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Earth Week challenges campus to ‘think green’

Jon Huisken to retire after 42 years at Hope

Chris Russ
Chimera News Co-Editor

Midway through my interview with Jon Huisken, Gary Camp, who was the associate director of admissions and international recruitment at Hope College, strolled in. He greeted Huisken while referring to him as a leg-end and told him that his son, Michael Camp, was currently teaching English and philosophy in Cambodia.

Huisken, who will retire as registrar and dean of academic services this semester, told Camp to keep in touch and asked him to relay a message to his son.

“Tell him I remember him; I remember him well.”

This dedication to the students of Hope College has marked the career of Jon Huisken, who began working at Hope in 1969.

“When I see students who I’ve really worked hard with, stu-dents who were struggling, stu-dents who often came in here, didn’t see any prospect of gradu-ating, of success — seeing them cross the stage and graduating has given me great pleasure,” Huisken said.

Huisken was a 1965 gradu-ate of Calvin College and spent his first few years after college working as a middle school and junior high school teacher.

“What I keep telling people is that I sort of just fell into this job. I’ve always wanted to work at the college level. This oppor-tunity came along, I looked at it and determined that it was in-teresting to me. I came at a point in time when there was a lot of transition here, and I was able to build from there. So it’s been sort of a progression of respon-sibilities. When I started here I had an office of two people and now it’s considerably more.”

When he first joined Hope’s staff he was the assistant regis-trar and was promoted to regis-trar a year after that. In 1989 he was promoted again to director of academic services and registrar.

In those years, one thing has remained constant, he said. “One is staying in touch with students but also putting myself in the place of a faculty member to see what a faculty member goes through, and what we ask them to go through in this office, because we have a lot of things that we need faculty to do for us.”

Since he began his work at the college, Huisken has seen the student body develop and go through a number of changes.

One of the changes he ob-served is simply the students interaction with technology; the fact that they are constantly con-nected and electronically tuned in to what is going on around them.

Another change he noted is in the way students learn, say-ing that they have transitioned from a system of lecture and response, to one of active learn-ing and critical and interactive problem solving.

When he has time away from his many duties at the college, Huisken makes some time for reading and classical music, among other things. He listed three books that recently had made an impact on him. These works were “The Book of Ne-groes” by Lawrence Hill, “The
Hello to largest class to date

Courts of Hope PR

Hope College is anticipating that graduating seniors will cross the Commencement stage on Sunday, May 8. The approximately 730 seniors surpass the previous high of 718 in 2007. The figures reflect that the Classes of 2007 and 2011 were also at capacity, while increasing classes in the fall of 2003 and fall of 2007, respectively.

The college’s 146th Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Jesus Montaño, associate professor of English at Hope. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Blaine Newhouse, currently pastor of preaching and leadership at Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, and an appointed executive director of Geneva Camp and Retreat Center.

Montaño joined the Hope faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2004. The graduating class presented him with the "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E) Award in 2009.

His primary academic interests are Latin America and Medieval English literature, and he has written and delivered invited addresses in both fields. In 2002 he received a Sluyter Fellowship from Hope to explore the literary and cultural issues of the border lands through a focus on Mexican American literature for children and young adults. Montaño's work resonates with students, and his courses are always full. With Hope's cultural heritage course requirements adjusted to include more cultural traditions, he introduced a new course that explores the contributions of Native Americans, the Spanish colonies and Northern European settlers in the American Southwest.

Through his course "Routes and Roots," part of the capstone senior seminar program through which he is also teaching inciting classes in the fall of 2003 and fall of 2007, respectively.

His attention to gender-specific learning styles also marks his awareness of student needs, and he has incorporated new types of writing assignments, research opportunities and presentation methods in his classes.

Montaño also has developed new research and artistic inquisitiveness in recent years. He is an acolyte of a reknown photographer, using his camera to document his frequent road trips to the West and Southeast. He follows the linguistic and artistic migration of words and symbols of Mexican Americans as they travel across the North American landscape.

During a recent Critical Issues Symposium on immigration, Montaño offered a lecture about his experiences in the borderlands, illustrated with his photographs. Student and faculty interest in the presentation was so great that it had to be moved to a larger room so that more than 300 people could witness his work and hear his stories.

Montaño graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1994 and from The Ohio State University with a Master of Arts and a doctorate in English in 1996 and 1999, respectively.

Newhouse, who is a 1986 Hope graduate, will begin serving as executive director of the Geneva Camp and Retreat Center at the beginning of May. Dedicated in the spring of 1971, the vision of Reformed Church in America pastors and lay leaders for a place for Christ-centered summer programs for youth, the center now hosts up to 4,000 children and youth in its summer programs and 12,000 adult retreat guests annually.

He is concluding a tenure with Calvary Reformed that began in 1995. During his service, the church has emphasized outreach to the community. Among other initiatives, Calvary Reformed has partnered with other churches in "Hights of Hope," a Christian community development partnership that focuses on empowering the neighborhood's residents to make social, spiritual and physical life change; established Blacktop Rec., a recreational ministry for neighborhood K-5 grade children; and developed a community vegetable garden on the front lawn that also serves as a neighborhood meeting place.

His on-going community involvement also includes serving as a mentor to first-year students. Among other activities, in May 2010 he was a moderator during the Lakeshore Earth Week activities include coffeehouse, lectures, music

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The Green Cottage also hosted an open house on April 19. Smith Cottage, the college's green living house, honored six students committed to recycling and other sustainability efforts. At the event, students enjoyed locally grown snacks and chatted with local food producers.

Live music and free CoolBeans were offered at the Coffeehouse in the Kletz on April 20. On and off-campus representatives from environmental groups set up booths around the Kletz. Students were invited to bring their own reusable coffee mugs half-filled with free CoolBeans. Students who spoke with representatives at the booths were treated to free coffee.

In addition to the coffeehouse, Peter Garforth, founder and leader of an environmental consulting firm based in Toledo, Ohio, and Brussels, Belgium, presented a lecture entitled "City of Holland – Developing a World Class Community Plan." His goal is to advise the city on making competitive approaches to reduce the economic and environmental impact of energy use.

Earth Week came to a close with Dr. Karell Rogers, professor emeritus of biology at Grand Valley State University, presenting "Thinking Green: Ethics for a Small Planet" on April 21. Rogers' lecture was close with Dr. Karel Rogers, a philosophy of science professor, who is a science writer and consultant based in Toledo, Ohio.

His mother was a mostly self-taught soprano soloist who also inspired him greatly. He listed as a third influence a philosophy professor, Dr. Calvin, Nicholas Wolterstorff.

While his retirement will provide the opportunity for Huiskens to take some more time to relax, he will undoubtedly remain busy and occupied as he continues his career at Hope College.

"I don’t want to be idle, I don’t believe in that," Huiskens said.
IMF pledges efforts against economic threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soaring oil prices that threaten to send unemployment and poverty added a sense of urgency to talks Saturday among global financial leaders.

They wrapped up three days of talks with pledges of closer cooperation and better surveillance of the global economy. However, it was uncertain just how far countries would be willing to go in reforming their domestic policies in response to international pressures.

The United States, which is facing huge budget deficits, campaigned to get the International Monetary Fund more heavily involved in monitoring currency rates.

The U.S. goal, bringing more pressure on China to move more quickly to allow its currency to rise in value against the dollar, a development that has helped to push the U.S. trade deficit with China up to record levels.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner argued in his speech to the IMF’s policy-setting panel on Saturday that the 187-nation lending agency should exercise the powers it already has to prod nations such as China to move more quickly to adopt flexible exchange rates.

He said the failure of a major country such as China to reform its currency system could push the U.S. trade deficit with China up to record levels.

The Obama administration is also facing increased criticism that the goals and possible repercussions of U.S. actions were not thoroughly thought through.

They intervened in someone else’s civil war but we’ve not intervened with sufficient force to change the outcome to our liking,” James Lindsay of the Council on Foreign Relations told Politico. Lindsay also outlined this possible scenario: “Likely the fighting is going to continue, the death rate will be high, the TV images are going to be awful, the drumbeat of criticism from the news corps, the panditocracy and the intervention caucus on Capitol Hill will get really loud.” Lindsay told Politico. “Should we get to that point, Obama’s going to have a choice: Do more or find a way out.”

From the beginning, Obama promised that the U.S. would act quickly and decisively with air strikes and then move to support other militaries. But Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in a press conference Thursday that the transition took longer than expected. Gates also claimed that U.S. forces are still very much needed and admitted that U.S.-controlled drones continued this week to kill Qadhafi loyalists.

Politico reports that Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Friday that the Libyan situation is “certainly moving toward a stalemate.”

“The regime forces have backed down anytime soon and Qadhafi not showing signs of being quick and decisive. But Max Lawson, a spokesman for Oxfam, the international and advocacy group, criticized the financial officials for putting off any action on increased support until a meeting of G-20 agricultural ministers in June.“Leaders today said the food crisis is desperately urgent, so shouldn’t they do it now? That’s 66 days away. Nearly half a million children will have died of hunger by then,” Lawson said.

A European debt crisis which engulfed Greece a year ago and then Ireland has now ensnared Portugal, which requested financial support from European nations and the IMF. Geithner met with top finance officials from the European Union, Portugal and Greece on Saturday to get an update on the unfolding crisis.

The talks Saturday followed meetings on Friday of the Group of 20 nations, a group that includes traditional economic powers such as the United States and European nations, and fast-growing economies such as China, India and Brazil.

The G-20 reached agreement on a plan to provide increased monitoring of countries in the G-20, starting with seven of the largest nations, to make sure that their government debt, trade balances and investment flows were not rising to levels that posed a risk to the global recovery.

“Libya: ‘Certainly moving toward a stalemate’

Matt Lee

THREE YEARS after the Arab Spring turned to summer? Hosni Mubarak deserves to be on trial, but the Egyptian people can’t eat transitional justice.”

— Headline from ForeignPolicy.com

“The CIA includes many very smart people, some of whom take enormous risks for a country. But I would urge caution about blindly accepting its conclusions.”

— Peter Galbraith, former U.S. ambassador to Croatia and former U.N. Deputy special representative for Afghanistan, expressing skepticism about the CIA.

“The new geopolitics of food looks a whole lot more volatile and a whole lot more contentious than it used to. Scarcity is the new norm.”

— Lester R. Brown, president of the Earth Policy Institute, and author of “World on the Edge: How to Prevent Environmental and Economic Collapse.”

“It’s a miracle out of all the devastation. There were absolutely no fatalities, and very few injuries.”

— Terry Hayes, victim of the tornado that destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes and ripped through the airport in St. Louis over the weekend.

“We have been looking at GSM [Global System for Mobile Communications] technology for mobile and we find it to be pretty much outdated in every aspect of security and privacy.”

— Karen Nohl, a security researcher for mobile devices, discussing how cell phones can fall prey to hack attacks.

“You have hundreds of thousands of people displaced here — refugees … you’re losing your opportunity, your identity, jobs, homes, the educational system is breaking down, the whole infrastructure is coming under pressure.”

“The problem we face, is, having started this without evidently any clear plan as to what the outcome would be, we are making this worse. These are not casual costs: When you don’t have medical services, you may not see people killed, but they’re dying,” Cordesman said.
Caitlin Klasik
Arts Co-Editor

The talented performers, designers and leaders of Hope College’s Theatre Department brought a booming year to a close with a musical full of feeling.

“Almost Maine” swept us off our feet in a love story from the middle of nowhere. “Street Scene,” Hope’s first fully produced opera, set the stage (literally) for years to come. “Under Milk Wood” gave the department the difficult task of adapting a 1954 radio drama into a theatrical production.

With a full year behind them, the theatre department was best suited to close it off with something quaint but memorable. The end of “Gone Missing” a musical by investigative theatre company The Civilians.

The cast, including seniors Jackie Richards, Jenny Tremblay and Christine Worden, bid the theatre farewell. Some will return in the fall, others are leaving Hope for good.

“Gone Missing” was a perfect way to cap off my four years at Hope,” said Worden. “What made this production special was its ensemble feel. Every cast member was on stage at all times, supporting whoever was in the spotlight at the time. I never felt such support from fellow cast members before, but it is something that I will take with me into my career.”

Whether saying goodbye forever or just for a few summer months, all members of the theatre department can look back on the 2010-11 school year as a success. Senior Sarah Ashcroft, who played a lead character named Anna Maurrant in “Street Scene,” won the 2011 Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition for Music.

Looking back, the department has somewhat mirrored the end of “Gone Missing” itself. Something has been lost – the time spent on plays as well as the play-going experience – but with nostalgia’s help, they can look back on the year with pride and fondness. While Hope Summer Repertory Theatre takes over, members of the theatre department are reuniting for the fall.

Next year, we can all look forward to another season of drama, laughs, tears, musicals and monologues. But for now, the curtain closes at DeWitt Theatre.

**Critic’s Corner:**

**Panda Bear’s ‘Tomboy’ has a sacred religious feel**

Joel Hofman
Staff Writer

Coming off the widespread critical acclaim of 2007’s solo effort “Person Pitch” as well as Animal Collective’s 2008 epic “Merriweather Post Pavilion,” Noah Lennox (AKA Panda Bear) was faced with the tough task of creating a new record that would continue to push the boundaries of pop music for his ever-growing fan base.

After four years and several 7” singles dating back to last year, Panda Bear does anything but disappoint on this sprawling LP by crafting a very cohesive body of songs that showcase his ability to create atmospheric, reverb-drenched pieces that beg for repeated listens to fully comprehend each track.

Most of the music sounds like it is well suited for a cathedral setting as well as the reverberation and subtle complexities to each track need so much room to breathe. In a recent interview with Pitchfork.com, Lennox even mentioned that the recording of this album had an almost “religious or sacred feeling” because of the solitary process in which he made “Tomboy” and Lennox’s dense instrumentation and harmonically layered voice simply wash over you.

This is especially true in one specific section of the standout track “Last Night at the Jetty.” At about the 1:50 mark, Lennox pushes the various guitar effects to the forefront of the mix and lets them pan across the speakers, creating a haunting twist of noise as Lennox’s voice simply floats above the track—holding it all together.

The churchy vibe continues on “Surfer’s Hymn,” as Lennox uses a plinking synth pattern (though he claims to mainly use a guitar effects box) and the noise of crashing waves to build a soundscape that slowly crescendos into a breezy chorus that echoes the wall of sound technique used so prevalently in the 1960’s. For many, the comparison to the Beach Boys classic “Pet Sounds” is an easy one to make yet Lennox rarely creates chorus-driven songs like Brian Wilson once did. The tight harmonies and noise experimentation sound more like pop suites reminiscent of the Beach Boys later material (think “Good Vibrations” and “Heroes and Villains”) as opposed to the compact song structures of “Pet Sounds” material.

Though “Person Pitch” was generally more hyped than “Tomboy” currently is, the new record offers more variety and shorter songs that allow the listener to see Lennox’s knack for melding different musical styles. “Slow Motion” is a prime example of Lennox’s ear for different genres as the song is anchored by a J-Dilla-esque drum pattern that gives it the rhythmic pulse of late 80’s hip-hop.

As a listener, if you have enjoyed the most recent work of Animal Collective/Panda Bear or have a knack for richly detailed pop music, “Tomboy” is an essential buy.
Dear Classmates,

Last week I went grocery shopping at Meijer with a couple of friends. I was alone in the frozen food section when my phone rang. "Come to aisle 13" whispered the mysterious raspy voice on the other end before hanging up. I walked to aisle 13 to find it completely deserted—not a soul in sight. OK, what's going on? All of a sudden my dear friends whipped around the far corner riding hot pink bicycles and waving plastic light sabers, both bel lowing a barbaric war cry at the top of their lungs.

Does this sort of thing happen after college?

Here we are teetering on the edge of our freshmen year of life. Can you believe it? The time you used to go to bed is almost the same time as you're going to start waking up.

Lunch at the Kletz will soon be replaced with a granola bar at the office. In addition to all these "grown-up" changes that are sure to strike with a smack come all kinds of exciting opportunities for growth. Still, the farewell to college life is bittersweet. There are so many things about Hope that I am going to miss: but what I am going to miss more than anything else are the people. I am going to miss you.

I am going to miss seeing your face in Phelps, or on the way to Chapel, or across the room in class, or sitting with friends in the Pine Grove on the first day of spring. I don't mean to get all sentimental on you, but I like your face. Friends are so incredibly important to a person's well-being in a given environment, and you have been a good one. Maybe not to me specifically but to someone. You have made the last four years at Hope memorable, hilarious, significant, influential, refining, noteworthy, mind- and heart-expanding and just plain old fun.

Whether you know it or not, you have blessed me big time. You have blessed the people you have come in contact with—classmates, friends, professors—just by being you. To all my fellow graduating seniors: Hope will be the less without you next year, but the rest of the world will be more. I would like nothing more than to see you at our 50th class reunion and hear all about the life—the authentic, sincere life—that happened from now till then. You're going to be great.

Until then, I am unashamedly and unequivocally yours,

Bryant Russ, Class of 2011

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Senior moment
Things I have stolen
Charlie Walter
Columnist

One Kletz cup. It just slipped into my backpack.
Pizza, freshman year, from a biology seminar for in-
terested majors. Sitting with 70 potential majors. It was a
two-part session, the first one had the pizza. The sec-
ond part was break-out sessions. I broke out of there.
Pizza. Jet’s, Petruino’s. Papa John’s. Every Sunday night
during the Gathering from the basement of the chapel,
where the praise band eats beforehand. True to my un-
sellable nature, I shared the good news with a few others.
I looked out over the paper I was reading. I knew I
had to deny, but I didn’t know who else I could be besides
a Hope student. My backpack. Myannel. My sockless
Spreys. “Um, I am.” I said.
She smiled. “You know you’re not supposed to be
here, right?”
“Oh,” I said. Oh, as in, You mean I wasn’t supposed to
dip past the front desk, being sure to avoid eye contact,
and then pour myself coffee from the canisters in the
continental breakfast lounge? That’s you. mean? bad?
“I’ll let you go this time,” she said. She smiled. She
was so nice. I hated that. I haven’t been back since.
I’d do that to you, getting caught. It disrupts. It calls
into question your morals. The very things you stand on,
as in If a man cannot get free coffee, is there any hope?
And we all have our free coffee, that one thing that is
so essential to our well-being that we must have it what-
ever the cost. This stealing thing: it might be the ultimate
moral failure of mine, my true colors showing. Maybe
for you it’s pizza or number 2 pencils, paperclips, office
supplies. For others it’s diamond rings and gold bracelets
and other trinkets of varying value.
Sure, there’s all this talk of absolutes and uncrossable
moral lines. But hey, when the coffee runs out—I’m sor-
ry to say that that moral fiber, well, I don’t have it. I
surely don’t say that that stupid stuff, either.
I’m sorry to say that the stupidity of stealing a pizza
slice during the Gathering is somehow more appealing
than not stealing. If it wasn’t wrong—if the possibility of
getting caught wasn’t so hilarious, then maybe I would
stop stealing these things.
But until Ben Broukelhuizen meets me in the door-
way and says, “Stop stealing my pizza” and then Scott Kuyper
kicks out my crutches from behind and says, “Chew on
that,” well, “then it’s too funny to stop.”

Paradoxical perspectives
Four reasons
Karen Patterson & James Nichols
Co-Editors-in-Chief

Seeing that we have both invested hundreds
of hours into The Anchor, it’s only natural for us
to use our last will and testament to promote our
fine establishment. Below you will find a list of rea-
sons why we think YOU should join The Anchor
(assuming you aren’t graduating in a little over a week).

1. Job Experience - Since most “entry level”
jobs now require 2-5 years experience, The Anchor is a
great way to get a few of those years under your belt.
Selfish nature, I shared the good news with a few others.
You can do that at The Anchor. Extra tip: you don’t need
to be a communicaton or English major to be on staff; we happily accept any and all willing candidates.

2. Candy - Twin, Reece’s, Snickers, Kit Kat.
You name it, we’ve had it, multiple times. We’re
pretty sure the bowl in our office is bottomless; it
magically refills itself everyday. Holidays bring
about holiday-themed candy, which is always
fun. It also keeps us sane during the stress-
ful weeks of college. And don’t worry, we only put
on about 10 pounds a piece over the duration of
the school year. Extra tip: sometimes there’s pizza
too!

3. Recognition - If you’re on staff, you get
your name in The Anchor almost every week. If you
write enough columns your picture accompanies
it. Next comes fame and no fortune. People start
recognizing you on campus as a columnist for The
Anchor; hopefully you don’t get pelted with slash-
ishes or paper-mache projectile made out of old An-
chor's. The only time Anchor recognition backfires
is if you write something risque and people send
angry letters and emails...but that doesn’t happen
too often. Extra tip: if you’re into real recognition
The Anchor goes to the Associated Collegiate Press
Best of the Midwest Conference every year where
prizes are given away for outstanding writing. The
Anchor has brought home seven awards over the
past four years.

4. Friendships - When it comes down to it,
the real reason we all love The Anchor is because of the people we “work” with. Yes, that sounds
cheesy and cliche but it’s true. When you are stressed
out of your mind and have been working on the same
page for three hours, you tend to bond with people.
Spending every Monday night with the same
people ends up being one of the highlights of each
week. Sure, you may not be the best friends with every-
body, but chances are you will become close to a few of your fellow student journalists. The real
satisfaction comes in knowing you get to do it week
after week. Extra tip: taking classes with fellow Anchorites only strengthens the bond(s).

Don’t let the lack of reasons deter you: there are
a million reasons to join The Anchor, we only
mention a few parts of graduating.

Four years ago I began my very first column with these
words:

“Before we get started, I feel I should apologize for writing
this column. You see, I want to write about Jesus. I have
to write about Jesus. Like the leper in the Bible had to talk
about Jesus after being healed by his hand, or how a man who has
been to outer space can’t help but talk about the moon—this
thing astounds him, inspires him, and wakes up his heart.
But there’s a problem, and that’s why I have to say, “I’m sorry.” I’m
apologizing because the words I’ll be using won’t be enough
to do justice to his name.”

It’s four years later and I’m still having trouble talking about
Jesus. He’s difficult to describe: One minute he says he
won’t perform magic tricks for the leaders to see, and the next minute he’s raising a friend from the dead.
He could be running the town and showing the world who’s boss, but instead we find him
dining with the least and the lost. This Jesus character has
cured my imagination since I met him for the first time as a
little ADD sixth grader who couldn’t sit still long enough to
pray. Since then I haven’t been able to keep my mouth shut.
But try as I might, I never have been able to say as much as I
mean.

I have been thinking about what to write for my last column, and
have decided to end just like I started: rambling about Je-
sus. Let me be shamelessly honest for just one second and say
that I want nothing more than for you to know him better. It’s
a pretty poor tactic to just come out and say it, I know. But at
this point, I might as well be frank with you: Fear him, honor him,
obeiy, respect him, seek him, trust him, enjoy him,
follow him. More than anything else I pray that you might grow
in love for him. Start your prayers with “Dear Jesus,” and in
the middle, “DEAR JESUS!” and at the end, “dear, dear Jesus.”

Beautiful Feet
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Jesus. He’s difficult to describe: One minute he says he
won’t perform magic tricks for the leaders to see, and the next minute he’s raising a friend from the dead.
He could be running the town and showing the world who’s boss, but instead we find him
dining with the least and the lost. This Jesus character has
cured my imagination since I met him for the first time as a
little ADD sixth grader who couldn’t sit still long enough to
pray. Since then I haven’t been able to keep my mouth shut.
But try as I might, I never have been able to say as much as I
mean.

I have been thinking about what to write for my last column, and
have decided to end just like I started: rambling about Je-
sus. Let me be shamelessly honest for just one second and say
that I want nothing more than for you to know him better. It’s
a pretty poor tactic to just come out and say it, I know. But at
this point, I might as well be frank with you: Fear him, honor him,
obeiy, respect him, seek him, trust him, enjoy him,
follow him. More than anything else I pray that you might grow
in love for him. Start your prayers with “Dear Jesus,” and in
the middle, “DEAR JESUS!” and at the end, “dear, dear Jesus.”
From the inside out

Yeah, you already know

Jolene Jeske
Sports Editor

I could sit at my computer and type away all of the meaningful things that have happened to me in my last few years. I could write about all of the great memories and experiences that I had with my friends and the thousands of Hope College memories like Wednesday nights, Tunnel Park, Goodtime Donuts, Captain Sundae, warm days out in the grove, cool fall leaves, and so much more. How could you even know what those memories feel like; you can relive those moments in your mind and laugh at unexpected moments of the day bring back the joy of that one moment.

So, what is it to write? Perhaps time, and how it has slipped by so fast. How every one of those moments we relive in a two-hour lecture, gazing out through the window at the whipping flags outside the Martha Miller or watching the rain drip off from the shaded window in the Science Center, yeah, we all do it. How time has sped up from freshmen orientation to senior physics exam to just the last few months that you live with so little time to really pour into school, but in the end so much of my money, thoughts and identity go into a purchase, but in the end so much of my money, thoughts and identity go into my “stuff”. Imagine if my life was pruned, removing these dead-weight, ingrown idea and habits in my repertoire. How much more money, thought, and identity would be free for God to fill, and what other areas of my life, strengthened with added wisdom, would flourish?

The Detroit Immersion Trip Team

To the Editors:

Spring break is a time when college students often fly off to exotic places, but not this year. This March I, along with six other women from Hope College, embarked on a different kind of spring break trip. This time we were not flying across the ocean or the group to someplace far away. We went on a spring break trip right here at home. This trip was an opportunity to go beyond the “outside” world, which really is “outside” because we all know life is not fooled. The reality of life hurts, and I hope you know now. We have fine-tuned and pressed knowledge into our brains, preparing us for grad school, a career or what ever it is we do today, but we have to wear that together or will just take that summer job I had last summer. Whatever it may be, we have thought of it at one point this year. Yes, I could write about all of these things and jerk your memory of times gone by or moments of “oh yeah”. I could write about all of these for pages and pages, but you make me feel as though a tear is to come and the bottom lip of your eye or a curl of a smile is about to come over the top lip. I could write for hours on end about these last four years, but what's the point? You seniors already know.

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Margie (61) and Ron (51) Wiegelkirk

Margie, my husband of 61 years and I, 1961 graduates of Hope, were first stunned and then shocked when we heard about the 1995/2001 Hope College Policy on Sexual Discrimination. We are disappointed that a letter written a year ago was not reprinted in the Hope College yearbook. We are also concerned about the letter that appeared in the April 20, 2011 Anchor.

When we arrived on campus there were things that happened in the administration that, although they were unfair and lacking in justice, they were the way of things at Hope.

When we came we opposed freshmen harassment, disrupted their accepted practices and worked on bringing about respect for all students.

This carried over into our experience of required chapel. Chapel rarely dealt with topics of student life. The messages and the leadership protected the administration at all costs. This did not speak to the way students were “different” treated on campus. It was a two-hour lecture, and many chapel attendance was ended.

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Dutchmen take a hard hit to MIAA leader Adrian

Jolene Jeske  
Sports Editor

The Dutchmen suffered two big losses to Adrian over the weekend, handing the Bulldogs the number one spot in the MIAA.

The double header got off to a rough start, resulting in a 6-0 shutout, favoring Adrian. The second game didn’t go any better; the Dutchmen lost to the Bulldogs once again 12-4.

While the Bulldogs improved their overall record to 17-1, the Dutchmen dropped to 16-13 season record. Although the Dutchmen seem to be in a rut this season, they still have much to offer and time to improve their 9-9 MIAA record.

The Dutchmen were limited to six singles in the first game. By the fifth inning Adrian took a big lead as they scored four of their six runs. The Dutchmen were down 0-6 by the bottom of the fifth and couldn’t gain a run to prevent the shutout.

Although the opening loss was upsetting, it wasn’t a setback for the Dutchmen; they still had their eyes on Saturday night’s game to improve their MIAA standings.

“One of the biggest things you have to do mentally is be ready to go after a loss, and put the past behind you quickly,” said Coach Stu Fritz.

The second game on Saturday started out promising for the Dutchmen with the score 2-2 after the first inning. In the second inning Adrian scored a single run, pushing the momentum for the Bulldogs. In the top of the third inning the Bulldogs scored five runs, placing the deficit 1-7, favoring Adrian.

The Dutchmen didn’t score their last two runs until the bottom of the seventh inning, resulting in 4-12 loss to the MIAA-leading Bulldogs.

Scoring for the Dutchmen were TJ Klein (13), Colton Bodrie (11) and Joey Carty (14) with two runs. Hope had 11 hits on the night, led by Klein Drew Carmody (11) with two a piece.

The Dutchmen take the field again on Thursday, April 28 and Saturday, April 30 against Kalamazoo. Thursday’s game has home field advantage, while Saturday will be away.

Men’s golf wraps up spring season Friday at home

Charlotte Park  
Asst. Sports Editor

After a MIAA third-place finish in the fall, the men’s golf team has been competing in their five-tournament spring season, with hopes of returning to the NCAA championships on an individual basis only.

“As a team our goal heading into the spring was to gain some playing experience on some different courses and hopefully get some confidence that could be carried over to the fall,” said captain and MIAA fall medalist Chris Ansel (’11).

The Flying Dutchmen kicked off their season with a seventh place finish in the 12-team A.C. Eddy Invitational. After having a tournament cancelled due to weather, the men continued their play at the Spring Arbor Invitational last Thursday, scoring a combined 36 hole 641.

Leading Hope for the day was Andy Thomson (’12) 76-76-152, followed by Chris Ansel (’11) 82-77-159, John Cannon (’13) 86-80-166. Jason Vanderklok (’14) 82-85-167 and Adam Pepilinski (’13) 83-86-169.

Medalist honors were awarded to Thomson last Saturday at the Trine Invitational, whose score of 69 captured first place among a 15-team field. The Dutchmen finished fifth overall for the day, with scores of other Hope golfers from Ansel 73, Pepilinski 79, Austin Farah 80 (’13) and Vanderklok 81.

The men will compete in their final tournament this Friday at their home course, the Wuskowkan Players Club. Tee off is at 9 a.m. and all are encouraged to come watch.

It is Ansel’s hope to end his four-year career with an individual bid to the national tournament. “It would be nice to go out and shoot something low on my home course one last time,” said Ansel.

“As far as Nationals goes, I just have to hope for the best.”

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