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Vespers Marks The Beginning Of The Season
A Hope and Holland tradition for many years, the annual Christmas Vespers welcomes the Christmas spirit, the end of a semester, and the coming of a new year.
Hope Might Buy Holland Theatre

By Eric Shotwell  
anchor News Editor  

Recently, the Hope administration has been pondering the thought of purchasing the Holland Theatre, located on 86 E. Eighth Street. According to Bill Anderson, vice president for business and Finance, the college has been considering the purchase quite some time. "We're looking into that possibility," he said. "We've met with a number of people in various departments of the college to discuss and coordinate this."

According to Anderson, if the college were to purchase the theatre, it would most likely serve both Hope students and the community as a whole. Anderson said the theatre could be used to show special films, musical performances, recitals, speeches, and the like. He also asserted that it would be a possible possibility of letting the Holland Community Theatre use it as well, or even using it for children's plays.

The theater is currently owned by Goodrich Theatres, Inc., a chain with theatres in Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City, Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Battle Creek and Cadillac. They also own the Quad 31 Theatre on Waverly Road in Holland and the Starlight Drive-In.

The Holland Theatre is listed through Focus: Grand Rapids, Grand Rea1tors, for a price of $185,000.

Anderson said the theatre is in good condition for showing movies, but if it were to be used for other purposes, "we'd need some work on the lighting and sound systems," Anderson stressed; however, that the administration has reached no decision yet on the purchase. They have not made an offer, and have not exact plans for it if such a purchase were made.

When asked if he saw it as an opportunity for Hope students, particularly in business and communication, Mr. Anderson said, "It's a possibility."

The theatre has been on the market for approximately eight months. The real estate firm declined to speak more on the matter.

"At least up until the college decides to negotiate," he said.

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The DeltaPhi sorority will be busy with exciting plans for this semester. After ushering at the 5 p.m. Christmas Vespers last Sunday, many events will still take place before Christmas break begins.

The Delta Phi have already hosted a "Welcome Back to Jack" party with the fraternity to welcome both groups back from Christmas break. Caroling with the Centurian fraternity is also on the upcoming agenda, as well as providing fruit baskets for students during exam week, and taking part in a March of Dimes project.

The Delphs and the Centurians are kicking off their caroling expedition with pizza for everyone, and are then heading to The Warm Friend retirement home to share the gift of music with the elderly during this holiday season.

Fruit baskets will once again be welcomed by students during the long hours of exam week. Delta Phi contact parents of all Hope students and take orders as a service to help students make it through the stress of the week. Messages from parents accompany the fruit baskets.

The Delta Phi sorority will also begin taking part in a Lifesaver March of Dimes project. At each home men's basketball game, representatives from the sorority will be accepting donations for this cause.

And finally, all members of the sorority once again gathered together for their annual Christmas party where fun and sisterhood were the main ingredients of the night. The Delphs look forward to a busy second semester with Rush just around the corner.

Majority Of Students Leave For Monetary Reasons

COLLEGE PARK, MD (CPS) — About a third of the students who drop out of college leave for monetary reasons, a five-year examination of dropout patterns by the University of Maryland concluded.

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Chaplain's Office  
And MOCP Sponsoring  
Bethlehem Fund

By Julie Thorns  
anchor Staff Writer  

The Chaplain's Office and the Ministry of Christ's People are sponsoring the Bethlehem Fund in order to raise money for the needy in Grand Rapids. The money will be used to provide food for the needy.

$50 worth of food will be put in each basket. Every family will get one, and it should have enough food to provide four to five good meals. The baskets will be delivered Saturday, Dec. 12, and the following Saturday, Dec. 19. The Chaplain's Office received a list of families from the Sheldon Complex, a social service organization, and hopes to provide for at least twenty of those families.

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This year's phonathon volunteers should be congratulated on meeting another year's goal for the Annual Fund, and thanks should also go out to those alumni, parents, and friends that contributed and made this year's phonathon another success.

College Manners Are ‘Out Of Tune’
Utah Professor Claims In Study

Charles Aschbrenner, professor of music at Hope College, has just returned from an 18 day concert tour of Portugal which was arranged under the auspices of the American Embassy. The tour included recitals in Oporto, Faro, Funchal (on the island of Madeira), and in the opera house in Lisbon, with programs at four conservatories including Lisbon’s National Conservatory. He also performed a program and was guest of honor at a dinner reception at the residency of the American Ambassador with Chairman of Parliament, His Excellency Professor Crespo in attendance. His recital included the

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Pennsylvania Wants To Kick Strippers Out Of Fraternity Rushing Parties

PHILADELPHIA, PA (CPS) — The two top officials of the University of Pennsylvania have warned campus fraternities not to hire female strippers to perform at rush functions again.

The hiring of strippers, President Sheldon Hackney and Provost Michael Aiken wrote in a letter distributed to all fraternity houses last week, “portray(s) people as objects in a degrading, dehumanizing and tasteless manner.”

Both the Zeta Beta Tau and Alphi Chi Rho houses had strippers perform at rush functions the first week in October. At the ZBT event, students reportedly engaged in sexual acts with the performers.

One pledge said he felt pressured to participate in order to get a bid to join the house.

One freshman — whose name officials would not divulge — was so offended, however, that he told campus officials about it, leading Penn Women’s Alliance Coordinator Constance Natalis to threaten to protest the fraternities’ “insensitivity to women” formally.

University of Illinois women already have acted.

On Halloween, a group of Women Rising in Resistance conducted a “Tour the House of Horrors” down UI’s Greek Row, where a woman reportedly was raped in September.

Soon after the rape report, anti-greek graffiti was spray-painted on two houses on Greek Row.

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(CPS) Male collegians intend on minding their manners among female collegians are extending a cultural lag” that signals that “women are not as capable as men, and should be treated differently,” a University of Utah researcher has concluded.

In a study of 190 college students' attitudes, anthropologist Seymour Parker found that the people who valued such manners most tended to believe women were “a little irrational” and in need of “extra care.” People with low regard for manners thought the customs conveyed the idea that women are “inferior.”

Parker asked men to rate the importance of opening a door for a woman, opening a car door and helping a woman out, paying the

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Prof Returns From Concert Tour

Schumann Carnaval, the Chopin Ballade no. 1, and selected works by American composers.

The project was initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thayer of Thayer’s Port in Saugatuck. He was accompanied throughout by his manager, Chris T. Spencer of Holland.

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Spyro Gyra’s Latest Is A Fine Album

By Brian Breen
anchor Editor

The best thing about jazz albums, and instrumental albums in particular, is their sheer honesty. Good singing can mask a bad band, but on instrumental albums everything is out in the open.

The latest from the popular fusion jazz band, Spyro Gyra, is one which clearly sets the talent mask a bad band, but on albums in particular, is their seven fine musicians. And even though we’ve come to expect record straight. "Stories Without surprises to keep everyone satisfied.

The album starts out with "Cayo Hueso" a tropical tune by mellow and constant horn action, and some great marimba by Dave the marimba and vibes of Dave. The second track, is a bit more serious guitar piece with flowing saxophone parts, written by, of course, the lead guitarist Julio Fernandez.

The most impressive of the eight songs on the album are the last two, "Joy Ride" and "Pyramid".

"Joy Ride" begins with tight bass lines, and then flows into a springy saxophone number, which in all honesty did remind me of cruising in the car with a bunch of friends. Okay, so I’m sentimental, but this is one jazz song that will keep you humming, if not dancing, too.

"Pyramid" is written by the same guy who wrote "Joy Ride", but the two are strikingly different. "Pyramid" is an eerie piece of musical drama, that can be confusing at times. Yet, it is the ultimate showcase for the talents of the percussion and keyboard sections of the band.

All in all, this is a great album, especially if you want something different, but jazzy at the same time. It’s recorded digitally, so if you have a compact disc player, you’re in for a special treat.

If you have never listened to jazz, give this album a try — you will probably like it. If you’re into jazz, you’re already acquainted with Spyro Gyra. In either case, "Stories Without Words", tells it all.

Dining Room” A Hit

By A.C. Vanderkolk
anchor Staff Writer

Last weekend the Hope College theatre department opened its latest production "The Dining Room," This contemporary comedy, written by A.R. Gurney, evolves around a dining room and its upper middle class white inhabitants. From scene to scene, situation to situation, the play deals with life and death, love and loss, growing up and growing old — all within the context of WASP culture.

The set consists of a typical American dining room isolated in space. Its dark, undefined borders contrast well with the light and action inside, prominently projecting set and keyboard sections of the band.

The mood is apparent from the start. This is going to be an interesting album. "Serpentine Shelly", the second track, is a bit more upbeat, while still incorporating the marimba and vibes of Dave Samuels. Five of the seven members wrote songs on the album, making it diverse as well. This shows immediately on the third track, "Del Corazon", a serious guitar piece with flowing saxophone parts, written by, of course, the lead guitarist Julio Fernandez.

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The Grand Rapids Symphony celebrates the season once again with its very popular Holiday Pops concerts, scheduled for December 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in DeVos Hall. Instead of just the two evening performances, however, this year the Symphony has added a Holiday Pops Extravaganza on December 19 at 2 p.m.

John Varineau, Assistant Conductor, and Anton Armstrong, Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir Conductor, will share the podium for a program that offers a variety of traditional favorites, a sing-along, and the premiere of a new work written especially for the Symphonic Choir in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

The concerts will open with a variety of orchestra arrangements by Morton Gould, Richard Hayman and others, of holiday tunes including "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Good King Wenceslas" and Christmas songfest sing-along.

Following intermission, the Symphonic Choir will take the stage for five traditional and contemporary works. A highlight of the 149-voice Choir's performance will be the premiere of a work entitled "Christmas Ornaments," written by American composer Randol Bass to celebrate the Choir's 25th anniversary.

A graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Cincinnati, Bass was the guest of the Symphonic Choir last season when it performed his "A Feast of Carols." The concert will close with Leroy Anderson's energetic "Sleigh Ride" and the majestic "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

Anton Armstrong was appointed Conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir in 1982. An Associate Professor of Music at Calvin College, he is currently in his seventh season as Music Director and Conductor of the Calvin College Alumni Choir.

Active in the area of children's choral music, he serves as conductor of the St. Cecilia Youth Chorale and Director of Albemare, the coed summer music program of the American Boychoir. He has also conducted summer youth choises at universities throughout the midwest.

Armstrong is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned a Master of Music degree at the University of Illinois and a Doctor of Music Arts degree from Michigan State University. An active guest conductor and lecturer, his engagements this season include appearances in Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana and California.

Single tickets for the December 19 performance are available for $7-43. A limited number of tickets may still be available for December 18 and 19 evening performances. To order, call Ticket-Master at 466-3333 or visit any Believe in Music store. Season subscribers who do not plan to attend are urged to turn in their tickets for resale. The Symphony will issue a receipt for a tax deduction for these tickets.
A year before the 1988 elections, political analysts say they think college students are more likely to support the Republican presidential candidate than the Democratic candidate.

The same analysts, however, caution that if the stock market continues to falter, or if conflicts in the Persian Gulf and Central America escalate, college students may turn against the Republicans. Barring that, Jesse Jackson seems to be the only Democrat with any measureable support on campus, while all the Republican candidates legitimately can claim pockets of college support.

Young voters may have already begun identifying themselves as life-long Republicans, said Catherine Rudder of the American Political Science Association.

Young Americans tended to vote Republican more than the rest of the electorate in the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections. Young people, moreover, continue to be President Reagan's biggest supporters, according to the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a Washington, D.C. think tank.

Although the number of Americans who approved of Reagan's job performance dropped as a result of the Iran-Contra scandal, his rating held steady among 18-24 year olds, the institute reported recently.

Analysts say that momentum gives Republicans a slight advantage in wooing the youth vote — but that advantage is tenuous.

The AEI's Katyia Keene asserts college students find the Republican Party more attractive because of its policies, but because of President Reagan.

The American Enterprise Institute students are so eager to remember — and Jimmy Carter is not. New Republicans have found, Rudder said, that a conservative administration is seen as incompetent, while Reagan is seen as providing stability.

"Reagan offered more hope than the Democrat," said Curtis Gans, the director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. "But on other issues, students don't agree with the Republican administration. The 1988 presidential election, explained Gans, "is not as likely to be a one-sided Republican as the previous 2 elections.

"It could even turn out to be one-sided for the Democrats," he added. "That's up to how current events unfold. If the stock market continues to decline, students, and the rest of the electorate, will want a change."

"An Iranian war would be unpopular with young voters," said Rudder. "The American public does not want to be involved in foreign interventions."

Three weeks ago, for instance, posters decrying U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf surfaced at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Still, Republican presidential aspirants enjoy greater name recognition among young voters, the analysts say, but that may be a temporary advantage. A Democrat may break from the current pack of presidential aspirants and distinguish himself, Rudder said.

A Democratic front-runner will definitely emerge after the Iowa and New Hampshire primaries, Rudder said. "That candidate will look credible and start receiving support."

Although the analysts say it is too early to predict which candidates have the most appeal to young voters, several, they concede, do have an advantage.

New York Congressman Jack Kemp, said Rudder, offers "clear and strong positions" and a neat ideological base that could appeal to students. The former football player, she said, also has a "youthful and energetic appearance."

Vice President George Bush, added Keene, could benefit from his association with the Reagan administration. But Rudder feels Bush will falter because his campaign organization is seen by conservative student activists as bureaucratic and unexciting.

And, she adds, his connection to the Reagan administration could hurt his candidacy if Reagan's last year is marked by a "depressed economy."

"Kemp," said Gans, "has too many uncertainties. He'll put his program out that he's a [Southern], New York legislator. Kemp is a conservative."

But it would be wise for both Democrats and Republicans to woo younger voters, said Kathryn Murray of the Republican National Committee. "Whoever goes after that group must do so strongly," she said. "That's the future of America."

Collegians Expected To Vote Republican In '88

Feature

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Anchor Files

5 years Ago today...
Dec. 9, 1982 -- Full-page Butch beer ads graced the pages of The anchor. Students were loudly opposing being charged to attend Vespers. "Rocky" was showing at the downtown movie theatre.

15 years ago today...
Dec. 9, 1982 -- The Campus Life Board was considering allowing on-campus drinking with approval of 75 percent of the particular dorm residents. The library made plans to stay open 24 hours a day during exam week and provide coffee for five cents a cup. A Hope chemistry professor, Dr. Weltack, received a $28,000 grant to pursue energy research.

Van Gogh Auction Nets $6,125 Million for Westbrook College

Westbrook College, a private school with about 800 students, enjoyed a giant payday last month. The school got a $6.125 million windfall when a wealthy patron of the school sold Vincent Van Gogh's "Iris" at auction in New York last week for a record $49 million, and, by prior arrangement, gave 12.5 percent of the sale price to Westbrook. It amounts to the largest single gift ever to the Maine campus.

But Judith Sobel, who runs the Westbrook gallery at which "Iris" has been on display since 1975, admitted she was a little "nervous" to see the painting — which she describes as having "incredible power" — leave the campus.

Heiress Joan Whitney Payson bought the painting — done by Van Gogh in 1889 — in 1947 for $80,000, and her son, John Payson, established the Payson gallery at Westbrook in 1975. Payson, Sobel added, had intended to make "Iris" part of Westbrook's permanent collection until he decided he needed the money selling the painting could bring.

To ease Westbrook's disappointment, Payson agreed to donate 12.5 percent of the proceeds to the college.

Not everyone is so appreciative of campus art collections, however. Officials at the University of Minnesota Art Museum, however, said they were not told of the sale until Payson agreed to give 12.5 percent of the proceeds to the college.

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Ugly American Ends Japan Trip

By David Lambert
anchor Writer

Editor's note: This is the final segment of a series which chronicled Dave Lambert's adventures, and thoughts of his travels in Japan on the Japan May Term trip.

In addition to visiting Hiroshima, I spent my last week in Japan visiting temples, shrines, gardens, and a castle in Kyoto, Nara, and Himeji. It was also a week in which I began to understand the power behind the Japanese form of Buddhism. On the rainy Monday of that week, one of our destinations was the Chion-in Temple in Kyoto. A service was being held there, and attended by four or five of the faithful, was in progress when we arrived. As I watched and listened to the service, I was struck by its similarities to the Catholic Mass. In both the Buddhist and the Catholic service, a traditional scripture is chanted and prayers are offered in a meditative state. Another link between Buddhism and Christianity was found in the leaflet in English which was available. In "The Key point in the Jodo sect of Buddhism," the booklet stated: "Kyoto, Nara, and Himeji are the sacred places of this sect." Interestingly, this English leaflet did not become entirely understandable because I had not learned Japanese before going to Japan. None other than Masaaki Kitagawa came bounding down the mountain. He said "Konnichi wa!" and introduced himself to me as I had visited the myriad holy places of Japan. The baby moved with an easy grace in his buoyant world, and his position in the womb is generally the typical "hello, what is your name? my name is... can we take your picture?"

The 13th annual mid-day holiday concert by the Hope College Orchestra will be held this Friday, Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in DeVos Center Kletz. The concert, traditionally held on the last day of classes for the fall semester, is an informal affair featuring music of the Christmas season. The audience is invited to eat lunch while listening, or just come to enjoy the music. The orchestra will be playing works by Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninov, Hayman, and Leroy Anderson. Conductor for the concert will be Dr. Robert Ritsema.

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Freeze Frame: Have you been naughty or nice this year?

Mary Anne and Derek Emerson Kollen Head Residents

"We've been nice because if we were bad, God wouldn't have given us Gray (our baby)."

Kirsten Boyd Junior

"I've been nice because I haven't kicked my roommate out and I've finished all five of my papers.

Amy Jo Bowser Freshman

"I've been nice because Kelly Fletcher and Lynn Candela would put my picture on their window if I wasn't."

Ron Azarbarzin Junior

"I've been nice because I spent time over the summer doing work with poor children and because I want a good record with Santa."

Adriene Despres Junior

"I've been naughty because I've slept through racquetball about 10 times this semester."

Ugly American From page 8

One of the girls who I attempted to talk with had a poignant effect on me. She was a junior high student dressed in the standard issue blue skirt and blouse. However, she seemed to be slightly retarded: her lower lip jutted out slightly, and she walked awkwardly. She trembled as I tried to talk with her, and was eventually joined by classmates who were somewhat more talkative. I realized how hellish life must be for a slightly irregular person in a conformist world, and wanted to offer her a few words of encouragement, but I did not have the words to speak.

After most of the students had left the courtyard, I sat down on the steps of one of the buildings and began to play my dendendalko. The dendendalko was featured in "The Karate Kid, Part II" and looks like a small two-sided bongo drum on a stick. Both sides of the dendendalko's body sport a bead hanging on a short string.

The dendendalko is played by rotating the stick back and forth so that the beads strike the drum at an even tempo. This can be accomplished by rotating the stick between one's thumb and forefinger, or by rotating it between one's palms.

What surprised me was how powerful the playing of it turned out to be. As I played it, I was drawn into a meditative state which might rather imprecisely be called centering. My attention was completely drawn to the dendendalko, and after a few minutes, my hands stopped moving, and the sound ceased. I was completely engulfed in the trance-like state which is a result of the rhythmic experience that is at the heart of Buddhism. In this state, one seems to be in contact with something larger than oneself.

As I sat there, I realized that we can never judge other cultures until we truly understand them, and peace comes with that understanding. I wrote in my notebook that 'the soul of a Japanese person is the soul of a mystic who wanders through the trees and leaves some things unknown.' I also noted that 'religion is only a vehicle to bring one to the divine.'

That afternoon, I went to the Nara museum. The statues of the Buddha, and those of the evil spirits of Buddhism which I saw there did not look as strange or as malevolent as they had once looked to me. However, they had not changed: I had changed.

On Friday, we took a trip to Himeiji castle in Himeiji. It was not a spectacular visit, but it was informative, as our tour guide, a volunteer who spoke good English and was only at the castle on Fridays, told us much of the history behind the castle.

Friday afternoon, we prepared to leave Japan, and were given the program money that was left over after everything had been paid for. It came to ten thousand yen, or about seventy dollars. Nine thousand three hundred of my ten thousand yen was spent on a beautiful Japanese doll which I spotted in a shop located a few floors above the establishment at which I had my last Japanese bath.

Saturday morning, we went back to the Y in Tokyo to pick up the luggage we had left there while we were in Kyoto. At the Y, there was an orgy of repacking, and then we were off to the Tokyo air terminal, where we left our checked baggage. We took a bus to the airport, where I said goodbye to most of the rest of the group, and was off to my plane.

While the sounds and sights of the airport had seemed strange to me when I had arrived in Japan, they seemed familiar as I left. It was not Japanese, but English which sounded strange on the P.A. system in the airport and on the plane. I was eager to hear the Japanese translations of the stewardesses' messages on the plane, and couldn't seem to stop saying "sumimasen" and "domo arigato gozalmus."

"When I arrived in Chicago after an eleven-hour flight, blessedly about four hours shorter than the flight over, I noticed the incredible racial diversity of the people in the airport. I also noticed that the people were much fatter, and that they harbored a strange affection for cute things. One obese woman in the O'Hare airport clutched a couple of plastic bags which contained boxes of popcorn featuring pictures of cute kids throwing popcorn into their cavernous mouths."

"I went into Greenwich Village in New York a week after I had been home, and was appalled by the amount of garbage and graffiti which I was on the streets. The fear I felt while walking the streets was also appalling. I had always assumed that fear, and the suspicious glances over one's shoulder which accompany fear, were part of some inevitable price one had to pay for living in a big city. Tokyo taught me otherwise. A line from one of Madonna's songs, which could be heard on radios all over Tokyo when I was there, summed up my feelings about Japan perfectly: "This is where I long to be — la isla bonita."

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The Hope women's swimming team sank the Ferris State University Bulldogs, 134-81, in a meet last Saturday, Dec. 5. Ferris State had tough competition, as this was the first year FSU has sponsored a women's team. Hope swimmers took first place in all of the 14 events.

The meet began with the 200-yard Medley Relay, in which Hope's team consisting of Lori Gano, Stacey Quinn, Martha Camp and Elizabeth Becker defeated Ferris State with a time of 2:00.41.

Shelly Russell won the 500-yard Freestyle, and qualified for the NCAA Division III national meet in the 200-yard Freestyle. Russell's time in the 200-yard freestyle was 1:57.26. She also won the 100-yard Freestyle in 54.53 seconds.

"There were many outstanding performances by many of the girls," said head coach John Patnott.

Freshman Kristy Achterhof won the 200-yard Individual Medley with a time of 2:20.16 and the 100-yard Breaststroke in 1:13.57.

The 100-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Butterfly were won by senior Jennifer Straley with times of 1:05.05 and 1:04.33 respectively.

Other first-place finishers were Elizabeth Becker in the 50-yard Freestyle, Kirsten VanOveren in the 400-yard Individual Medley, and Lori Gano in the 100-yard Backstroke.

The last event was the 200-yard Freestyle Relay consisting of Lori Gano, Kirsten VanOveren, Shelly Russell, and Elizabeth Becker who won with a time of 1:44.42.

"Even though we won every event, we had a few challenges and Ferris has a good team," said Patnott. "A Division II school is always a good competition."

Karla Koops won the one-meter Diving with 228.15 points and Diane Vos won the three-meter diving with 223.90 points.

Hope was scheduled to swim against Grand Valley State College, another Division II school, last night. Their next meet is this Saturday against Alma and Olivet at Alma.

Dutchmen Crunch Concordia

By Ben Hanneman
anchor Sports Editor

The 1987 home opener for the basketball Dutchmen proved very rewarding as they came away with an impressive 105-78 victory over the Cougars of Concordia College.

"It was a good win for us," said coach Glenn Van Wieren, "but we've still have areas both offensively and defensively that really need improvement."

Jim Klunder opened the scoring for Hope enroute to a 15-point lead in the first half. From that point it was no contest as the Dutchmen pulled up a 15-point lead in the first half and never looked back.

Van Wieren appeared quite impressed with Concordia's refusal to die.

"There was more intensity in the second half on their part, which evened things up a little bit," added Van Wieren.

One difference in the Dutchmen game plan is the use of the three-point shot. After each Cougar three-pointer Hope would look to match it with one of their own.

"We're using it (three-point shot) more this year because our kids are stronger and can shoot better from out there," Van Wieren said.

Jack Holman, Greg Mitchell, and Klunder all pitched in long range bombs to help combat the four Concordia triples.

With the win, the seventh straight over Concordia, Hope advances to 4-1 on the season, their only loss was to Dordt College. The Cougars, on the other hand, fall to 1-3.

The next home action for the Dutchmen is tonight against Grand Valley at 8 p.m.

"Grand Valley will be our toughest test of the season. They are more physical than Dordt was for us," Van Wieren said.

Grand Valley, in other action Saturday downed Calvin to give both Hope and Calvin one loss on the season.

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These two gentlemen are responsible for hiring a coach who will motivate his players into quality football players. Mike Ditka, Joe Walsh, and Tom Landry are just these type of coaches, but will never appear on a Detroit sideline because neither Ford nor Thomas are aggressive enough, or wealthy enough to lure someone like that to the Lions organization.

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One consolation for the Lions is that there are so good shape for the first round draft choice. Listen Detroit, why not draft a coach when he hasn't had a winning season yet unless they are content with basement living?

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Kim - "Trash!": thanks for the santa letter — you're the greatest! (Of course, I'm a good girl!!) Glad everything worked out for you this weekend — at least one of us hasn't "lost that lovin' feeling!" Love ya — B

Reener — We haven't talked in AGES! What's new with you? Come visit or call it it's too far — but won't you be my neighbor? — Guess Who? —

To Brett: The Arcadian who was kind enough to come out on a cold, snowy night and walk me safely home from Dow. Thank you — Lauralynn

Dear Schizo Walking Dead Roommate From Hell: After this weekend, it's 2 each, no more pukin', let's get eukin'! To the "Ape" — How rude? Grow up.

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To all the Nuns; I hope the nunnery won't miss me too much as I will miss all of you. — Sparkle

Myra; I trusted you. I thought your apology on Friday was sincere. I guess I was wrong. Don't you have any sense of honor? — B

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I finally did it. I got an interview with Santa Claus. Not Gorbechev, but Santa Claus. Without further ado here it is: The interview with Santa Claus.

Awed me: Mister Claus, I'm indebted to you for granting me this interview during the busy season.

Mr. Claus: First of all, call me Santa. Little kids like you do in your letters.

Me: Santa, I'm only eleven. Do you really believe in Santa?

Santa: Why, of course. Merry Christmas, young fella.

Me: What do you mean?

Santa: It's all academics, sports, and group meetings, but what about flying reindeer?

Me: Everyone knows reindeer.

Santa: Don't insult me. Do I stutter? I know your parents would like you to believe that there is no Santa Claus, but that's a myth perpetuated by the Grinch to ruin Christmas.

Me: The Grinch?

Santa: Don't believe in him either, huh? Pitiful. You see the Grinch convinces your parents that they are doing all the work.

Me: I have a hard time swallowing this.

Santa: Reality monger.

Me: You've lost me?

Santa: Let me put it this way; what happens after college?

Me: Some people go to grad school or if they are like me they...

Santa: Get a job, get married, have kids, move to Florida, and die. Seems kind of grim doesn't it? Don't you think with so much seriousness ahead you could have a little fun.

Me: Do I stutter?

Santa: Quiet, we're looking at the big picture now. There is so much more to life than the daily rat race. Did you know that most people's finest childhood memories are of the holidays. No one here seems to care that the holidays are not just a break from between semesters.

Me: We care about the holidays, but we have to do papers and read books.

Santa: Well maybe the students and professors should stop being students and professors for awhile and start just being people. Sit back and enjoy the good cheer. Just believe in the people you see. The holidays are wondrous times so why shouldn't you leave me milk and cookies or wine and cheese if your parents are Yuppies. You know if you let yourself go you might find you like life a whole lot more.

Me: Wow!

Santa: Who would have thought jolly old Santa Claus had a few good shots left in him?

Still Life Interview With Santa Claus

Jim Monnett

Happy Holidays

Editorial

Should Hope buy the Holland Theatre?

There are a good deal of rumors floating around about Hope College's plan to purchase the Holland Theatre on Eighth Street. Even so, the college maintains it has made no decisions as yet to the investment. Whether or not such an investment is being considered by the administration, it should be supported by the students here at Hope.

If the college does indeed intend follow through with the purchase of the Holland Theatre, it could offer yet another chance for interaction between the college community and the college community, as well as offering the student body a variety of new uses. However, the college has not yet made the decision to purchase the theatre.

As the administration has realized, there are many benefits to such a purchase. Not only would it provide Hope with a real theatre for the purpose of showing movies, it could also serve as a source of work experience for students and a source of limited income for the college itself. The most obvious use would be to take the place of Winants Auditorium for showing weekend films, but it could also be utilized by the business or communication departments as a source of internships.

Although the intention, if it is purchased, is to make it something useful for the Holland Community and the college alike, there should be concern over this matter. It appeared at one time this was the fate of the Maas Center. The center is now used mainly as a meeting facility, instead of a student lecture hall or meeting place.

Let's Hope if the college does make the purchase of the Holland Theatre, it will be used for the good of all. There are a multitude of potential uses for such a facility and The anchor supports such a venture. But, it should be utilized in such a way as to benefit both Hope Students and Holland citizens.
Letters To The Editor

Theatre A Fine Group

In response to Chris Corbett's letter "Sex Can Kill" this Hope student can only simply shake her head in disgust and anger.

That about being missed by both Ms. Corbett and E. Reka Jelena is the play was done in a "cheesy" style. Or what about the fact that possibly Hope's Theatre Department was simply portraying modern American society as "realistically" is.

I thought the production was splendid. I may not agree with everything in the play, but at least I'm not so bold and "stuffy" to term the entire Theatre Department as a group of "sleazes". The Hope Theatre Department is a fine group of young men and women who pride and determination far outweighs any other professional or sport organization on Hope's campus. Theatre majors give more personal time and effort, only so theater productions can achieve the fine standards of excellence and professionalism the department carries both state and nation wide.

I for one am proud of Hope's Theatre Department and consider them the most dedicated and highly professional group on Hope's campus. Apologies are in order for the entire Theatre Department -- you exhibit a high degree of joy and talent. It irritates me to think a fellow student would make such crude and sarcastic remarks publicly about such a grand organization.

A STAGE AND HOPE THEATRE FAN

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