Fred Johnson announces run for Congress

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In an effort to bring peace to Hope College students and support a local ministry during the often-busy Christmas season, Student Congress has erected a 15-foot Christmas tree in the middle of the second floor Rotunda of the Martha Miller Center.

The Hope Tree, an initiative sponsored by Student Congress, is raising funds for the City On A Hill Ministries through the sale of bows and bulbs that have been placed on the tree. At press time, 33 bows and 85 bulbs have been purchased raising a total of $5,400 for the Zeeland-based ministry.

On Friday, Nov. 30, Holland community members and students, faculty, and staff gathered to commemorate the undertaking, sing Christmas carols, and officially light the tree. Hope’s male acapella group, 12th Street Harmony, was on hand to lead the attendees in the singing of carols such as “O Come All Ye Faithful” and “Silent Night.”

Joy Taylor (’09) attended the lighting ceremony and really enjoyed the carols.

“I know that it was only one event,” Taylor said, “but it was nice to see the turnout of people who came and see the Hope community come together.”

According to sophomore class representative Fred Johnson (’10), the coordinator of the Hope Tree, the initiative began in October when David Moore (’10) approached him about putting up a Christmas tree on campus.

“This is a perfect example of Student Congress listening to the voice of the students,” Paul said.

Paul said that Student Congress performed an in-depth analysis of five local non-profit organizations and compared their services, their needs and their relationship with Hope College.

“We saw that City On A Hill did not have a very strong relationship with Hope,” Paul said. “We chose City On A Hill because we felt it shared Hope’s mission of reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus with the community. We were (also) excited about all the services they offer, and we felt that the students would get excited.”

According to Director Gary Ellens, City On A Hill is home to about 26 ministries, including food service for all economic levels, counseling and mentoring services, and assistance for the poor and homeless.

“It’s encouraging to see the collaboration between Hope and City On A Hill,” Ellens said. “We’d like to see that more often.”

“TIS THE SEASON— From Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 at Christmas Vespers 2007, various Hope College musicians performed for sold-out audiences in Dimnent Chapel. Pictured are the groups College Chorus, Chapel Choir and Symphonette. Vespers also included performances by organisms, a flute choir and a brass ensemble.

Volunteer Services shares holiday ‘Hope’

Katie Harper

This holiday season, many students are searching for ways to extend hope beyond the campus parameters. Thankful, two conveniently located organizations, Hope College Volunteer Services and the Holland Rescue Mission, are eager to put these hopeful hands to work.

While Hope College Volunteer Services provides volunteer opportunities to students regardless of the season, Christmastime usually shows an increase in student volunteerism.

“I think that the holiday season is definitely the highest time for people to be generous and give their time,” said Britnee Longwell (’09), a student director for Volunteer Services.

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International students celebrate holidays far away from home but not alone

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Guest Writer
With Christmas break approaching, Hope College students are getting excited about finishing with exams and going home to celebrate and spend time with family. For some students, however, this is not possible. Many international students live overseas and thus will not go home due to the expense of travel.

"A minority of (international) students go home, but numbers are increasing due to cheaper tickets; seven years ago, perhaps one student would fly home," said International Student Advisor Habeeb Awad.

Fortunately, these students are not on their own. The International Education Office works closely with housing to accommodate these international students. Those who stay are usually allowed to stay in their current housing until the campus shuts down later in December, although Residential Life tries to ensure that students are not left alone in their residence halls for several reasons. As Dr. John Johnson, director of Residential Life and Housing, explained, it is important that students live near each other because of potential emergencies, loneliness and the fact that only two RAs are assigned to check up on residents during the Christmas break. During the shut downs, the international students move to the Haworth Inn until the school becomes operational again.

Felix Kikaya (‘11), a student from Kenya, intends to do just that. "I appreciate (this arrangement) so much because I would not have any place to stay if it were not for this plan," Kikaya said.

Kikaya intends to spend the break working at the Hope College Transportation Garage and celebrating Christmas day with his friend Victor Kanyi (‘11), also a Hope student, and Victor’s host family. When asked about his situation, Kikaya explained that he misses Kenya very much because he has not seen his family since he arrived in the U.S. and because of the harsh climate of Michigan.

"If there’s any opportunity for me to go home, it’s the first thing I’ll do," Kikaya said.

Housing is not the only way in which Hope College accommodates the needs of international students. Over-the-break residents can arrange to get some food by talking to Johnson. Furthermore, the International Education Office stays in touch with international students by arranging a meal and a movie twice during the break.

Also, although the students do not get to spend Christmas with their families, many who signed up for host families get invited to celebrate the day with them. One international student, Peter Pan (‘08), will spend the entire Christmas break with his host family in Grandville.

"What comes out of (all these efforts) is we try to accommodate international students as much as possible. So in this sense, Hope College is very helpful," Awad said.

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Should he win, Johnson hopes to act as a catalyst for change in American policy.

"There’s a growing number of voices who are advocating for a change in things like healthcare, the Middle East, the Iraq war, and foreign policy," Johnson said. "But (change) is going to take my one voice plus many more like it, which becomes a chorus."

Johnson is conscious of the fact that he faces an uphill battle in this predominate conservatively district, and is well aware that he may not win the election. Nonetheless, he remains optimistic about the results of the election.

"If I don’t win, I will become a better history teacher and I will have done the right thing. As a citizen of this community, it (is) incumbent upon me to do something," John-

son said. "I don’t do anything for the program if I’m just shrugging, nodding my head, and resigned to the results. And it’s not over until the day after the election."
Amtrak crashes

CHICAGO (AP) — An Amtrak train plowed into the back of a Norfolk Southern freight train and crushed one end of a boxcar under its wheels Friday, injuring dozens of people, some seriously. Most of the 187 passengers walked away unharmed.

Residents near the scene where an Amtrak passenger train plowed into the back of a freight train on the Chicago’s South Side, Nov. 30.

The collision sent 71 people to a dozen hospitals, most of them in stable or good condition, according to the Chicago Fire Department. Five people were taken from the scene in serious to critical condition.

Hope College student, Emily Hunt, 18, was a passenger on the train. She was on her way to a job interview, but missed the interview due to being Cook County Hospital, where she was until 6 p.m. the night of the accident.

“Amtrak picked six plaintiffs, but 57 were killed. They have abandoned their families and have to eat and sleep. Many are in hospitals,” Hunt said. “It’s been really bad. I probably won’t¿¿advertising to classes. But I missed the interview. She was put on a charter bus, which were available for the walking wounded to be taken to various hospitals in the area.

But even if clean needles and syringes are used, the potent hepatitis C virus — or any other infectious agent — could be spread if the vial itself is contaminated through handling or other avenues of exposure and then used again to medicate other patients.”

Currently, the Kent County Health Department in Grand Rapids is in the process of notifying and testing about 2000 previous patients of dermatologist Dr. Robert Stokes for HIV and hepatitis. Three past employees of Stokes will testify they witnessed him re-use medical equipment over a period of years. A court date has not been set, but Stokes faces 72 federal health care fraud charges totaling in excess of $1 million.

Christine Galle, a former patient and a healthcare professional, anxiously awaits her test results after receiving two injections from Stokes in 2002.

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Looking at the Democratic candidates

As Election Day draws near, the presidential candidates are eager to clarify their ambitious plans, and poke holes in their opponents'.

Former Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico vigorously criticized the way Republican candidates have been "trying to outdo each other demonizing illegal immigrants," adding that it is "unrealistic to think we’re going to deport 12 million people." He supports tighter border security and a path to legal citizenship for those already in the country. A recent Iowa poll released by American Research Group, Inc. showed Richardson as suffering the greatest drop in support, from 12 percent in mid November to 27 percent, overtaking Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., fell from 27 percent to 25 percent, sparking increased attacks on her opponents, specifically Obama. Clinton has picked up two endorsements from environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy and the Amalgamated Transit Union.

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In an interview at Hillary Clinton’s Rochester, N.H., campaign office on Nov. 30, Leeland Eisenberg walked into the office claiming to be wearing a bomb and took several volunteers and a child hostage. Eisenberg is being held in jail on multiple charges. Clinton met with the former hostages and their families before resuming her scheduled campaign the next day.

For Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the recent Iowa polls contain very good news. Support for Obama jumped from 21 percent to 27 percent, overtaking Clinton, Obama, however, has been taking criticism from opponents for an allegedly misleading television ad. In the ad, Obama says that his health care program would provide coverage for all Americans, while critics say that his plan would leave as many as 15 million Americans uninsured.

John Edwards, a former North Carolina senator, recently released more details about his proposed health care plan. Under the “Edwards Mandate,” all Americans would be required to submit proof of insurance with their income tax returns. Edwards is looking up in the polls. With a rise from 20 percent to 23 percent, he is catching up to Obama and Clinton.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Conn., another Democratic candidate, maintained support at 2 percent. He is using his media coverage to remind voters that he voted against the Iraq war from the beginning, and that he is one of only a few candidates advocating a truly universal, non-profit health care system. Kucinich has, specifically, criticized the other Democratic candidates for their support of Sen. Joe Biden’s, D-Del., policies.

Biden himself has noted the apparent tendency of the other candidates to latch on to his foreign policy.

“I know a lot of my opponents out there say I would be a great secretary of state,” he said on Nov. 29, speaking at a forum on Iraq. “Do you watch any of the debates? ‘Joe’s right, Joe’s right, Joe’s right.’”

Biden reminds voters that if he would make such a great secretary of state, he would also make a great president. When Biden arrived late to a New Hampshire student convention, he said that his tardiness was a reason the students should vote for him. He was held up because the Israeli prime minister called to ask his advice. Biden saw a slight increase in support, from 5 percent in mid November to 8 percent by late November.

Mike Gravel, a former U. S. senator from Alaska, has generated some publicity over his “citizen’s wage” proposal, which would provide all Americans with a guaranteed annual income of $5,000, irrespective of work status. He also supports a universal health care plan, under which citizens would pay nothing for health benefits. Currently, Gravel is polling at less than 1 percent.

Chris Dodd recently received the endorsement of the International Association of Firefighters. The endorsement, which was pursued by every presidential candidate, went to Dodd because he is “the candidate that best represents firefighters and what they do to protect the public,” according to a spokesperson for IAF. Dodd is also reminding voters of his key role in passing the Families and Medical Leave Act, which allows workers to take time off due to birth, adoption, or illness in the family. Support for Dodd has stayed steady at 3 percent.
Republicans race to the nomination

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Hope takes a stand on global warming

Amber Gernertz

Global warming is a topic that is often in the news. Global warming used to be something that liberals and conservatives disagreed on, but now, more and more people acknowledge it is happening.

The real question is: What is Hope College doing about it? There are several angles that staff and students are taking to show the dangers of global warming. The first step is education.

Chemistry professor Joanne Stewart teaches a general education math and science course entitled “Abrupt Climate Change.” Stewart uses the education angle to teach students the dangers of abrupt climate change, which was dramatized by the motion picture “The Day After Tomorrow.”

Though the earth has not reached the extreme show in the film, the movie shows some of the techniques that Stewart uses to show her students the science behind it. Compared to this “extraordinary science,” as Stewart calls it, global warming is a long-term concern. However, her students now know the dangers involved, which is the first strike toward environmental change.

There are also several Hope professors and students who are preparing to attend a national-wide “teach-in” event called “Focus The Nation” on Jan. 31, which will be primarily focusing on global warming solutions for America.

This event is also working on that first step in the process of change—education. “Focus The Nation” is using four components to help bring about the change to stop global warming: the national teach-in, “green democracy,” “choose your future,” and “2% solution.”

Green democracy is about informing our government about the solutions for change in our country. “Choose your future” concentrates on voting for the top resolutions, and takes place during the week leading up to Jan. 31. “2% solution” is an international webcast set to air on the evening of Jan. 30 that features several of the leading researchers and pioneers in “green” entrepreneurship from across the country. This should be a very informative event that brings together many of the great young minds in our country in order to bring about change.

Another event that took place this year was called “Power Shift,” a conference that occurred at the University of Maryland from Nov. 2-5, which brought together politicians and students to discuss what our nation is doing to combat global warming.

“Choose your future,” and “2% solution” are events that are taking to show the nuers and students that there is something they can do to help the process of change—educating professors and students who are involved.

“I was surprised to see the film,” Hope student Emily Seib (’08) said. “It was a sad thing, but soldiers are being killed everyday for us and not playing sports. Why him?”

The funeral comes a week after Taylor was shot in his home and days after four men were charged with killing him during the robbery. A lawyer for one of the suspects confirmed there was a fifth suspect.

“It’s really unfortunate that there are people in this world that would stop at nothing to rob somebody,” Hope student, Tom Plasman (’08) said.

Taylor’s casket was surrounded by bouquets while a video display behind it showed Taylor from his days with the Redskins, Miami Hurricanes and high school.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said it had been a “sad week” for the league family.

“It’s times like this that all of us struggle to find meaning in life,” Goodell told the mourners. “The NFL was proud of Sean Taylor. He loved football and football loved him back. But more importantly, it was what he was as a man and what he was becoming as a man.”

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Pro-football fans mourn loss of Redskins safety

Staff Writer Amanda Gernertz

MIAMI (AP) — Thousands filled a university arena for Sean Taylor’s funeral Monday, with his coach praising his “excitement for life” and the NFL commissioner telling mourners the Washington Redskins star “loved football and football loved him back.”

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HOLLAND SUNSET— The sun sets over Lake Michigan at the Holland State Park Pier. U.S. Geological Survey scientists are studying the fluctuating lake levels in conjunction with global warming.

Photo by David Moore
A SEMESTER’S TOIL—Karen Luidens’s (’09) painting is one of 79 student pieces on display in the DePree Art Gallery.

**Juried student show exhibits student works**

**Alex Quick**  
**Staff Writer**

This week is the juried art show in the DePree Art Center. The exhibit features 79 student works in media ranging from watercolor and sculpture to charcoal, photography and mixed media. The show was open to all Hope College students, whether they were in the Art Department or not, as long as they submitted at least four works to be judged. Each year, the Art and Art History Department faculty appoints a high-profile local artist to come and judge the submissions, the best ones make it into the show.

**Sacred Dance gives concert**  
**Service blends “passion for faith and dancing”**

**Cassandra Warner**  
**Guest Writer**

It is Christmas time again and as always, all the seasonal trappings are in place. The snow is falling, the lights are up, carolers sing and the air is filled with holiday cheer. To top it all off, Sacred Dance is dancing at an advent service at Pillar Church on Sunday. Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

Sacred Dance is a group on campus that uses dance as an avenue to worship God. The group has been on campus for ten years and is stronger than ever. This year’s judge was Tom Allen, a photographer and graphic designer from Grand Rapids. Allen chose the show’s pieces from the 196 submitted pieces. Students were invited to accompany Tom Allen as he critiqued the works. This show gives students the experience of entering work into a gallery, as well as having their work reviewed by a professional.

Sacred Dance was on campus for ten years and is stronger than ever. Right now it is comprised of 18 girls, most of whom are involved some way in the dance program here at Hope College. The group practices every Saturday and dances during worship services at Churches in the community, as well as at venues like retirement homes, such as Warm Friends.

“Sacred Dance is a great way to tie my passion for faith and dancing into one great thing,” says Lauren Keiser. This year’s judge was Tom Allen, a photographer and graphic designer from Grand Rapids. Allen chose the show’s pieces from the 196 submitted pieces. Students were invited to accompany Tom Allen as he critiqued the works. This show gives students the experience of entering work into a gallery, as well as having their work reviewed by a professional.

The shows more notable works include Evan Dawson’s (’10) “Thought,” a charcoal work depicting a man waking from a restful night’s sleep and recording something on this wall, joining dozens of other midnight notes.

Kristen Underhill, an alumna who is also a current student, submitted a small sculpture of a woman unzipping her skin to reveal the true woman beneath, which was named “Brand New Skin.” Interstate 80 was the topic of a two-piece photography series by Mike Goris (’10). John F. Kay (’08) submitted a creative display of a DVD player playing eight shades on top of a red pillow. One of the most moving pieces was done by Casandra Thomas (’09): “Invisible Children,” a series of four intaglio prints illustrating the conditions of child soldiers in Africa. The show will be running in the DePree Art gallery until Fri., Dec. 7.

**In Brief**

**VESPERs SERVICE KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON**

Christmas Vespers has been a Hope College tradition for more than 60 years. The 2007 services were held Dec. 1-2. Participating groups included Hope’s College Choir, Chapel Choir, and Symphony, as well as organists, the flute choir and brass ensemble. Thousands of members of the Holland and Hope communities gather for the services each year. For many families, the event has been a highlight for generations. Christmas Vespers was first held on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, at 4 p.m. The timing was fateful—the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor only hours before, precipitating the entry of the United States into World War II.

The program was sponsored, The Anchor noted at the time, by the college’s Musical Arts club as the first of a series “designed to give music students of Hope an opportunity to perform in public and to bring to public attention the work of the music school.” Approximately 500 attended, the Holland Evening Sentinel reported afterward.

Vespers today takes place on a scale that 1941’s organizers could scarcely have imagined. The college regularly starts receiving inquiries about tickets in August. Hope now presents four services instead of one. All four regularly sell out to capacity crowds in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, totaling more than 4,000 audience members each year.
By Ario Elami ('09)

Sacred Dance gives Concert

Dance offers a creative way to give glory to God, a group of people who passionately love the Lord, service to the community, and fellowship with Christians. In addition to dance, Sacred Dance offers Bible studies open to everyone on Saturdays from 10:11 a.m. “It has given me a family, in a way, we are all dancing, but even more so we are dancing intentionally for God,” said Sarah Stinson ('11). If you would like to be involved in Sacred Dance contact Stephanie Dykema or Lauren Keiser.

By Travis Love ('09)

The idea first began last semester, when there was a full in studio usage. The studio operations manager, saw a valuable resource going to waste. We definitely went into this with the intention of helping (to promote) Hope students, said Carl Morrison ('09), heads of the project.

“We want to get people involved—give them experience to put on a resume,” said Morrison. “You have to do this stuff to get practice. A lot of us are current on the production team. These students perform a number of jobs including camera operation, stage managing, sound operations, public relations, and performing.”

“The people who are involved are all volunteers, and it seems like we’re all more interested in this than we have to offer.”

He suggested the Black Box Music Project idea to Morrison, hoping to give students a chance to gain hands-on experience with video production equipment.

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By Charlie Marcus ('08)

While about three hours of pouring over Rick’s photos and a few too many glasses of scotch and wine, Sal and I were starting to figure out a way into this place. Within that three hours, some had also somehow made a few calls, ran a few errands, and showed up with the blueprints and all the electrical layout of the house, including security points and where Rick would need to disable the security for the men to get into the house. When Rick looked at Lou with disbelief, and asked how in the world they had gotten hold of the prints, Lou just grinned and smiled. “Rick, with Sal, you don’t ask questions, and just ask for things to get done. And they will get done, believe you me. Why do you think I called him?”

Rick shrugged, and didn’t say anything, but just listened in to what he would have to do.

“Oh, okay, where is our security whacker? The traffic coming besides make people stand still for ten seconds?”

Rick had a heart attack, Jessica. If I hadn’t called the ambulance, he could have...”

“Never mind,” Jessica said, “I guess you just don’t care about the party, Richard.”

Richard’s eyebrow twitched. Aneurysm, he thought, and then wondered why he’d thought the word. “Jessica, I’m right here, you know.”

“Well, it is!” She said. “Don’t tell me it’s not. If you hadn’t let Francis delay you at the office you like did, I wouldn’t be telling my sister that she needed to delay the barbecue ten minutes, now, would I?”

“Am I in—Am I just looking at it.” Matthew scratched his neck.


Matthew sighed, grabbed the item, and flipped it, sticking a finger in the flap and tearing its side open. He squeezed the sides with the C of his hand, and two papers fell out.

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Matthew had looked at the name, back at Clive, and then laughed a little. “More-tawn-sh.” He flicked it with a finger and slipped it on his desk in his room.

Now, the letter still sat there, unopened. His eyes shifted over its white crispness. He could drive it back to the post office and let them know there’d been a mistake. Still – what a name. And, then there was that other issue.

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“Mr. ‘Titus Mortana,’” Cleve had said, handing it to Matthew and rubbing his shaved head.

“Okay, where is our security whacker? The traffic coming besides make people stand still for ten seconds?”

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We being to play the whole song we will have to go to plan B.”

“Okay, what’s plan B?” Rick let his curiosity push him to ask.

“Well, kid, we don’t have a plan B. You ready for this?”

“Yeah, as ready as I’ll ever be.”

By Travis Kingma ('09)

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“We want to get people involved—give them experience to put on a resume.”

—Carl Morrison ('09)

By Ashley DeVocht

Students wandering the halls of Martha Miller or scanning the stacks at VanWylen Library have no doubt noticed the ads for “The Black Box Music Project.” Much like last year’s “1:1, if at all,” the posters, these advertisements inevitably cause the viewer to guess about their significance.

Could this “project” be about an underground music venue? Or like last year’s “1:1, if at all” Black Box Music Project.” Much no doubt noticed the ads for “The Black Box Music Project, in- cluding six more episodes next semester and possibly an end-of-the-year compilation DVD.

“in five years I would like to think that “Black Box” will be a branded name that’s known for doing some really great work and possibly launching some music careers,” Blauw said.

In the near future the production team hopes to continue film- ing short music videos of Hope artists. Morrison is currently scheduling auditions with music- cians who are interested in performing for the Black Box Music Project. You can contact him at carl@blackboxmusicproject.com.

“About the Community: Sacred Dance gives Concert

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By Ashley DeVocht

Sister Moon

An excerpt from the novel

By Charlie Marcus ('08)

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Novel Experience

Sixteen students and one professor complete novels during November

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Ever wonder what it feels like to finish a novel? "I feel like I just sent a kid off to college," says Peter Jurmu ('08). "I'm lucky, someday he'll actually become something." Trembley participated along with her students in National Novel Writing Month 2007 as part of English professor Elizabeth Trembley's intermediate fiction writing class. Sixteen students took the challenge. The goal: finish a 50,000-word novel (approximately 175 pages) during the month of November.

Looking Back

This is the second time Trembley's intermediate fiction class has participated in National Novel Writing Month. This year, Trembley participated along with her students. National Novel Writing Month was launched in 1999 by Chris Baty, a San Francisco-based young professional, who gathered together a group of 20 friends who wanted to write a book quickly. They enjoyed their writing month so much, they decided to do it again the next year.

In the following eight years, National Novel Writing Month has swelled in participants and popularity. A press release from National Novel Writing Month reported that more than 100,000 writers from over 70 countries participated in 2007. Annually, about 18 percent of the participants in National Novel Writing Month complete their 50,000-word goal.

In comparison, all 16 of the Hope students who participated in the month of November and completed a 50,000-word novel during the month of November. Excerpts from three of the novels completed in November appear on page 8.

Novelists at Hope

"Part of what makes us who we are is the fact that we're novelists," Trembley said. "Writing my first novel was harder than writing my dissertation," she said.

Finally Done

With finished and bound novels in hand, members of Trembley's class were relieved and satisfied at their ending celebration. "It's definitely encouraging because you've done it. I could probably do it again and make it more coherent. There's a desire to want to make it better," Charlie Marcus ('08) said.

Maggie McGurn ('09) said that writing a novel has made her think about a career in writing. "There were days when I wanted to be an author and days when I didn't. Hard days were like, oh I hate writing, and good days were like, I love this!" she said.

Nationally, 16 National Novel Writing Month novelists have had their National Novel Writing Month novels published, including Sarah Gruen, author of New York Times #1 best seller, "Water for Elephants."

The next step the students plan to take, if they intend to keep working on their novels, is to go back and edit—lots and lots of editing. Some students plan to use the freedom of Christmas break as a time for revisions.
Opportunities abound for students to share holiday ‘hope’

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neighbors’ directly and donate the food there.’’

Longwell also said that the food drive provided a great opportunity to learn more about the seminary’s food ministry, which serves breakfast and lunch every day to individuals in need. On Dec. 11, the soup kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner to about 100 people and is still looking for individuals willing to help out, Longwell said.

Volunteer Services is also planning the annual caroling and cookie decorating activity with Rest Haven on Dec. 4 and 5. This year, students can decorate cookies at the Sixth Street location on Dec. 4 and travel to the Maplewood and 40th Street facilities for caroling on Dec. 5.

Longwell also encourages students to visit the Volunteer Services website, which provides a vast variety of ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the community that can match individual interests. She also said that plenty of exciting opportunities will be coming in the new year— including a special Martin Luther King Day event, the Cinderella Project in February and the second-annual Moonlight Serenade for senior citizens.

Students can also take advantage of volunteer opportunities available at the nearby Holland Rescue Mission. The mission consists of facilities located on both Fairbanks Avenue and South River Avenue and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities within a walking distance of campus.

“The Holland Rescue Mission loves to see the college right next door giving back,” said Katie Baker (’08), a Hope student who is involved with the mission.

“Many of their volunteers are from Grand Valley State University or other colleges, but it might be nice if more students from Hope got involved. For being only a few blocks down, the Holland Rescue Mission feels like not many Hope students know what exactly their ministry is and how they can help.”

According to the Holland Rescue Mission’s vision statement, the organization seeks to lead clients towards lives that better meet their spiritual, economic and physical needs. The Christmas season provides a good time for people to think of ways that they can become involved in the organization, but multiple volunteer opportunities are available all year.

“There are plenty of volunteer opportunities including reading to kids, dishing out a meal or donating gently used clothes,” Baker said. “I must highlight the Holland Rescue Mission’s thrift stores. I think that the community forgets that the thrift stores and provide a retail outlet for income and is thrilled to have donations and customers.”

Baker said that many businesses donate last season’s merchandise to the thrift stores and provide brand-new items for shoppers.

“Thrifty thrives provide a place to browse when looking for a quick fix for cheap holiday trimmings,” Baker said. “The Holland Rescue Mission also encourages students to create themed baskets for donations. Baskets can include snack, gardening, craft, baby, birthday party, or school supplies. Hope students can also band together in order to conduct a food, backpack, or clothing drive. Student groups can also sign up to serve a meal at the mission.

“One Hope fraternity and sorority has volunteered with the Holland Rescue Mission to serve meals,” Baker said. According to Baker, students can volunteer to serve, provide food, or eat with the residents. To find out how you can become more involved with the community this holiday season or all year long, visit the Volunteer Services and the Holland Rescue Mission websites at www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/volunteer and www.hollandrescue.org.

Unethical medical practices investigated

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kelstein admitted to health officials, that while he used a new syringe for each patient, he would re-use that syringe to draw medicines for that patient from more than one vial.

The New York State Health Department delayed in notifying the 628 patients for 34 months because of legal disputes about which patients should be notified.

“This contrasts the case at a Nor- man, Okla. clinic in 2002, where a nurse improperly used syringes and infected several patients with hepatitis. The state’s chief epidemiologist at the time, Dr. Michael Crutcher, immediately warned patients. Arthur Levin, director of a nonprofit advocacy group called the Center for Medical Consumers said, “The extraordinary degree of confidentiality doctors are afford- ed too often comes at the expense of the rights of the public.”

Cindy Sabo, a registered nurse since 1984 and the clinic coordina- tor at Hope College Health Center, said it’s “mind boggling” medical professionals would consciously engage in unethical behavior with medical equipment. Modern day needles and syringes are specifically manufactured for proper dis-posal in a Sharps container after one time use, Sabo pointed out.

She mentioned patients need to keep their eyes open and make sure their medical providers wash their hands before giving them a physical examination. “If a fear of needles or syringes isn’t over- whelming, patients can come right out and ask to observe the medica- tion drawn up in front of them. If a student asked me such a question, I would not be offended,” Sabo said.

On a meal plan? Looking forward to the holidays?

The Hope College Dining Service will host a holiday-themed progressive-style dinner on Thursday, December 6. The meal will celebrate the cucumbers and vegetables associated with Hanukkah, and Christmas. The meal will be served in three courses, which will begin at the Holland, Philip’s Dining Hall and the Kresge’s Bar.

Ham and Herring Dishes

Pork, Beef and Pork, Meatballs, Turkey, Chicken, Ham, Italian Sausage, Vegetable, Rice, Pasta, Grilled Fish, Seafood, Rognal, Pasta, Linguini, Spaghetti, Lasagna, Chicken, Turkey, Ham, Pork, Roast, Grilled, Baked, Grilled, Bagel, Beef, Brisket, Chicken, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Corned Beef, Beef, Brisket, Turkey, Pork, Ham, Cor
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Reader takes ‘umbrage’ to column

To the Editors:

For a year and a half, I’ve enjoyed reading your paper to keep in touch with the mind of the student body and to date on events around campus and around the world. Recently, though, I took se- vere umbrage to Stephen Cupery’s ar- ticle, “Tramping to other places through unwritten pages.” At first, Mr. Cupery’s words resonated with the cloudy essence of my own wis- per in time; as I read them I was drawn back to an evening I myself spent in- dulging in the daintiness of the Lake M ichi- gan beachfront. Such dighty revealed a mutinous error in Mr. Cupery’s column which I must insist upon correcting: man is not as we say, we are not meant to live as could be, but rather as what we have the almighty po- tential to become. As I thought this the wind blew and I thought I understood, but the flame that is my pitiful intellect was winked out by the ferocity of the setting sun. Remember Ralph Waldo Emerson’s immortal warning: “A foolish consisten- tness is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by the statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has nothing to do.”

And as the sky started to ebh and the night rose and the stars sang, no wind blew and I truly did understand. A shiver

Brian Straw
Senior Slainte

Podcasts are regular MP3s

To the Editors:

As a faculty member who has been us- ing podcasts in his courses for two years, I’d like to offer a few corrections to the front page story from the Nov. 14, 2007 edition of the Anchor. You note that “Hope College Minis- tries recently announced… that they are now posting podcasts (and regular MP3s for those without iTunes) of their Chapel and Gathering services…

The vast majority of all podcasts are, in fact, “regular MP3s” and are playable in a number of locations; Apple’s iTunes music program (as you mentioned), almost every other freeware based desktop music program, and portable music play- ers from almost every company. Many mobile phone makers are now making it possible to listen to podcasts on their phones, and you can even find various websites that will allow you to listen to podcasts from any computer using only a web browser—even eliminating the need to have a computer of your own.

The only difference between a pod- cast and the “regular MP3” that you mention comes in how those files are received. The best analogy is to how peo- ple read newspapers—which apparently people do less and less these days. Some people don’t read newspapers often and choose to go buy a single copy of the pa- per. When they do they have to walk or drive to the store or head to the library in order to get the paper. The burden here is on the reader/user’s shoulders. However, if you get a subscription to the newspa- per, it gets delivered to your doorstep every day and no extra effort is required from you to get the newspaper.

The same is true for podcasts. With “regular MP3s” on the Chapel website, someone who’s interested in listening can find the web page, download the file, or listen to it in their browser—but every time that they want to listen again, they have to repeat the process of “finding” the content. With most podcasting pro- grams, all you need to do is indicate that you want to “subscribe” to the podcast, and your computer will invisibly download new episodes of the podcast when they become available—even transfer- ring them automatically to a digital mu- sic player for consumption wherever and whenever you want. The “burden” of finding the content is taken off of the user’s shoulders. The term “subscription” is even a bit of a misnomer, since no cost is involved in listening to podcasts.

—Matthew M.C. Roberts, political science professor

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If you really want to see Chicago

From living in the city for a few months, I've learned that there is a lot more to see than the usual tourist attractions of shopping, "Wicked," deep-dish pizza and Second City. So, without further ado, I would like to present my five recommendations of things to do in Chicago.

- See a play at The Lookingglass Theatre - 875 N Michigan Ave.
- Eat at Macarthur's - 5412 W Madison St.
- Visit the Field Museum - 1400 S Lake Shore Drive.
- See a movie at the Music Box - 3636 N Clark St.
- Attend a festival - Chicago is host to countless festivals each year, some very popular and others less well known. Take the time to research what is going on during your visit to Chicago and go try one out. Some sample festivals: Women Warrior Festival (Oct. 1-31) Pitchfork Music Festival (July 13-15) and the Pergo Festival.

Matt Osterhouse

Christmas spirit

Ah, the Christmas Season has arrived! It's about time! I have eagerly waited 11 months for this season to arrive, and I am so glad that it is finally here. From living in the city for a few months, I've learned that there is a lot more to Chicago than what you see on vacation brochures. This theater group is just one of the many, many small, less commercial production companies in Chicago. Although the
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So why is it that these special kindlinesses to other people shine most brightly during the Christmas season? Why can we not have the kind Christmas spirit all the time? I think that the answer lies within us. I think that it is through being conscious of our own actions and acting on a daily basis that we can achieve this. Now, I know that Hope and its community members greatly enjoy the Christmas spirit and kindness of the Midwest, but what about when we are away from Hope? How do we act then? I think that if we strive hard to be kind to others on a regular basis, it will no longer be a struggle for us to be naturally kind. With practice, what is irregular can come to be a very regular, natural occurrence. I think that with conscious effort we can have the Christmas spirit 24/7/365.

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Hope takes a stand on global warming issue

Hope is slowly catching up with the forerunners of change in this issue. Global warming is something that affects everyone, and many college campuses across the country are already taking steps to prevent further damage to our environment. There are many ways that students can get involved on campus, including the Environmental Issues Organization, among others.

along with other students. “Michigan was the fourth most represented state (at the conference), and the farthest away (of the most highly represented states),” Hunt said. The goal was to “take leaders and people who are passionate about climate change and connect them with each other,” Hunt said. “The only way to change things is with direct human contact.”

viewers have mixed opinion of strike

without new material and unsure of how long the strike will last, TV networks have been forced to decide whether to air their last few remaining episodes or attempt to make them last as long as possible. Already, hit shows such as “The Office” and “Heroes” have run out of episodes. “Grey’s Anatomy” has only two episodes left and the new season of “24” has been postponed indefinitely.

Since scripted dramas and comedies are in short supply, unscripted shows such as reality TV and sports events may soon see more air time.

“It’s a tough tradeoff,” said Hope College junior Scott Peterson. While he will miss seeing new episodes of “The Office,” he would enjoy seeing more sports televised.

Many Hope students enjoy watching their favorite weekly TV shows, but fitting it into their hectic schedule is not always easy. Lucas Osterbur is a junior majoring in chemistry and a member of the Hope Men’s Swim Team.

“I watch when I can” he said, and speculates that the strike will probably not affect the amount of TV he watches.

After resuming talks on Nov. 26, WGA and AMPTP leaders are scheduled to meet again on Dec. 4 to continue negotiations. AMPTP’s newest proposal is reportedly worth an additional $130 million in compensation, although the WGA’s initial response to this proposal has not been favorable.

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Hope gathering momentum after tourney win
Men’s basketball sweep MIAA/CCIW Challenge and improve to 3-1 overall

Gordie Fall

As the first semester wraps up, Hope College sports turn their eyes to the hardwood as the Dutchmen basketball team’s season has begun. Two weekends into the season, Hope has a 3-1 record.

Last weekend, Hope swept the MIAA/CCIW Challenge at Calvin, defeating Wheaton College by a score of 83-53, and defeating Carthage College by a score of 85-75. Hope was led by Tyler Wolfe’s (’08) 17 points on Friday night, and came back for another win on Saturday night behind Marcus Vanderheide’s (’08) 19 points and an early 23-4 lead.

These results came after Hope split the season opening Hall Of Fame Classic, at Cornerstone College, with scores of a 69-78 overtime loss to Aquinas, and an 87-68 win over the weekend’s host. The first Dutchmen win of the season came back for another win on Saturday afternoon.

Hope hosts the Holland Sentinel Community Tournament this Friday, Tip-off against Marygrove is at 8 p.m., with Hope playing either Aquinas or Trinity International at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

MIAA COACHES HONOR HOPE PLAYER

Hope basketball player, Marcus Vanderheide (’08), has been named the MIAA player of the week. This is the second time he has received this honor.

Recently, Vanderheide had 11 points, four assists, four rebounds and four steals in Hope’s victory over Wheaton College in the MIAA/CCIW Challenge.

SWIM TEAMS COMPETE AT WHEATON INVITATIONAL

The Hope College men’s and women’s swimming teams traveled to Wheaton College for the Wheaton Invitational on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The men finished fourth overall out of seven teams. The Dutchmen won the 200 (1:24.11) and 400-yard (3:06.03) freestyle relays, which both received consideration cuts for the NCAA meet.

Individually, Ryan Vogelzang (‘09) finished second in the 50-yard butterfly with a consideration cut (21.05) and second in the 100-yard freestyle (46.59).

Ryan Nels (‘10) received a consideration cut in the 100-yard butterfly (50.70) and Phil Heyboer (‘10) received consideration cuts for the NCAA meet.

The women’s team will compete next home against Saint Mary’s on Jan. 11 at 5 p.m.

Swimming: Wheaton Invitational

AS ONE— The Hope College men’s swim team performs a team cheer before the evening session on Dec. 1 of the Wheaton College Invitational. The men’s team finished fourth and the women placed fifth out of seven teams. Overall, five swimmers and three relays received consideration cuts for the NCAA meet.

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Dutch ranked No. 1 after tourney win

James Hess

After winning the MIAA/CCIW Challenge, the Hope College women's basketball team continues to move up the national rankings and remain undefeated. Currently, the Dutch are 5-0 overall and have climbed to first in the nation in the USA Today/ESPN poll, which is conducted by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Hope defeated Wheaton College 76-53 on Dec. 3 to claim the MIAA/CCIW Challenge title. Stacy Wurzen ('08) had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Carrie Snikkers ('11) led the team in scoring with 15 points.

The team was able to feed off confidence from its win in the season's first tournament. Hope won the Tipoff Tournament on Nov. 17.

"The first tournament win is nice to have under our belts," captain Lindsay Lange ('08) said. "It's a great way to start off the season and gave the freshmen a chance to ease into college basketball."

The Tipoff and MIAA/CCIW tournaments showed the freshmen will make considerable contributions this season. Most recently, Snikkers led the team in scoring against Wheaton.

"As upperclassmen we knew we had to lead, especially during this first tournament, and the freshman had to follow," Lange said. "They did a great job of keeping the energy up, cheering, and making a difference in the game whenever they were on the court."

Today, Hope faces Marygrove College at 7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse. Hope did not play Marygrove last year, who is 3-7 overall this season. "I really don't know much about Marygrove, but I know (Coach Morehouse)," Lange said. "He will treat them like any other team regardless of their record or statistics. We'll review and learn their plays and defensive styles and then execute on our own plays."

The Dutch will implement the same tactics they have used in their previous games to defeat Marygrove and protect its undefeated record. "If we do the few fundamental things, defense, swing the ball, inside-out game, then it's going to be hard to stop us," Lange said. "We still, of course, need to work on those three things as well."

Hockey plays rival Calvin Friday

Hockey Sportswriter

Hope College hockey faces Calvin College Friday at 9 p.m. The Dutchmen come into the game with a 9-2 record, highlighted by 12-0, 13-0 and 14-1 victories over Albion College, the University of Toledo and Calvin, respectively. Calvin, whose goalie is 7-8 overall this season, has scored 66 goals and allowed 78. This is good news for Hope players, who have collectively scored 85 goals, led by Gunnar Martin ('08) with nine and Brian Gatliff ('08) with eight. To compliment the scoring, goaltenders Stephen Pels ('08) and Mike Headley ('09) have carried their own weight with four shut-outs and four games where only one goal has been allowed.

"Both goaltenders have done really well, Kopinski provides good scoring coming in as a freshman," center Mike Bazydlo ('11) said.

Despite the lopsided scores in the last games (14-1-3-1), Hope players are not looking ahead of the upcoming game versus the rival Knights. "A season highlight so far was when we beat Calvin so bad, we're still confident that we can win but it's not like we're not going to try," Allen Campbell ('11) said.

Andel Arena in Grand Rapids this Friday following the Grand Rapids Griffins semi-pro game. The excitement has already started to build among players and fans. "I don't want to give them any bulletin board material, but I expect a hard fought game with us coming out on top," Bazydlo said.