Kosovars find refuge in healing

JULIE GREEN

The crisis in Kosovo has touched many hearts, and some people have travelled thousands of miles to connect themselves to many people across the world.

Karen Cox, a Hope GLCA Independent Scholar travelled from Holland to a country in crisis, that took in many Kosovo refugees, to help with the trauma.

"The goal that I have to offer something new to people who are in terrifying situations," Cox said. "People who have been traumatized have often lost hope for the future and they often feel very much alone in the world."

Cox is a Crisis Specialist who trains professionals in other countries to work in crisis situations. She worked in Alqen County during the 1990s, and in 1996 gained international certification as a Crisis Specialist from the Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

What I saw in Albania was that our country in crisis offered shelter, homes, and refuge to about 300,000 people running away from massacres in Kosovo," Cox said.

Cox gave training and support to local Albanian physicians and social workers on how to deal with the crises. She also helped them with their own trauma reactions they may have had due to working with the refugees.

"Too short-term intervening," she said. "I might see a refugee only once in my life."

She usually spoke in English in Albania, but she would work together with social workers and physicians in other languages to provide them with the needed information.

"One of the real rewards is that I was able to meet these goals by working with Albanian professionals so they could have materials and information that give them some hope for the future," Cox said.

"Children who have been through a terrifying situation feel that they are alone in the world and that they are different then other refugees on 2 campuses."

She has received several letters since the beginning of the year, via e-mail and their webpage.

"Most were concerned that they bought 21 meals per week and only ate 15," said Matt Scogin ('02), Student Congress Vice-President. "Most would also like us to go a debit system."

"We have that, but students don't use it. We're not sure if it's being recycled. It's up to whom- ever wants to do it. Whatever is in place now, it is not working."

The Environmental Issues Group (EIG) plans to reduce, reuse, and recycle on Hope's campus next spring as part of a pilot recycling program.

Although the group had attempted to do a program similar to this in the past, this will be the first time Hope has an official program. Only the dorms on the South side of campus will participate this spring, although EIG hopes to integrate the rest of the campus into the program as soon as they are able.

"On this campus, our group realized there was recycling on the residence halls, but it was just piling up," said Kris McMillen ('02), a member of EIG. "We're not sure if it's being recycled."

"We had lots of people come in and talk to we," said Paul Bush, Student Congress representative to the Committee. "We couldn't finalize anything there."

The disagreement began because the Religious Life Committee was inactive for a number of years and was only reactivated a few years ago by Provost Jack Nyenhuis.

"There wasn't the passing along of the mission of the Committee and the function of what the Committee was," Boersma said. "Once we get clarification, then the Committee knows how to function."
Bultman begins series

JULIE GREEN

campus beat

WHTS holds band battle as fundraiser

WHTS will host its first "Battle of the Bands" on Saturday, Dec. 11 at The Anchor restaurant in downtown Holland. Admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to a local food pantry.

Campus brief

Bible groups do volunteer work

KATE VAN KRpMen

ad representative

It's better to give than to receive. This familiar phrase describes the hearts and attitudes of several campus Bible study groups who have made an effort to volunteer in the community.

Several Bible study groups participated in the Operation Christmas Child project. "Our Bible study worked together to do two Operation Christmas Child boxes," said group leader Liz Forthglair ('02). "Next semester we're going to volunteer at the Hospital House.

"It's really humbling to volunteer," Forthglair said. "Everyone came out for a purpose other than in a Bible study setting. The only challenge is trying to find a time when everyone is able to participate."

A Van Vleck Bible study spent two hours working at the Hospitality House. "We cleaned up the room and set it up and did laundry. We also organized kids' games in the basement and sorted clothes," said leader Amy Wolden ('02).

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**ART AND SOUL**

**Sara E. Lamers**

**Quitting time**

As the fall semester began I partook of a new experience - I took my first painting class. I was not a stranger to painting or other forms of creativity. As the class began, I found myself not with new ways of learning, but with the message of a new life that is not where my heart lies. I’ve decided that this is indeed true, and that all the paintings reflect the light that bounced off the actual objects. But I did have fun and I kept going to explore the environment with new brush strokes, new shades and hues. And eventually I did find that style of my own that my professor referred to throughout the semester.

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Opinion

Defining “religious”

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**Chuggin’ Along**

**Dana Lamers**

From the moment I entered the Anchor’s office, I knew I was going to love being a part of this team. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, just like I had imagined it would be. Our editor, Meredith Adomat, greeted me with a friendly smile and handed me a copy of the latest issue. I felt welcomed instantly.

As we sat down to discuss ideas for the next issue, she encouraged me to think outside the box and bring my own perspective to the table. I knew right then that I had found my tribe.

Over the next few months, we worked together to craft stories that resonated with our readers. Meredith’s guidance was invaluable, and I learned so much from her experience and expertise. She taught me about the importance of perseverance and the value of hard work.

As the end of the term approached, we both knew it was time to say goodbye. However, I felt a sense of accomplishment knowing that we had created something meaningful together. Our hard work had paid off, and I felt proud of what we had accomplished.

Despite the bittersweet nature of saying goodbye, I was grateful for the memories and the friends I had made along the way. The Anchor will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will cherish the connections I made there forever.
Sociopathic Christmas
Andrew Lotz

Christmas Is Dead

This holiday season, I think that I am recognizing the Spirit of Christmas.

I can feel its presence as I walk through stores hearing fragments of "What Child is This" or "Feliz Navidad" on P.A. systems. Cars drive by with elfed overhangs strapped to their roofs, and I can see the multicolored lights glowing brightly surrounded by ornament after ornament. The smell of sugar cookies fills my nose, and I dream of trimming and decorating little gingerbread and render shapes with my little sister.

Yes, I can feel the Christmas Spirit this year, probably because Christmas died last year. A Spirit is all that is left - some corporeal trace of a holiday that I used to enjoy. This Ghost of Christmas, in my sort of Dickens-musage, haunts me this holiday season, reminding me of the magic that Christmas used to hold.

It was a quiet affair when Christmas finally died, although we all saw it coming I suppose. It started when we began forcing Christmas to arrive earlier each year.

Christmas took a beating with the loss of the school Christmas pageant, and its wonder was challenged by the bright glows of holiday lighting competitions. Bruised and battered, Christmas hung on miraculously from year to year, barely maintaining the magic it held in my pajama-footed youth.

But finally, the nail was hammered into the Yule-tide coffin by my parents. They made me shop for my own Christmas presents.

I imagine I would have loved this when I was younger - to be handed a wad of bills the week before Christmas, and told, "Pick yourself something nice." But I could have chosen all the G.I. Joe's that I wanted, and there would have been no underwear under that tree for me.

But receiving it at this age was the death knell for the holiday season. I could hear Christmas' bones snapping as it was explained the situation, its screams of agony as each detail, each more horrible than the next, was illustrated.

Mom: "Hey honey, I thought it would work better if you shopped for yourself this Christmas."
Christmas: (Two sharp cracks as Christmas' arms are broken) "Aaaaah! The pain, the pain!"
Mom: "Here's $50. Buy yourself something nice."
Christmas: (A loud crunch of bone and tendon as Christmas lower spine is stripped in two) "I can't feel my legs! What happened to my legs?"
Mom: "Just give me the presents, and I'll wrap them for you and put them under the tree."

Christmas: "No, not that! Anything but that!" (Christmas' heart is torn from its chest) "Aaaaah...ah...ahhh..."

Now all that is left is the Ghost of Christmas. I heard it weeping softly in the corner when the package from Santa held the t-shirt I bought the week before. And with a whimper, the Ghost of Christmas disappeared into the cold December morning.

But I feel it again this year, moving among us. Christmas was battered by capitalism and slain by buying one's own presents, but still its Ghost gathets in festive places and creeps under the cracks in the door. It flows out into the world through the voices of carolers, and adds to the glow of every manger scene in the front yards of America.

Christmas may be dead, living only in the spirit realm, but like another associated with Christmas, I think that it just might have the power to rise again in me, and in the world.

When Neca Flaherty ('03) and Meredith TerHaae ('03) heard that their floor in Gilmore Hall was having a Christmas decorating contest, they put their heads together to try and come up with the ultimate dorm room decorations.

This unique outcome included a fabric covered couch, desks decorated in wrapping paper and bows, and white Christmas lights. Two of their most unique decorations are paper Santa hats on their posters and ornaments hung on their bed frames under their loft.

"We didn't care that we didn't win the contest," TerHaae said. "We just decided it would be fun to have

'Tis the Season
Melanie Lofquist

I've always loved decorating for Christmas. Except for the fact that I have to listen to my mom's corny Christmas music, decorating helps me get in the Christmas spirit and allows me to spend quality time with my family.

For the past three years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to be ingenious and creative while trying to decorate the exterior of your house for Christmas.

1. Do not try and compete with Meijer for the most-Christmas-decorations-in-the-smallest-square-feet award. Meijer will always win.
2. Do not have figures of every Christmas symbol ever invented in one yard. Santa Claus, the nativity scene, and Frosty the Snowman do NOT go together. Do not attempt to use more electricity than the city of Holland.
3. If you choose not to use multicolored lights, make sure the colors you use actually go together. For those of you who never took an art class, red and orange do NOT go together.
4. If you choose flashing or chasing lights please be consistent. Also, chasing lights are meant to chase each other, not crash into each other.
5. It should not take the entire Christmas season to decorate. If it does, get a life.
6. It is not the entire Christmas season to decorate. Just a little joy.
7. Do not try and compete with Meijer for the most-Christmas-decorations-in-the-smallest-square-feet award. Meijer will always win.
8. If a string of lights burns out, replace it or turn your lights off for the season.
9. If you start decorating a pine tree, finish it, even if you have to call the fire department to use their ladder to reach the top of the tree.
10. Do not use duct tape or electrical tape. Nails might not be allowed in dorm walls, but don't think that means that you can't ever use them. Staple guns are also a useful invention.

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BRIGHT LIGHTS: Nate Hart ('01), right, watches as his housemate decorates for the holiday season.

Nathan Hart ('01) and his housemates also attempted to create a Christmas refuge in their college that didn't break any Hope policies, which include not using any real greenery.

Hope students decorate their residences for the holiday season
M. LOFOQUIST staff reporter

What do you want for Christmas?

"Compassion and understanding!" -Richard Frost Dean of Students

"A tactical nuclear missile submarine loaded with ICBM's. Just a little joy." -Andrew Nardone ('01)

"I want snow. I want to go skiing." -Jessica Berglund ('01)

"For Jesus' name to be known to the world. I could also use some socks!" -Sherri Meyer-Veen Resident Director of College East

"I actually got what I wanted already. I wanted to go home to Zambia for Christmas, and someone anonymously bought my brother and I plane tickets."

-Essy Sakala ('00)

"We didn't care that we didn't win the contest." -TerHaae

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Sociopathic Christmas by Andrew Lotz

Hope decks the halls

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FIVE GRADUATES illustrate.

- Essy Sakala ('00)
- Melanie Lofquist
- Hope students

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BRIGHT LIGHTS: Nate Hart ('01), right, watches as his housemate decorates for the holiday season.

Nathan Hart ('01) and his housemates also attempted to create a Christmas refuge in their dorm room. Their decorations include two Christmas trees, interior and exterior garland with lights, two Nativity scenes, and a four-foot Frosty the Snowman.

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seen & heard

Compassion and understanding! -Richard Frost Dean of Students
Students prepare to celebrate 2000

JANE BAST & STEVE ROBINSON

The clock is ticking.

While the world prepares to greet the year 2000, many Hope students are pondering how to spend the last evening of the millennium.

"I kind of feel pressured to have an amazing New Year's," said Amanda Drover ('03). Drover plans to be in New York City on Dec. 31, a situation she looks forward to, but not without apprehension.

"I want to make sure I take advantage of all the fun and unique things that will be going on in the city," Drover said. "But I'm also kind of nervous. I'm a crazy girl who likes to have fun, but I also want to be safe."

Matt Tesch ('01) and Steve Engel ('01) plan to spend their New Year's Eve in Ponchatoula. The two will attend a sold-out event at the Silver Dome featuring such acts as Metallica, Kid Rock and Ted Nugent.

"The tickets were $100 a person but they were well worth it because we got great seats. It's going to be a lot of fun," Engel said.

While some students celebrate in the city, others see the evening as a money-making opportunity. Justin Sovara ('01) plans to spend the last New Year's of the millennium waiting tables.

"A couple of friends and I are going to be working at a restaurant that is offering to pay us $500 plus tips," Sovara said.

Some students see the night as an opportunity to gather with close friends. Kari Lubelan ('03) is holding a formal dance at her house in Gaylord for her friends.

"We're going to dress up and dance," Lubelan said. "I just want the night to be memorable."

While a number of Hope students have big plans for New Year's Eve, others don't share their enthusiasm.

"I'll probably just do what I did last year and go to bed at eleven," said Heather Fowler ('02).

With the uncertainty surrounding the Y2K bug, some students plan on laying low until the coast is clear.

"I feel that if the Y2K thing does happen people will riot and if it doesn't happen people will riot," said Sarah Pedley ('01). "There has been so much hype this year about this whole thing that people's expectations are crazed."

Pedley plans to spend her evening with friends until she is sure there is no fallout.

"I am fearful of what may happen that night so I'm laying low until midnight has passed and I see the outcome," Pedley said.

New Year's Eve is coming and I am worried.

High pressure social situations tend to make me nervous and the unspoken New Year's Rule, "You always wish the best of the night," always sits on my mind. Whenever I feel forced to have fun, I end up disappointed.

As if the normal New Year's stress weren't bad enough, this year's year.

Now not only do I have to go out. I have to have the most fun of the millennium or else I'll live in social shame for the next 50 years.

I could go dancing, but this presents several problems. I wouldn't call myself a klutz - that's too kind. I am a coordination-challenged white girl with a rabid case of Dutch rhythm.

To put kindly, I dance like Al Gore on crack. So dancing is out of the question.

For a while I thought dinner and champagne at a fancy restaurant would be fun. I could welcome the new millennium in style.

Then I remembered I have the social grace of a decapitated chicken. Spills and stubbed toes follow my every high-heeled step. Plus there's the issue of my age - I'm a member of the 18-20. "Ha! Ha! Good Luck," age group.

I find it ironic, from a purely statistical standpoint, that I am theoretically old enough to fight and die for my country, but a glass of wine on the final eve of the millennium is considered a misdemeanor.

Another option is to attend the festivities downtown. However, I'd rather not be in the middle of the mob when everyone starts to riot because ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAPPENS at 12:01.

My parents are pretty cool. I could spend a meaningful evening with the individuals who gave me life.

Unfortunately, Mom and Dad are hosting a party of their own this year and they say I'm not invited.

I could indulge my inner nerd and spend the evening in front of my computer, secretly hoping the Y2K bug proves to be a reality ("Whoa cool . . . Now all those hot Durfee guys will call me to reprogram their hard drives").

But as fun as that sounds, I'll opt for a quiet, casual evening with my close friends.

That way I can dance to my heart's delight and my friends won't mock me . . . much. If I trip or spill or sweat too much, they'll be quick to forgive.

And rather than being stuck in the cold, dark city streets, we'll watch the rising mayhem from the comfort of a living room sofa.

New Year's angst

Angel graphic by Chad Sampson

New Year's Resolutions

1. Stop fasting the squirrels with remainders of ice cream cones.
2. Attend that darn 8 a.m. class.
3. Obey parents.
4. Buy air freshener.
5. Bathe the elderly.
6. Return our trays to the Kletz.
7. Leave the salt shakers in Phileas.
8. Avoid stray frisbees.
9. Recycle the Anchor.
10. Stop fighting with the squirrel with remains of ice cream cones.

Paisley d'Avé will perform a benefit concert at the Knickerbocker Theater January 4, 2000. The concert is at 8:00 and all proceeds go towards the Heifer Project.
"We're all just cheesy romantics," Hart said. "It's pretty cool that we did it all within Hope's decorating guidelines."

Matt Sterling's ('01) Kraker apartment is covered in a variety of Christmas decorations, including lights, ornaments in plants and a variety of Christmas tablecloths. "Decorating puts people in the giving mood, it helps celebrate the season," Sterling said.

Many Hope students think similarly to Sterling and many use Christmas lights to brighten their room for the holidays. "The room gets really boring after a while," said Chris Winkler ('02). "Christmas is the perfect time to add some festive things to our room. Plus, it brings some of home to school."

Winkler and his roommate, Keith Heustis ('02), have attempted to do this by stringing white lights across their room and their Christmas "tree" (a cactus named Chester). They also have a section in their room which has ornaments Winkler received from various family members. For Heustis and Winkler, there was no question on whether or not to decorate their room for the holidays. "The question is 'why not?'" Heustis said.

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Ernst earns All-American honors in cross country

BEN DOWNIE
staff reporter

At this year’s national cross country meet in Osh Kosh, Wis., Jenny Ernst (’00) ran in All-American status by placing 25th overall, with a personal best time of 17:33.

“I was excited to be there and to be competing,” said Ernst. “Maybe in the back of my mind I thought about becoming an All-American, but not too much.

I’m not really too goal-oriented.”

During the season, Ernst usually ran with the men’s team during the practices.

“She’s really fast and she has the dedication,” said teammate Kelly Clarkson (’02). “She’s in a different league than a lot of us.”

Mark Northuis, head coach of the men’s and women’s cross country teams, thinks that part of Ernst’s success can be attributed to the learning process.

“Jenny is a student of the sport,” Northuis said.

Both teams will be in action Fri., Dec. 10, at home against Grand Valley State University.

Swim teams finish third and fourth at Wheaton

Meet highlighted by National qualifying performances by

Betsy VandenBerg (’01), Llana Durante (’01), and Josh Bos (’02)

ANDREW KLECEK
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Ernst VandenBerg (‘03) would not let her older sister, Betsy VandenBerg (‘00), steal the limelight when the Hope College swim teams traveled to the Wheaton Invitational.

As Betsy VandenBerg was busy qualifying for national competition in the 200-meter breaststroke (2:23.14 and 200-meter individual medley (2:12.94), sister Erin was topping competitors in the 1650-meter freestyle (17:49.90).

“I wish she (Erin) had been challenged,” said coach John Paltoll.

Despite the strong performances of the VandenBergs, the Flying Dutchmen managed only a fourth place finish at the meet, largely due to their lack of rest.

“Our times weren’t as fast as they had been in previous years since we didn’t rest as much,” Paltoll said. “I felt it was more important, during this year to reach our peak at the end of the year and I felt if we took a longer rest that might be compromised.”

This year both the men’s and women’s teams rested five days, instead of two weeks like many of the other teams at the meet.

Paltoll feels the shortened period hurt the women’s times more than the men.

“The short rest period that we took had more of an impact on the women than it did on the men,” Paltoll said. “A few may have needed a little more rest than they did.”

During the short rest period a number of swimmers managed faster times. Among them was Llana Durante (’01), who won the 100-meter butterfly (58.79) with an ‘A’ cut for nationals. She also earned a ‘B’ cut in the 50-meter freestyle.

The Flying Dutchmen sparkled by placing fourth overall. Josh Bos (’02), managed to finish the meet in third place. Even with the shortened rest, most of the team performed better than Paltoll expected.

“I’m pleased with the times,” Paltoll said. “Just about everybody had seasonal best times.”

Bos had some of his best times in the 100 and 200-meter breaststrokes. His performance earned him the opportunity to compete in the 200-meter breaststroke (2:02.58), not only at Nationals, but also at the 2000 Olympic trials. Bos qualified in the 100-meter last year.

Besides Bos, other highlights for the men’s team have included Chris Daniels (’01), who earned a ‘B’ cut for Nationals in the 400-meter relay and swam a number of personal best times. Paltoll feels Dottles’ time, while still a ‘B’ cut, should assure him a spot.

The team’s freshman have also proved stronger than expected according to Paltoll.

Ernst’s performance earned him the honor of being selected for the game by Hope head coach Dean Kreps.

“Kalamazoo’s coach and Ferris’ coach said he was the best player in the state of Michigan that didn’t get a scholarship that year,” Kreps said.

Some of his Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association opponents probably wished he had been given a scholarship.

In three games this season Tester had six interceptions. He was also known as a fierce hitter, something one player at Defiance will never forget.

“In this season’s game against Defiance, a running back had just taken the option pitch and turned upfield, Tester came up from his cornerback position and tackled him.”

“Five knockdowns, one knock-out,” said Hope defensive coordinator Peter Stuermer of Tester’s performance. “The kid’s facemask was bent down to the side. That kid was knocked out cold.”

Kreps agrees that Tester is a great hitter; he ranks him as one of the top he’s ever coached.

Despite his strong season, Tester was surprised by the invitation. “It was kind of a shock,” Tester said. “It was kind of nice thinking a career was over and then finding out you have another game.”

“Even after the Aztec Bowl, Tester still plans on spending his fall days at a football field, this time as a coach. Tester is a physical education major and would like to one day coach in his hometown of Traverse City.

“Yeah, I’d like to go back to my hometown,” Tester said. “There’s nothing set in stone, but we’ll see after I graduate.”
Baltmanis’ buzzer-beater lifts Flying Dutch, 63-61

The Flying Dutchmen get best of Aquinas in rematch, 87-78

The Hope College men’s basketball team has exhibited a sort of inconsistency in the early season. The Flying Dutchmen have shown glimpses of potential, exhibited in the team’s 87-78 defeat of Aquinas last Saturday. Hope has also shown signs of inconsistency in dropping both games of the Old Kent Classic over Thanksgiving weekend. 90-82 to Aquinas and 76-58 to Grand Valley State University.

The Flying Dutchmen moved to 3-3 on the season, heading into this weekend’s Hope Classic Tournament. Hope will face St. Xavier, Ill. Friday at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center.

In beating Aquinas, Hope was able to enact revenge for their earlier loss, where the Saints’ Tim Wasilk torched the Flying Dutchmen for 29 points. Wasilk was held to 12 points Saturday, as Hope rebounded from a 44-43 halftime deficit.

The Flying Dutchmen held Aquinas to 33 percent shooting in the second half, after the Saints had shot 53 percent in the first half. Mark Brav (’00) led Hope with 25 points on 7-9 shooting, including 4-3 from three point range. Ryan Klingler (’01) added 21 points, six rebounds, six assists and five steals. In the first round of the Old Kent Classic, Hope was unable find a way to counteract Wasilk and win the game, scoring 5-25 from three point range.

“We simply have to shoot the ball better,” said head coach Glen Van Wieren. “We’re in a rut right now. It’s a real battle for us if we don’t start shooting the ball better.”

Against Grand Valley, the Flying Dutchmen were able to connect on 47 percent of their shots, but it wasn’t enough as Klingler was unable to create a shot at the end of the game.

“We’re really, really disappointed. We thought we played well, played together, played hard, played with our heart,” Van Wieren said after the Grand Valley game. “We couldn’t have played harder. We think when we do that, we’re a very good basketball team.”

Van Wieren led Hope with 18 points on his way to being named to the all-tournament team. Carlson added 19 points, and Bray had 11.

Our guys played with as much heart and togetherness as they could,” Van Wieren said. “(The Grand Valley game) was as good a game was we could play right now.”

“Our shots went, we defended better, and we had tremendous determination,” he said. “This for us was a game that puts us in good position for us to win.”

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