Actor, environmentalist headlines Speaker Series

Student Congress launches green effort at Hope

Kevin Scobly
Senior Staff Writer

Hollywood star and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. will be speaking in Dimnent Chapel on Tuesday, March 11, as part of Hope’s Speaker Series, organized by Student Congress.

Begley is well known for his work in movies and TV, as well as his persistent promotion of environmental awareness. According to his website, he has “been considered an environmental leader in the Hollywood community for many years,” commuting to Hollywood events on his bicycle and living in a self-sufficient, solar-powered home near Los Angeles.

Student Congress selected Begley as the speaker who would best connect with, entertain and inform the Hope community. Begley’s lecture on environmentalism is entitled, “Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live.”

“We chose him partly to create more awareness about the environment on campus, especially with simple things like recycling. Even though there are places to recycle across campus and in the dorms, it’s hard for a lot of people to do it. Hopefully, (Begley’s) message can get through to people and help us look at what we do and the impact that we have,” said Beula Pandian (‘08), Student Congress’ senior class representative.

Student Congress is selling green T-shirts made of 100 percent organically-grown cotton to promote the 2008 Speaker Series featuring Ed Begley Jr. The former “Presidents’ Room” immediately inside the main western entrance will become a gathering and pre-function area for the main auditorium. Another large classroom will be created on the northwest side of the lobby. The main floor will also include enlarged and improved restrooms as well as a small kitchen for events in the building.

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Student reflects on Chad crisis

Grace Donny
Bow Warren

In early February, rebels attacked N'Djamena, the capital city of Chad, forcing 30,000 Chadians to flee to nearby Cameroon. In January, the European Union approved a peacekeeping force to protect refugees located in Chad that are fleeing Darfur. However, due to the attempted coup by the rebels, this operation has been delayed until late February.

“The recent fight between Chad’s government and rebels is seen as a proxy war over Darfur. Sudan’s government believes Chad is supporting rebels in Darfur. Chad’s government believes Sudan is supporting the rebels that moved on Chad’s capital N’Djamena,” according to CNN.

Peter Pan (’08), explains that the connection between Chad and Sudan is tribal. Pan is a Hope College student who left Sudan during a conflict between South and North.

“There is a tribe in Sudan that is also in Chad. If the tribe is involved, the tribe probably makes it easier to recruit rebels, so they are able to recruit rebels on both sides of the border,” Pan said.

This type of recruitment may be an aspect of why it is so hard to distinguish who is supplying the rebels with support and weapons.

“They are human beings like us, they deserve attention, but to give it more reason, the oil in both countries could also cause some impact on the economy in the long run,” Pan said.

Pan asserts that Hope College students should be aware that they contribute to the war through the economy, and students should educate themselves on what is happening and call congressmen for the events in Chad are related to the Darfur crisis, he said.

“War in Chad will affect the Darfur conflict in a very significant way,” Pan said.

Chad’s President, Idriss Deby, declared a state of emergency in order to restore order in the capital. The decree will last 15 days and will give the government more powers such as decree will last 15 days and will give the government more powers such as controlling the movement of people and vehicles. It will also control what students out there who can’t find the help they need through one another, and instead have turned to violence against one another as a way to cope.

NIU campus shaken by shooting

DEKALB, III. (AP) - Students Steven Kazmierczak entered a Northern Illinois University lecture hall carrying four guns on February 14. It took no more than two minutes from the first 911 call for campus police to make it into the Cole Hall room, yet by the time they rushed in, three students and the gunman lay dead, two more were mortally wounded and terrified students were still bolting for the exits.

Investigators recovered 48 shell casings and six shotgun shells. University officials said the rapid response by campus police and plans put in place after the attacks at Virginia Tech also kept Kazmierczak from causing more harm.

Kazmierczak opened fire upon entering the auditorium and continued shooting as he circled the auditorium, said Larry Trent, director of the Illinois State Police. Kazmierczak then went back up onstage and killed himself.

Since the shooting, the campus has been nearly deserted. On Friday, a few students placed flowers on stage and killed himself.

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Kimberly Kirchoff is unique in the sense that he seeks to educate his audience about classical music before and during his recitals through lectures, while allowing them to experience a new unique style of music, full of contrast in volume and texture. His music is phenomenal. I like the creativity in it. I like that it broke all kinds of barriers and it's really fun to play. I like the way that he used the thematic development, "...Van Wylen Library has a browsing book collection with many best selling titles!

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### In Brief

VWS WRITERS KICK OFF SPRING SERIES

The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series of Hope College will feature fiction writer Lewis Nordan and essayist David Griffith on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

### This Week in Art

**Wednesday**
- **2/20** Wind Symphony Concert
  7 p.m., Holland Christian Auditorium
- **2/20** "Crimes of the Heart"
  8 p.m., DeVitt Theatre
  Tickets: $7 Adults, $5 Faculty/Staff, $4 Students/Senior Citizens

**Thursday**
- **2/21** Jazz Ensemble Concert
  7:30 p.m., DeWitt Chapel
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All of the rebels, many of them children. The location of the three main opposition leaders is still unknown.

Many of the Chadian refugees that fled to Cameroon are afraid to return. Some of them have welcomed the rebels, but now that the government is performing house raids and mistreating civilians, they do not think they can go back to their homes.

An estimated 12,000 refugees have recently streamed into Chad from Darfur.

"Last week our efforts to move traumatized, newly arrived refugees from West Darfur away from the volatile border to camps was blocked by the presence of unknown armed elements," a spokesperson from the UN Refugee Agency said.

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FEATURES

PostSecret
Senior Seminar sparks postcard exhibition

Christine Hostetler
Guest Writer

The PostSecret phenomenon was created in 2004 by Frank Warren as a forum in which people can anonymously share their bottled-up secrets that are too embarrassing to tell anyone. Participants from all over the world write and illustrate a secret—be it funny, sad, or silly—on a homemade postcard that is approximately 4-by-6 inches and send it to Warren, who then posts it on PostSecret.com as part of an ongoing "community art project." The only criteria are that the secrets be completely truthful and that they never have been spoken before.

PostSecret has now been brought to Hope College's campus through a Facebook group called "Hope PostSecret" created by Hope student Amanda Spaanstra ('10). Spaanstra came up with the idea for her senior seminar class, "Activists and Advocates," taught by English professor Julie Kippe. For their final project, the students were asked to do something to serve the Hope Community. Spaanstra decided on a Hope version of PostSecret because, she said, "PostSecret is a type of advocacy. People can share their secrets. It is cathartic. People can identify with other people's secrets and never have to reveal their identities.

Hopefully sharing within our community will touch someone." So far, 140 Hope students have joined the Facebook group, and Spaanstra has received 15 anonymous secrets written on everything from original artwork to magazine clippings to a dollar bill. She hopes to hit a goal of at least 100 postcards by Feb. 27.

"I feel honored and humbled to be entrusted with these anonymous secrets. Going to my mailbox and getting these brutally honest, vulnerable postcards with secrets from strangers that are allowing me and all of Hope College to see them kind of awes me," Spaanstra said.

Regarding content, Spaanstra and Kippe said that no censorship regarding language or content will be involved. "There are things that offend people, and I hope there are! If I encouraged people to send secrets but then censored them, I would be defeating the purpose," Spaanstra said.

All Hope students, faculty, staff and alumni are welcome to participate. Go to PostSecret.com or the Hope PostSecret Facebook group to get examples or just check out postcards that people have made. Spaanstra would like to encourage people to send secrets by Wednesday, Feb. 27. The cards will be displayed at the "PostSecret Exhibit" in the Martha Miller Center rotunda from 9-9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

If you would like to share a secret anonymously through Hope PostSecret, send your secret on a 4-by-6 inch postcard through campus mail to:
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There will be three classrooms where there will be papers presented every 20-25 min. (5 min at the end for questions). The classroom numbers are 1116, 1128, and 1135. Presentations will take place on the hour and half hour (1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.).

There will be a 5 min. transition time for the next student presenting to set up and time for audience to move to their next speaker of interest.

Held on Thursday, February 21, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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That's all?!

Trips to the dentist are always uncomfortable, but my last routine visit was painful in more ways than one. I had been going to the same dentist for as long as I can remember; his office is a renovated old house located on the outskirts of our small town. After the hygienist had finished cleaning, she went and got the dentist and he inspected my teeth. I got a good report — I had no cavities and I was brushing good, I probably need to floss more, but honestly, who doesn’t? As the dentist walked me to the front of the small office he went through the normal list of inquisitions; the “How is school?”

“How much long until you graduate?”

“Are you planning on going after graduation?”

list of questions. I appreciate that he cares about what I am doing, and I gave him an abridged version of my life: school’s good, I will graduate in May with a secondary English education degree.

My dentist responded, “That’s all?”

I was dumbfounded and probably tripped over my words as I asked him what exactly he meant.

“Well, that’s it, you’re done in May, and you’re not planning on going to grad school or anything else.”

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Where the wind still blows

Stephen Cupery

Do you speak Mayan? Yucatec, Mopan or Quichá?

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With hopes that Mel Gibson didn't bewildor too much of the story for you with his barbaric and questionable film "Apocolypto," the Mayan past looms yet with an awe, very unmistakable unique dignify; its ubiquitous vintage glance from temple ruins nearby remind most Belizens — Create, Garnfla and Mention — that a tenth of their country's population have Mayan heritage.

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Dutchmen capture 10th MIAA swimming title

Men's swim team topples Olivet

James Ralston
Senior, East

Two years of runner-up performances came to a halt Feb. 16 when the Hope College men's swimming team toppled defending champions Olivet College at the MIAA championships. Hope prevailed through strong individual performances combining for the final team effort.

"Last year we were leading going into the last day and Olivet caught us," coach John Patoot said. "We weren't going to let the same thing happen this year." Hope entered the final day of the meet with a 26.5 point lead over Olivet, but had to remain focused as Olivet held a strong advantage in the diving events. Ryan Nelis (10) was one of many swimmers who stepped up to the challenge. He won the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard butterfly and was named most valuable male swimmer of the meet.

Joining Nelis on the leader board were teammates Ryan Vogelzang (99) and Phil Heyboer (10), who both captured individual wins.

"We were really pumped for the last day," Nelis said. "From top to bottom everyone on the team was doing incredible all of Saturday." For the seniors on the team the win was long awaited following the previous years second-place performances. Last year, Hope lost to Olivet by nine points.

"Being so close and not winning the past two years has been really tough," captain Chas Vanderbroek ('08) said. "The only thing I've wanted since I've been at Hope is that MIAA championship." Vanderbroek, who finished second in the 200-yard freestyle, contributed reaching that goal to the team's hard work and mental edge throughout the season.

"We were more mentally prepared," Vanderbroek said. "We wanted it more, so we just rolled over the competition."