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Park It

Parking issue sparks panel to discuss problem and possible solutions.

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staff reporter &
campusbeat editor

The college’s first parking forum was held last Tuesday, Nov. 19 so that students and administrators could brainstorm ideas to combat the parking problems on campus. The panel was made up of three college administrators, two Student Congress representatives, and a police officer. Key issues discussed were the limited number of parking spaces available and campus safety. Public Safety reported that 1,211 permits were issued, though the college has only 864 spaces.

“1.5 permits per parking space should be given out...because many students don’t use them daily” said Director of Public Safety, Duane Terstra. “With current policy, even if 500 more students applied for permits, they would be given out.”

This isn’t to say that the Administration is unconcerned about parking issues.

“The college is looking into purchasing property south of Siberia for 60 more cars,” said Vice President of Business and Finance Bill Anderson. Both sides agreed that the curriculum was some thing new we decided to try this year because it was different than what we had done with Casino Night in the past,” said SAC member Shelly Northuis (’00). “It also went along well with the SAC movie for the weekend, which was Saturday Night Fever.”

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Philps turned into discotheque

SARA LAMERS
staff reporter

PHELPS was transformed into a retro 70’s casino complete with metallic streamers, disco balls, bright lights, and a waterfall to help Social Activities Committee pull off its most popular event of the year, Casino Night, on Friday, Nov. 21.

Hope students donned bell bottom trousers, leisure suits, and platform heels to try their hands at a variety of traditional casino games like Blackjack, Roulette, Beat the Dealer, Razzle Dazzle, and Bingo. "The Disco theme was something new we decided to try this year because it was different than something we had done in the past," said SAC member Shelly Northuis (’00). “It also went along well with the SAC movie for the weekend, which was Saturday Night Fever.”

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Core changes in place

DANA LAMERS
staff reporter

Hope’s new Core Curriculum was implemented for the first time this semester with the class of 2001. Hope’s Core Curriculum is based on the liberal education philosophy, which urges students to explore not only a plethora of different areas of knowledge, but also aims to provide “those intellectual skills which will prepare students for their responsibilities as informed, sensitive, competent members of the global community.”

Hope’s faculty realizes that continual improvements and modifications can be made in classes to give students the best preparation and skills possible for the coming years.

According to Provost Jacob Nyenhuis, as the Core Curriculum is presently being modified, the faculty is focusing on the idea of “constant conversation.”

“As faculty we need to be constantly talking about the curriculum goals and objectives,” he said. On April 25, 1996 the faculty voted to restructure the Core Curriculum. Preparation was done last year to get ready for the “pilot sections” of the curriculum courses which have run this fall semester, and will continue to take a “test run” this spring semester, before being fully implemented for the freshman class of 2002 next fall.

New classes being added include First Year Seminars (FYS), in which all new freshmen will be required to register for next fall. In an FYS class the student’s instructor is also assigned as his/her academic advisor. This semester, six pilot sections of FYS were offered. Each section focuses on one issue ranging from AIDS to world hunger, while the course also makes a conscious effort to “focus on ways of knowing, seeing, and evaluating, rather than on specific knowledge or content.”

English Professor Heather Sellers is teaching an FYS entitled “The South” this semester. She sees her students reaping many benefits from the course such as “poise, confidence, intellectual skills, thinking and reading skills, lots of personalized attention, and the chance to practice talking like a college student which help in making that intellectual transition from high school to college.”

“I think all first-year students need this course,” she said. “I think they will be really happy they have it. For many of our students, it’s their first time out. more CORE on 2

How Hope's international students are celebrating the holidays.

JOLLY MARCHERS: Santa studies the Holland High marching band to see who’s been naughty and nice during the Thanksgiving and Christmas parade on Nov. 22.

Pull study results revealed

JOSLIN FEINAUER
staff reporter

Each fall, Hope students, faculty, parents, and community members venture out to the Black River to watch an upscale lug-of-war competition between the freshman and sophomore classes.

Amidst all the excitement surrounding the Pull’s 100th anniversary this fall, Hope College faculty and administrators were concerned about the pullers’ safety.

“We were solicited by administration and student development to research whether or not the pullers were training in the right way,” said Professor of Kinesiology Mark Northuis. “We suspected that pullers might be too fatigued. We thought that if they were fresher, they might pull better.”

Assisting in this research were Ben Cook (’98) and Jennifer Geerdink (’99).

“We wanted more information about what happened physiologically at the pull practices,” Cook said. “Coach Northuis came up with the tests and I assisted as part of the pull.”

Core changes in place...
Student workshop combats exam stress

LAURA MIHAILEFF
campusbeat editor

Finals will be here in a week and "To Do" lists are rapidly piling up. Hope professors, feeling students' pain, teamed up with the counseling center to form the Health Planning Councils and offer a series of six "Extra Credit for a Healthy Life" seminars.

The second one, held Thursday, Nov. 20 was a Stress Management Workshop led by Psychology Professor Jim Motiff. Motiff began the seminar by explaining the importance of a physically and emotionally healthy life.

"The whole idea was to incorporate health and disease prevention into the academic experience irrespective of major," said psychologist Darrel Schergardav. who got the idea after visiting San Francisco State University.

"Stress management is the key to success in college," Motiff said. Motiff offered his audience a prescription for a healthy life, involving eight hours of sleep, a balanced high carbohydrate diet, regular exercise, and plenty of laughter.

Motiff discouraged students from taking in too much caffeine, while noting that a little bit can be beneficial.

"Neurotic fire better with a little bit of caffeine... and its effects stay around for four to five hours," he said.

Unmanaged stress may lead to depression, which is marked by loss of interest, energy, and motivation. Feeling overwhelmed, "we try to escape through sleep and withdrawal from other people," Motiff said.

The seminar also went on to point out that, while preparing for finals, it is important to relax. Laughter and relaxation/self-hypnotic techniques are two good ways to achieve this.

Many people watch television to take a break from the books, but Motiff discourages this.

"TV. does not relax us but key us up," he said. "Laughter increases our immunity."

Taking it a step further, he led all 200-plus participants in a progressive relaxation technique much like self-hypnosis.

Five professors required participation or offered extra credit, as well as C.A.A.R.E. and Greek Life.

"It worked," said Katie Butler ('01). "I really got into it. I felt so relaxed."

Motiff offered tips for quick relaxation before exams. With eyes closed, the audience was asked to take a deep breath in and out and let their jaw become loose.

"If had a good meaning behind it but I think a lot of us were stressed out and so when we did the relaxation technique I felt ashen," said Melonie Hall ('01). Motiff also suggested a six-second quieting response for positive thinking and urged students to spend time not studying just before the exam, to practice positive self-talk, and to wear a lucky locket or other amulets.

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"If they do the best on exams the people are who are relaxed before they enter the classroom," he said.

The administration will ask the city if the college can institute angle parking along 10th Street to increase parking volume there, and is also looking into eliminating the trailers on Lot S near the recycle bins to create more parking there as well.

The possibility of not giving permits to freshmen starting next year is currently being considered.

A number of safety issues were raised during the forum, including lighting, frequency of patrols by campus security, and escorting of students back to their residences while intoxicated.

The administration is going to evaluate the parking lot lighting situation, particularly the lighting at the Peale (Lot C) parking area. The possibility of increasing patrols and/or van escort service was raised.

The cost of an extra van or more patrol cars would begin to take away from the educational funds and/or financial aid available to Hope College students, Frost said. Chair of the Campus Safety Task Force for Student Congress Becky Renner ('01) proposed an escort program in Hope students would be employed to escort students to their residences when cars aren't available.

"I'm satisfied with the meeting, but I'll be fully satisfied when results occur," said S.A.P.P. Resolution Chair James Palmer ('98).

Frost said that he hopes garage access in cottages, better lighting, and opening faculty lots to students on weekends can be enacted this semester. He hopes the school will begin to buy property for more parking next semester.

For such a big issue on campus it's disturbing to see so few students stand up to voice their concerns," said President of Student Congress Paul Loodeen ('99). "A lot of valid questions were raised, but it would made more of an impact on the people sitting on the panel to see something done."
The Power of Music

Gospel Choir worship at conference

JENNIFER JAMES
Assembly of God Church on Saturday, Nov. 22, for an Assembly of God Michigan district youth convention. Sitting among the young people was the Hope College Gospel Choir.

The conference was a “celebration of God,” according to Kim White (’00), a member of the Gospel Choir.

“There were songs, worshipping, a speaker, and an altar call,” she said.

The Gospel Choir was invited to help lead this mass group of kids in worship.

Jill McKinnon (’00) noticed that the event “was not directed on me.” White said, “That is something I haven’t seen before.”

“The service was strong and powerful.” Michelle Chowning (’01) said, “I’m from such a traditional church, and it was a lot more powerful than a traditional church service. It was hard for me to relate to.”

However, Chowning recognizes that the experience was beneficial.

“It was good for me,” she said. “It gave me the opportunity to see the different approaches to the different kinds of worship.”

The conference held a service the night before with a salvation message.

Saturday’s message was on being filled with the Holy Spirit so you can go out and reach your world.

“There were 750 salvations Friday night,” said Kayrl Stead (COO). “Some people were slain in the altar.”

White said, “Every time kids went down and cried. They were so excited.”

“I wasn’t expecting that.”

Gospel Choir was invited to perform for the convention.

There was an altar call toward the end of the service on Saturday that Dwight and John, known as Grooters and Beal, will do a Rock Vespers show together.

John Brandkamp
staff reporter

Hope College hosted Ray Vanderlaan, an expert on Judaic studies who also teaches at Holland Christian High School, on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Approximately 85 people attended the talk sponsored by the Hope College Pew Society.

Along with his duties as a teacher, he currently teaches groups of students to Israel six times a year, which has a ten-year waiting list.

The theme of his talk concerned the nature of the teachings of Jesus, and how they might be used in modern educational settings.

First he discussed the difference between how Greeks and Hebrews viewed learning and faith.

The Greeks believed learning and faith were two separate things, whereas the Hebrews thought of the two as being essentially the same.

Vanderlaan’s assertion is that the modern world, particularly in America, thinks similar to the Greeks, when it comes to learning and faith. He believes Americans view learning as something separate from, and even at odds with, faith.

The Hebrews, on the other hand, thought in a holistic way.

“Learning is life, a supreme experience of living, a climax of existence,” he said, quoting a Rabbi.

Vanderlaan went on to distinguish how the Hebrew people thought in comparison to the Greeks. Hebrews would say, “God is a strong rock, a caring shepherd, or has the wings of an eagle.”

Vanderlaan makes the contention that Hebrews thought in concrete-abstract terms.

The Greeks however, would use conceptual or characteristic terms to describe God, such as, “God in love, strength, or truth.”

“Rabbi walks the student through life experiences and tells parables. And finally, Torah, which means to give guidance, direction, instruction, to lead in obedience to God.”

Vanderlaan made the point that only a few Rabbi had the authority to expound on the Hebrew scripture and that Jesus was one of them. In fact, it was Jesus’s radical re-interpretation of scripture and traditional Rabbinic teachings that caused much of the controversy during his ministry.

Dana Lamers
staff reporter

After taking a one year hiatus, Director of Chapel Music Dwight Beal and his musical partner John Grooters will again take the stage this Christmas season to perform Rock Vespers. This will be the eighth year that Dwight and John, known as Grooters and Beal, will do a Rock Vespers show together.

The concert will be performed for three audiences, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. and two shows Dec. 20, 8 p.m. and an afternoon show at 2 p.m. All shows will take place at Welsh Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

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This year’s net proceeds will go to support Kids Hope USA, a program of International Aid, Inc. Kids Hope USA is a mentoring and tutoring program that brings at-risk students, schools, and churches together.

“It focuses on one-on-one mentoring run through the church.”

“To a Hebrew, knowledge is something you experience, something you use,” he said, “To know is to do.”

“Brilliance is not in knowing the right answers, but in knowing the right questions, i.e. asking questions that lead to answers.”

Ray Vanderlaan
Judaic Studies expert

The event itself is so much more than the concert. It is a ‘powerful message within a powerful medium.’

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Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 616-456-3333, Bookstores on 8th Street downtown, 396-0035 or at the Grand Center Box office in Grand Rapids. At this time, many tickets are still available for the evening shows.
A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

Glyn Williams

I am a senior and I have only one semester left as a college student. I have thought. My education tour de force has been a shaky one so far and a learning experience, but not the way most people expect.

As I approach my final semester on Hope’s campus, I have a lot of thoughts rolling around about what I have learned and you can’t find it in some $95 book in the bookstore. I am not quite ready for the real world yet, as I still have to organize my thoughts and consider what I have learned and what I have yet to learn. After seven semesters of life I have to sit down and think about what is next. What lies ahead can be found through looking back at what was in the past that got me here.

When I was a freshman I was a bright-eyed kid and everything affected me. I had an opinion on everything and told it to everyone. I was so passionate for all that was going on. I have changed. Now, if something does not affect me I don’t care about it. Now, my attitude is that there are two important things that happen in life. There is birth and there’s death and everything else in the middle is just revolving, rotating filings. If I don’t get overly emotional anymore, whether it be angry, happy, or sad.

I am leaving and I look back and I do not see a lot that I have left for the undergrads. My advice on my way out is that everything works out for the best one way or another and at the same time nothing ever works out exactly the way you want it to, so don’t stress too hard over things.

My attitude towards school work has shifted as well. I have begun to realize that I don’t need all this crap that I go through. The main learning aspect of college is gained not through French 101, but rather through living. I have learned that 80 percent of life’s little bridges can be crossed with the use of common sense, and that is what college helps in developing.

What we need to get out of college is the ability to reason and think logically on a daily basis in society. I have learned more about being an honest, hard-working, intelligent human being while sitting in the turn up coach in the Anchor office than I have sitting in any class Hope has to offer.

It really is too bad it took me a long time to realize where my priorities in life should be. Part of my road has been paved by discovering for myself what my priorities are.

As a freshman I skipped classes because I was lazy and had nothing to do. As a junior I skipped because I had things to do in the Anchor office. As a senior I skip classes because I am too busy learning something.

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Happy Holidays from the Anchor

The members of the 1997-98 Anchor staff would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. Pictured are: (clockwise) Amy-Lynn Hauser ('98), Miriam Rienstra ('97), John Brandkamp ('01), Laura Mihailoff ('97), Sara Lamers ('01), Amy Hall ('98), Noelle Wood ('98), Mike Zuidema ('90), Glyn Williams ('98), and Josh Neuckh ('99).

your voice.

Sons of Argos wish to clarify minor misunderstandings

Dear Editor,

The Sons of Argos wish to thank you for the even-handed, November 19 article focusing on our work.

However, we found the last two paragraphs in your editorial "Search For Truth" to misrepresent the nature of our work. Obviously, a misunderstanding has occurred.

If this misunderstanding is based upon anything we have said or written, we wish to apologize and to set the record straight.

In your editorial, you write that our work is "completely relativistic" because we maintain that we do not have all the truth. "We wish to make clear that the two ideas are not equivalent. Orthodox Christians have always been humble enough to recognize that they do not have all the answers. It is a fact that our minds (in this life at least) are such that the entirety of the truth cannot be contained in them. The relativist takes this fact and turns it into something that there is no possibility of objective truth, they relegate all thought to the realm of opinion. Yet they presume to speak for the truth by saying that every idea (whatever its merit) is "true," at least for the person that holds it. This is a self-congratulating, deceptive, and corrupt hypothesis. Relativists would claim the truth by making it a weak, abstract concept—purely a conjecture of the mind. Christians, on the other hand, believe that the truth is not an abstract concept and that it cannot be explained away as a private, small-minded, subjective belief that truth is contained in a person—Jesus Christ—whose claim to being the Truth is unique and demands a response. Secondly, your editorial suggests that in shooting for absolute truth, we achieve "partial truth" and that this is a good thing. This is another position which we reject and which we addressed in our piece entitled "Sour Grapes." Orthodox Christians have never been content with partial truth—as if Jesus Christ could be divisible. Christians have always considered themselves to be seekers of knowledge and believe that they know what God is like, not just in this life. But they also believe that one day they shall see Him face to face, and know fully and even as they are fully known. An eternal blessing that will be.

Possibly what caused the confusion over our work is that some find it hard to understand that writers so absolute in their claims could be, at the same time, so invitational to others. It is a shame that the deeper and more complex relations war and are the only ones kind and compassionate to those who are searching for truth.

Such has not always been the case. The Apostles and the Early Church came alongside people, preached the truth, motivated them to search for the truth, and loved them in truth. Christians, if they are to be true to the One whose name they bear, must be both fierce in their commitment to truth and unwavering in their commitment to love people. Relativism merely "tolerates." The Gospel loves.

We thank you for allowing us to clarify our position. Those who wish to debate with us on this or any other point may write to us at Sons of Argos, P.O. Box 2574, Holland, MI 49422-2574 or e-mail us at our new email account: sonsofargos@juno.com.

The Sons of Argos

Anti-pluralist should broaden his horizons, student says

Dear Editor,

Regarding Matthew Sterenberg’s letter to the editor (11.19.97). Although I support his distinction between “respecting another’s belief” and “respecting another’s right to hold those beliefs,” I find his comparison of non-Christian religions to the evil Galadriel (lotr) well (1) belittles the importance of Buddhism, Hinduism, Muslims, Jews, Bahá’ís, etc. and believe any bona fide Christian should do the same. Rather than regarding the denying position as “silly” or “chaotic and confused,” I deem the outdated Christian shift toward inclusive dialogue a great moral advance over the shallow and simplistic absolutism of the past. Sterenberg is obviously right that compassionate people are morally obliged to prevent loved ones from committing self-destructive acts, but I choose to honor non-Christian religions despite for its abundant creativity and steady of dismissing it (on the basis of complete ignorance, I can only assume) as destructive.

“In colleges,” Sterenberg writes, “people are engaged in the process of sorting truth from untruth, and discerning some ideas while arguing for others.” I agree entirely, and hope his “sorting” will someday include an accurate understanding of religions other than his own. If he makes an effort to understand Buddhism (for example) as experienced by a Buddhist—instead of passing simplistic judgment from the lofty height of his “supreme” perspective—I suspect a feeling of respect (enough, at least, to preclude appeal to crude analogies) would inevitably result.

To start, I highly recommend W. C. Smith’s essay “Surprising Treasures: An Interfaith Experience” in the latest (Nov.-97) edition of the RCA journal Perspectives. Having finished it, I recommend any book written by W. C. Smith (especially The Faith of Other Men) or any class taught by our own Boyd Wilson.

Kurt D. Deressen ('98)
STUDENT PROJECTS BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER

NOELLE WOOD

From the warm glow of Christmas lights on Eighty-Sixth Street to the decorations at the Haworth Center, there is no question that everyone’s favorite holiday is here.

Along with the festive decorations, the spirit of giving has also descended upon the college this holiday season.

Many of the residential halls are decorating, planning parties, and having food and clothing drives for the needy.

Dykstra Hall’s tree and cookie decorating party included pizza compliments of C.A.A.R.E. They won the pizza for best attendance at a C.A.A.R.E seminar in a hall.

In addition to decorating, Dykstra is also adopting a family through the Community Action House.

This is “the second year in a row we have done this,” said Dykstra Resident Director Holly McKee. “We supply the family with the fixings of a Christmas meal and set it to two to three gifts per person. We also collect canned food, paper products, cleaning supplies, bathroom items, blankets, gift certificates, cereal, and medicine.”

I.V. League is also collecting basic items for the needy through the use of their Christmas trees in the lobbies of Mrs. Dewitt and the library.

The paper ornaments ask for supplies like conditioner, paper towels, and diapers. Students are encouraged to remove an ornament and to bring that item to the Dewitt lobby between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday Dec. 5.

“The gifts go to the Center for Women in Transition in Holland,” said I.V. League member Jill Haines (98). “This project gives I.V. League the opportunity to facilitate a project that fosters a giving spirit in the Hope Community and benefits the Holland community.”

(Apologies for the misspelling of Ph. Omegi, the co-ed service fraternity, is participating in a variety of service projects for the Christmas season. They are helping the Community Action House by sorting food for holiday baskets. To make the season bright.

I.V. League is also helping the Boys and Girls Club put together a Christmas Fun Day.

“We will help the Boys and Girls Club run the events and we will try to keep everything moving smoothly,” said AFO president Brad Andriesen (98). “I was part of this last year and it was a blast.”

Fellowship of Christian Students is sending a group of students to Chicago for a service project from Friday Dec. 12 to Tuesday Dec. 16. They will stay in a barn-like building with a wood stove for heat.

While there, they will work with a church and a school by cleaning, decorating, and giving the teachers a band in the classroom.

“IT IS A GREAT TIME TO BOND WITH OTHER PEOPLE IN THE GROUP. WE TAKE ONE Hope van there and back, so that gives us some quality time,” said Renee Sear (99). “It is a really fun time and we are enjoying serv- ing the Lord at the same time.”

The Historical city of Bethlehem, Israel, despite its present violent tension, continues to be a popular spot for celebrating Christmas. Thousands make the pilgrimage every year to a church built on the site believed to be the birthplace of Jesus. The Church of the Nativity has a silver star to mark the place, and above it fifteen silver lamps always burn. Around the altar is the inscription ‘Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born.’ Pilgrims also sit in the fields around Bethlehem on Christmas Eve which have changed very little since the time of Christ, and are still tended by shepherds.

In Norway, one custom involves hanging all the brooms in the house on Christmas Eve.

This stems from the belief held long ago that witches came out on Christmas and would steal the brooms for riding. Spruce logs burned in the fireplace and lights left on all night long also keep away witches and other evil spirits.

Ethiopian children dress in their best clothes and go to the royal palace. (they’ve arrived just in time!).

All together, 95% of international students find places to spend Christmas, and that no one feels alone. The word is spreading.

“It is our job to make sure that everyone has somewhere to go for Christmas and that no one feels alone. The word is spreading.”

In the Netherlands, children leave out their shoes, wooden or otherwise, in hopes that Saint Nicholas will stop on his horse long enough to fill the shoes with goodies.

In the United States, children leave out their socks, wooden or otherwise, in hopes that Saint Nicholas will stop on his horse long enough to fill the shoes with goodies.

People in the Republic of Congo enjoy the warm and sunny Christmas weather by eating outside with friends. In Christian churches, members march around the altar and sing birthday gifts of money or food during ‘March Around Offering to the Christ child.” Whole villages also take part in intricate Nativity plays, with a palm branch shelter for the holy family and beautiful bright costumes for the Wise Men.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

12. A Web site... www.yourname.com
11. A Milestone (they’ve arrived just in time).
10. $199 glow-in-the-dark straws from Taco Bell.
9. A parking spot on 14th St. between Lincoln and Fairbanks.
7. Snow.
5. Greek Week T-shirts
4. Grandma’s gall stones.
3. “Get out of core free” cards.
2. Vegetarian flavored Ramen Noodles.
1. Ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, one egg of beer... The possibilities are endless.

Merry Christmas
in many languages

Belgium - Zalige Kertfeest
Brazil - Feliz Natal
China - Sheng Tan Kuai Loh
Denmark - Glaedelig Jul
England - Happy Christmas
Finland - Hauskaa Joulua
France - Joyeux Noel
Germany - Frohliche Weihnachten
Greece - Efthisiomena Christougenna
Ireland - Nodlig Mhaith chugnat
Italy - Bion Natale
Mexico - Feliz Navidad
Netherlands - Hartelijke Kerstroeten
Norway - Gledelig Jul
Poland - Boze Narodzenie
Portugal - Boas Festas
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HARD ALL SEMESTER,
NOW PICK UP THE BOOK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STUDY.

Pick up your 1997 milestone
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WED., DEC. 10 FROM 10-2.

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ALL ABOUT BOOK BUY BACK

For most college freshmen, the end of the fall semester is the first experience they will have with book buy-back at the Bookstore. Many students used to
high schools where books were either
loaned free or rented for a small fee
and they have become accustomed to
borrowing all of their books at the end of
each semester. This is not the case in
college, where books are purchased
purchased outright by the student
and are

In the fall of the first year and the
spring of the second, the bookstore

WHAT IS BOOK BUY-BACK?
Book buy-back is an opportunity for
students to recover some of the money
they have spent for course books they do
not wish to keep in their personal
libraries. This process recycles books
for those wishing to sell - to those
wishing to buy and allows the bookstore
to offer used books as well as new ones.
Over half the titles used at Hope are

HOW DOES BUY-BACK WORK?
During the last two weeks of the
spring and fall semesters a buy is held at
the bookstore. There are actually two
buys going on at the same
time.

1. The store buys books that are being
used the following semester at Hope at
55% of the purchase price. The quantities
bought are sometimes limited by
projected class enrollments and the
number of books the store already has
on hand.

2. The second buy is done for Follett '
College Book Company of Chicago
and the prices paid are
their established
wholesale prices. In
general, these prices range between 10%
and 30% of the current, selling price.
The bookstore does not encourage
students to sell books in the manner
called "cash out" since there is no indication
that the book will be carried at Hope.

WHY WON'T THE BOOKSTORE BUY ALL MY BOOKS?
In a given semester there are several
factors that can cause a book to be
bought back at the 55% price offered by
the bookstore. Some of them are:
1. The professor has not yet submitted
a book order.
2. The book is not being used the
following term at Hope. It is a good
idea to try again at the next buy-back
before selling to the used book company.
3. The professor has changed books
because something better has become
available. The bookstore no longer
needs the book but it may be bought for
the used book company.

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HOPE-GENEVA BOOKSTORE
Vespers tradition continues

MIRIAM BEYER
intermission editor

An intermission for the holiday season is a time to remember the true meaning of Christmas, according to the director of the Vespers service.

AMIDST the Santas in the malls, the jingles on the radio about "that perfect gift," and all the other commercial holiday paraphernalia, the story of Christmas sometimes becomes buried.

This fact, however, does not apply to this year's Vespers service. The Christmas story is the heart of the program this year - more so than it ever has been before.

The entire program, including the scripture readings, carols, hymns, and choral numbers, is structured around the story of Christ's birth.

The fresh organization of the program is attributable to the new director of choral activities, Peter Jermihov, and his wife, Irina Riazanova.

"Irina and I wanted to connect the music to the readings a little more," Jermihov said.

Jermihov and Riazanova composed a program that, flowing from music to scripture and back to music again, highlights in an orderly fashion many elements of the Christmas story.

"When it's all together, it works subliminally," Jermihov said.

The format of combining text and music traces back to a tradition started at King's College in Cambridge in 1918. Titled "The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," the program was sung by the King's College Choir on Christmas Eve. Its purpose was to unfold through words both spoken and sung the story of Christ's birth.

Thus, there exists a British influence on the program; Jermihov has also incorporated two Russian pieces into the service.

"The Choral Introit, God is With Us, is the opening hymn for the Russian Orthodox Vespers Service," Jermihov said.

The other piece, Bogoroditse Devoy rodoysia, by the noted Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff, will be sung by the Chapel Choir in Old Church Slavonic.

"Teaching the choir to sing Russian went really well," Jermihov said. "It wasn't really hard to learn," said Chapel Choir bass Dave Van Der Laan ('01). "The consonants sound different, but the vowels are all the same."

"The Rachmaninoff piece is absolutely beautiful," said fellow bass Dan McCue ('99).

Other new additions to the service include a poetry reading by English Professor Linda Dove, and dancers as an accompaniment to one of the choral numbers.

"Dive will read "The Cultivation of Christmas Trees" by T. S. Eliot," Jermihov said. "Despite all the new additions to the service, certain traditional elements are being maintained."

For example, the choirs will still process to O Come, All Ye Faithful and recess to And the Child Grew, as has been done in previous years.

The Chapel Choir will also still form a ring around Dimnent Chapel to sing Silent Night.

Thus, for this year's Vespers service, new and old will mingle, and the crux of it all will be the Christmas story.
EUPHONIOUS
Miriam Beyer

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Hope and a future

Next semester marks my last as a Hope College student. As I pause to allow this thought to sink in, my college career flashes before my eyes. It seems that my time here has been so short, and yet I have been unmistakably changed.

I have learned to use fancy words like plethora and episteme in papers. I can whip around a chemistry lab like I actually know what I’m doing. I can ace an exam after doing no homework and spending 10 minutes before class studying. I can also fail an exam after reading, doing homework, and studying for an entire weekend. I have learned to drink both blue and orange. It’s been quick, yet I have been unmistakably changed.

I have been an OA, TA, VP and even succeeded to WTB syndrome (warm toasty bed — a horrible fear. Be strong, fight it). I have passed every test of Nykerk, and caught by Public Safety. I have bled and cried in Petoskey, I know where the little chapel is. I have laid on my back in the middle of an abandoned Pine Grove on a hot July afternoon.

I learned to play the piano, and forget, for once. I’ve had my food stolen and have had my food stolen at school. I have had a young Minnesotan boy, an Oklahoma Apache woman, and a young Minnesota boy. I have seen a total of three days of classes cancelled due to snow and ice.

The blood in my veins runs blue and orange. It’s been quick and amazing.

Now, semester is striking strong and I’m restless. Next semester I’m taking 13 credits of anything but science. I’m also retiring as an anchor editor. I can’t wait to be able to answer the question “what have you been doing?” with “absolutely nothing.”

It, on it, happy warm tingleles tipples me spine right over now. It may very well be the last time in my life for a long time that I am allowed this luxury. I just found out on Tuesday, Nov. 18 that I have been accepted into medical school. In four years, I will be a doctor.

“Don’t you know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11.

Enjoy your Hope as much as I have. You were long ago promised both it and a future. Best wishes and God bless.

Noelle

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I know that glow-in-the-dark stars make for illuminating decor.

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Sports

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Ready Four More
Flying Dutch look to repeat past success

Mike Zuidema
sports editor

Hope basketball has long endured great expectations. The Flying Dutch return ten lettermen to a team that is looking for a fourth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

The team has already been tagged as a Division III title contender as "Street & Smiths'" and "The Sporting News" have named Hope in the top ten in preseason polls. The team has also been favored to win the MIAA in a preseason poll voted on by coaches.

The Flying Dutch lost in the Sweet Sixteen of the national tournament a year ago, following a team that made it to the finals two years ago, only to lose to Rowan.

"Right now we have no idea where we are going to be in three weeks," said head coach Greg Van Wieren. "But we feel good about our team right now."

In his twenty years as coach, Van Wieren has won 11 MIAA championships, and is currently the fifth in all-time Division III winningest coaches.

Returning to the team are All-MIAA first team members Kris Merritt ('98), David Meilenberg ('98), and Joel Hofstige ('98), last year's MIAA MVP who has been named to several Division III All-America teams. With a year to play, Hofstige already owns the career Hope assist and three point records. Merritt holds the blocked shots record.

Other key returnees to the team include Dan Van Hekken ('98), Josh Canan ('00), and Pat Stegeman ('99).

"Right now we're getting a feel for what it's like in game situations," Van Wieren said. "Things are flushing themselves out. Our offensive and defensive flow is getting better."

Following a season-opening loss to NAIA Division II defending champion Bethel University, the Flying Dutch have rattled off four straight victories, including claiming the title of the Old Kent Classic, on Saturday, Nov. 29. In claiming that title, Hope defeated Grand Valley State University for a tournament down.

Hofstige was named the tournament's MVP.

"My biggest concern is that we're still maturing and we're playing teams that have played six to eight games already," Van Wieren said. "They need to evolve and they can't always compensate with talent."

The Flying Dutchmen will travel to play North Park tonight before facing Aquinas Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Civic Center.

"We're much more pleased with a lot of things than a few. The positives far outweigh the negatives, generally speaking right now," Van Wieren said.

Season brewing for lacrosse team

Kyle Bloemers
staff reporter

The members of the Hope College Men's Lacrosse team feel just fine every time they step out onto the field.

With 25 players signed up this year, the team has already started practicing, preparing themselves for the spring season.

"We had a few fall practices outdoors, but we'll be having indoor practices in the Dow at 11:00 a few nights a week," said the team's Vice President and second year Lacrosse player, Bob Oswein ('99).

The team is made up of freshmen through seniors, with experience levels ranging from no experience to many years of play. Some of the team members have even played high school ball in Chicago and Buffalo.

In his first year of playing, freshman Andrew Mackay ('01) is just learning the basics.

"I've always had an interest in it," Mackay said. "But my school didn't have a program. I've always wanted to play," Mackay said. "I was looking through the intramurals book, and I saw this in there as a club sport, and it's been going pretty well. I'm starting to get the hang of it. It's a lot of fun!"

For first time players like Mackay, learning how to play is an interesting experience. At the team practices, President Zach Jones and Vice President Oswein teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game through drills.

"We teach them the basics, we do drills, but the best way to learn how to play is to put the pads on and scrimmage, get used to getting hit and handling the ball," added Oswein.

Being a club team may not give them all the attention that varsity sports receive. However, Hope College does recognize them by purchasing sports equipment for the players.

The school supplies helmets, shoulder pads, and elbo pads, but most of the players purchase their own sticks. According to Oswein, the Social Activities Committee will donate some money to the team every once in a while if they are "lucky."

Although the regular season doesn't begin until after the players return from Spring Break, the game schedule is beginning to fill up.

"We have a few tentative games set up already. The usuals like Calvin, Albion, Alma, maybe Michigan State University and Western," Oswein said. "We might be heading down to Indiana University for a tournament down there. We have our own Wooden Shoe Tournament that we invite a whole bunch of teams to."

With a full schedule on the way, the team is looking forward to an exciting spring season.

And the winner is...

An image of fall sports at Hope College.
Each team had a winning record.

Two teams finished lower than third place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Hope also stands atop the All-Stars standings in the MIAA at the end of the fall.

Two teams were able to capture conference titles and three teams qualified for national tournaments.

I compiled each accomplishment and created a top ten list of fall sports individuals and some of their accomplishments.

10. The offensive line of the football team.
A year in which their running back and quarterback had career years, an anointed line anchored by Rick Freng ('98), Todd Hornsby ('98), Tim Dykstra ('98), Dan Wegner ('98), Freds ('98), Todd Hornsby ('98), and Tim Dykstra ('98), Dan Wegner ('98), and Tony Petkus ('99) dominated defenses and led the offensc.

9. The starting volleyball lineup. Led by Emily Bakker ('98), Liz Delhaas ('98), Christy Etting ('98), Karin Van Wieren ('98), and Heather Velting ('99), the team finished 28-4, captured their second straight MIAA championship and qualified for the national championship.

8. Kevin Freng ('98). On perhaps the biggest stage in Hope history, Freng led the men's golfers in scoring, helping the team finish second in the MIAA, and making a hard rush at Olivet for the golf title.

7. Darren Toth (99). The men's soccer team finished tied for the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year behind Toth's goalkeeping and brash confidence.

On a team that few critics expected to do well, Morsch set team records in goals scored (19) and total points (48) to help the women's soccer to a school record twelve wins.

5. Ellen Colenbrander ('99).
While the golf team wasn't able to repeat as a MIAA champions, Colenbrander led the team in scoring for the second straight season and was second overall in the conference.

The four straight years and handled captains duties alone. Veldman was the squad's top runner and was an All-MIAA member as well.

3. Ellen Schultz ('99), Becky Timmer ('99), and Stacy Brown ('98).
It would be hard to separate the top three runners for a cross country team that qualified for nationals and finished second in the MIAA. Schultz and Timmer also gained All-American status by finishing in the top 30 at Nationals.

2. Becky Schmidt ('98).
The MIAA volleyball Most Valuable Player led the team to national rankings and the national tournament, and will return with a year of eligibility to try and do the same next year.

1. Brandon Graham ('98).
Perhaps the brightest fish in the Hope College sea, Graham led the team in rushing and touchdowns for the third consecutive year and was named second in the MIAA. MIAA MVP. He also helped lead the football team to its first MIAA title since 1987.

Coach of the Year: Dean Kreps, Mark Northuis, and Maureen Olland.
Kreps guided the football team to its first MIAA title since 1987. Northuis led the women's cross country team to the national tournament in addition to being named regional coach of the year, and Olland took the volleyball team to its best-ever season and the national tournament in her first year of coaching.
Swim teams look for league titles after quick start

MIKE ZUIDEMA
sports editor

The men’s and women’s swimming teams have won 11 of the 14 conference titles in the 90’s. The teams began their quest for another pair of championships as each team has jumped out of the gates with undefeated starts.

The women’s team has started 2-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 4-0 in the overall record following the team’s dominant 2-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Betsy VandenBerg (’01) has qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships. Betsy VandenBerg has also qualified for the 100 and 200 freestyle.

The men’s team has started 2-0 and 1-0 in the MIAA. Head men’s and women’s cross country coach John Patnott has already had a swimmer qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships.

"Calvin may have some impact on the league championship as well," Patnott said. "While Hope has dominated the MIAA under much of Patnott’s regime, he does see the league gaining more parity."

Patnott has coached three All-American runners as coach. Durante and VanAnken have continued their success this season as they have finished with team highs in many of Hope’s events. VanDerg means has also put out good performances as part of the 200 and 400 medley relay teams and in the 200 individual medley.

"The numbers are a little smaller than I would like," Patnott said. "I expect us to repeat and be pushed by Alma and Kalamazoo."

The men have been led by Brandon Nyboer (’98) and Troy Aumaugher (’98), who has returned to the team after two years of injury and illness. Nyboer has turned great performances in the 500 and 200 freestyle, while Aumaugher has bests in the 100 and 50 freestyles.

The Flying Dutchmen have finished second in the MIAA after previously winning five straight. "The men should really challenge Kalamazoo," Patnott said. "We expect areas where we are strong and those to counterbalance their strengths."

"Things are becoming more even," Patnott said. "It strengthens the league, and helps the stronger teams become stronger."

The teams will continue their season as they train for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday events. Watson Invitational which will include some Division I and II schools.

"It will be a great challenge. We don’t go there looking to win so much as we go there to swim fast," Patnott said. "We try not to pay attention to the score of the meet."
local stores for the Pull. We recognize its benefits, "Northuis said. The pullers have a great sense of pride. The college never had any intramural sports before the practices actually started, "Nyenhuis said. "We are more than prepared for graduation," Nyenhuis said. "The pullers have a normal blood pressure for the first time, and are reasonably safe." Not only did test results show the effectiveness of the pullers' preparation, some pullers demonstrated physiological benefits after the practices. "A few pullers with high blood pressures in pre-tests had lower post-test blood pressures. In general, resting heart rate and blood pressure decreased in pullers, though the decreases were not statistically significant," Cook said. "One puller who was hypertensive before the practices actually had a normal blood pressure for the post-test," Northuis said. The pullers themselves are confident that their training is more than adequate. "We are more than prepared for the Pull in practice, said Alex Roch ('90). "I felt we were ready by the second Saturday practice this year. "Practices get you physically and emotionally prepared to pull. It's a question of getting pumped up for it." Brian Johnson ('91), a puller and odd year pull coach agreed that pull practices were essential. "They don't only prepare you physically, but mentally and emotionally as well," he said. "You can be the strongest person in the world, but if you're not emotionally ready, you won't be an effective puller." Hope's 100-year-old tradition has proven to be a "positive activity for the college," Nyenhuis said. The pullers are strengthened physically and mentally while they entertain the community and give Hope College a great sense of pride. "The college never had any intention to discontinue or change the Pull. We recognize its benefits," Northuis said.

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**Greek Life wishes you a Happy Holiday Season.**

**Fall 1997 Exam Schedule**

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**Correction**

In the Nov. 19 issue of the Anchor, Dykstra residents were wrongly referred to as "girls." The staff of the Anchor is well aware that Dykstra residents are actually women, not girls. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.