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Hope College
Professor gives life lecture

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I’d say that most people go through life without really learning how to live,” said Dr. Dianne Portfleet as she spoke to a packed Wichers Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 17.

Portfleet, an English professor here at Hope College, gave her lecture, “Learning to Live Before You Die,” as part of the Last Lecture Series. The new series, sponsored by Mortar Board, is modeled after Randy Pausch’s famous “Last Lecture.” Pausch, a former professor at Carnegie Melon University, gave his famous inspirational speech after being diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. In his last lecture, he spoke about achieving childhood dreams. It has since swept the media and has even been published as a book.

Although Pausch died this past summer, the new lecture series at Hope memorializes Pausch and his message by giving professors a chance to speak to students, faculty and community members as if it were their last lecture.

Portfleet joined the Hope teaching staff in 1988. In her talk, she spoke about her initial nervousness when first teaching and the lessons she learned from developing her abilities as a professor and interacting with students. Portfleet also shared personal experiences such as the deaths of her parents and a time when she overheard a teacher call her “a strange child” in grade school.

Portfleet also stressed the importance of relationships rather than success. She said, “Even if you win at the rat-race of life, you’re still a rat.” She also spoke of the need to stay demons, overcome insecurities and break down walls and fences in order to build these relationships.

Portfleet placed a special importance on not waiting until the last moment to tell loved ones how much they mean. She also emphasized the need to reach out to others and said, “We need to reach out. People are hungry—hungry for us to reach out.”

Portfleet was the first of four speakers in the 2008-09 Last Lecture Series at Hope. The next Last Lecture event will take place Jan. 9 with a lecture by Professor Boyd Wilson of the religion department.

Pageant benefits Dance Marathon

Volunteers Services sang Christmas carols and decorated cookies on Dec. 2 with the senior citizens at Resthaven’s Warm Friend on 8th St.

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There is also a warm clothing drive on campus. Students are asked to place unwanted warm clothing in the designated boxes located in the dorms to help those in need. Guiding Light Mission, Mel Trotter, and Well House are sponsoring this event.

Evergreen Commons is holding a variety of holiday activities throughout December. Volunteers are asked to contact Mike Foshaug at foshaugm@evergreencommons.org.

Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse, see CHARITY, page 2
Dialogue encourages campus discussion

Students share their experiences as sexual minorities living at Hope

iHope offers patients the gift of music

Students focus on others’ needs • CHARITY, from page 1

just wrapped up after students from campus filled shoe boxes with things that children may need or enjoy. The boxes are shipped overseas to children that do not expect Christmas gifts.

Students are encouraged to start their own giving traditions on campus. To volunteer or to gather funding ideas, students can contact Volunteer Services at volunteers@hope.edu with any questions they may have. “If you don’t have enough time to start an event of your own, you can always just do something one-time,” exclaims Longwell. “Even if that means grabbing a friend and taking some chocolate to a friend in need; that’s just as important as any other act that you can do. And, if you don’t have the money to give, give your time! That is just as precious.”
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This Week In News

“She is an American of tremendous stature who will have my complete confidence.”

– President-elect Obama on his choice of Sen. Hillary Clinton to serve as his secretary of state. In addition, President-elect Obama announced that he would be keeping Robert Gates as secretary of defense.

“I will leave the presidency with my head held high,”

– President Bush in an interview with ABC about his presidency and his historically low approval rating.

“I want to assure the people on behalf of the government that we will respond with determination and resolve to the grave threat posed to the Indian nation.”

– Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram vowing to take action over the terrorist attacks that rocked the city of Mumbai.

“Just in terms of avoided deforestation in the Amazon, the plan foresees a record book on the length of 4.8 billion tons of carbon dioxide that won’t be emitted up to 2018 – which is more than the reduction efforts fixed by all the rich countries.”

– Environment Minister Carlos Minc on Brazil’s commitment to cut deforestation efforts in the Amazon by 70 percent over the next decade. Often portions of forest are burned, which emits carbon dioxide.

“The big question (that is raised) is, is there something biologically different about people with infertility.”

– Elizabeth Ginsburg, M.D., president of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies, on the odds that in vitro fertilization conceived with the use of ART are born with birth defects.

“We will rewrite the record books on the length of this recession.”

– Allen Sinai, president of Decision Economics in Lexington, Mass. According to the team of economists responsible for tracking the business cycle, the current recession began last December, making it longer than the average.

“This vote shows that the Iraqis have figured out how to stand up for themselves, to Iran and to the U.S.”

– Michael E. O’Hanlon, a specialist on Iraq at the Brookings Institution concerning Iraq’s cabinet. The cabinet voted to sign an agreement that sets the end of 2011 as the date at which American troops should be pulled out of Iraq, bringing into view the end of the war in Iraq.

Driving tips help students navigate wintry weather

Colton Wright

Guest Writer

Winter can be a dangerous time for drivers. Last winter, the Michigan Department of Transportation reported 127,629 automobile accidents. Michigan drivers aged 16 to 24 years old accounted for over 25 percent of all accidents but only accounted for 14.3 percent of the driving population.

With only a few years of driving experience, students are at an elevated risk for accidents. However, with a little knowledge, college students can decrease their likelihood of an accident and increase their chances of safely driving through West Michigan’s frozen tundra. Mom and dad would sure appreciate joining their son or daughter around the Christmas tree rather than around the hospital bed.

According to MDOT, more than 7 million motorists will share Michigan roads this upcoming winter. Before you turn on 105.7 FM for some Christmas music and join them on your journey home, the National Safety Council and the State Department of Motor Vehicles have a few recommendations to keep you safe.

First, make sure your car and the roads are ready for travel. Wait for the snowplows and sanding trucks to clear the roads and allow yourself extra driving time. While you wait, check on your car to make sure it is ready for the cold, snowy drive. Check your vehicle’s tire pressure. The proper pressure is on the side wall of the tires. Next, pop the hood and be sure your wind- shield washer reservoir is filled with antifreeze. You can buy a gallon of antifreeze at most gas stations for about $5. After you have checked your tires and your wiper fluid, completely scrape away snow from the car’s windows and windshield wipers. Knock the snow off the hood to avoid sliding snow.

Once you know your car is ready, be sure to check your manual to see how to handle road conditions. Drive slowly. No matter how fast you want to get home, there is no more sure-fire way to end this week than to end up in a roadside ditch.
Ballet Club’s ‘Nutcracker’ to light up Knick
Performance of the centuries-old fairy tale ballet is set to spark holiday spirits in all

Anna Pilot

Christmas isn’t Christmas if you’re not a little nutty before!’ joked Sarah Williams (‘09), co-director of the ‘Nutcracker’ and a quintessential holiday event. Hope College’s Ballet Club is pulling out all the stops in their presentation of this well-known production.

Originally a fairy tale written by E.T.A. Hoffmann, ‘The Nutcracker’ was a Christmas gift to his wealthy and influential patron, Count von Metternich. Having been turned down by the ballet company, Hoffmann decided to write the story himself. He sent a copy of the work to the impresario of the Paris Opera, and it was performed there in 1829.

This year’s performance will take place on Saturday, December 6, at 2 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre. The performance will be followed by a reception at 4:30 p.m. at the Holland Area Arts Council Center. Students are encouraged to invite their friends and family to enjoy this festive performance.

The Nutcracker story is set in a magical kingdom where a young girl receives a Nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift. The Nutcracker then embarks on a magical journey to the Land of Sweets, where characters such as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Spanish Chocolate, and more make their appearances.

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The economy could use a little Christmas cheer. Pockets are a little emptier than they have been in past years, making it important for people to carefully consider what and how they consume. However, the stockings needn’t go empty this year. Here are some helpful ideas to spend your money wisely, globally, and, ultimately, significantly.

When shopping for Christmas gifts (or asking for them), consider items from places like Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization, and The Bridge, a fair trade store located on 8th St. in Holland. Fair trade helps support artisans around the world by paying fair prices for their work. The pieces are well-made and unique. Some of them include onyx candle holders from Pakistan, bracelets made from tagua nuts, and Divine chocolate bars made by fair trade cocoa beans. The prices are reasonable, and the gifts are unlike what you’ll find in most stores. Shopping fair trade is an excellent way to honor the creativity of those around the world as well as the people in your life.

Another great way to give is through gift catalogs like the one by World Vision. You have the opportunity to choose a gift (or gifts) to benefit people like women, children, and AIDS victims in countries around the world. Gifts include contributing to a well to provide people with clean drinking water, buying farm animals to help a family gain income and nutrition, supporting a child going to school, and providing training to budding entrepreneurs so they can support themselves and boost their economy.

Aside from really blessing someone else, it’s a lot of fun to pick them out. Gifts come in all different prices. For example, two chickens costs $25 (and you can even request to receive a little chicken ornament as a souvenir!), whereas a cow is $500. One of the most expensive gifts is the traditional well, which costs $5,390. However, even if you can’t afford to give the whole well, you can still help provide clean water by buying a share of the well for $100 (there are other options for providing water as well). A gift like this is a great idea for the person who has everything and a significant way to honor someone you love.

For more information, visit donate.worldvision.org, or check out other similar organizations like Lutheran World Relief and Heifer International. Here’s to a Merry Christmas, at home and abroad.

Editors’ Picks

1. Flip camera — Graphic Design Editor
2. My two front teeth — The kid from the song
3. Creative WebCam — Photo Editor
4. Sephora Make Up Kit — Arts Editor
5. Chumbly — Graphics Editor
6. Fujifilm camera — Photo Editor
7. The Perfect Little Black Dress — Assistant Sports Editor
8. Bumpits — Features Editor
9. Garmin GPS — Photo Editor
10. Peacoat from American Eagle — Assistant Features Editor

More Gifts that keep on giving

Brittany Adams
Features Editor

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Change for tradition’s sake

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It’s not easy being green

Because I care
Matt Oosterhous
Columnist

Why buy meaningless gifts?

The Anchor
2008 Fall Semester Staff

In November, Congress met with top executives from the three largest United States auto makers—Ford, Chrysler, and Motors—to discuss a $25 billion bridge loan promised to the companies. This week the executives will present plans to make their case that any money from the government will be spent well.

If the request is approved, some claim the money should come from the $700 billion allotted to the financial market bail out, while others suggest that the money should be tied to loans already promised to the companies in order for them to up-grade to fuel efficient models.

The request of America’s auto industry reminds me of the plaus of a 16-year-old drama queen asking her parents to lend her shopping money. Lawmakers need to see something tough like changing the habits of the parents of a 16-year-old, in order to teach this industry and others the value of fiscal responsibility. Instead of giving in to industry leaders loans, why not help make the appropriate cuts in the budget?

Auto industry leaders have been criti-cized for flying into Washington on pri- vate jets to plea for government funding and for their lack of flexibility in their own salaries. But auto industry leaders aren’t the only ones unwilling to sacrifice in this time of economic struggles.

Every year Hope’s tuition rises by a few percentages. It seems small, but over the course of a four-year college career, that can mean a difference of thousands of dol-lars. Every year students complain, claim-ing that tuition costs are high.

Students also criticized the school for their bad score on the green report card. But what are students offering to do in order to keep en- ergy costs down and waste to a minimum?

Oddly enough the cost of tuition and Hope’s “green” score are both linked to student’s use of energy and other resourc-es. Simple attempts like turning off lights when you leave a room, taking shorter showers, and even unplugging unused items can lower tuition costs and improve the college’s “green” score.

These changes in habit aren’t complicated. How much energy does it really take to turn off and unplug your computer at night? And it is really going to kill you to take smaller portions at P@hotmail?

Despite the simplicity of the solution, students continue to be wasteful, myself included. I’ll be the first to admit that I’ve been making a mess out of my college life. People shovel my driveway, wash my dishes, and cook my food. I don’t have to keep track of anyone’s schedule but mine, and so sometimes I forget that my actions affect other people.

Electricity is not free. Your cottage does not need to be heated to 79 degrees. Leftover food is not kept to be eaten later. A long, hot shower adds to the college’s water bill. By cutting out some of these luxuries, we can save the environment and our pocket books.

Although the choices of Congress are mos-tly out of our hands, we can make a difference for our community. Instead of pointing our finger at big companies, let’s look into our own habits and search for the cuts and improvements we can make in our lives.

Ashley takes 45-minute showers to warm her up when the weather gets cold, much to the dismay of her house mates. But she is committed to cutting back and will rely on slipper socks and racing to keep her toes toasty now. Hot chocolate, any-one?

The reality of altering what and how we spend money is in this disconnectedness that I discov- ered tick, what made them laugh, or what made me feel complete disconnected from these people; I didn’t know what made them tick, what made them laugh, or what made them cry. I didn’t know what they needed to make their lives just a little bit bet- ter, or what might give them a little joy. It is in this disconnectness that I discov- ered meaningless gifts, and how much I loathed them.

Don’t get me wrong. I love to give gifts. However, I do enjoy giving gifts to peo- ple I care about, when there is a purpose or a meaning involved. My family, for exam- ple, has done a name exchange at Christ-mas time for as long as I can remember. I’ve enjoyed doing this because I know and care very much about each person, and I feel that I could do a good job giving the family member whose name I’d drawn a good gift that had thought and heart be- hind it. I have found that when the giving is devoid of meaning, the giving becomes useless.

What I then suggest for these Christ-mas parties is a change in the philosophy of giving. Instead of doing a Secret Santa exchange, why not give children’s toys as gifts to each other and then ask everyone to put those toys into a large sack and bring them over to the local mission so that the toys can be handed out to needy kids (or better yet, find a local “Toys for Tots” program). Or what would it look like if everyone took the money they would’ve spent on a “meaningless” gift, pooled it together, and gave it to a local charity or homeless shelter?

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Think about it. How can you make a difference in your community by changing how you and others give this Christmas?

Why? Because I care and so should you.

Matt is hoping that you have a spare or old coat that you’ll consider donating to the needy. There is a large box in the Kollen Lobby, until Dec. 11, for any old coats. They will be donated to rescue missions in GR.

Letter to Hope

Dear Hope,
I’m usually a nester. I don’t deal well with extreme change and avoid it at all costs. But as I’ve gotten older, I’ve been forced to learn that in the end, change shapes you—with every new challenge you adapt, either fail miserably, or prosper and move on. And because of this, I’ve realized the only constant thing in our lives is that everything constantly changes.

All is flux; nothing stays still.

So at the start of the next semester, I’m embracing this nasty, difficult, terrifying thing we call change. Transferring to Michigan State University. The problem is that I love Hope. I’ve had an incredible experience here so far and it’s killing me to leave, but there’s just nothing here for me to major in. Unfortunately, I can’t build my future solely around the love I have for this wonderful place.

So out I venture into a world completely unlike the one I’ve grown to accustomed to in order to pursue my dreams. I’ve been so excited to start the newest chapter of my life, but now that it’s really here, I’m sorry it is because it means leaving friends who have made my time here unforgettable, teachers who have been my mentors and I’m not on the call list.

First of all, I have to reminisce about this glorious publication that you’re currently reading. The Anchor. The Anchor has been one of the constants since the beginning, and I’ve loved every single minute of it. Ironically enough, Anchor helped me to decide to leave Hope in order to pursue graphic design. I’ve had so much fun here and learned so much from it that I knew it was time for me to move on to bigger things.

Also, a certain person in particular is making this transition the most difficult for me: my roommate—the one person who has been through everything with me since day one of my college career. It’s tearing me up to say goodbye to one of the best friends I’ve ever had.

Our journey started as two strangers winding up together in a triple in Dykstra. It took us about two weeks until we felt like we’d known each other our entire lives. We are a dynamic duo, so dynamic that half the time I don’t understand what we’re talking about or why we’re laughing uncontrollably. We’re perfect together. It was certainly in God’s plan for us to be lifelong friends.

Shannon, I want you to know that even though I’m leaving, I won’t ever forget you; how could I? You are absolutely the best roommate I could have ever asked for, and an even better friend. I love you more than you will ever know, and I’m certain that we will stay friends forever and ever. You’re the best!

I’ll miss you, Hope College. You’ve left a lasting impression on my life, and my time here has ultimately been a fantastic opportunity for me and shaped me to be the woman I am today. Best wishes to all of my friends here, I will sincerely miss you all!

-Karin Holder

Kevin Seinen
Seth Sardella
Chris Lewis
Jon Kinsey
Rob Guimond
Steve Vroom

Because I care

Matt Oosterhous

Why buy meaningless gifts?

The Christmas season is bustling around us and that means Christmas parties. I bet that many of you are like me in that you have quite a few parties to attend this week and the next. A significant part of these parties are gift exchanges. Some of the exchanges I’ve been involved in have been really good, such as the white elephant gift exchange, but that’s because the gifts are recycled/passed on and are often humor- ous. But most enjoyable are the times that I dislike gift exchanges because the gifts were for people I barely knew, usually since someone roped me into the “Secret SANTA” craze. While I was purchasing my gift, I felt completely disconnected from these people; I didn’t know what made them tick, what made them laugh, or what made them cry. I didn’t know what they needed to make their lives just a little bit bet- ter, or what might give them a little joy. It is in this disconnectness that I discov- ered meaningless gifts, and how much I loathed them.

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It’s the season of gift wrap: elaborate ribbons and those “brown paper packages tied up with string.” Half of the fun is the not knowing what’s inside. But for some reason, that’s what our society has for “nothing ending” talks. End songs, movies, and columns like this all try to uncover what’s really going on between men and women, and there’s nothing even acknowledged about that ambiguity.

Let’s cut to the chase: can men and women be friends? It’s one of the biggest relationships many of us will ever attempt to understand. Watch “When Harry Met Sally” and you’ll see a whole two hours of that question. But is there something about the dynamic between guys and girls that will ever let us see a picture that’s as clear and fulfilling as one of those beautiful tableaus in the movie? The tightest bonds are never those based on attraction. Why are we so afraid of these situations where it’s best to hold our tongue, and trust that transcends whatever comes with someone without being intimate. If you don’t let them be something beautiful—a true connection between two people that can be so fulfilling and rare in a world of bad communications and brokenness.

The challenge then could be to above what may come, instead of living in the fear or fatalistic view that you must cease friendship and be safe with someone of the opposite sex. Instead of letting yourself be pulled into some sort of compromising situation, let the ties that bind the two of you together in friendship be greater than those that would bind you together in anything more.

If the relationship is supposed to happen, will it, but it shouldn’t be dictated or denied because of a friendship or fear of attraction. Why are we so afraid of those frills when the heart of the issue is so much more important?

You see, when Christmas comes around, what you see is not what you get, and that’s a wonderful thing. The string are not the gift and neither is the packaging, and to stop at the attraction and not see the real gift for what it is, it’s worth being like getting a Christmas present and stopping because the ribbons look like they might be complicated. If you never try to see past them to what the possibility and work to untie the potential knots, you’ll never see that perhaps the very best present you can receive is the gift of a companion who is nothing like yourself.

Erika English would like to dedicate this column to some people who are “a few of my favorite things” and would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all and to all a good exam week!

The average private school student always has something to worry about. Paper due Friday? Neighbor’s too loud; it’s Wednesday; the constellations never change; nothing happens. But one of the shining points in my stay at Hope College--the thought of being home for Christmas break is there--is very exciting. And the week before Christmas break is never easier; the course load is quite light and the anticipation of finally getting to fly home to a Christmas tree with twinkling lights and the best of family is there. It seems like a never-ending cycle.

I’ve decided I want to be somewhere we aren’t, doing something else. Remember that phrase, “Wherever you are, be all there”? I’ve been thinking on that a lot lately—and it hits me, that if I truly wrap myself in the moment, living to do whatever I’m doing to the best of my ability and focusing on the one person I’m talking to and looking into their eyes and trying to understand their thoughts and perspectives, putting them above myself. I can be at home. My home will be wherever we are smiling widest and loving the greatest. May you be at home this Christmas season.

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From the inside out

No place like it

Maggie Alimdale
Voice Editor

I hate to jump the gun on this, but it really can’t be avoided—Christmas is coming. All we have to do is make it through a week of class and finals. And so, in this knowledge, this anticipation of home, and family; and time spent in rest and relaxation, gathering with friends, and eating entirely too many cookies (Yes!) may you remember to reflect upon the joy there is in this season. May you travel to your homes and feel truly “at home.”

Over the past semester at Hope I’ve had chances to reflect upon exactly where or even what my “home” is. And I’ve come to the conclusion that I don’t have just one home—and home now means something different than it did before. First and foremost, home is something that you feel inside of you, not where you are physically. Granted, there are emotions and feelings you get when you go to a certain place, someplace that is more familiar than any other. But when our heart is content and not restless, cannot we also say that we are at “home.”

For example, my first home is in Indiana, where I was born and grew up; my second home is in the Upper Peninsula, where I know the land and am in love with it; my third home is with family, wherever and whenever I am with them. And it is this last home that reminds me of the importance of people, the importance of building my home around other people who are “a few of my favorite things.”

As much as I like my time alone, there’s one thing I can’t deny: people need people. Is this cliché? I really can’t see how it can be. For as many times as we say it, does it ever lose its force? Hopefully not. It often hits me, how very often I hear people (myself) complaining about something else that has done, something to which we are “a few of my favorite things,” and it hits me that if I truly wrap myself in the moment, living to do whatever I’m doing to the best of my ability and focusing on the one person I’m talking to and looking into their eyes and trying to understand their thoughts and perspectives, putting them above myself. I can be at home. Maybe home will be wherever we are smiling widest and loving the greatest. May you be at home this Christmas season.

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Tips for safe driving in the midst of winter weather woes

- **DRIVING, from page 4**

up in the hospital than to drive too fast on icy roads. The infamous black ice rages havoc this time of year so decrease your speed and keep three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

To avoid sliding, brake gently and never use cruise control. If your wheels slide, take your foot of the accelerator, steer in the direction you want to go, and apply steady pressure to the brakes. You may have to steer your car several times to the left and right to get your car under complete control.

Remember, when sleet, freezing rain or snow fall, bridges, ramps and overpasses freeze first. Even at above freezing temperatures, wet conditions can remain slick. If you find yourself stuck, do not spin your tires. You will only dig in deeper. Instead, turn your wheel from side to side a few times to move snow out of the way. Then, apply light gas to ease out the car. If you are still stuck, try rocking the car back and forth with a little gas.

Knowing your car and knowing some basic driving techniques can greatly decrease your likelihood of ruining Christmas for you and your family. Do not forget your directions, and remember to put down the cell phone. You need full awareness to help avoid being a part of the 24,000 car-deer accidents that occur every winter in Michigan.

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**Terrorists organize attack on targets in Mumbai; police end conflict after three days**

- **MUMBAI, from page 4**

Theolectic Jewish group. Israeli emergency workers sorted through the shattered glass and splintered furniture at the Jewish center Monday to gather the victims’ body parts. At one point, one of the men opened a prayer book amid the rubble and stopped to pray.

The top provincial official, Vilasrao Deshmukh, offered to resign Monday, as did his deputy, R.R. Patil, who outraged many by referring to the attacks as “small incidents.”

The only gunman known to have survived, Ajmal Qasab, told investigators the gunmen trained over about six months at Lasbakar camps near Karachi and another area of Pakistan, according to two security officials familiar with the probe, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the details.

The men, between the ages of 18 and 28, received rigorous training in close-combat techniques, hostage taking, handling of explosives, satellite navigation, and high seas survival skills, the officials said.

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**GOLF**
- Dan Oumedian
- Donald Scholten

**FOOTBALL**
- James Trebilcock
- Kevin McMahon
- Jake Manning
- Erik Ladomersky
- Mike Mers
- Nora Slenk
- Sarah Mueller

**SOCCER**
- Jack Abe
- Mitchell Currie
- Ellen Molenaar
- Kelsey Schaefer
- Sarah Sosolik
- Allison Van Beek
- Sonya Masghati

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Laura Adams
- Jon Wissink

**CHEER**
- Nora Slenk

**CROSS COUNTRY**
- Paul Vander Velde
- Seth Weener
- Robert Bailey
- Zachary King

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**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

**Saturday Dec. 6**
**Women’s Basketball**
vs. Alma 3 p.m.

**Saturday Dec. 13**
**Women’s Basketball**
vs. Cornerston 5:30 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

The Flying Dutchmen finished second in the Hall of Fame Classic championship over Thanksgiving. The team defeated Cornerstone University Friday to advance to the final against Aquinas who defeated Calvin to advance. The game was a defensive struggle with Hope leading by a point at the half. The team was unsuccessful in holding off Aquinas’ offense and fell 58-46. The team will next play in the CCIW/MIAA Classic this weekend at Wheaton.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

The Flying Dutch have jumped out to a strong start, posting a 3-0 record early on. In their last game, the team defeated Defiance, Ohio 76-59, the second victory over the team in 72 hours. The team was led in scoring by Carrie Snikkers ('11) with 12 points followed by Philana Greene ('10) and Courtney Knox ('09) at 11 each. In USA Today’s Division III poll the team was ranked fourth and will look to improve their ranking when they open conference play at Albion tonight with tipoff at 7:30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**

Four Flying Dutchmen were given All-MIAA honors this year. Offensive tackle Erik Ladomersky ('09) was earned first team honors for the third year straight. Named to the MIA second team were Kyle Dietrich ('11) being recognized as both a wide receiver and return specialist. Joining him were tight end David DeBoer ('10) and linebacker Chris Batterbee ('10). The Flying Dutchmen had a challenging season finishing 3-7.

**COACHING SUCCESS**

Hope alumni have found recent success in coaching high school football across the state of Michigan. Three former players coach teams that captured state titles over the holiday weekend. The three head coaches were Peter Stuursma ('93) coaching East Grand Rapids, Pat Collins ('97) heading up the Montague High School staff and Greg Vaughan ('99) coaching Traverse City St. Francis to victory in his first season as head coach.
Hope hockey starts season ranked first in North region

James Ralston
Sports Editor

Hope’s club hockey team is coming off of a string of successful seasons that concluded in the NCAA division III tournament. The team has finished fifth or better over the past seven years. They continue to hold strong on the national scene as the American Collegiate Hockey Association has ranked them success in the North region. However, the team is trying not to put too much focus on the rankings.

“Being ranked first doesn’t matter, each and every game we know we have to come out on top,” captain Ryan Kelly ’09 said. “Our goal is to win as many games as we can and the ranking should come with that.”

The team has started the season strong, currently holding an 11-3 record. One of their early successes was at the Schupan Memorial Tournament. In the tournament they defeated top opponents Saginaw Valley State University and Northwood University, both of which are ranked in the region.

“Earning any tournament always feels great and gets everyone pumped up,” Kelly said. “The week before we had a less successful tournament, so coming out and beating some of the big teams at Schupan helped pick us up. That week we learned that if we really work hard we can hang with any team out there.”

“We’ve been getting production from every line; we’re not counting on a single line to put in the goals,” Kelly said. “Everyone has been contributing, from key returning upperclassmen leading the team to some younger guys who are really stepping up.”

Looking ahead, the hockey team has a key matchup against Calvin College on Friday, Dec. 5, in Grand Rapids. “Calvin is a better team than they have been in the past two years,” Hatfield said. “They may not have the talent we have, but they work really hard and that will come through so we have to step up. It really is a must win for us; whoever comes out to play will win it.”

A possible factor in the Calvin game will be home ice advantage. The game will be played at the Jolly Roger, a smaller rink in Grand Rapids. “We’re not as successful, “ Patnott said. “They may not have the talent we have, but they’re working harder and that will show through.”

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Tradition, hard work, key to swim teams’ success

Karen Patterson
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Of all of Hope’s athletic teams, few can say that they have had the same success as the swimming teams. In the last 30 years, the teams have set an unparalleled precedent and have established themselves as the team to beat in the MIAA.

“The men have dominated in every sense of the word,” Patnott said. “We’re really just looking to keep improving on that and dropping the times. For our women the distance events could be stronger, but each team is doing really well,” Patnott said.

Patnott will be looking to his captains to help lead the way as the team moves forward into the season. The Flying Dutchmen are led by Ryan Nelis ’09, Ryan Vogelzang ’09 and Matt Rose ’10. All three had the opportunity to swim at last year’s nationals, with Nelis and Rose finishing with All-American status and Vogelzang earning honorable mention.

“Going to nationals was great, but we’re trying to make it so that it becomes the expectation for the team.”

The women are excited about their season as well. Led by All-American Brittanney Reest Delo ’09 and fellow returning captain Laura Ansillo ’09, the Flying Dutch are looking to reclaim the conference title for the first time since 2004. “We love this team and are so excited for them,” Delo said. “There are so many talented new swimmers and the returning girls have been supportive.”

“We encountered some struggles at the beginning, but we were able to overcome them as a team and it’s just like a family atmosphere,” Ansillo said.

Patnott is confident in each of the captains’ ability to lead this large team through the coming months. “It’s a long, hard season — 19 weeks compared to the 12 they did in high school – but we push hard. When I see them starting to get mentally stale, I try to back off and give them a break. The captains are crucial, too, because if they’re not leading, than we’re not as successful,” Patnott said.

As the team moves into Christmas break, they can look forward to some time off, but are also entering their most difficult training period: for 10 days over the long break they will spend at least four hours a day in training. While this may seem excessive or unreasonable, the level of commitment shown has been such that Patnott knows his teams are ready for it.

Regardless of what the record books say at the end of the season, the Hope swim teams will have put in as much time and effort as any other team sport at the school. However, with strong upperclassmen leadership and fresh, young talent, the 2008-09 swim season is shaping up to be another memorable one for the Flying Dutch and Dutchmen.