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Annual dinner tickets go on sale this week
Alicia Abood
Dorm Horizons

Hope College will host a unique Christmas celebration right before winter break. The Christmas Madrigal dinner will be held this weekend at Hope College, December 7 & 8. There will be food, entertainment, even a king and queen in a Renaissance setting.

The event goes back to the time of Shakespeare. A time when guests gathered at the royal court for an evening of singing, dancing, feasting, and general merrymaking. This traditional feast featured fine food, a wassail toast, figgy pudding, and a boar’s head procession.

The select, 21-member vocal ensemble Collegium Musicum accompanied by early instruments will provide much of the musical entertainment. Members of the period dance class will perform under the direction of Linda Graham, professor of dance.

The dinners will perform in full renaissance costume, something most dancers aren’t used to. “They will have the added benefit of experiencing the length, weight and (to contemporary sensibilities) confinement of historical costume,” Graham said. “The costume demands grace, elegance and dignity in movement which can only be best understood through physical experience.”

The dining service program at Hope received a first place award this summer in the 28th annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards contest of the National Association of College and University Food Services for last year’s Madrigal dinner. The catering staff decorated the dinner’s Mass Center venue to recreate a castle’s grand feasting hall, complete with tapestries and suits of armor.

Candlelight and buffets constructed of cut stone helped lend atmosphere, and the wait staff were costumed in monks’ robes and serpent garb.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early, beginning at 6:30 p.m., so that they may be announced and escorted to dinner.

Tickets for the evening are $5 for Hope students on the college’s meal plan, $10 for adults, $13 for children 12 years old and under.

Tickets, which have sold out in the past, may be purchased in advance by calling the college’s department of music.

POLL from 1 to hear for future concerts.

The poll was part of a joint venture between Student Congress and SAC with the purpose of bringing a popular recording artist to Hope.

“We’ve been busy tallying the groups,” said SAC advisor Diane Breclaw. “We’re meeting Wednesday night to put together a list of the top 5 people we want to make a bid to that we can afford.”

Student Congress has allocated $5,000 for the effort.

“Many other colleges have concerts with popular artists such as Jar of Clay or Dave Matthews,” said Student Congress President Matt Scogin (’02).

Student Congress will push for such an event at Hope.

Breclaw is excited about the prospect. “I think something that would be very exciting for students on the committee to be planning this big event and for the whole student body, who will have an opportunity to go to this concert. It will give them the opportunity to have a great night and to be together as a community.”

According to Breclaw, the concert will take place in the Holland Civic Center on April 19th or 20th, depending on when the artist chosen is available. Breclaw said that the tickets would be reasonably priced.

“We want it to be less than $20 (per ticket). We want it to be affordable for student’s to go and enjoy,” Breclaw said.

Students will also get the first opportunity to purchase tickets.

“We will open up all ticket sales to students first and then we will go on sale to the general public, but not until every student has had the opportunity to buy one,” Breclaw said.

Despite of this SAC and Student Congress are confident in their ability to put on the show.

“We’ve been working with CIT, the Knickerbocker Fraternity, and we’ll be hiring a production company to run the show,” Breclaw said.

One of Walker’s main objections is that the evidence against the Knicks is most closely tied to alumni and not to any active Knickerbocker. Walker worries about the precedent that this suspension could set in Hope’s judicial system, charging current students from its history. The new members who joined your fraternity in 2001 became part of the legacy of your organization, which involves taking responsibility for the actions of members even in 1999. You must recognize that [alumni] actions including violations of Hope College ad new member education policy have created your collective whole.

Christina VanRenenmorter (’03), Karissa DeYoung (’03), Pat Glau (’03), Dan DuPuis (’03), and King and Queen Coyle participate in the Madrigal dinner hosted by Hope college.

CHARACTER PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA
De Pree Arts houses show plus one

Beth Lomasney
Arts Editor

Currently, De Pree Art Center is displaying a dual exhibit. Students questioned how exactly art can be judged, and their answers lie inside and outside of the gallery.

In the gallery, the annual Juried Student Show is featured. These submissions were selected by jurors Hope Palmer, an artist and educator, and Dirk Bakker, the chief photographer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. All students were eligible to submit work in any media.

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The students who created the "Salon des Refuses" statement of purpose includes: "During the jurying process of this year's student show, there was a predominant opinion that much of the work excluded from the gallery space was very much deserving of public display."

The corridor exhibit will remain for the duration of the Juried Student Show, which is Friday, December 14.

Cecil (‘03) has three pieces in the show and two separate medias in the Juried Student Show. Though not all of her submissions were selected, she did not re-submit to the juried exhibit. Cecil feels the students who created the corridor exhibit "felt bad because they weren't selected."

"The art world is about opinion concerning your work and where it belongs," she added.

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The De Pree Art Center's regular gallery hours are Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Both the Juried Student Show and the "Salon des Refuses" will be accessible at those times, until Friday, December 14.

Professor edits Shakespeare

Maureen Yonovitz
Senior Staff Reporter

When Hope professors aren't teaching, they are often working on special projects to expand the world of academic knowledge and research. For John Cox, professor of English, his most recent undertaking was publishing a new edition of Shakespeare's play Henry VI, Part 3.

In 1994, the need for a new edition of 3 Henry VI was voiced by the Third Arden: Shakespeare, the leading publisher of Shakespeare's plays, and Cox was invited to submit a proposal to re-edit the play. "The plays get re-edited because we learn more and because perceptions change," Cox said. "I hope that this play is now responsive to changing assumptions."

Cox's role in the new edition was writing the introduction, explanatory notes and appendices, and researching his own conclusions. Eric Rasmussen, who edited the text and wrote the textual notes and introduction, assisted him.

The focus of this edition was from a more historical standpoint than in the past. "This series strongly emphasizes the production and performance history of the plays," Cox said. "I think that's more complete in my addition."

An example of the historical background Cox worked with was the establishment and research of the first performance of 3 Henry VI in the New World. It was the first ever performance of 3 Henry VI. It was the first ever performance of 3 Henry VI in the New World. It was an early mass event with a huge audience, and it was the first ever performance of 3 Henry VI in the New World.

"Their version was adapted to a situation that was meaningful to them," Cox said. "I think plays are like that. They're always adaptive to a context."

Cox is the author of "The Shakespeare of the Drama and the "The Devil" and the" and is the co-editor of "A New History of English Drama." He has also published many scholarly articles and book reviews on the topics of Renaissance drama and contemporary writers.

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Madrigal Dinner
Fri.-Sat., 12/7 & 8, 7 p.m.
Mass, 55 students (x7650)
Juried Student Show until Fri., 12/14
De Pree Art Center Gallery

Out & About:
Koko Taylor, "Queen of the Blues," Sat., 12/8, 8 p.m.
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44th St. Village Inn Karaoke Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9:30-1:30 a.m., and over only

The last Wednesday

Wednesdays this semester are great days, and it isn't only because my first class is at two in the afternoon.

Wednesdays mean there are a stack of pamphlets. 11X17 newspapers piled high in the Anchor office, their binding offsetting the sporadic print outs that stain the office with an editor's blue pen.

Wednesdays mean our hours have surrounded to something widespread, and always the bright color of an Anchor masthead is worthy payment for a tedious job.

The 2000-2001 Arts Editor entrusted me to a semester's handling of her page when she migrated to New York for the full. With intense memorization and much, much clicking of the mouse, I feel I have finally brought Anchor layout within some level of ease.

And now it's time to leave. I take with me an open forum for debate, as never can one spend more than a story's worth of time in the Anchor office without feeling the heat rising between two differences in opinion. (But it's all in good fun.)

I also take with me lessons in journalism that are too numerous to mention. This stuff is well-conditioned.

They aren't afraid to crush drafts in their hands, and the editor-in-chief responsibly pulls the cushions out from all of us.

Last Wednesday, I rushed into DeWitt only to be stopped mid-gait when I saw the Anchor displayed in full span in front of me. A girl leaned into its pages, the back of her head exactly between her two closed hands. Looking closer, I followed her eyes and met my own words that had been waxed carefully eighteen hours before.

Now that was a good Wednesday.
Take Back the Campus" signs hurtful

Many of this week's letters to the editor comment on signs that appeared in various campus buildings late Wednesday night. These signs, put up by the "Take Back Our Campus Crew," said things like "What don't you get, gayness is wrong," and "Let's take back our campus, Hope." They are part of your family. To act with so much disrespect may be your professor. They are part of your Hope College community. If you're so willing to turn against your friends. I don't care what the exact biblical interpretation is of the passages out read: I Corinthians 6:9-10 - "Do not be deceived, nor homosexual for adultery, what was his Glass jars can be provided to students into thinking that their saltiest favoritism and promote equality between heterosexuals and homosexuals. In order to ensure equality, diversity among Hope College students and open-mindedness of Hope College students, I propose that students should not be allowed to leave their rooms to protect against homosexual roommates sleeping in the same bed. Meals can be delivered from the dining rooms to each student's room. Successfully and periodically cleaned for students' toiletry needs. Resident assistants can be hired as guards to monitor these rooms. This is the surest way to elimin-ate favoritism and promote equality between heterosexuals and homosexuals. In order to ensure equality, diversity among Hope College students and open-mindedness of Hope College students, I propose that students should not be allowed to leave their rooms to protect against homosexual roommate...
John Huisken, registrar, believes the comparison made by those who think of Hope's core curriculum as a reduced core for certain programs is slightly unfair. As a liberal arts college, Hope College has a core curriculum, which is constantly undergoing revision, and it is not to the extent of Hope's or maybe Calvin's, but it is a yoke beneath their duties and they are really doing themselves a disservice because of the nature of the workplace, where the workplace is constantly changing and the knowledge base is constantly changing. It comes down to is whether or not you are able to do those basic things that define an educated person; are you able to read, write, speak and think? That will sort out the people who are not academically or narrowly trained from the people who are more broadly trained in the liberal arts. There is always the distinction made between education and training, and that needs to be kept in mind.

When was core last modified?

Hope's general education program went into effect in the fall of 1998. There are a couple of things that are distinctive about this core. The first year seminar was introduced, more emphasis was placed on interdisciplinary studies, cultural heritages was required, and you have things like encounters with art, and GEMS classes and the natural sciences. This Gen Ed program is much more carefully articulated in terms of objectives than any other Gen Ed program. The interesting thing is to me whether or not you are really understood by faculty members inform students of objectives or whether it remains a mystery forever. Has the trend throughout the years been towards more credits in the core?

There is such a range of preparation, and there are some gaping holes in students’ backgrounds. But students also need to see that the stuff that they will work on in life is inevitably the material that Hope has in its core classes. If you look at the humanities portion of the core, it's part of learning how to be human. That whole business is what you call life preparation. It's not just a matter of checking off boxes here and there. In today's society, students specialize too early, and they are really enjoying themselves a disservice because of the nature of the workplace, where the workplace is changing and the knowledge is constantly changing.

Another tactic I use to rest my mind is to listen to music. A five-day break makes studying extremely difficult to get back into. That combined with the fact that we are just a few days from Christmas break makes it all the much harder to concentrate on my tasks. I'm sure many of you can relate. Regardless of how you may bounce off of your week-long break, I'm certain that you are dealing with some sort of increased stress going into exam week. So being the passive, laidback, mediocre Hope student that I am, I thought I would share a few anti-stress techniques I've run across in the past.

Now, I would suggest lighting up a scented green tea herbal candle. Than watch as the flame runs across in the past. Exercising, taking walks and listening to music are all very effective ways to simmer the stress. But, the best way above all is to maintain your studies the best you can. Try to stay on top of everything, take your study breaks, enjoy your friends but keep studying. Lastly, if you are feeling stressed, I wish you all good luck. I'm leaving you with this quote from Frederick Faber: “Putting off things beyond their proper times, one duty treads upon the heels of another, and all duties are felt as duties, and obligations. They are a yoke beneath which we fret and lose our peace. In most cases the consequences of this is that we have no time to do the work, as it ought to be done. It is therefore done rashly, with eagerness, with a greater desire simply to get it done that to do it well and with very little thought of God throughout.”
One thought saves students from the insane workload the end of the semester can bring: Christmas. Some of the art classes Hope offers require students to create works great for gifts, and students like Faith Ferrara ('02) take advantage of it. "I'm taking ceramics this semester to fulfill an art requirement, but some of the girls take longer. It's a lengthy process," Ferrara said. Emily Liang ('05) is also working with the wheel. Her gifts for her family have a personal touch something she could buy them at the store.

"Christmas is about giving, and I am giving them a part of me. I have put a lot of work into these projects," Liang said. "I think a gift you make says so much more than a present anyone can buy and give to a loved one." Ferrara also saw the practical side of the matter: "My college student financial aid spurred on the idea. It's not exactly in my budget to buy my parents that present." Ferrara said. The plate costs $20, but since you have to buy it for the class anyway, you might as well give it away instead of hoarding it for yourself," Bowers said.

Creating required projects is not as easy as it may seem, however. Bowers is on her second attempt. "They're more personal, so I'm giving them to my best friends. It means so much more," Wiant said. Although these gifts are homemade, they don't have to look like it, as their completed scarves prove. "It is not as dorky as it seems," Toner said. "You don't have to make them look homespun." Genow said. The ladies say they knit for the fun of it, and the admiration of those who enjoy their scarves makes it even more rewarding. "We don't knit for a lack of coolant. We knit because we like it," Genow said.

Toner says there are even more benefits to knitting. "Knitting is the coolest. Knitting will get you the boys," Toner said. "They're evil little devils aren't they? But do you think any of them received nothing for Christmas or ever will? Sadly, probably not."

We're raising a generation of children that are taught no matter how good or bad they are they'll still receive gifts. What does this do? Having been one of those corrupted children, allow me to spread some light on the subject. It chips away at the foundation of your morality. Why be good when you can be bad, especially when being bad is more fun? This is why we need a bad guy. The Grinch, he had the right idea: ruin Christmas for an entire community, but he went wrong when he became good. Scrooge underwent a similar fate. No, we need someone who's so bad, so evil, that they can ruin Christmas for the entire nation and strike fear into children everywhere.

That is why I am nominating Black Peter, from the German Christmas tradition, to join our holiday. He's dark, shadowy and has a long history of beating children. Let me explain. In Germany, St. Nicholas travels around to each village in the night of December 5, bringing gifts to the children. But he does not travel alone, no, our friend Black Peter goes with him. Peter is dressed entirely in black (and hence the name), chases the bad children through their homes and beats them with a large switch that he carries.

What could be more perfect? We could restore morality in America while adding another fun tradition. Think of the possibilities. America could take their children out in public again. Inviting Black Peter is our only option. As I see it, it's the only way to save Christmas. If you can't do it for your country, do it for your children.
The world's fourth killer

-World AIDS Day was last Saturday, December 1.

"Sex is something that is here and we need to accept it," said a public service announcement made by MTV that was viewed by the nation.

said a public service announcement made by MTV that was viewed by the nation on World AIDS Day. It is a statement that needs to be listened to. Why? Because to deny that sex is not an issue, especially among 20-somethings like us at Hope College, is to deny that there are dangers and risks involved with part of sex. Sex is dangerous because sex can be like a game of Russian roulette. There is no guarantee what is going to come out of the barrel whether it be an unwanted pregnancy, an uncomfortable STD, or death, usually in the form of AIDS.

AIDS, to a lot of us, seems to be a thing of the past, or better yet, it is only a disease that affects homosexuals or drug users. Well, those ideas are wrong. AIDS is a world epidemic. By the end of this year, just in the U.S. alone, 20,000 adults and children will be dead because of AIDS. In the world, AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death. 2,000 babies are born HIV positive in Africa every day. Africa's rate of infection of the virus has actually gone down, but only because so many have already been infected or are dead. Since the first knowledge of AIDS in the early 1980s, the virus has infected about 60 million people, and those are only the people that actually knew they had the disease. Of those currently infected, one-third are between the ages of 15 and 24.

By the end of 2001 an estimated 940,000 people in the U.S. will be living with HIV or AIDS, and of that, one-fourth of those new infections will be people younger than 22. AIDS is a real and present danger to our generation. The best protection from AIDS is not a condom, and it may not even be abstinence. The best protection is knowledge. A condom is not 100 percent guaranteed, though it is better than nothing, and abstinence, which is the best protection in theory, can sometimes lead to ignorance, as I believe the case to be at Hope College.

Knowledge is the key. Knowledge about a virus that does not discriminate, and can infect with out a person knowing it until it is too late. Knowledge of why we can be so apathetic to something that can be very deadly. Sex is here. We do need to accept it. Along with sex comes AIDS. We need to accept that too, but our generation seems to have the least knowledge of the virus, or is the most apathetic to that knowledge.

Most of us were only babies when the epidemic broke out, and today it seems to be just a part of history. Nine hundred and forty thousand people in the U.S. would disagree.


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Thursday, Dec. 13
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Arwady’s final picks

I have learned a lot about sports in these past three semesters. I even like to think that I can now predict the future in sports. I’ve called these predictions “Arwady’s picks,” and for my final column as sports editor I’m going to do “Arwady’s Top 5 final picks.”

5) I have to start with the Lions — Oh, our beloved Lions! If some of you haven’t heard yet, it’s a fun little joke that God is playing on us, in that we won’t have snow until the Lions win that first game. The good news (unless you DON’T like snow) is that the Lions win that first game. The Lions have lost the last eight games by a total of only 3 points! Heck, the Lions have been known to score 35 points in the last five minutes of a single game. So don’t worry everyone, God will finally give us snow. We’re just going to have to wait a while to get it.

4) Our Sports Illustrated poster boy at Hope College, swimmer Josh Boss, will keep on rollin’ as the top swimmer in Division III. Last year he was named the Division III swimmer of the year, and he is already the DIII record holder in the 100 and 200 breast stroke, and I predict that he will improve on those times at Nationals this season. If you haven’t gotten out there to see Boss and the team I strongly suggest you do so before the season ends. Hope College swimming will probably never have a swimmer of his caliber again.

3) 4-0; that is the Hope College men’s basketball team’s record against Calvin in the two years I’ve been at Hope. Every year we play them, and it looks like we are going to win. But somehow Hope always falls short and “those people” from Grand Rapids pull out the win. I’m not going to come out and say that the Flying Dutch will go undefeated against Calvin, the rest of my time here, but I predict at least two wins over Calvin this season, one of those coming during the MIAA tournament when it matters the most.

One thing that I do know to be a fact is that the Hope/Calvin basketball rivalry is the most exciting rivalry I’ve experienced in sports at any level, and the environment at those basketball games was a big reason for my coming to Hope College. The level of play is top notch, and I’d argue with anyone that we offer the highest level of sports in the country in which the players are not being paid. And that’s why my sports editing job has been so much fun.

2) I have a little secret that I’m going to let all of you in on: Hope’s women’s basketball team is ranked 2nd in the nation! That’s not 2nd in the conference but for the entire NATION, according to D3Hoops.com poll. This is an amazing accomplishment for the team so early in the season, and hardly anyone at Hope College knows this. Although last year the Flying Dutch suffered an early exit from the national tournament, this year I predict that things will be different. Hope students will have to pack up and get ready to head to beautiful Danbury, Connecticut, March 15 and 16 for the women’s final four. I know I’ll be there with my Dew Crew shirt, and hopefully all of you will be, too.

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Thanks for the memories — and Go Hope!

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