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“WHOSE JESUS”

The Intercultural Gender communication class is sponsoring a group discussion about Christian perceptions at Hope College entitled, “Whose Jesus.” It will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 in the Mesa Miller Center Fried-Hemmingway Auditorium at 9 p.m. The hope of the discussion is to communicate and understand thoughts and feelings about Christianity at Hope College. Films clips will be shown and survey data distributed to initiate a discussion. The Intercultural Gender communication class (“feels that this conversation is a need at our institution. Your input is very necessary.” All faculty and students are invited to attend this free event.

AIDS AWARENESS: LIVES AT STAKE

Annika Carlson
Star Wom

Even the first snowfall of winter could not prevent members of Acting on AIDS from getting their message out on Friday, Dec. 1. AOA, a group which is new to Hope College this year, observed World AIDS Day by raising awareness about HIV/AIDS on campus.

In the Pine Grove, AOA members put 1,250 wooden stakes in the ground with attached pictures of children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. Participants were encouraged to take a picture, read the story of the child, wear it around their neck and pray for Pine Grove without the day. The event, called Lives Are at Stake, was coordinated by World Vision, a Christian relief organization which focuses on eliminating poverty and its effects on children.

According to Will Netleton (’08), founder of Hope’s chapter of AOA, more than 80 Christian colleges in the United States participated in similar activities during World AIDS Day through World Vision. The pictures for the event were provided directly by World Vision, and other materials were donated by Meijer and Van Wieren Hardware. The stakes were assembled and placed by a team of students who have been meeting throughout the semester in preparation for the event.

We had 21 people who staked the Pine Grove at 6:45 a.m. in sleet,” Netleton said. “They were very dedicated.”

Netleton spoke in Chapel about the relationship between religion and HIV/AIDS. Dean of the Chapel Trygve Johnson introduced Netleton, connecting him to the campus Ministry’s vision for Hope.

“Growing world Christians in the soil of Hope—this is what we’re about,” Johnson said.

Netleton’s talk focused on the connection between anger, hope and humility when considering HIV/AIDS. He opened with a series of facts about the scope of the disease, noting that approximately 40 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS. He opened with a series of facts about the scope of the disease, noting that approximately 40 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS. He opened with a series of facts about the scope of the disease, noting that approximately 40 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS.

“This is our year.” Nettleton said.

Despite the overwhelming reach of the disease, “we don’t have to tolerate the current status anymore.”

Comment from Provost James Boelkens, who coordinates the budgeting of faculty salaries, was unavailable at press time.

FACULTY RAISES THE SALARY BAR

Shannon Craig
Instructor, Art History

The minutes from the Professional Interest Committee meetings on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 mentioned the little progress Hope College has made in raising the average Hope professor’s salary above the Great Lakes Colleges Association median salary.

According to the American Association of University Professors, the average salary of a full time professor at Hope College is $70,300. Associate professors earn an average of $56,100, while assistant professors earn $47,600 on average.

Unless salaries are adjusted across the board, faculty members will receive a raise when recognized for a significant accomplishment, or according to the performance evaluation procedure as described in the faculty handbook.

“The college has had the goal of reaching the mean of the GLCA for faculty salaries for a long time. In discussion with the president and the chief financial officers, we try to get closer to the goal but Hope is at a disadvantage since both our tuition and our endowment are relatively low compared to the other GLCA colleges,” said Andrew Dell’Olio, a member of the Professional Interests Committee.

“Since the budget is fixed, the only way to go is to raise salaries.”

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ONE THREE MAN, ONE DEW CREW

Zach Nielson
Staff Writer

Hope College basketball has started, which can only mean one thing—it’s Dew Crew season.

Though there have already been many loyal Hope basketball fans at games this season, the first official gathering of Hope’s celebrated student section will be this Friday, Dec. 8 at the DeVos Fieldhouse when Hope will play Grand Valley State.

Students who attend this game will undoubtedly experience a sacred tradition—the selection of this year’s Three Man (or Three Point Man). Former Three Men, including Chris Maybury (’08) and Brent Boeरrna (’09), have spent their semester scouting and exploring candidates to fill this honorable position. A decision will be made before Friday and announced at halftime. There were no suggestions of any candidates available at press time.

While we have a new Flying Dutchman in Hope’s mascot, the Three Man is the unofficial mascot of the team’s student section. A Three Man only holds his office for his freshman year and is held responsible for specific duties during each basketball games. The Three Man must be distinguished at every game by wearing his or her traditional T-shirt or a unique costume. The Dew Crew saw alternative Three Man attire during the ’02-03 season, but one year ago (’06) painted his entire body blue with an orange “3” on his chest.

Every time Hope scores a 3-pointer, the Three Man is responsible for parading around the Dew Crew with an oversized cardboard Mountain Dew poster and eventually posting it on the wall. The wall is decorated with several cardboard Mountain Dews by the end of games.

The student section seats an average of 300 students at home games, but has seen more than 600 students. There’s no doubt Hope vs. Calvin games see the most vibrant Dew Crew showings, whether home or away.

“Dew Crew members are much like arctic caribou, they travel in packs,” Maybury said.

The Dew Crew, which was started over a decade ago by current assistant varsity coach Matt Neil and his wife, may see some innovations for this year’s basketball season. Former Three Men, Anne Bakker, from the DeVos ticket office, and other dedicated students such as Matt Wixson (’08) and Jason Cash (’07), have been brainstorming ideas to revitalize and improve Hope’s student section. Potential enhancements include working with the Anchor Band and the cheerleading squad to orchestrate more effective cheering and creating additional traditional cheers.

The Dew Crew Rally Night is today Dec. 6 at 7:30 PM in the DeVos Fieldhouse. Students can meet the men’s basketball team, learn cheers and the first 100 through the East doors with an ID may get Hope/Calvin Tickets to the AWAY game.

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Pope visits Turkey; Muslims protest

Staff Writer

Upon his arrival in Turkey on Nov. 28, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his intentions for his trip to be mainly a pastoral encounter and not a political one. Intentions were aimed at bridging divisions between Christians and Muslims, East and West, and Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Despite the reported intentions, the trip was not without opposition. In Istanbul, prior to the pope’s visit, there were major protest rallies, some exceeding 25,000 people, consisting of Muslims who saw the visit as just another Western intrusion into Islamic affairs.

Many of the protestors were still angry over the pope’s speech at the University of Regensburg on Sept. 12, in which he quoted a 13th-century Byzantine emperor linking Islam with violence. There was even a book on the best-seller list in Turkey subtitled “Who will kill the pope on Turkish soil, he talked briefly to Turkey’s prime minister. He then proceeded to another part of the capital, intending to meet with representatives of Turkey’s government and its overwhelmingly Muslim population. The meetings were attended by various Turkish political officials, including the president.

In his speech, the pope addressed current Turkish laws that forbid Christians and other religious minorities from preaching and constructing churches by stressing the necessity for religious freedom. From there, he met with Islamic clerics aiming to promote “dialogue, fraternity and the commitment to understanding” between Christians and Muslims.

Overall, the pope’s trip was quiet, not meeting the kind of protest that was expected. On the streets of Ankara, along the pope’s route, there were thousands of heavily armed policemen, including strategically placed snipers and bomb sweeping teams. The few demonstrations that were reported were peaceful.

From Ankara, the pope traveled to Efes, also known as Ephesus, to celebrate mass at the supposed last residence of the Virgin Mary, then continued on to Istanbul to meet with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

At the Orthodox church of St. George, clouded with incense and celebrating a joint liturgy, some aspects of which extend all the way back to the Great Schism of 1054, the congregation chanted antiphons honoring the patrons of the Roman Church, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the patron of the Orthodox Patriarchate, St. Andrew.

CALL FOR MILITARY DRAFT A LONG SHOT

Congressman Charles Rangel says draft should be reinstated; Democratic leaders oppose plan

Joe Vasko

As soon as the pope set foot on Turkish soil, he talked briefly about his thoughts of the war in Iraq.

“The war in Iraq has led some, like Rep. Rangel, to look at possibilities of reinstating a draft.”

Staff Writer

Joe Vasko

Up to 140,000 soldiers will leave Iraq in 2007, said Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

“TROOPS FIGHTING IN IRAQ—Soldiers patrol the streets during the Iraq War. The heavy strain that the Iraq War has had on the present day soldiers in Iraq has led some, like Rep. Rangel, to look at various possibilities of reinstating a draft.”

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Brian McLe lan

News Writer

As the newly named chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has renewed his efforts to reinstate the military draft. Rangel introduced a draft bill prior to the invasion of Iraq in 2003. This and other previous efforts to reinstate the draft have gone largely unnoticed when the Democrats were in the minority.

Rangel says the reinstatement of the draft would make military service fairer for all ethnic groups and help avoid future wars by deterring politicians from starting them.

“There’s no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft, and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm’s way,” Rangel said. “If we’re going to challenge Iran and challenge North Korea and then, as some people have asked, to send more troops to Iraq, we can’t do that without a draft.”

The draft legislation Rangel is proposing requires all Americans of the age of 18 to register for the draft. Men and women would be made eligible for service until age 42 under Rangel’s legislation.

“‘Young people (would) commit themselves to a couple of years in service to this great republic, whether it’s our seaports, our airports, in schools, in hospitals,” Rangel said, explaining that draftees would not necessarily need to serve in uniform.

In addition, there would be fewer exemptions to draft service than there were in the Vietnam era. Rangel’s proposed legislation would only allow exemptions for reasons of health or conscience.

In June 2005, outgoing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said, “There isn’t a chance in the world the draft will be brought back.”

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., see DRAFT, page 4
**ARTS**

**DePree selects student art**

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**Activist theater proposal**

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**MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOSTS SYMPOSIUM**

The music department is hosting a symposium this week featuring lectures on a variety of topics. They include "American Composers," "Music: Education and Music Therapy," "Politics and Religion in Popular Music," and Sacred Musics in America among others. Several students will participate in these lectures along with faculty from the music department. The lectures will be held at a variety of times beginning Wednesday, Dec. 6, and ending Thursday, Dec. 7. Specific times and locations can be found on Knowhome.

**TWO NEW STUDENT CLUBS APPROVED**

The Ballet Club and the Martial Arts Club both went before the Extracurricular Activities Council recently to seek formal approval. Each club presented a proposal and was approved pending certain requirements are met. The Ballet Club is seeking financial support from the dance department, and the Martial Arts Club is making final revisions to the organization's constitution. Neither club will receive funding from the student activities budget.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR STUDY BREAKS**

The Hope Asian Perspective Association, La Raza Unida and Black Student Union have organized a series of study breaks aimed at celebrating the upcoming holiday and providing activities for Hope College students to unwind. Tonight, Dec. 6, they will show "Love Actually," a romantic comedy with big names stars, in Van Andel 102 at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 is deemed "Grey's Anatomy" Night. All those obsessed with the show are encouraged to gather in Maas Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. for the 9 p.m. airing of the newest episode. The week will conclude with a karaoke party in Maas at 8:30 p.m. There will be food, prizes and a gift exchange. All students are encouraged to attend.

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**This Week in Art**

**Wednesday Dec. 6**

*DePree selects student art*  
Katie Bennett  
Bárbara Worsman

On Nov. 30, the annual Juried Student Art Show debuted in the De Pree Art Center. The debut and following receptions were well-attended and helped to kick off a week full of student art appreciation.

The juried show, which happens only once a year, is an opportunity for Hope students to have their artwork shown in a gallery. All Hope students, regardless of whether or not they are involved in the art department, are invited to submit works to the show. The juror then takes around 180 submissions and selects approximately 60 for the show.

This year Art Martin, assistant curator at the Muskegon Museum of Art, was invited by the art faculty to be the juror. "The juror tries to select the highest quality work that represents the broadest selection of student art," said Steve Nelson, art department chairman. "He also gives a lecture where he will explain his choices and discuss why he selected particular pieces."

The gallery displayed examples of many mediums: sculptures, photographs, paintings and a video recording comprised the exhibit.

Carol Beth Steiner (’07), who attended the gallery said, "I definitely enjoyed the exhibit. It was a beautifully varied and really left an impression on me." Fifty-eight students have works included in the exhibit. View hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 7.

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*Senior directs ‘The Shape of Things’*

Larissa Mariano  
Bárbara Worsman

The theater department of Hope College gives acting students the opportunity to participate in an independent project during their senior year. In the Theater 490 project, senior students in the theatre department get to act, direct and design a play of their choosing. The professors of the department must approve the play and an advisor is assigned to each student.

Kit Nykamp (’07) is the director of "The Shape of Things," which will be showing in the DeWitt Theatre on Feb. 2 and 3. "I am in charge of orchestrating what goes on onstage and making sure it is interesting, provocative and, in very rudimentary terms, good," Nykamp said. "The Shape of Things," written by Neil LaBute, is about two young people, Adam and Evelyn, who happen to meet by chance. Evelyn, played by Kate Goetzinger (’07), suggests to her new boyfriend, Adam, played by Adam Carpenter (’07), that he change his appearance. Adam becomes more attractive by the social norms that have been set in place for him. His friend Phillip, played by Chad Coe (’07), is engaged to Jenny, played by Laura Van Tassell (’09).

"There is a surprise twist at the end, which I’m not going to give away. The fundamental questions the play asks are, ‘What is art?’ and ‘What is beauty?’" Nykamp said.

"The Shape of Things" is relevant to a typical college student’s life and the subjects hit very close to home. "How many times are we confronted with pictures of what society deems ‘beautiful’ or ‘perfect’? I believe a student would walk away from this play with a whole new outlook," Nykamp said.

The play contains some very strong language. Those working on the play, however, decided to keep all the material in their production. "I think that some students may be offended by some of the language, but the playwright put it in there for a reason, so we feel that it is best to keep it," Goetzinger said.

Rehearsals for "The Shape of Things" is underway already. There will be more advertising and information following Christmas break. Admission to the performance will be no more than $5.

When asked about her inspirations for choosing the piece, Nykamp said, "I didn’t choose the play. I did choose to work on the play for its message to society."
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of HIV/AIDS,” Nettleton said. “We as students of Hope can bring about change in our world.”

Nettleton focused on raising awareness about the need for action. HIV/AIDS is not simply a medical problem.

“It is a social, economic, political, ethical and religious issue,” Nettleton said. “Students are yearning to evoke the social ethics of Christianity in their daily lives...”

— Will Nettleton (’07)

Nettleton invited the audience to participate in Lives Are at Stake, encouraging them to seek information about HIV/AIDS. In addition to the Chapel presentation, there were AoA informational booths in Phelps Hall, Cook Hall and the narthex of the Chapel. Additionally, Amnesty International held a letter-writing campaign focused on HIV/AIDS on Saturday.

World AIDS Day activities also included fundraisers for Shikokho Medical Clinic in Kenya. The fundraisers were organized in conjunction with Hope alumna Dawn Flandermeyer (’05), who worked at the clinic in 2006 and found that it could not afford HIV/AIDS testing and treatment for the village of 1,500 people. The goal of Hope groups was to raise $840, which would finance one year of HIV/AIDS testing, counseling and education for the clinic. Mortar Board, AoA, Cosmopolitan Fraternity and Amnesty International have all participated in fundraisers for Shikokho Medical Clinic this semester.

On Friday night, Dec. 1, AoA sponsored a fundraiser at Coldstone Creamery on 8th Street with all proceeds going toward the Shikokho clinic. Though the fundraisers have not been totaled yet, Nettleton is confident that Hope groups surpassed their goal.

Fundraisers aside, AoA members were pleased with the amount of student participation in World AIDS Day events. Despite the weather, AoA member Alison Mejuer (’07) is confident that “the message will be there no matter what.”

“Learn, Discern, Act”

Nettleton (’07) was first motivated to bring the fight against HIV/AIDS to Hope after attending the Student Summit on AIDS at Wheaton College in 2005. Though he had always been interested in issues of public health, the students he met at the conference made Nettleton want to take action on his own campus.

“I admired students’ activism—they understood the problem and acted on it,” Nettleton said. “The goal of AoA is to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Nettleton often repeats his motto, “Learn, Discern, Act,” emphasizing the importance of assessing the problems which contribute to the pandemic before acting.

“The issue is so complex we need a foundation to work from,” Nettleton said. By learning the history and effects of the pandemic, Nettleton hopes students will “discern how to act appropriately. Otherwise, we end up doing nothing or doing more harm than good.”

After World AIDS Day, Nettleton hopes to continue to grow AoA by increasing membership and becoming an official student organization. He plans to advocate a Critical Issues Symposium dedicated to issues of public health as a way to further raise awareness among students.

“Students are yearning to evoke the social ethics of Christianity in their daily lives,” Nettleton said. “We’re at a tipping point.”

Congressional Corner

Student Congress held its annual Christmas party last night. Congressman Representatives enjoyed cookies and participated in a white elephant gift exchange.

President Bultman Speaker

The President Bultman Speaker will be Paul Solomon from PBS. The speaker series is a yearly event co-sponsored by President Bultman and Student Congress. The speaker series has historically sponsored such notables as Ghandi’s grandson and Cleve Jones, founder of the AIDS Quilt.

Nov. 28 Meeting

At the previous Student Congress meeting, each task force presented updates and the floor was opened for suggestions.

Open Floor: Constituent Concerns

The Postal Service Proposal was withdrawn. A congress member asked if it would be possible to have the Monday, following Easter off. The Administrative Affairs Board will be consulted.

The next Student Congress meeting will be held after Christmas break.

Draft

who serves as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Standby Reserve, shares Rangel’s sentiments.

“I think we can do this with an all-voluntary service, all-voluntary Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. And if we can’t, then we’ll look for some other option,” Graham said.

Nancy Pelosi D-Calif., the upcoming Speaker of the House, has said that the Democratic Party leadership in both houses of Congress would not support Rangel’s call for a draft.

However, she said she does see Rangel’s point in pushing for the reinstatement of the draft.

“It’s a way to make a point about this war,” Pelosi said. According to recent public opinion polls, about 70 percent of Americans oppose the reinstatement of the draft. Bill Schneider, a senior political analyst for CNN, recently weighed in on the matter.

“And those who are calling for a draft, of course, know that it’s unpopular. They believe it may be the fastest way to end the war, and to keep the United States out of future wars,” Schneider said.
**Features**

'Tis the season for Advent calendars!

Meaghan Lewis  
Start Writing

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6 Celebrate St. Nicholas' Day. According to “Christi-  
anity Today,” St. Nicholas was a bishop in the town of  
Myra (in modern-day Turkey) in the 300s A.D., known  
in legend for anonymous gift-giving to the poor. Chil- 

dren throughout the world put their shoes out on the  
eve of St. Nicholas’ Day to be filled with candy and  
gifts.

7 Make a gingerbread house. Check out http://  
www.kingarthurflour.com and search “ging-  

erbread house kit.”

8 Have a snowball fight.

9 Check out the ice sculpting competition today in the Eighth  
Street Market Place. Local artists  
use everything from blowtorches  
to chain saws to sculpt 150-pound  
ices blocks into glistening works  
of art.

10 Deck the halls—or your  
your home.

11 Drink hot chocolate with  
marshmallows.

12 Go caroling. Check out http://www.  
christmas-carols.net for song ideas.

13 Go ice-skating. Holland has an outdoor  
skating rink at Smal-  
lenburg Park, located at 16th Street and Fair- 

banks Avenue.

14 Wear red and green.

15 Hanukkah begins at sunset, commemorat- 
ing the Jewish victory in the Maccabean Revolt.  
During the fighting, according to the story, the in- 
vaders damaged all of the sacred oil in the Temple  
except for a single container, enough for just one  
day. This oil burned miraculously in the Temple  
four days and is remembered through the  
lighting of the candles of the Menorah.

16 Celebrate National  
Chocolate-Covered Any-  
thday by making some chocolate-covered  
pretzels or fruit. Or, use  
the day as an excuse to put  
chocolate on something  
ou ordinarily wouldn’t.

17 Light the pink  
candle in your Advent  
for the third Sun- 
day of Advent.

18 Watch a fun holiday movie. Try “Elf,” “The Nightmare Be- 
fore Christmas,” “Home Alone,”  
“Miracle on 34th Street,” “Adam  
Sandler’s Eight Crazy Nights,” “A Christmas Story,” “The Fam- 
ily Stone,” “The Polar Express” or  
“Die Hard.”

19 Celebrate Oatmeal Muffin Day by bak- 
ing your own batch of  
warm oatmeal muffins. Try the recipe below or make your favorites.

20 Go skiing or snowboarding. Check out http://www.ski.  
central.com/michigan.  
html or http://michig-  
anskier.com/links.  
htm.

21 Wrap some presents. Make your own  
wrapping paper out of  
(hint) recycled newspa- 

per decorated in holiday  
colors.

22 Celebrate the Winter Solstice, the shortest  
day of the year.

23 Hanukkah ends at sunset.

24 Bake holiday cookies.  
Find new recipes at http://  
Don’t forget to leave some out for Santa!

25 Merry Christmas!

26 Kwanzaa begins and con- 
tinues for seven days. Created in  
1966, each day of the holiday cele- rates a different value signified by the  
lighting of a candle. In addition  
to Kwanzaa, remember to celebrate  
Boxing Day with our Canadian  
neighbors!

27 Eat a candy cane.

28 Make a snow angel.

29 Go sledding.  
Holland has a sledding hill at  
Van Raalte Farm, located on  
East 24th Street and Country  
Club Road. The DeVos Field- 
house hill is a nearby alterna- 
tive.

30 Build a snowman.

31 Ring in 2007 to- 
night at midnight. Kiss under the mistletoe!

**Wishing you a joyful holiday season**

on behalf of over 9,000 alumni, parents,  
and friends whose annual gifts to the  
Hope Fund benefit every Hope student, every day!

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covered by tuition and fees.
- fund departmental budgets for  
academic programs.
- provide access to technology to  
advance student learning.
- enhance student activities  
and programs.

**Celebrate Oatmeal Muffin Day (Dec. 19) with**

**Topple Cinnamon Oatmeal Muffins**

- Muffins
  - 1/4 cup butter, softened
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1 cup applesauce
  - 1 apple, peeled and chopped (optional)
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/2 packets apple cinnamon oatmeal
  - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/2 cup flour

- Streusel topping
  - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon butter, cold
  - 1/2 packet apple cinnamon oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To make the muffin batter, cream to- 
gether butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in apple, applesauce,  
nutmeg, cinnamon and oatmeal. Beat in eggs one at a time. Gently  
mix in baking soda and flour. Set batter aside.  
To make the topping, use a fork to combine butter, brown sugar and  
remaining oatmeal until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.  
Pour the batter into paper-lined muffin tins and sprinkle with oat- 
meal mixture. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into  
the middle comes out clean.

Don’t let a December day go by without  
getting in the holiday spirit!
Antiphon

The dream goes on

Mackenzie Smith

It has been a whole semester, half a year, since that night. Larissa, August, and I were leaving Washington, D.C., the following day, but that night we went out, to visit the monuments. The traveling genome came along, and the night was fun and lighthearted—until, outside the Lincoln Memorial, it took on a deeper meaning. Skipping down the stairs, we almost missed it: a single marble square reading, “I Have a Dream.”

Here we stood, three young women from Chicago, West Michigan and Detroit, with family roots tracing back to Poland, Italy, Holland and Puerto Rico. Here we stood, after a semester in this powerful city, coming to terms with more than we knew. In the spirit of “antiphon,” I want to share these poems, which came out of that evening but reach far beyond it. They were written together, for and with one that evening but reach far beyond it. They share these poems, which came out of the following day, but that night we went out, to visit the monuments. The traveling genome came along, and the night was fun and lighthearted—until, outside the Lincoln Memorial, it took on a deeper meaning. Skipping down the stairs, we almost missed it: a single marble square reading, “I Have a Dream.”

Lincoln couldn’t let this stand—

This discovery is made late on our journey, on our last night here, standing there, at his feet in the dark night, imagining those who stood here when my parents were young and cared about equal rights and the dream.

A sense of peace comes over me as I gaze over the reflecting pool. Looking further, out to the city that has changed my life forever, I want to curse it for disillusioning me. I want to thank it for blessing me.

The night is clear and I faintly see outlines of stars. The lights of the city glare back at me. My mind is still, for once, after four months. It took this long for us to realize the gravity of our situation. Walking down the steps, we stumble upon the place: Martin Luther King Jr. I Have a Dream August 28, 1963

It was here that Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed dedication to the unfinished work, the great task remaining before us. He stood before the nation, firm and clear: Now the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time.

Now, in our time, we crouch down, and run our fingers over the etching. We feel its power. And then, we hear his voice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. The words echo as we walk silently back, understanding one another, this place, our hard-won privilege. In silence we support one another as we live this dream—

But that night, at that moment, I wish I hugged them both, or held their hands. Little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

There is a Balm

August Miller

“There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

One of these mornings bright and fair,

I’m gonna lay down my heavy load.

(‘Balm in Gilead’ a Negro spiritual)

I don’t need no balm in Gilead to heal my wounds. Ain’t no need for a ship to Jordan to search for that tree. I got you here with me now and I’m gonna lay my heavy load on your shoulders my friend. We free now, you and me both, to be whole. Both of our sin-sick souls will find forgiveness and grace.

With this column, Mackenzie is retiring from her days as editor-in-chief, at the ripe old age of 21. While remaining the anchor’s #1 fan, Mackenzie will be going on to fulfill her dreams of educating a future generation of Americans.
Students should be kind during exam week

To the Editor:

If there is one thing I have learned about this magical time of the semester, it’s that any conscious or unconscious problems you have with the people around you will escape your lips whether you want them to or not.

With every last minute assignment (or long term assignment that we neglected to start sooner), we get wound tighter and tighter until we snap at our friends for something that normally wouldn’t even make us raise an eyebrow. No amount of procrastinating on Facebook, IM or MySpace will suffice, no coffee will keep us awake, no assignment is enjoyable (even if it was something we normally enjoy) and any noise that disrupts our studying is part of an evil plot to make us fail all of our classes.

The horrendous pile of work in which we are so absorbed tends to cause us to lose all sense of empathy to everyone and everything around us. After surviving seven semesters, I’m fairly sure that this lack of empathy is what causes the downfall of the human spirit on finals week.

Many of us were raised to be independent with a firm work ethic and a drive to accomplish anything we want or need to. I’m not saying there’s a problem with this; I just think we need to be acutely aware of the tendency of this work ethic to make us think only of ourselves when we are trying to complete a difficult task.

I challenge you to consider the people around you. Give them food. Give them a compliment. Make them laugh. Point out an interesting design in the snow drifts. Use your imagination! If someone does something nice for you, I immediately want to return the favor.

In my experience, positive interaction with friends is the best way for to relieve exam stress. This exam week, pass all your finals, but have some fun on the side. You don’t need to feel like the world is falling down around you.

Kate Greenwade (’07)
James Ralston
Sports Editor

If you were to split the swim season in half, the Wheaton Invitational on Dec. 1 and 2 would be the first half’s final hoohah. Coach John Patnott is pleased with his team’s performance.

“Our goal early in the season is to end the first half of the season on a good note,” Patnott said. “We give the swimmers a little bit more rest before Wheaton than most midseason meets, this year they really performed well. I was very pleased with both teams.”

On top of their final finishes of fourth for the women and third for the men, Patnott noted a few standout athletes.

On the women’s side, Christina Vogelzang (’10) swam personal bests and conditionally qualified for nationals in both 100 and 200 freestyle as well as in multiple relays. Laura Ansilio (’09) also had a standout day with great improvements that helped conditionally qualify several relays for nationals; Lisa Smith (’07) won the 100 butterfly, automatically qualifying for nationals; she also conditionally qualified for nationals in multiple other events. Finally, Claire Piester (’09) had a day full of personal bests and also conditionally qualified for nationals in several relays.

“Winning at Hope is very different from how I used to train,” Piester said. “We focus on drills and technique more. Coach made a few minor changes that really helped me feel stronger in the water.”

For the women, this meet is an opportunity to be rested and at their best one more time before the long road to nationals. “I think our success will help keep us going strong for the rest of the season,” Vogelzang said. “Because the season is so long, it is nice to have a good meet to keep us motivated.”

The men also had some strong showings. Phil Heyboer (’10) conditionally qualified for nationals in the 200 backstroke and 400 IM. Kyle Waterstone (’07) showed improvements in many events. Matt Smith (’10) dropped an unprecedented four seconds in the 100 breaststroke and eight seconds in the 200 breaststroke off of his previous best times. Rounding out the men’s top performers was Matt Rose (’10) who turned in a personal best in the 200 freestyle and was part of the conditional national qualifying 400 freestyle relay.

“The combination of a slight taper and high expectations for the men helped us to some fast times,” Rose said.

Much like the women, the men’s team hopes to take their success at Wheaton and build upon it for the rest of the season. “The confidence gained from this meet should help to carry us to our meets after Christmas break and then on to leagues,” Rose said. “We feel that with the times we put in and some improvements through the rest of the season we can come out of the MIAA championships victorious.”

Jenny Cencer
Copy Editor

Hope College hockey skated past rival Calvin College in a 6-1 blowout at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids on Dec. 1. It was a classic meeting between the two rival schools and the titans clashed inside of an impressive 12,000-seat facility.

The Dutchmen’s Ryan Kelly (’09) started the bout of scoring 2:16 into the game allowing the visiting Dutch to quiet the heavy crowd from Calvin.

To start the second period, referee Paul Rigby overturned a controversial Hope goal, signaling that a Dutchmen player had kicked the puck into the net. The goal would have put Hope ahead by two. An onslaught of tense penalty kills were silenced when Jon Shaver (’08) lit the lamp on a Dutchmen power play with his first of two goals of the night.

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Nick Hinkle
Copy Editor

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For example, inner tube water polo, wallyball and racquetball give students some alternative sports to try, Morrison said.

Overall, Hope’s IM sports offer freedom and flexibility, while giving students a chance to compete and stay active. “The students are able to do their own thing and not worry about a coach,” Morrison said. “The students playing call their own shots. There are no refs.”

Students can sign-up on Jan. 15 in room 202-203 of the Dow for women’s and men’s volleyball, coed floor hockey and coed inner tube water polo.

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