Actor, environmentalist headlines Speaker Series

Student Congress launches green effort at Hope

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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 Beaula Pandian ’08, Student Congress’ senior class representative.

Student Congress is selling green T-shirts made of 100 percent organically-grown cotton to promote the event, with all profits going toward making Hope more energy efficient. Emily Hunt ’08 of the Environmental Issues Group said the funds are being collected to enable the College to be partially powered by a wind turbine, but she added that the school’s administration so far refuses to allocate any funds towards the project.

In addition to the fundraiser, organizers contacted nearby colleges and posted notifications around campus and the Holland area. Calvin College, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Community College and Cornerstone University expressed interest when notified of the event, and are expected to be represented on March 11.

Begley’s visit is being organized completely by Student Congress. The Environmental Issues Group is supporting the event.

Begley has appeared in TV shows such as “St. Elsewhere,” “7th Heaven,” “Six Feet Under” and “The West Wing,” as well as in feature-length films including “Batman Forever,” “The In-Laws” and “Best in Show.”

He supports and works for many different green organizations, including the Environmental Media Association, Tree People, Friends of the Earth, the Environmental Research Foundation, the Coalition for Clean Air and the American Oceans Campaign.

Previous Student Congress Speaker Series guests have included author Maya Angelou, Mohammad Gandi’s grandson Arun Gandi and environmental lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime friend of Begley.

Student Congress hopes for a big turnout this year.

“We’re looking forward to packing the place,” Pandian said.

Hope College arch removed for Graves work

(HOPE) — The signature “Hope College” arch in front of Graves Hall has been temporarily removed to provide access for construction equipment needed for renovation work now underway.

Initial work will continue in the coming weeks with major construction beginning in the latter part of March or early April.

The project, which will total $5.7 million, is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the spring 2010 semester.

Dedicated in 1894, Graves is Hope’s third-oldest building.

“The project is an ‘adaptive restoration,’” said Greg Maybury, director of operations for the college. “We’re trying to get as true a restoration of the interior as we can but also make it as well-suited as possible for current needs. It’s a beautiful building with a rich history that we hope to honor and that we hope students and visitors will enjoy as they learn and attend events there.”

Graves was built to house the college’s chapel and library because Hope had outgrown the two locations previously serving that purpose, and served in those roles until it, too, was outgrown.

The work beginning this spring will include restoring stained glass to the auditorium’s windows based on surviving samples and recreating the seating to the original southern facing of the chapel area.

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.

The modernization is prompting construction of a two-story addition on the building’s eastern side.

Maybury said particular care was taken to plan an addition that will blend as well as possible with the original structure.

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Student reflects on Chad crisis
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Staff Writer

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 of 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 separate 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.

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Pianist performs powerhouse ‘Porgy and Bess’

The Hope College department of music’s current production, “ Crimes of the Heart,” is a Pulitzer Prize-winning play written by Beth Henley, set in Hazlehurst, Miss, in 1974. Although the play is a period piece, it still remains highly relevant to today’s society.

In the foreground of the play are the interactions between the three Magrath sisters. Meg, the middle sister played by Naomi Pointer (’09), has just turned home from Hollywood, where she attempted, but failed, to make it as a singer. Leony, the oldest sister played by Jeri Frederickson (’10), has just recently shot her husband due to his abuse. "His music is phenomenal. I enjoyed the way that he used volume in his songs to express emotion," Becky Dean (’11) said.

When asked what drew him to this form of music, Kirchoff said, "the creativity in it. I like that it broke all kinds of barriers and it’s really to play, I like exposing people to music they haven’t heard.”

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Also in "Crimes" are Ben Hertel (’11) as lawyer Barnett Lloyd, Stacy Thomas (’08) as the sisters’ cousin Chick and Steven Clay Branford (’08) as Doc Porter.

Despite these heavy topics, the play is far from melodramatic and is even occasionally darkly humorous. "The comedy results from the unusual circumstances the sisters are in, through many of the themes are quite poignant," said Michelle Bombe, director of theatre at Hope.

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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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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, dark, 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 Kipke. 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 inboxes and reading 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 Kipke 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 them by Wednesday, Feb. 27. The cards will be displayed at the “PostSecret Exhibit” in the Martha Miller Center rotunda from 6-9 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: Amanda Spaanstra, Parkview Apartments F-1. If you would like Amanda to send your postcard on to the official PostSecret after the exhibit, include a stamped envelope addressed to: PostSecret 13345 Copper Ridge Rd. Germantown, MD 20874.
In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Pappel

That’s all!!

Trips to the dentist are always uncomfortable, but my last routine visit was painful in more ways than one.

I have 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?”

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Dear Editor:

I am a Korean Catholic, and I remember being brought up in my catechism classes the importance of a greater Christian community, an idea that is such a fundamental part of our faith, not just as Catholics but as Christians. Unfortunately, this idea of a Christian community often gets forgotten as we devote all of our energies to other aspects of our faith such as our personal relationships with Christ or our missionary work. Our link, however, to a strong Christian community is an essential part of our faith!

Rev. Bruce Goertzen from Union Church in Lalance, Iowa, urges that a woman

The case for the seven-day Christian

You know you want to read this column.

Upon much reflection and observation, I contend that we must strive to become seven-day Christians (indeed 168-Hour Christians) by seeking to fill our every being with Jesus Christ, living every moment for the Glory of God.

I do not claim this concept as my own. The roots of it are found in the Old Testament with the prophet Elijah. In 1 Kings 18:21 (NTV), Elijah asked the people and others who gathered around him, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” Elijah saw that the people of Israel were dividing their time between God and Baal and essentially serving two masters (we should remember that Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters”).

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Where the wind still blows

Stephen Cupery

Do you speak Mayan? Yucatec, Mopan or Quichá?

Arctic parakeets always seem to squawk so raucously even when flying. It makes me wonder whether enough every time to re-wonder what most that amusing raucous overhead is all about. Their gregarious chatter, full of flamboyance and verbosity, does not lose any sound among the dropping royal palm fronds and croaking toads. It’s strangely reminiscent of what I imagine school kids at recess climbing trees might sound like.

My bicolors and I happen to be in Central America — Belize to be more precise — studying not only squawking avian but also the whole extraordinarily poor ecosystem in fused and cascading with life pulsating between every centimeter of bushes and every tropical vine-covered branch and bring. And being newly a Frisbee’s throw away from the debatable Guatemalan border has had an adventurously historical draw and all too catastrophic impact.

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My knowledge of the toucans. It’s strangely reminiscent of what a UCLA anthropology student during the early ‘90s when their excavation project was under full swing. It is ironically funny to think that I live in a place where others have stayed, who look for what has lasted in places where other animals did not know how. Yet every morning I am reminded through fog and mystery that the so-called sacrificial alters, “El Castillo” and “Caracol,” have a right to stand in their 140-foot masses on the hills overlooking two countries and two cultures, if not to jog our memory of mortality’s temporal nature. The leaves are falling now, but it’s not autumn here. Our thermometer reached a normal swelling 90 degrees this afternoon, but the calendar still calls February winter. The locals say that by early May, we can expect parched ground, brown grass and bare branches when the dry season has left spring looking like anything but Michigan. And feeling most usually at home on a farm that conjures, remembers and feels the presence in an ancientness of culture where grazing cattle hooves next unknowingly step cocoon-wrapped Mayan remains within their verdant earthen shells.

 CURRENTLY, Stephen finds himself enthusiastic for an afternoon’s trip to Belize’s Botanical Gardens and a most refreshing dip in the headwaters of the Mural River.

Beautiful Feet

Bryant Russ

Nothing but the blood

When I was a kid I would read the Nar- stories and feel uneasy whenever the nians went before Asian, the lion sym- phony stories and feel uneasy whenever the fore had been full of their mistakes, Susan else, Peter had treated his brother poorly, acted like she was smarter than everyone Asian? Edmund had been a traitor, and even Lucy with his barbaric and questionable film was once home to people not likely to have Mayan heritage. Xunantunich, a rain site within eyeshot, was once to people not likely to haves. It was once home to people not likely to have Mayan heritage.

Knowing the representational aspect of the stories, I would get a little nervous my- self. How can I go before God? As I’m sure you know, life can get crazy. I saw my relationship with God like a heart moni- tor; up one second then straight down the next. I thought, “When I am in time form God must love me, but when I’m confused or lost or struggling with sin He probably doesn’t want to be around me.” It seemed as though God’s love must fluctuate like gas prices. Unsteady. Unsafe. Indecisive. And all because of me.

Then the truth hit me: even on my best day I’m not worthy to be in the presence of God, let alone be called His friend; there must be something I’m missing.

Do you know what I’m talking about? God must be shaking His head at the pitiful mess before him. We are not fit for His presence.

The tree of our insufficiencies is quite condescending—that is, of course, only if we represent ourselves before God. But if you go to your knees, broken like shattered glass, take heart! What a perfect place to start! We are called to acknowledge our need for Jesus and take His uncharacteristic otherworldly Christ. As I fumble with which maybe, just maybe, I can come before God as Holy—I remember these beautiful words: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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Letters to the Editors

Love is a good thing

To the Editors:

As loving members of the Hope College campus community one cannot help but plaguing our thought-ful little hearts for many moons. We have sensed great disparity and unrest among the students of Hope College. When we picked up the highly priced and beautifully com- posed Feb. 6, 2008 Anchor edition, we could barely lift it because of the weight of the anger in the pages. While we feel that students should share their opinions, we can not understand why so many students are so angry and accusatory toward one another. As the highly respected group Black Eyed Peas once questioned, “Where is the love?”

As we are all settling back in from our time during winter break and as Valentine’s Day draws near, we would like to make a suggestion. Do not judge or belittle your fellow stu- dents or their choices, instead stretch out your blessed arms and embrace each other. It has been stated in several articles that as a Christian cam- pus, Hope College has certain stan-dards and ideals to uphold. We feel that the basis of this should be love. We also feel that it has been ignored that not all of us are followers of the same faith and so it is unfair to force Christian ideals on those who are not Christian. With this in mind we are all children of a God and guided by principles of love.

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Women's Basketball Claims MIAA Regular Season Title

After defeating Olivet College 79-58 on Feb. 13, the Flying Dutch clinched the MIAA regular-season championship. With three games remaining in the regular season, Hope is 13-0 in the MIAA and 21-0 overall.

Men's Basketball Leads MIAA

The Hope College men's basketball team remains first in the MIAA, after defeating Adrian College 70-48 on Feb. 13. The Flying Dutch improved to 11-1 in the MIAA and 18-3 overall. Albion College (10-2) is ranked second, while Calvin College (9-3) is third.

Dutchmen capture 10th MIAA swimming title

Men's swim team topples Olivet

James Ralston

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 Patnott 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.

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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 Chad 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."

MIAA CHAMPIONS—Hope College swimming team members (from left) Jeff Holtman ('08), Kevin O'Brien ('08), Brandon King ('10), Matt Ray ('10), Phil Heyboer ('10), Aaron Welsh ('10), Thomas Aker's ('09) and Lucas Osterbur ('09) claim the MIAA championship trophy at the Holland Community Aquatic Center on Feb. 16.

MIAA MOST VALUABLE SWIMMERS 2008

Ryan Nelis ('10)

Brittany Reest ('09)

Women finish second to Calvin

James Ralston

For the past 17 years, the Hope and Calvin College women's swimming and diving teams have battled for the MIAA championship. The 2008 competition was no different, as Hope finished second to Calvin on Feb. 16.

The team defeated Calvin earlier in the regular season and hoped that success would carry into the championships.

"We had confidence going in because we had beat them in the dual (meet)," captain Brittany Reest ('09) said. "We knew that it was possible but difficult, and in the end we just didn't have enough."

The team had many strong performances they hope to carry into the national meet in March. Reest led the team with wins in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke. She was also named the meet's most valuable female swimmer. Laura Amallo ('09) and Katie Williams ('10) both brought home individual victories as well.

Following their second-place finish in the conference, Hope is aiming towards the future.

"For next year, the women just need more swimmers," coach John Patnott said. "We won in the dual meets but just didn't have the depth to take home the MIAA championship."