall.

"Gee, this is wonderful thing such a. I'm doing so excited to be. Wonderful, thing wow a what," she said, asking that the ranchor be careful to quote her properly.

Aimed Stump, palatial mansions representative, has also volunteered. An international studies major, she will be translating all of the bulletins into Pig Latin for those students who don't understand English.

As usual, most Hype students seem to not have noticed this most recent act of their Stupid Congress.
Linking

Living luxuries lessened, locals leery lately

by Winnefred Pooh
staff writer

"Hype is a totally residential college," said Darrel Thoreau, Director of Housing. "And as such the administration has decided that all students with less than 200 credit hours will be required to live on campus for the 1991-92 school year." The intention to force all full-time, part-time and non-traditional students to live in campus housing was announced in a letter to students accompanying housing information.

Since the addition of Van De Meyer Hall as a dormitory the college has had trouble filling all its campus housing. Van De Meyer has a capacity of 800 and was designed to keep upper classmen on campus. The theory behind building the dorm and demolishing several cottages was that students in the dorm could be forced to remain on board.

"We simply want to see Hype become a united and supportive community for students and the best way to accomplish that is to require all students to live on campus," said Robert Hail, Dean of Students.

Many students are very unhappy with this situation. "When I came to Hype I thought living on campus would be OK for a couple of years," said Debbie VanDyke (92), "but I planned to live off-campus my senior year. Now the college is telling me I can't do that."

"Requiring 200 credit hours for permission to live off-campus is just ridiculous. No one is going to earn that many hours in four years," said Pete MacDonald (93). "I don't know how they could expect it and I think it's only an excuse to keep us all on campus."

Those most affected by the policy are non-traditional students who are working parents. "I have three children at home and I work weekends just to make ends meet. The idea that I have to live in a dorm away from my family is too ludicrous to even consider," said Joan Evans (94). "If we can't work something out I am going to transfer to Grand Ditch."

When questioned about possible financial reasons behind this policy President Jon Jacobski said, "This certainly has nothing to do with finances. We feel that living on campus is the best possible situation for all of our students."

Requiring all 2,700 Hype students to live on-campus would increase college revenue from housing to about $4,239,000. It has been suggested that some of this money would go toward paying off the remodeled Kletz.

Saints celebration seriously shuts school

by Susan Eckhart
staff writer

In observance of St. Patrick's Day, much of campus was closed on Sunday, March 17. "We decided to respect the Irish on campus and honor a saint of theirs by giving the campus a true day of rest," said Vice President Bernard Anderly. This new college policy closed the library at 5 p.m. the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day and kept it closed on through until Monday morning.

"It sure was nice of them to announce the closing ahead of time," it's not like I needed to get into the library to finish my research or anything," responded Liz Peach (91) whining passionately.

Along with the library, all the terminal rooms were closed. So, those people without personal computers were scatalogically speaking out of luck and unable to work on their papers or any other projects requiring a computer.

"This new policy would be just fine if my professors gave me Monday off. However, they didn't and I still have two papers due," said another disgruntled, poor slob (91). Public Safety reportedly received numerous calls requesting them to open terminal rooms. However, all callers were simply told, "I'm sorry, it's college policy. We have no authority to open anything, not even a can of tuna."

Many students strongly disagree with the closings. Others didn't care because they had started earlier. Still others didn't even know about it because they owned their own computers and libraries.

"I hope my professor realizes I had no control over the situation this weekend. If he doesn't accept my paper a day later, somebody in the administration is going to hear about it," said Ralph Halloway (91) spouting out more frustration as he finally finds something tangible to blame for his low G.P.A.

Dr. Chuck O'Henry, an English professor teaching Irish Literature said, "If they are going to close campus, they could at least have a parade with leprechauns or a reenactment of St. Patrick driving the snakes from Ireland."

Thus, in this writer's humble opinion it does not appear as though these new college policies are a success with the students. The Administration needs to ask themselves who the college is here for, themselves or the students? How would they feel if they had a paper due Monday and the library was closed all day Sunday," said Joy White (92).
Swing swiftly sweet safety servant

Sledge slammers shatter

by Nathan Drake
staff writer

As a way of curbing students' illegal parking violations, the Public Safety Department has created a new system for reprimanding such violators. Explaning that "illegal parking is on the rise" and that "the traditional ticketing system is too lenient," the administration gave the power to destroy any offending vehicles and haul them away.

Public Safety officers have been issued a special sledgehammer to this end, with the tool in question being first approved by the Board of Trustees. It is interesting to note that over the last week, the number of illegally parked cars has gone down, while the number of applicants for Public Safety officer positions has increased dramatically.

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Wicked Stepmother

By Baruka Brown
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Centrist

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Hype Student Scott Cocaine of Intesline, Mich., has announced his engagement to Jill Biker, a Roads Scholar from Philadelphia, Penn. He wishes to thank the college for its off-campus, on-the-street-corner program through which he met Ms. Biker. Such programs have helped hundreds of Hype students fulfill the requirements for the MRS degree within the "Four-year Plan."

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**Twins twice touched**

A startling discovery was made last week by political science professor Sherlock Holmes and Director of Public Safety Ray Charles. They learned they are twins who were separated at birth.

"It came as a complete surprise and was totally unexpected," said Holmes.

"When I first met Sherlock, I was surprised at all the similarities to myself that I found in him," said Charles.

He explained that the only factor which leaves a small doubt as to the legitimacy of them being twins is the fact that Charles voted Republican in the last election.

"He's slightly misguided, but now that I know he's my brother, I can straighten him out," responded Holmes to this information.

**Detz draws crowd, controversy**

As the school year opened here at Hope, faculty and students alike awaited the opening of the new Detz lounge.

Overwhelming response by the campus community has kept standing-room-only the norm on many an eventful night. Events planned for next semester include: Strip Twister, Tournament Tiddlewinks, Steeplechase for beginners and Boggle for the Enlightened.

Detz manager Karen DeDann said, "We really wanted to create a facility for the students to relax in and just have more fun than a pig in a parlor."

The overwhelming response of students has forced the Detz to hire a larger staff to meet the needs of the clientele. There are now 70 students who work days, nights, weekends and Sunday mornings in the Detz.

Students seem to enjoy the new relaxed atmosphere. "I just love the new chairs, they are terribly comfortable. I've missed more classes because I have fallen asleep while studying in the Detz," said Jake Cousins (97).

Some students, however, wish the Detz had remained the same. "How is a person supposed to study when they are constantly playing stupid games? I really like the way you could always find peace and quiet in the Detz when you needed to get away from housemates and roommates," said Lisa Meiderman (95).

Reportedly, the college financed the renovations by cutting back on budgeting for cleaning products and toilet paper but these allegations proved to tell only part of the story.

"I think it would be good for our music majors to speak to musicians who have made it in the real world," she said.

"Obviously, since we play 24 our rap music, we would have preferred a culturally aware band like Public Enemy. On the other hand, we weren't too hip about the harschpistochrist who got the book," Otter said.

"The Ramones should do a good show. If it'll be good to see Dimment Chapel filled with GPSers who aren't retired," Otter said.

"Personally, I'm looking forward to hearing their classic 'I Want to Be Sedated.'" Highbrow hopes that Rabelinsky will be able to come play next fall.

"A few shots of penicillin and some stitches and he will be up and banging the keys again," Highbrow said.
Stream

Maintenance manages media, markets mainstream music (mainly Manilow, Madonna)

by Cassy Kassam

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A 'rancher' reporter overheard President John Jacobski talking to Dean of Students Robert Hal in the men's bathroom "DO at Parrot's last Thursday evening. Jacobski told Hal there were "numerous" reasons why the administration should take control of the station away from the students."

Hi. I'm Cassy Kassam. And this is American Top-40. "If I'm not listening to the station, then why would anyone else?" asked Jacobski. "Since I don't listen to the station (they're not my style), I figure no one else must."

"Besides, I'm afraid of students messing up. Let's face it. They're just learning radio and we YOU can't afford to let their lack of professionalism damage our "pure and pristine image within the community," continued Jacobski. "If maintenance is in charge, we can just blame it on technical difficulties."

While the 'rancher' reporter cowered in his stall, Hal admitted, "The bottom line is the college just can't afford to listen to it year-after-year."

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by Joe Jock
sports editor

Once again, every basketball fan at Hype College feels the frustration and wonders about what could have been if it were not for a certain team from Grand Rapids. Well, the rancher has learned that there might be a reason for the early ending to this year's basketball season.

An unidentified source has told the rancher that within the last three years there has been a secret contract signed between top officials at Hype and Hobbes Colleges. The main point of the contract is an agreement between the two schools to never allow one school to move too far ahead of the other in wins and in total points scored between the two schools in this classic rivalry.

A second point in the contract has to do with an agreement that says that, for the right price, Hobbes will be allowed to win the more important games, played between Hype and Hobbes, for five years, starting in 1989.

By looking at some of the trends in the rivalry in recent years, one can see that there might be some truth to this report. Over the past few years, Hobbes has won the majority of the games played. The overall record in this rivalry has made much closer, recently, with Hobbes now holding a slight edge in total points scored.

Last year, Hype lost two games on last second shots, one that did not count for us and one that did for them, and then Hype was beaten badly in the playoffs. This year, Hype won both regular season games, one in overtime and one big win at Holland, only to lose to the Damesels one week later, at home, in overtime. That makes two years in a row that Hobbes has won the game that counted more than the others.

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The unidentified source also told the rancher of some of the perks that Hype has received because of this agreement. Everyone has surely noticed the improvement in the food this year compared to last year. Hype and Hobbes are sharing the same food service that Hobbes used last year. Hobbes did not have to agree to share food services. Another thing is the continuance of the nursing program that Hype and Hobbes share. Our source said Hobbes was considering quitting the program a few years ago, but has agreed to stay in it because of the contract.

Our source revealed that Hype's basketball coach had never been pleased with the agreement, especially this year because of the terrific team that he had assembled. The coach almost did not hold up Hype's end of the agreement, but the source said the new 1991 Jag has cooled off the coach at least until next year.

Along with the minor perks that have been already mentioned, our source told us of some major deposits made into Swiss bank accounts. These deposits are made into an account named Wait Till Next Year or three times each winter. They are called the code name Victorious Again.

No officials from either school cared to comment on the allegations. The governing board of the NCAA Division II had said that they were never informed about any such goings on between the two schools. They also said that they will begin a complete and thorough investigation into the matter when they get a round to it.

The rancher

Admissions office recruiting techniques have changed with the times. Here, a sibling says, "Wow, Mom, I want to go to Hype!"

- Political punch packs professors' progessive, potential platinum

by Samuel P. Huntington
Pi Sigma Alpha Staff

With a mix of '60s radical liberalism and '80s punk libertarianism, influenced by touches of Eastern-Western Theocratic Reconstructionism and bits of moderate conservatism, "The System Works!" has hit the college-political-musical scene with a force unseen since Barry Drake.

Many of the songs are autobiographical at the group cope through its lyrics with going through middle-age as political science professors. During the day, all five men are professors of political science at the local Hype College.

The formation of the group came about as the result of a coincidental meeting at a Sanitation Blammy store. "We realized then what we had to do. That's why we started the band and are donating all the proceeds to the Hype College Faculty Retirement Fund," said the group's spokesperson, Pill O'Kinsmanwarmannaman.

"Four Average Guys and One Guy with Big Feet" opens the album with foot-stomping rhythms and vote-getting vocals.

A moving "Tribute to a Drooling, Drugged Orka" will bring tears unseen since Timmy said good-bye to Lassie.

"We're So Messy, We Should Hire a Maid (But We Can't Afford It, So We Hire Students)," is dedicated to their groupies, who call themselves 'The Slaves.'

According to research done by band members Bobby Younger and Sherlock Holmes, the album should sell well by about May. This is when a period of extreme introspection will align with the selfish qualities of presidents over six feet tall during a carpish market.

"I'm pretty much a moderate with conservative tendencies when it comes to the album," said Jimmy Deliah, a visiting band member, who will only be with the band through April. But he has been pleased with the opportunity to photograph his students while on stage.

Reaction from the critics has been mixed. Kristina Short, a former collegue of Holmes, said, "I've heard him sing in the shower and I wasn't that impressed, but I certainly wouldn't scalp tickets twice in one weekend to see them, like I did the 'Blue Girls.'"

Lita Tuutinuzzi shrieked, "I wouldn't listen to this band even if I created it." When pressed further, she admitted, "I don't know why. That's just what the NY Times said.

Seat Bishop-to-Queen's-Eight has earned the coveted position of road manager. They even gave me a personalized bench to sit on during the concerts," he said.

The band members did wish to thank Katherine ElevenHakken and Burb Liveby who as we went to press were still replaying the latest revisions to the lyric sheet.

"We just hope our album sells better than our last book," said Younger.

- Classic confusion confounds caped crusaders

HOLLAND -- In the wrong hands, a drum is a child's dream and a parent's nightmare: a noise-making machine of epic potential.

An art exhibit by U-M graduate students at the Rackham Building and an exhibit on "The Female Gaze" at the U-M Museum of Art are also scheduled.

Georgetown University closed its programs in Turkey and Italy, and told students studying in Israel and Cairo to come home even before hostilities had broken out, reported Georgetown spokeswoman Anne Jones.

Moreover, the school suggested that students in all other study abroad programs come home as well, but warned them not to be on guard if war broke out.

Currently the NCAA allows schools to pay only for athletes' tuition, room and board. Athletes are not allowed to hold part-time jobs during the school year.

Objectors to the bills in each of the states note the NCAA could respond by placing sanctions on schools that comply with the state laws.

The conference fee is $25 for students and $35 for faculty who register at the conference. The conference schedule will be available during registration in the U-M's Rackham Building lobby.

To preregister, call (313) 763-9705.

In February, the Colorado Senate killed and then revived a bill to pay stipends to student athletes at state universities.

Although none of the group's five members are music majors at Hope, each has been playing a musical instrument since elementary or junior high school. Often involved with other musical groups as well, they enjoy the challenge of performing as an all-percussion ensemble.

Officials at all the colleges said they were closely following State Department directives on whether it was safe for students to travel and stay abroad.

"They do a terrible, immoral thing by refusing to have a record," he said.

Some students, however, apparently have decided to stay overseas, foreign study officials report.

"I want to go to Hype!"
Recruiters ride roughshod

by Petey Arnit
staff writer

Clare by Iraqi censors

After months of thorough investigation, the NCAA has announced that the U.S. military would have to forfeit its victory in the Persian Gulf.

The announcement comes following the release of the results of an investigation by NCAA officials, which found that the U.S. had violated several NCAA rules in building the number-one ranked military in the world.

Among the charges are the following:

Numerous instances of U.S. military personnel who failed to meet the NCAA minimum grade point average requirements as established by Proposition 48. Ground troops must maintain a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale), while fighter pilots must maintain a 2.2. There were found numerous violations of this point. "We are no longer producing a military man (or woman)," said Bobby Knight, head coach of the Indiana University men's basketball team. "We are just producing a military."

The U.S. military was also found in violation of NCAA recruiting regulations. Reports of alumni providing potential recruits with posters, sweatshirts and T-shirts in an effort to encourage them to enlist abound. One retired marine from Houston, Texas, is reported to have given away nearly $5,000 worth of sweatshirts at one local high school.

The report also said that the U.S. had often recruited before and after recruiting deadlines. The NCAA does not allow officers to contact potential personnel between August 1 and December 31. This allows the recruits to concentrate on their studies without the added pressure of recruiters from all military branches calling every day at all hours of the night. Jerry Tarkanian, coach of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas men's basketball team, called these violations "an outrage, an affront to the spirit of fair play." Tarkanian is especially displeased having apparently lost his loan returning starter for next year, Alexander Hunt, to the Army.

"I just thought the only way to get the recruiters to stop calling me was to join them," said Hunt, proudly displaying his white wristbands with "ARMY" stamped in green.

The report also included charges of widespread illegal drug use at the front, especially steroids.

Some soldier privately claimed that the military was ready to move back in October, but wanted the extra month to allow its soldiers to "peak" in its weight training. Some claim this was to strengthen the soldier in case they had to engage in hand-to-hand combat, while a few whispered that it was for vain reasons.

"The U.S. soldiers wanted to look good when we marched into Kuwait City and rescued their women from the Iraqis, marauders," said a sergeant from San Diego as he flexed.

Lou Holtz, coach of the Notre Dame football team, denied any knowledge of use of steroids among his players who are in the ROTC.

Not only will the U.S. military have to forfeit the win, but it has been banned from appearing on live television or in any bowl game for the next five years.

Not only are Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, who stood to reap millions in endorsements, disappointed but so is CNN, the network which rose to fame in the Persian Gulf.

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Following the Gulf War, the U.S. had regained the coveted number-one ranking in both polls for the first time since early in the Vietnam War. While UPI had rewarded the U.S. the number-one position following Panama, AP just recently replaced Sri Lanka with the U.S. at the top spot.

Other controversy still surrounds much of the war itself. The Israelis are claiming that the U.S. was off sides when they attacked on Jan. 16. Instant replay has proved inconclusive and so far the play stands as called.

Meanwhile, Saddam Hussein, head coach of the Iraqi forces is under fire from his own people, including many recent alumni of "what was only recently the fourth-ranked military in the world. Hussein has received criticism for reaching into the high school ranks to try to bolster his professional forces.
Opinion

SLIP OF THE MIND
Married six days before the Crash
JIM MONNETT

Her husband died over twenty years ago. They had been married since 1929.

"We were married six days before the Crash," Ruth told me with a smile.

Since John's death, she had lived alone in their second home in Pittsburgh. This one sits atop a hill and looks out over a golf court. The country club is just down the street.

She can't believe what the realtor has listed the house as. Far more than John had paid for it in 1950.

But it's a down housing market. Ruth chooses to wait rather than sell it for quite a bit under what the adjustor thinks it's worth.

Ruth just turned 88 in March.

What does anyone my age know about being 88 years old?

It's impossible to imagine having been born in 1903. To have lived through two world wars, the Baby Boom, the turbulence of the sixties, Watergate, the Reagan years and up through the Gulf War.

All these big events have affected her life.

If she sees these words, I'm sure she'll shake her head and dismiss it all saying, "We just lived."

John and Ruth met at the University of Illinois on a dorm date night. They were married in 1929 in Chicago. Through the depression, Ruth lived with her folks on a dairy farm during the week while John traveled selling steel for U.S. Steel. On weekends they would return to Chicago and Ruth would join him in their small apartment.

"We were lucky that John kept his job through those years, and that I could live with my parents. Otherwise we could never have afforded two households," Ruth said remembering.

They had two girls who would go on to college.

By now the family had moved to Pittsburgh with John's transfer to the headquarters of the company. Soon the girls were married and on their own.

"It all passed so quickly," Ruth might say.

In the early 1960's John took off a month from work and they went to Europe.

Sitting at her kitchen table, Ruth recounts the trip day by day. She takes me to Sweden, Norway and other countries. We take a side trip up to see the little village where her relative came from. Together we stay at this "awful little place." Ruth describes the different places in detail nearly thirty years later. Her memory of that trip is far clearer than my own memory of May term in London last year.

In 1967 John died of cancer right before my older brother is born. They name him John. Ruth doesn't just go on with her life after John's death. She continues to live. She still loves John fiercely. But she lives.

Last fall she moved out of the house. It was too big for her to manage.

Ruth now lives in Country Meadows about ten minute drive from "the club" and her house. It's a retirement community. Her L shaped apartment is stocked with furniture selected from her house. She sleeps in her own bed.

Three times a day she eats at her table down in the dining room with her new friends. A rose passes from table to table with each meal. The rose signals which table can get in line first. Don't stop her when the rose is at her table.

She plays bridge every Thursday night with her closest friends. She also continues with her "once a month bridge club" at "the club." They play for money.

Her mind is sharper than mine. It does bother her that she can't walk as fast as she used to. Getting dressed takes too long, she says.

And she'd rather be in her house again. Anyone would. Actually, she'd rather be with John. She tells me and my brother how much she wishes John could have known us.

We miss him too.

So I'm sitting here watching the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship (of course, I don't have the time) and this thought crosses my mind. "When does Bobby Hurley find the time to study for Organic Chemistry?"

I remember our days at UNLV. He was a star, playing for the Runnin' Rebels. He was a freshman when I was a senior.

But now he's in the National Hockey League. A star for the Pittsburgh Penguins. This is his first season.

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Yes, I know, this tournament is just for a few weeks and the players carry lighter academic loads during the season. But they still have to carry at least 12 credits to be considered full-time students and be eligible to represent their school before a national television audience.

And it's not just during the tournament run that such demands place on the "student-athlete." They've been playing games since December and the increased demands of television have them playing at all hours of the day and week. By now, they've been jet-setting around for nearly half the academic year.

I know they have their fringe benefits that help them get by—light class loads, tutors, lax class attendance requirements, cars, cash—and maybe that's what bothers me. They don't get to fully appreciate what it is like to be a regular, run-of-the-mill college student.

For example, all-nighters? A true mark of a college student.

Some of us even look forward to them with a masochistic sense of fun. But when was the last time you heard a Division I star complain in the post-game interview of having been fatigued from being up all night finishing an explication of a Shakespearean sonnet?

Or heard a coach explaining that his star would be unable to play because he was taking the LSATs?

Most college students spend a minimum of four years being asked, "So, what d'ya wanna do with your life?" Did you hear Billy Packer ask any of the UNLV players this question? Of course not. They all want to play pro ball, right? None of them might be considering giving up the lights and ticker-tape of the NBA to work among the poor of El Salvador, right?

When I was home on Spring Break, I spent an evening at the high school gym playing hoops with some of the "old men" of the community. A pair of them got into a debate concerning Division I athletics.

Dragged by a high school teacher, they argued that their school should "call a spade a spade" and make Division I basketball and football, "professional"—drop the farce that it is amateur, an extra-curricular activity.

There are true student-athletes even at the Division I level and pockets of the original intent of college athletics can probably be found. The NCAA is quick to point out the examples of those who have done well on the court and in the classroom.

But as a general rule, we see little of the student and tons of the athlete. I see little which allows me to connect with them as a fellow college student.

Maybe we should call a spade a spade; a student, a student; and the NCAA Division I, the minor leagues. Quit lying to ourselves; quit lying to them.
Students spend Spring Break building house additions

Sharon Roebuck features editor

Circlerville, West Virginia received 18 Hope students for the 1991 Spring Break Chaplain's Project. The group, independent of an advisor, dug in one van and a car and headed towards a week of manual labor.

"Part of our philosophy is that, for (students) to develop ownership and leadership, we should not go along. Otherwise, if a problem arises, they would look to us to solve it," said Scott VanArendonk assistant chaplain.

According to VanArendonk the students have handled such independence well on past projects and the Circlerville group was no different. They carried with them a check of around $2,000 that had been raised for Habitat for Humanity in Circlerville through the Bethlehem Fund, connecting the fund with the spring break project.

Working alongside Wittenberg University students, Hoptes were put in different teams and assigned to projects or cases by staff -

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members of the Almost Heaven Habitat, which is a chapter of the international organization Habitat for Humanity. Valerie Kyut '91), said that work involved putting up dry wall and building additions onto houses or building an entire house for low-income people.

For the next few years, though, I really didn't fully deal "head on" with the rape. It wasn't until I was a graduate student in Ann Arbor that I began to really turn to lock the door out of habit -

"They're not the type of people that would come out and say thanks but they showed us in different ways," Kyut added.

According to VanArendonk, one student had found that the work itself dimmed in the light of relating to their West Virginia roots and meeting a need to quell their loneliness. Million added that the group not only gave their help but received much from the Circlerville families in turn. He and Kyut also witnessed the importance of family among the residents. A family that Kyut had worked with, had originally lived in a bus. Much of what she observed made her appreciate what she has, but she especially admired the sense of family importance that the West Virginians have.

VanArendonk mentioned that the Chaplain's Office hoped the students would get an exposure to what Habitat for Humanity is about, that the students would continue to be involved in it after they leave Hope and that they form a chapter on campus. The City of Holland already has a chapter but there are individual college chapters also.

The student group lead chapel on Monday, April 8 at 11am.
**Association evaluates dance department**

by James R. Hall  
assistant news editor

The Hope Dance Department, after being accredited for a little over five years, is undergoing a quality check. The department is applying for a renewal of their accreditation, which is an official certification that Hope has a quality dance program.

This review is a normal procedure which all dance departments are put through, though only a few actually receive the agency's approval. In fact, Hope is one of only two dance programs (including all size divisions) in Michigan which currently has this accreditation. The other school is Western Michigan University.

The accreditation lasts for either four or ten years, depending on the quality of the program. This year the department decided to apply for a ten-year certification because it will be less work in the long run. The results will be returned this fall, on September 18.

The National Association of Schools of Dance checks five main areas, and a flaw in any of these will result in no accreditation and place the institution in a "holding pattern." When a school is put in a holding pattern it has a one to three year time limit to make the necessary changes before it can be considered for accreditation.

The five areas checked are faculty (quality and diversity), library (text and video collection), curriculum, finances, and facility. Maxine DeBryan, Professor and Chairperson of Dance, said, "They are looking for an overall quality program which can be maintained."

The evaluation process consists of two parts: checking the institution's "self-study," and making a visitation. The self-study is a thick book of records and other data compiled by the dance department over several years as they evaluate and improve their own program. The visitation is an active investigation of the institution, including a scrutiny of the faculty, the university, and even academic records of the dance majors.

DeBryan pointed out the value of being accredited to dance majors, because it practically insures them acceptance at a graduate school. She said, "We can guarantee our graduates going somewhere" providing they have worked hard at Hope.

Several dance students were interviewed, and though they didn't know much about the accreditation process they reaffirmed the Dance department's merits through their own experience.

Christy Guth '92, noted that graduate schools choose very carefully and a school like Hope with a good program will be respected more than ones without such a viable program but not receive certificate. She also emphasized certification because you don't have the commitment of the faculty care."

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**Movie examines Hollywood blacklist at a crawl**

by Jim Monnett  
arts editor

A rising film director returns from location overseas to find Hollywood in the midst of a communist witch hunt. Guilty by Suspicion plunges David Merrill (Robert De Niro) into a Hollywood where no one can trust anyone else.

The topic is the Hollywood Blacklist where people who didn't care if they were ruined. These hearings were the second wave of Joseph McCarthy and the destruction of many people in Hollywood, Broadway and the literary centers of the day. No one wanted to be seen with a "subversive." This topic is volatile and has been neglected in entertainment beyond a few made-for-TV-movies and bestselling Howard Fast's novel In the Immigrant's Daughter which saw the story from an authors point of view. Guilty by Suspicion would be seen because most young adults are unaware of what happened and because of the recent cries of "Un-American" that were the best part of the first scenes.

Today, isn't even enough to save an overblown script. De Niro cannot bring life to the apolitical David Merrill who is a flat hero character. Merrill never changes. He refuses to come names and his career and life are ruined since he cannot even get a job making TV commercials.

The problem with Guilty by Suspicion rests firmly on the shoulders of debut writer-director Irwin Winkler. Winkler has had a long career as a producer, where his pictures have received 39 Oscar nominations for pictures like Rocky, The Right Stuff and last year's GoodFellas. But as a director, he bores the audience by making the same point that Merrill can't find a job through five different scenes.

An entire twenty minutes could have been cut by eliminating a trip to New York and showing it through dialogue with Merrill's ex-wife played stiffly by Annette Bening.

Bening (last scene in The Grifters). Bening is established as a strong single mother but quickly dumped by Winkler into Merrill's cheering section, wanting the whole point of her character.

Another wasted character is Chech's star George Wendt (Norm) as Merrill's best friend screenwriter Bunny Baxter. Baxter is supposed to serve as a foil for Merrill. As Merrill's career disintegrates, so does Baxter's courage. That he is going to give HUAC what they want is obvious long before the court climax.

The court climax is good. But it comes too late to satisfy. Guilty by Suspicion's merit is its topic. It's failure is in its presentation.

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**Actors carry courtroom drama but fail to pull off plot**

by Jim Monnett  
arts editor

The cliched story concerns Hackman as Jedediah Tucker Ward -- a flamboyant, hard working lawyer in class action lawsuits against corporations. Hackman puts in a solid performance with the flashes of the Lex Luther sardonic humor that were the best part of the first Superman movie. Hackman is great in the court room playing the lawyer games before the judge and jury.

On the other hand, Hackman never pulls off the attempts at pathos that director Michael Apted (Coal Miner's Daughter) wants in showing Ward's failures as a husband and father. The conflict between Ward and his daughter Margaret is supposed to be tied to his adultery and her hostility to this treatment of her mother.

This personal action is supposed to be played out in the courtroom where Mastrapontio is defending the corporate people that Apted never bothers to try to humanize. The audience is so firmly entrenched on Hackman's side of the case (the side of right) that Apted fails to show the down side of being the "tireless defender of the people."

As for Mastrapontio, she's wasted in the movie. Her character is a cliché where it could have been strong and growing. Her heroine is last year's The Abyss was a solid three dimensional character who would have been sorely welcomed into Class Action. Instead the audience is given the stereotypical woman lawyer tricked by her boyfriend/boss.

Everything is far too serious in this movie. Even Hackman's grandstanding in the court room is weighed down by the supposed pathos of his failed marriage and the grandstanding of his relationship with his daughter.
Sports

Track teams looking for improved finishes

by Dan Combs
Sports Editor

After a third place finish last season in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), both the men's and women's track teams are looking to compete for the top of the league this year. Also, both squads are looking to qualify a fair share of their members for the Division III Nationals at the end of the season.

Mark Northuis is the coach of the men's track team. This is his third year coaching the Flying Dutchmen. His teams have finished in third place each of his first two years coaching. This year Northuis wants more.

"We're shooting for second place or potentially first. A lot of it is going to come down to the first place finishes in races. Right now we have a few guys that are injured who could help our depth when they return," said Northuis.

Northuis believes that his team is strong in many different areas including the throwing and field events. "I think that we are strong from the 200 meter on up, so just about all of the running events," said Northuis. "I think that we have good first place finishing potential in all of those."

Coach Northuis named some athletes that will be powerful competitors. "Phil Cratty ('93) is a good runner. Jon Slag (94) and Jeff Brown (91) are good sprinters and J.R. Schoon (91) is a good hurdler."

Northuis hopes that this year's team will not miss the loss of eight or nine contributors from last year's team. So far, the team appears to be doing fine.

"We have had a couple of outdoor meets. I think that we're ahead of where we were last year at this time," said Northuis.

There are still a few questions for Northuis to answer. "I could always hope for more jumping, high jump and long jump. A couple of the freshmen who were supposed to be out there are injured and that hurts us."

Two teams that Northuis expects to give a challenge to are Albion and Calvin. Northuis said that Calvin is deeper than the Flying Dutchmen, but he hopes to give them a tough meet.

On the men's team, first-year coach Karen Bishop is looking at a team that has 14 returning letterwinners from last season's team.

Said Bishop, "Coach (Donna) Eaton is on sabbatical this year. I just moved here from Traverse City in August and I coached cross-country and track for St. Francis High School for three years. I was pretty lucky to get this position."

The women's team will be led this season by co-captains Barbara Boss (91) and Mary Beth Herin (91). Other key athletes are Marsha Vandersall ('93), Abby Van Duyne ('91) and Regina Switalski ('93).

"I'm hoping to do better than third place this season. We have some strong ladies, so it would be nice if we did. I know that we have a few athletes that could make it to nationals," said Bishop.

Calvin is expected to be the women's toughest challenge also this year. Coach Bishop is not too sure about the other MIAA teams because this is her first season.

What has hurt the Flying Dutch so far this season is the loss of some of its members. "My realistic goal now is for this team to do what they did last year. I lost another girl yesterday and I might be losing another. She has stress fractures in her leg. We started out with 26 girls and we might be down to 23. That hurts you."

Both teams will have their first home meet one week from today against Alma at 2:30. The meet will be the first one on a new metered track that was installed this year.
Colleges take on NCAA

(CPS) - State politicians joined the college sports reform movement in recent weeks.
Legislators in at least three states, some angry about the way the powerful National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has treated schools in their districts, introduced some bills that would excuse local campuses from following some NCAA rules.
Supporters of bills in Nebraska, Nevada and Colorado say certain NCAA rules abuse college athletes and coaches.
"They really don't do their jobs very well," Nevada Sen. John Vergila said of NCAA officials.
Most recently, on March 1, Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson signed a law that would let Nebraska colleges give athletes more aid than just sports scholarships.
The NCAA limits how much aid students can get from other grants if they accept athletic aid for which they qualify.
When he signed the bill into law, Nelson expressed "fervent hope that this voluntary national organization will do the right thing and allow both needy and academically talented young Americans to draw all the student aid for which they qualify."
At the same time, Nevada's Senate is debating a bill that would require the NCAA to hold recorded hearings and rule quickly when investigating whether a school has broken NCAA rules.
Many in the state were upset with the way the NCAA handled its investigations of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas' (UNLV) men's basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his team.
Last year the NCAA's Committee on Infractions barred Tarkanian's team from the 1991 Division I championship as a penalty for alleged recruiting violations going on since 1977. After hearing new evidence in October, the committee postponed the punishment.

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