Professor gives life lecture

Amy Soukup

"I’d say that most people go through life without really knowing 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.

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Hope extends helping holiday hand

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

“This is a great time to build relationships with the residents there,” Longwell said, “especially since many of them won’t have family members as their last lecture.”

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**iHope offers patients the gift of music**

Erin Fortner, the business and underwater diving director of the iHope program, said, “I don’t think we will ever forget her as she lay in bed with headphones and the iPod in her lap. April and her husband often commented about how that simple iPod proved a momentous source of relief and support.”

So far, the program has received two iPods, one of which will probably be placed with a dialysis patient.

“My hope is that the iHope program will become a permanent fixture,” said Fortner. “It would be wonderful if this program could keep growing.”

Fortner encourages students, faculty and community members to give donations of either new or used iPods to the iHope program. Monetary donations are also accepted and donation forms can be accessed through WTHS’s website.

“We can only give as much as we receive,” Fortner said.

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**NEW FALL EXAM SCHEDULE**

**EXAM TIME FOR CLASSES MEETING**

**Monday 9-11 am**
- 12:30 - 2:30 pm
- 3-5 pm

**Tuesday 9-11 am**
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**Students focus on others’ needs**

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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 fundraising 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,” exclains Longwell. “Even if that means grabbing a friend and taking 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, your time! That is just as precious.”

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**Dialogue encourages campus discussion**

Students share their experiences as sexual minorities living at Hope

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**In Brief**

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Despite economy, Black Friday lives on

Kathryn Carlton
Great Women

While Thanksgiving weekend is a great time to indulge in food, fun and family, it is also a great time to kick off our holiday purchases. Although not an official American holiday, Black Friday has evolved into a nationally recognized cultural event.

Considering the economic crisis our country is currently facing, this past Black Friday could have had us guessing differently with the 172 million shoppers across the United States that made big purchases for the holidays spending an average of $372.57 per person. This year's largest profits were earned by Walmart, Costco, Best Buy and discount teenage clothing stores such as Forever 21 and Aeropostale.

But stores that faced disappointing earnings included J. Crew, Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and Ann Taylor Store Corp.

The successes of electronics stores such as Best Buy can be attributed to the number one selling item of Black Friday, the Nintendo Wii.

For many, this tragedy offers serious insight to how deeply skewed the holiday season has become. Perhaps unofficial holidays such as Black Friday cause us to see past the importance of giving close to family and friends in celebration of the birth of Christ, or whichever religious celebration you choose to celebrate.

Dr. Paolo Castello, a 30-year-old Colombian woman of two living siblings, and cancer.

Doctors transplant windpipe with stem cells

LONDON (AP) — Doctors have given a woman a new windpipe with tissue grown from her own stem cells, eliminating the need for anti-rejection drugs. “This technique has great promise,” said Dr. Eric Genden, who did a similar transplant in 2005 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. That operation used both donor and recipient tissues in a handful of windpipe, or trachea, transplants have ever been done.

If successful, the procedure could become a new standard of treatment, said Genden, who was not involved in the research.

The transplants were published online Wednesday in the medical journal, The Lancet.

The transplant was given to Claudia Castello, a 30-year-old Colombian woman of two living siblings, and cancer.

Doctors initially thought the only solution was to remove the entire left lung. But Dr. Paolo Macchiarini, head of thoracic surgery at Barcelona’s Hospital Clinic, proposed a windpipe transplant instead.

Once doctors had a donor windpipe, scientists at Italy’s University of Padua stripped off all its cells, leaving only a tube of connective tissue.

Meanwhile, doctors at the University of Bristol took a sample of Castello’s bone marrow from her hip. They used the bone marrow’s stem cells to create millions of cartilage and tissue cells to cover and grow into the windpipe.

Experts at the University of Milan then used a device to put the new cartilage and tissue onto the windpipe. The new windpipe was transplanted into Castello in June.

“They have created a functional, biologic structure that can’t be rejected,” said Dr. Allan Kirk of the American Society of Transplantation. “It’s an important advance, but constructing an entire organ is still a long way off.”

So far, Castello has shown no signs of rejection and is not taking any immune-suppressing drugs, which can cause side effects like high blood pressure, kidney failure and cancer.

“I am now enjoying life and am very happy that my illness has been cured,” she said.

Her doctors say she is now able to take care of her children, and can walk reasonable distances without becoming out of breath. Castello even reported dancing all night at a club in Barcelona recently.

Genden said that Castello’s progress needed to be closely monitored. “Time will tell if this lasts,” he said. Genden added that it can take up to three years to know if the windpipe’s cartilage structure is solid and won’t fall apart.

People who might benefit include children born with defective airways, people with scars or tumors in their windpipes, and those with collapsed windpipes.

Martin Birchall, who grew Castello’s cells at the University of Bristol, said that the technique might even be adapted to other organs.

“Patients engineering their own tissues is the key way forward,” he said. Patrick Warnke, a professor at the University of Kiel in Germany, warns that Warnke predicted that doctors might one day be able to produce organs in the laboratory from patients’ own stem cells. “That is still years away, but we need pioneering approaches like this to solve the problem,” he said.

For more information, contact the Anchor at anchor@hope.edu.

Testing newborns for HIV could save more lives

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Early treatment for babies born with the virus that causes AIDS can significantly increase their chances of survival, according to a report Monday by four U.N. agencies.

Far too few pregnant women know their HIV status and in 2007, less than 10 percent of infants born to HIV-positive mothers were tested for the virus before they were two months old, the report said.

“Without appropriate treatment, half of children with HIV will die from an HIV-related cause by their second birthday,” Ann Veneman, executive director of the U.N. children’s agency, UNICEF, said in a statement.

“Survival rates are up to 75 percent higher for HIV-positive newborns who are diagnosed and begin treatment within their first 12 weeks,” she said.

The report by UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the Joint U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS and the U.N. Population Fund, called for increased testing to enable appropriate treatments to begin as early as possible.

“Today, no infants should have to die from AIDS.”

— MARGARET CHAN WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The report said early infant testing is being increased in some countries hardest hit by HIV and AIDS, including Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia.

In 2007, only 18 percent of pregnant women in low-income and middle-income countries were given HIV tests and of those who tested positive, only 12 percent were further screened to determine how advanced the disease was and the type of treatment required, the report said.

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“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 of the half 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 taking action to take over the terrorist attacks that rocked the city of Mumbai.

“Just in terms of avoided deforestation in the Amaz-azon, the plan foresees a reforestation of 4.8 billion tons of carbon dioxide that won’t be emitted up to 2018—which is more than the reduction in carbon eff-orts fixed by all the rich countries.”
— Brazil’s Environment Minister Carlos Minc on Brazil’s commit-ment 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 differ-ent about people with infertility.”
— Elizabeth Ginsburg, M.D., president of the Society for As-sisted Reproductive Technologies, on the difficulties conceiving 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 track-ing the nation’s business cycle, the current recession began just last December, making it longer than the average.

“This vote shows that the Iranians have figured out how to stand up for themselves, to Iran and to the U.S.”
— Michael E. O’Hanlon, a speci- alist on Iran at the Brookings Institution concerning Iran’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

Winter can be a dangerous time for drivers. Last winter, the Michigan Department of Trans-portation reported 127,629 au-tomobile 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 ac-cidents. 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 Christ-mas tree rather than around a hospital bed.

According to MDOT, more than 7 million motorists will share Michigan roads this up-coming winter. Before you turn on 105.7 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 tachometer. 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 wipe 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, you can safely drive on the road. We have a few tips on 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...
Jured student art show shines

Artwork of all shapes, sizes, colors and mediums to be featured at DePree Art Center

Taylor Hughes

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The highly anticipated annual Hope College Juried Student Art Show will run from Monday, Dec. 1 through Monday, Dec. 15, in the gallery of the De Pree Art Center. Students are once again given the chance to present their hard work to the masses.

This annual fixture is a competitive exhibition open to all students at Hope College as well as the public and admission is free. The show will feature some of the top student creations of 2008. All Hope College students were eligible and invited to submit work in any media or medium.

The art department initiated the opportunity for students to show their art with the intention that an important part of any art student's formation is to have critical feedback from outside their family, friends and professors. Each year, the department of art and art history invites a recognized artist or curator to judge the student work. This year the juror is Joe Biel, a Los Angeles-based artist who is represented by Geoff Rosenthal of New York City. The goal is to bring in a professional to give the students a trained eye's opinion and response.

"The show gives the community a chance to see what artists at Hope are up to," said Nik Burbart, a senior studio art major whose works are featured at the show. "It is a great forum where artists can get feedback and spark conversations with anyone with different styles and mediums of art presented."

This year's show includes works by more than 20 Hope students in a wide variety of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, and printmaking.

Hillary Delhagen, a senior art student, was at the show's opening night to see what her peers created over the course of the year. "Emile Petrich's pieces had a very unique sense to them; they seemed very organic and accomplished a modern effect," Delhagen said while observing Petrich's succession of oilstick drawings on paper. 

"We art students get to see each other's work all the time. The juried show is a chance for physics majors, philosophy professors and everyone else to come see what's happening here," said Karie Luidens ('09) whose art is also featured in the show.

All are encouraged to come see the unique developments that students have cooked up. Comments are welcome via a guest book upon leaving the exhibit.

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Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Hours are subject to change over Christmas break.

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, 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 called "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," this story was first staged as a ballet in 1892 for the Maryinsky Theater of Russia by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov. Intended as holiday entertainment for Tsar Alexander II and his family, it has been restaged and performed an outstanding number of times. The ever-popular score by Tchaikovsky is a staple over the holiday season, and only adds to the notoriety of "The Nutcracker."

The ballet takes place on Christmas Eve and follows the story of Clara Stahlboum as she receives a Nutcracker doll from her mysterious Godfather Drosselmeyer. Her jealous brother Fritz breaks the doll in spite, but Drosselmeyer is able to fix it. Later that night Clara dreams that the Nutcracker comes to life and leads the toy soldiers in a battle against the Mouse Queen. Clara and the Nutcracker then embark on a magical journey to the Land of Sweets, during which character such as the Snow Queen, the Sugar Plum Fairy, Spanish Chocolate, and more make their appearances.

This ballet has played a large role in the lives of many dancers growing up. Heather Williams ('07) says, "I've danced 'The Nutcracker' since I was 11. It's a continuing passion for me. It's a great opportunity to be able to perform it here at Hope." Stiff said.

"We're a family. The older cast members shared similar sentiments. Though Ballet Club has been running performances of the Nutcracker" as a yuletide treat for four years, this performance will set the new standard. "This is the longest ballet production in Hope College history," Williams said. The total running time is one hour, 15 minutes. Over 100 costumes will appear on stage over the course of the show, insuring that Lauren Keiser ('09), head of the costume committee, has had her work cut out for her.

"The costumes will be beautiful. One of the loveliest parts of classical ballet is often the costumes, and I am hoping it will not be any different this time," Keiser said.

The mission of Ballet Club is to include anyone and everyone who wants to participate. "Whether through giving performance opportunities, or making ballet interesting for 21st century audiences, we try to make ballet accessible to every student," Williams said. "We want each dancer to have grown throughout the rehearsal process whether technically or in performance quality"

As far as encouraging the greater Hope College community to attend Williams said, "It's free, it's fun, and it's a study break."

The performance will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre. "It's the perfect pre-Vespers activity!" Williams said.
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 from 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.

Find more information at www.tenthousandvillages.com, or stop by The Bridge at 18 W. 8th St.

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 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.

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Because I care
Matt Oosterhouse
Columnist

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 humorous. But that’s not the case for me these days; I dislike gift exchanges because the gifts were for people I barely knew, usually since someone roped me into the “Secret Santa” craze. While 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 might need to make their lives just a little bit better, or what might give them a little joy. It is in this disconnectedness that I discovered meaningless gifts, and how much I loathed them.

Don’t get me wrong, I love to give gifts. However, I don’t enjoy giving gifts to people I care about, when there is a purpose or a meaning involved. My family, for example, has done a name exchange at Christmas 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 behind it. I have found that when the giving is devoid of meaning, the giving becomes useless.

What I then suggest for these Christmas parties is a change in the philosophy of giving. Instead of doing a Secret Santa exchange, why not give childrens’ 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? The reality of altering what and how we give is that most of us have everything we need and there are people in our community who do not have as much as we have been blessed with. It seems foolish to me to buy things that people probably aren’t going to use much (i.e. those $5 gift exchange gifts), when the money or gift could be put to a better use by someone in need. If you want to see the math of this action, it takes $2.05 to feed a homeless person at the Holland Rescue Mission. If there are 15 people exchanging gifts and the gifts are supposed to be of the $5 variety, then you have $75 that could be donated, and thus 36 people could be fed as a result.

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. 21, for any old coats. They will be donated to rescue missions in GR.

Gina Holder

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What is the relationship—your intellect and emotions?

of the most prominent parts of your rela-

tionship—your intellect and emotions?

What if men and women could see attrac-

tion for what it is and move on? What if it

was no longer a question of “it” two people

can be friends, but “how” two people can be

friends? If there are strings there, why

not 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 could then be to be

above what may come, instead of liv-

ing in the fear or fatalistic view that you

must cease friendship to ever 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 hap-

pen, it will, but it shouldn’t be dictated or
denied because of a friendship or fear of

attraction. We are 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 strings are not the gift and

neither is the packaging,

and to stop at the attraction and

not see the gift for what it would

be like getting a Christmas present and stop-

ping 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 pre-

sent you can receive is the gift of a com-

panion 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 she’d like to wish a Merry

Christmas to all and to all a good exam week!

Maggie Almdale
No place like it

From the inside out

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What do we have to worry about?

Most everything in the world is complex and accounts

for our anxiety. We go to private school. There are kids that don’t go
to school, kids that cry when the leader of the village

takes away ten yaks in return for protection from the

village down the mountains. They cry because they’ve
taken care of those yaks all their lives. That’s all they

have. And us college kids complain about not being able
to take ice cream out of the cafeteria. Imagine losing

your yak, man.

Imagine there’s no heaven, no countries, no posses-

sions. Maybe those things don’t even matter. Maybe

they are a luxury to the college student. Those yak-less

mountain children might not have time to imagine, liv-

ing for today, struggling for sustenance in those chilly,

harsh mountains far away from Hope College. Learn

from the yak-less.

In high school, Larry Mousley gave a lesson. Life de-

fining. I’m about to repeat it. It won’t do him justice.

It seems like a never-ending cycle.

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It shows us the importance of people, the importance of

building our friendship, and other things around myself.

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 helps me, how very often I hear people (myself) complaining
about something else has done, what so-and-so did that was annoying, and how we
just can’t stand that one person. And family? Have you ever caught yourself
in that third week of Christmas break, confining yourself in your room
just to avoid responding to your parents’ questions or having to get up and sit
at the table with your entire family for a “family breakfast”? Isn’t that probably
because we cherish our independence so much? We want to get “home”
to our dorm rooms, our circles of new friends or “old” friends. New each
year is better than the last for the simple reason that there is a today. There is a
today.

And now we’re late for class, C on the psychology test,
kicked in the shin, got a hairy neck. It’s all good. We
still have yaks. I feel fine. I’m talking about peace of
mind. I’m going to take my time.

Rob would like you all to listen to that song “If life was
a woman I’d make her my wife.”
Terrorists organize attack on targets in Mumbai; police end conflict after three days

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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.
**FOUR-YEAR VARSITY ATHLETES**

**GOLF**
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- Kevin McMahon
- Jake Manning
- Mike Mers
- Erik Ladomersky

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- Mitchell Currie
- Kelly Schaefer
- Sarah Sosobik
- Allison Van Beek
- Ellen Molenaar
- Kelsey Schaefer
- Sarah Sosobik

**VOLLEYBALL**
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**CROSS COUNTRY**
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**CHEER**
- Laura Adams
- Jon Wissink

**THE WEEK IN SPORTS**

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

**Saturday Dec. 13**
- Women’s Basketball vs. Cornerstone, 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 named 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.
The view from the top

UNSTOPPABLE— David Nowicki (’12) looks out over the ice during a game in the Schupan Memorial Tournament. Hope won the tournament and currently holds an 11-3 record.

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 level of commitment shown has been the upperclassmen leadership and fresh, strong players across the board. 

The swim teams have 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 the 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 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. “In years past the game has taken place at Van Andel Arena, which is a much larger rink.”

“We normally play (Calvin) after a Griffins game in the big Van Andel (Arena); it’s so big its hard to get a loud crowd,” Hatfield said. “In the Jolly Roger it’s much smaller place so the fans can get louder; it will much more comparable to when we play at The Edge (Hope’s home rink).”

The women have been equally focused on finishing strong in the MIAA. “We encountered some struggles at the conference championships. The women were doing really well, but were able to counter-balance that with a large freshmen class of talented swimmers,” Delo said.

“Right now the men are very evenly balanced, so 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 farther 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 right now we’re focused on finishing strong in the MIAA,” Vogelzang said. “Right now the MIAA is the priority and the NCAA is something to work for if it happens,” Rose added, “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 Brittany 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, then 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 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 hockey 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.