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Winter hits Holland with foot-plus of snow

**FIRST SNOW** — Thursday’s snowstorm, which continued late into Saturday afternoon, brought over a foot of snow to the West Michigan area. Shovel-laden students were spotted scraping cars and lacing up their snow boots.

According to the Grand Rapids Press’ online coverage of the storm, the excess of snow was caused by what forecasters explain as a mesolow. “The phenomenon creates an area of low pressure, which can stagnate a particular weather system,” the website reads. Mesolows can be intensified in lake-shore areas, like Holland.

**Commemorate civil rights this week**

Mary Kelso
**Guest Writer**

“I have a dream...” You most likely know these powerful words the civil rights activist, Martin Luther King Jr., proclaimed from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. But have you heard the rest of the speech? Do you know King’s story or the story of the civil rights movement? Are you aware of how racial equality was realized or the story of the civil rights movement? How it continues to be applicable today? Take this week, as an opportunity to commemorate those who started the Movement and continue to make Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream a reality.

This week, Jan. 16-21, is Civil Rights Celebration Week at Hope College. This is your opportunity to learn about and honor the people and events that made the progression of civil rights possible. The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon started off the week in Maas Auditorium on Tuesday.

The event featured Dr. Antwi Akom, a professor of environmental sociology in the Department of African American Studies at San Francisco State University. His keynote address was titled “What the Civil Rights Movement Can Teach the Climate Justice Movement: Reimagining Dr. King’s Message for Today’s Eco-Visionaries.”

The Multicultural Student Organizations and Campus Ministries sponsored the Chapel Service on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. It featured readings of King’s speeches. Also on Wednesday morning was the Civil Rights Commemorative March which began at the anchor located in front of Graves Hall and concluded at Martha Miller’s first floor rotunda. The march honors all people who have contributed to social justice and equality for people of all backgrounds.

To conclude the week, the Social Activities Committee will host the film “Better Life” on Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 20 and 21. The film will run in Vanderwerf 102 at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. both evenings. “Better Life” tells the story of an immigrant father who desires to give his son a better life than he had, and together they learn that family is the center of the American Dream.

King once said, “An individual who is个人谁 has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all of humanity.”

The historic Civil Rights Movement may have been something of the 1960s but civil rights is still an issue that must be addressed today. The fight is not over. We are not all equal, nor are all free; there is no reason to improve this world then to learn from the past. Take this week, as an opportunity to commemorate those who started the movement and contemplate how it continues to be applicable today. Let us continue to make Martin Luther King Jr.’s promising dream a reality.

Chris Russ
**Co Editor-in-Chief**

Hope’s Presidential Search Committee is continuing its search for the college’s 12th president following Dr. James Bultman’s retirement announcement last spring.

The committee narrowed down a broad field of applicants to two individuals in November. Both candidates spoke to Hope faculty members and to the student body in December and fielded questions from both groups. After this series of presentations, both candidates removed themselves from consideration.

Since then, the committee has renewed its efforts to seek out a candidate to replace Bultman upon his retirement at the end of the academic year. The committee includes student representatives Stephanie Skaff (’12), Hope faculty committee representatives Christopher Barney and Annie Dandavati, committee chair David Lowry and search consultant R. Thomas Williamson.

“After the finalists dropped out the committee responded by realizing the search was not complete. We still had a charge from the Board of Trustees that we needed to accomplish. As sad as we were, the decision did not make us any less engaged in the process. We responded with an attitude that there was someone else out there who will be a better fit for Hope College,” Skaff said.

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**Guest Writer**

As director of Hope’s Office of Multicultural Education for the past eight, Vanessa Greene’s primary role is to provide leadership and direction in the areas of diversity and programming. But Greene is also a strong advocate for students. Greene is concerned about students’ cultural competence but also focuses heavily on students’ academic, personal, spiritual, professional and career success. “I came to Hope College because I love working with students as they give life a greater meaning and purpose. Most students are eager to grow and learn and to be in a position to impact their development is a privilege,” Greene said.

Greene is recognized as a servant leader and has an open door policy. She always pushes aside any task or project that she is working on to serve students when they walk into her office. Israel Moore (14) says, “Vanessa is a perfect role model for being a successful and classy African American woman. She is kind, passionate about what she does, intelligent and courteous.” Lily Pooh (12) says, “Vanessa has encouraged me throughout my four years at Hope to be a leader. She has provided me on numerous occasions to step in leadership positions with the office of multicultural education events. She has encouraged me to stay true to who I am as an individual and not to compromise to fit in with the majority.”

Greene serves on various committees to assist in creating an equitable, diverse, safe and inclusive campus community. Some committees include At Risk Committee, Multicultural Affairs Committee, First Generation Student Committee, West Michigan Presidents Compact Committee, GLCA Committee on Institutional

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She also serves on national organizations including the National Association for Multicultural Education, National Council of Negro

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Women, and National Association of College Student Personnel. She is the president of the Grand Rapids Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, a public service organization committed to youth outreach and serving the community.

Greene’s passion, dedication and commitment to diversity is recognized by the growth and visibility of diversity on Hope’s campus. Her influence has touched many corners of Hope College which is evidenced by the development of new programs and initiatives. She says collaboration is the key to progress and works with numerous departments including Student Development, Phelps Scholars, International Education, Campus Ministries and Academic Divisions. She attributes OME’s success largely to the leadership of Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and dean of international and multicultural education; Latoya Gates, assistant director; Sara Frye, office coordinator; Paola Munoz, student intern; and faculty support and student leaders.

“The goal of the office is to break down barriers and build bridges. Therefore, we must create an environment where we are willing to grow and learn, together,” Greene said.

“We must allow ourselves to be challenged, as we all have a history and culture that has formed our beliefs, values and attitudes and perspectives,” Greene said. “Listening and learning from others is a transformative process, it opens doors to reflect and see the world from a broader lens. This makes multicultural education a complex, but exciting experience.”

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A Hope College student is expected to face trial on criminal charges after he allegedly abducted and assaulted his former girlfriend, also a Hope College student, in an incident that began on campus Dec. 5.

Alexander Brock, 19, of Park Township, has withdrawn from Hope College after being arraigned in Holland District Court on Dec. 6. on felony charges of unlawful imprisonment and assault with intent to commit great bodily harm. On Dec. 21 Brock waived his right to a probable cause hearing, and his case is set to be heard in Grand Haven this spring.

Brock allegedly approached his former girlfriend on East 14th Street around 8 a.m. on Dec. 5 and forced her into her car, according to a Dec. 7 report in The Holland Sentinel. In a parking lot on the city’s north side, he allegedly then forced her into his car and drove to her parents’ home in Park Township.

At his parents’ home, Brock allegedly assaulted his former girlfriend but was stopped by his father, according to The Sentinel. The victim was treated at Holland Hospital for medical injuries and also received support from the Hope College staff, according to a statement the college released Dec. 6 informing campus of the incident. Hope also made the college’s counseling center available to anyone in need.

“This is a very difficult time for two Hope College families and their friends. As a caring community, please support them with your thoughts and prayers,” the campus statement said.

Brock’s bond was set at $100,000 and a condition of his bond release is that he must stay away from Hope’s campus. Brock had no prior criminal record.

“It is a real tragedy for both individuals and I feel for them as their lives have been so dramatically affected. My prayers are with each of them and their families as they work to put their lives back together,” said Richard Frost, dean of students.
Republican presidential primary 2012

Five candidates continue to vie for their party’s nomination

The presidential primary for the state of Michigan is on Feb. 28 — have you decided who you’re going to vote for? The Democratic Party is sure to nominate current President Barack Obama, but the nomination for the Republican Party is still in question. To help you get started on your search for your preferred candidate, here are short bios of the Republican contenders:

Mitt Romney

Though Romney failed to capture the Republican nomination in 2008, he began the current race as the frontrunner and has continued to maintain that position by winning the Iowa caucuses. As a wealthy business executive and business experience as the 2002 Massachusetts governor, he has relied on his executive and business experience to win support. On Monday, Jon Huntsman dropped out of the race and endorsed Romney.

Newt Gingrich

Gingrich was the Speaker of the House back in the ‘90s, though he resigned from that position after four years when the Republicans lost seats in the mid-term elections. Since that time he has been vocal in forwarding his conservative views and criticizing Democrats in books, films and speeches. He holds a doctorate in history and is considered one of the frontrunners in the primary, especially by those who are seeking a conservative alternative to Mitt Romney.

Rick Perry

Perry is currently the governor of Texas and has appealed to a record of fiscal conservatism and job creation. Though his entry into the race was applauded by many conservatives and evangelicals, giving him an early lead, poorly received debate performances proved to be major setbacks. His campaign advertisement “Strong,” which appealed to evangelical Christians and social conservatives, was sharply criticized by proponents of gay rights.

Rick Santorum

Though something of a dark horse candidate with far less money than the frontrunners, Santorum narrowly lost to Mitt Romney in the Iowa caucuses. He practiced law before being elected to the House in 1994; he lost his reelection campaign in 2006. Santorum is known for his opposition to gay marriage and abortion and has therefore been favored by many social conservatives.

Ron Paul

Paul is unique among his Republican rivals; he opposes both the war on drugs and the American military presence worldwide and has called for the abolition of the Federal Reserve and the IRS. Enthusiastically supported by libertarians, the Texas congressman and former obstetrician is now managing his third presidential bid. Currently, he is neither a major threat to the frontrunners nor a candidate worthy of being ignored.

Iranian court sentences U.S. citizen to death

Annelise Goetz

A court in Tehran has sentenced Iranian-American Amir Mirza Hekmati to death. According to the BBC, Iran is accusing him of working for the CIA and “trying to implicate Iran in terrorism.” Hekmati is of Iranian descent but his family lives in Arizona. According to an interview with the Associated Press, his mother, Behnaz Hekmati, insists that he had gone to Iran to meet his grandparents. Hekmati is a former U.S. Marine. According to his father, Ali Hekmati, a college professor in Flint, Amir Hekmati joined the Marines in 2001, serving as an Arabic translator. The BBC reports, “Iran says that, as a former Marine, Mr. Hekmati received training at U.S. bases in Afghanistan and Iraq before being sent to Iran for his alleged intelligence-gathering mission.”

State department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland refutes this accusation, saying: “Allegations that Mr. Hekmati either worked for, or was sent to Iran by the CIA are simply untrue.” Nuland states that the U.S. and its allies are still trying to confirm reports of Hekmati’s death sentence. Nuland said that if the sentence is true, it is strongly condemned by the U.S.

What is known is that on Dec. 18, 2011, Hekmati made a confession that was broadcast on Iran’s state television. In it, he admitted to being involved with the CIA, which was trying to infiltrate Iran’s intelligence system. For many Iranians, whose judicial and political system place great importance on confessions, this televised statement proves Hekmati’s guilt. According to Iran’s semi-official news agency, Fars, Hekmati said: “I was deceived by the CIA....Although I was appointed to break into Iran’s intelligence systems and act as a new source for the CIA, I had no intention of undermining the country.” He was put on trial later in December, supposedly resulting in the death sentence that has left many Americans reeling.

According to Nuland, “The Iranian regime has a history of falsely accusing people of being spies, of eliciting forced confessions, and of holding innocent Americans for political reasons.”

It is unclear how things will proceed from here. Iranian-American relations have recently been strained by reports of increased nuclear activity in Iran. It is predicted that Hekmati will try to appeal the decision with Iran’s Supreme Court. According to the BBC, “The U.S. state department said Swiss diplomats in Iran – who handle Washington’s interests because of an absence of US-Iran diplomatic relations – were not allowed to see Mr. Hekmati before his trial.” This has further incensed Americans and increased the tension between Iran and the West.

This comes after the U.S. has moved to impose new sanctions on Iran’s banking system and the Iranian Nuclear Union has moved to impose an embargo on Iran’s oil exports. Tehran insists that the nuclear program it is developing is for peaceful purposes, not weaponry. Whether or not Iran goes through with the execution is expected to greatly affect U.S.-Iran relations.

According to the BBC, “Hekmati has 20 days to appeal against the sentence.”
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**Features**

**Winter**

As you step back into the world of academia, remember that it is necessary to set foot outside of the library. Here are some suggestions of things to accomplish this semester:

**Go ice skating**

For those who are willing to bundle up and brave the cold, Rosa Parks Circle, located at the center of Monroe Avenue and Pearl Street in the heart of Downtown Grand Rapids, offers $1 ice skating with skate rentals (ID required). Hours of operation vary, but weekend hours run from 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Not a fan of the cold? For those not wanting to make the 40-minute trek to GR, the Edge Ice Arena of Holland opens its ice to the public for limited hours each day. Admission is $5, skate rental $2, and hours are posted at www.edgeicearena.com.

**Attend a concert**

Big names like Nickelback, Death Cab for Cutie and Hot Chelle Rae are among the bands slated to take the stage in West Michigan this winter and spring.

Although it may be a bit more expensive than seeing a movie, a live performance and the atmosphere at a concert is something that cannot be replicated in a dark theater.

Here’s a list of concerts coming to a city near you:

**Matt Nathanson**

The Intersection

Friday, March 9, 7 p.m.

$17/$20

**Nickelback**

VanAndel Arena

Thursday, April 12, 6 p.m.

$49.50 - $85

**The Black Keys**

VanAndel Arena

Sunday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

$29.50 - $49.50

**Death Cab for Cutie**

Calvin College

Saturday, April 14, TBA

$TBD

**Needtobreath w/ Ben Rector**

The Intersection

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m.

$22/$25

**Hot Chelle Rae**

The Intersection

Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m.

$15/$18

**Hit the slopes**

Make the most of the wintry winds that have recently blanketed Michigan with a fresh coat of snow by planning a day (or weekend) trip to the ski slopes. Popular destinations among West Michiganders include Bittersweet Ski Resort located in Osseo, Pando Winter Sports Park in Rockford, Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, and Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville.

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**Aleesa and Lindsey’s winter tasks**

1. Have your picture taken with the Abominable Snowman.
2. Attend the national curling tournament in Regina, Saskatchewan.
3. Learn how to spell Saskatchewan.
4. Adopt a penguin.
5. Build and live in an igloo in President Bultman’s backyard.
7. Go seal watching off the coast of Lake Michigan.
8. Go ice fishing in the center of Lake Macatawa.
9. Lick a flag pole.
10. Tebow on top of a snow plow.
Christopher Russ
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It is now the last semester of my senior year. But I’ll try not to write about one of those looking-back-on-it-all columns during my final semester at The Anchor. So instead, for this week’s column, I’m going to write about one of my fictional heroes, Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable of “The Cosby Show.” I didn’t watch a ton of TV as a kid, and neither did the rest of my family, but I distinctly remember sitting on the couch together and watching the Huxtables on Nick at Nite. I thought the show was hilarious then, and after rereading two seasons of the show on DVD for Christmas, I can confirm that my initial reaction to the show is very accurate. And I think there is more to the show than I picked up on the first time around. Someday when I become a father, the first guy I’ll call when I have questions about how to act as a good father will be my own dad. I’ll try as hard as I can to remember the lessons he taught me and I’ll try to pass them on to my kids. But I’ll try to avoid trying a few of his parenting techniques over the years. Besides being presented as a great father, Dr. Huxtable’s role on the show defies the sad archetype that a modern sitcom family has become. Sure he likes hoagies, and sure Mrs. Huxtable ran the show occasionally, but Clive was still very much an authority figure to be reckoned with in his household. He is far from being one of the incompetent, irresponsible or lazy couch potatoes that have populated popular sitcoms over the past decade. He is often shown getting home very late after difficult nights at his job as a successful doctor at the local hospital. Despite the show’s division of labor, Dr. Huxtable has an innate wholesomeness that is hardly extant on television today, and it manages to do this without being boring or dumbed down. He loves a smart, affectionate, pop-culture referencing show like “Seinfeld” or “30 Rock” as much as the next guy, but those shows just don’t make me as happy as “The Cosby Show” does.

In a culture that constantly clamors for a return to the values that our country was built on, I think scheduling more “Cosby Show” re-runs would be a nice first step.

I live in a house with three other girls, and the flip-flop season ended, the shoe rack by our front door started to fill up, and the fact that we now have snow has done nothing to make our collection get any smaller. We have four pairs of winter boots sitting in a row right now, some with clumps of snow still clinging damply to the sides. Stuck in between them are rain boots and dress boots, left over from last week when we had such unusually warm weather and no snow. The closer you get to the actual shoe rack, the smaller the footwear gets. Tall boots are replaced by Converse and running shoes squat beside dainty little flats. A couple pairs of sandals huddle together next to the rainbow of flip-flops crammed onto one shelf, waiting for spring and summer to come back once more.

Personally, I’m quite content to have the snow boots out for a while. We haven’t gotten much yet, for one thing. But even if we had, I’d still be fine. I love snow, and I’m convinced that коллаж snow prettiest lake-effect snow ever. So far as I’m concerned, the snow is welcome.

Not all of my housemates agree, however. While I am in particular to see the cold snow and the sight of those swirling flakes is far from welcome. She’d love if it it could be spring and summer all year, and flip flops and sandals never need to see the light of day. She is in a rush to be accountable to someone else again. While I’m sure my perspective would like to say that I have many engaged friends, all of whom I am very happy for. When I was in high school, I worked at a hardware store for over two years. While this less-than-attractive attempt for me to save money and gain responsibility was not my dream job, I learned some essential skills that I have undoubtedly carried with me. I learned, for example, how to assemble basic products with simple tools, count and balance cash (something that will also prove useful in my future career as an accountant), and interact and deal with the occasionally unreasonable person. There are many ways to gain these aptitudes, but my recent realization has been that as a college senior, many of my friends are also placed in the same position, both at Hope and other schools, lack some very essential skills to thrive on our own.

While I acknowledge that I am also a member of this group, as I am in no way prepared to cook a gourmet meal (and by gourmet I mean anything that doesn’t come in a package with a catchy name and animated instructions) or change a tire, I have been surprised by some skills that many of my peers are lacking. One of my friends, a pre-med student who can do any type of chemical reaction equation (or whatever they do) has no idea how to get anywhere without the help of Google Maps and his smart phone.

Smart phone apps pose an entirely new set of crafts that we are also apparent-ly incapable of doing on our own. While I don’t personally own a smart phone, scrolling through the Apple app store, I have learned that we now also apparently need apps to find restaurants, inform us of the weather outside our window, and of course, keep us entertained during any split second of boredom by flinging angry birds or flicking pigs. Another friend of mine brought a car to school for the first time this semester, keep us entertained during any split second of boredom by flinging angry birds or flicking pigs. Another friend of mine brought a car to school for the first time this semester,

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Find your lampstand
Sharon Hecker
Columnist

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

When I studied abroad in Argentina for two semesters, I saw things that I did not expect nor particularly want to see. I saw a huddle of tattered blankets perched beside embers dying in a tin can. I saw men, women and children rummaging through garbage bins, looking for dinner. I saw the ones who had thrown dinner away. I saw kids juggling for coins and fathers walking in slants, asking for money for their kids but really for their booze. I saw hunger; I saw excess. I saw eyes that looked at the world and said, “I can never be a part of that…”

And one day, I went for a run and saw a little girl with no shoes. She was sitting on a curb, hunched over her knees so that strong gusts of wind wouldn’t steal away her capes. I saw this in a glance. I even thought about stopping. I kept running. And when I discovered as my feet moved forward, leaving the little girl behind me, was that I wasn’t moving anywhere. My thoughts were dragging their toes at the curb where that little girl sat.

The only thing two things I could do would be to keep running or turn back. One was unthinkable, the other unacceptable. I poked myself with the question stamped all over the lyrics in my earbuds: which would Jesus choose? I took a few more rebellious steps, and then I did what I know I had to as an ambassador of God’s love: I turned back.

As it turns out, the little girl did have shoes. They looked about two sizes too small, but trash bins aren’t mini-shalls. I felt stupid. I was very nervous. I felt stupid.

And I didn’t have a clue what to say.

So I settled for “hola.”

“Hola….” she replied.

Her name was Melina. Once our smiles became a little less guarded, she remedied my problem of not knowing what to say.

“You speak English?” I asked.

I nodded. That may have been my mistake. She demonstrated her ability to count to a billion, if I felt like it. Oops. So that was my mistake.

“Hacélo!” Do it, she commanded, unabashed.

I didn’t think I had the strength, but I gave it a try. “Hacélo!”

“Hacélo!” she commanded again.

I reined in my zany energy and tried again. “Hacélo!”

“Hacélo!” she commanded once more.

“Hacélo!”

I nodded. That may have been my mistake. She demonstrated her ability to count to a billion, if I felt like it. Oops. So that was my mistake.

As a Christian, I couldn’t. So I turned back. I spent my energy, my time, my thoughts, my love on a little girl named Melina, and instead of hiding beneath a bowl, God’s love shone through me on a lamp stand. And who knows if she will read that picture book or remember that hot lunch, but at least my light was shining. Because that’s what it’s meant to do.

Letter to the Editor: Follow up on Reflections on Christian Faith
Dr. Timothy Pennings
Professor of Mathematics

It was with delight that I read Dr. Kim Hawtry’s excellent letter (Nov. 23) listing out reasons for believing that the resurrection of Jesus historically occurred — and that Jesus is then the Christ. This is the kind of letter that should be peppering The Anchor. The value of such a letter lay in provoking responses. I will give a brief one — I hope others join the conversation as well.

The wording of Dr. Hawtry’s concluding paragraph should be noted. After listing out seven reasons for believing in the resurrection involving historical evidence and personal experience, he concludes that it is entirely reasonable to accept the resurrection as actual fact. I certainly agree.

In fact, though not overly familiar with the other major world religions, I would guess that similar arguments could be made for it being reasonable to accept them as being true as well.

Indeed, any religion that is obviously false (just like bad music) does not last too long. Anything that has stood the test of time and scrutiny likely has provided something to take God’s work out of the church and put it into action? And how many opportunities do we pitter-patter past without ever giving them that crucial second thought?

These questions tell us where our light is. When I was in Argentina, I tried to pitter past an opportunity to reflect God’s love toward someone who needed it. But didn’t. As a Christian, I couldn’t. So I turned back.

So I resolved to get her a new book before we parted. Something that wasn’t a picture book or remember that hot lunch, but at least my light was shining. Because that’s what it’s meant to do.

Hitting the books: Editor’s book choices 2012
Becca Hawkins
Voices Editor

There’s nothing I love more than cozying up with a cup of Tazo Passion tea, my Snuggie (yes, my Snuggie), and a good book — over Christmas Break. As soon as I get back to school, I ironically leave the books behind. I just don’t have time for reading.

However, that all changes this semester. While I have a lighter load of classes this semester, I have a heavier load of reading — at least one novel per week.

So, I must change my ways, and thus encourage you to join me.

Here’s my collection of books I love and books I can’t wait to read:

- “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” by Jonathan Safran Foer
- “The Glen Rock Book of the Dead” by Marion Wink
- “Our Schools Suck” by Ganston Alexander
- “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky
- “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- “The Philosophy of Andy Warhol” by Andy Warhol
- “I Feel Bad About My Neck” by Nora Ephron

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Bunn makes comeback on court, in classroom

Katherine Maguire
Guest Writer

Mouth set in determination, Peter Bunn ('12) led the Hope College men’s basketball team running the length of the court four times in 22 seconds during a recent practice.

“As far as I’m concerned, he’s back,” David Krombeen ('12), team co-captain, said.

Bunn was injured in early fall of 2009 after crashing his BMX bike while doing stunts in his backyard. He sat out last basketball season to focus on improving his health and academics.

“It was so frustrating,” Bunn said. “I just wanted to play basketball.”

Now Bunn is back on the court and continuing to improve there and in the classroom.

In 2008, Bunn transferred to Hope College from Oakland University as a sophomore and started for Hope’s team. In his first year, he helped the team win the conference championship and was named first team all-region and all-conference.

“He is a competitor for sure.” Logan Neil ('12), team co-captain, said. “We would always try to match up with each other just because we wanted the challenge.”

“However, the accident put Bunn’s successful basketball career on hold.”

“I felt out of shape after running at practice and my career on hold.” Bunn said.

As far as I’m concerned, he’s back.” David Krombeen ('12), team co-captain, said. “We are happy to have him back.”

Bunn, an English major, is also improving in the classroom. His grades are better, but it is a slow process.

“I have to try to get a B when I never really tried before,” Bunn said. “I am just trying to improve them and he patient as well.”

For head coach Matt Neil, physical and mental health is first and foremost.

“I would like for him to feel that he was very successful in the classroom first and on the basketball court second,” Neil said.

Bunn's has appreciated Hope’s supportive community during his recovery.

“I would just like to say thanks to Dean Jon Huiskenen and Registrar Carol De Jong, Coach Neil and Coach Glenn Wieren, and all my professors who helped me through this,” Bunn said. “They advocated and made accommodations.”

The Flying Dutch escape at Adrian

The women’s basketball team went to Adrian on Saturday and came out victorious, 59-56. A Bulldogs lead of 22-15 with five minutes remaining in the first stanza was cut to one by the half (29-28). The second half consisted of back-and-forth play, with neither team leading by more than four points. A jumper nailed by Allie Cenoro ('12) at the 1:36 mark put Hope up 58-54, which lead to the 59-56 win.

The Flying Dutch were led by Rebekah Llorens ('15), who scored 13 points and grabbed six boards off the bench.

Hope improved to 6-1 in the MIAA and 13-2 overall. They will host Trine on Wednesday at DeVos at 5:30 p.m.

Swim teams prepare for MIAA championships

Bethany Stripp
Sports Editor

With two meets left before the MIAA championships, the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams are working to finish the season strong. Last year was the first time since 2007 that the men’s team did not walk away from the league meet as MIAA champions, and co-captain Patrick Frayer ('12) says the team hopes to change that this year.

“Our goal is to win the MIAA championship in February,” Frayer said. “It will be difficult and right now it looks like Kalamazoo College will be our toughest competitor.”

The men’s team is currently 2-3 in dual meets, having defeated Carthage and Albion early in the season and falling to Olivet, Calvin and Kalamazoo. The team claimed first in a field of four in the Illinois-Michigan Quad hosted by Wheaton College, topping Lake Forest, Wheaton and rival Kalamazoo.

“Anytime we have Kalamazoo is important because for the last several years they have been our biggest competition at the conference meet at the end of the year,” men’s co-captain Aaron Rittenhouse ('12) said. “I’ve scuffled and claimed six first place spots at the meet with Andrew Rose ('12), Nick Hazekamp ('13) and Jeff Shade ('12) taking first in one event each. The 400 medley relay team of Hazekamp, Geoff Ludema ('13), Brian Yount ('12) and Frayer ('12) topped Kalamazoo’s team in the same event by nearly two seconds. Frayer also finished first in the 100- and 50-yard freestyle. His win in the 50 was the third such win for him this season.”

“[Frayer] is our best sprinter and is vital to our team and our relays,” Rittenhouse said. “He has improved personally and really stepped up for the team both in his individual events and on any relay that we put him on. He knows when it’s time to race and he never fails to put his game face on and get up for big races.”

The women’s team holds a 4-2 record so far this season. In the Illinois-Michigan Quad on Jan. 14, the women also had a chance to swim against Kalamazoo, who they defeated by nine points in their first meeting on Jan. 8. and who team co-captain Chelsea Wiese ('12) expects to be Hope’s biggest competition for second or third place at the MIAA championship meet.

Kalamazoo topped the Flying Dutch by 16.5 points in the meet after Hope beat the Hornets by 11 points on Jan. 6. Co-captains Libby Westrate ('11) and Sarah Sohn ('12) both finished first in various events, with Westrate taking the top spot in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle and Sohn winning the 500 freestyle. Wiese pointed to Westrate and Sohn as two swimmers whose efforts have particularly stood out this season.

“Libby Westrate and Sarah Sohn both have always been the anchors to the team,” Wiese said. “This year Erin Hostad ('13) has also really stepped up. We lost a big senior class and she’s filled in the gaps in different events and done really well.”

The men’s and women’s teams will wrap up their regular home season on Jan. 20 when they host Grand Valley State in the Dow.