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STATE REPUBLICANS PLAN RETURN TO POWER

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“I think the national students are doing an awesome job,” said Habeeb Awad, international student advisor. “They represent their countries very well to faculty and staff through [this event].”

300 to 500 people from Hope faculty, staff, and the Holland community availed themselves of last Saturday’s food fair, donating $5 for tickets, which went to purchase “tastes” of food from the tables. Additional tickets were sold for 50¢ each.

The event, organized by the SGA TASTE, Page 6
MUDSLIDE DEVASTATES PHILIPPINE VILLAGE

Chris Lewis Staff Writer

On Feb. 17 a mudslide devastated thousands of citizens in the Philippines. A week later, 122 victims were found dead and more than 1,400 were still missing, according to the Daily Tribune.

The mudslides were triggered by continuous heavy rains around St. Bernard, a town in the Leyte province of the Philippines. Unfortunately, this is not the first disaster to strike the area in recent years. According to NDTV.com, mudslides had killed 1,400 people in 1991 when a typhoon caused flooding, according to NDTV.com.

“Typhoons strike the St. Bernard area approximately 20 times per year. In 2004, more than 1,800 people were declared dead or missing after a violent series of storms,” said Brian O’Connell, chief of staff to state Sen. Shirley Johnson.

According to O’Connell, after the appropriations bill reducing the Amtrak subsidy passed, the maintenance facility would instead stay in suburban Indianapolis employed more than 500 people. According to O’Connell, the maintenance facility was not sufficient to be able to replicate what occurs in Indianapolis. After an inspection of the proposed new site for the maintenance facility with Michigan government officials, Amtrak officials felt the withholding of $1 million would not be enough to move the facility to Michigan.

Amtrak’s subsidy depends upon past performance O’Connell likened the past performance of the passenger rail carrier to an employee who is less productive, regularly comes in late, and has a declining job performance.

Pointing to the 17 percent ridership decrease and 168 percent subsidy increase from 1999 to 2003, “Amtrak was probably over-subsidized in previous years,” O’Connell said.

According to O’Connell, ridership was roughly the same in 2000 and 2004; however in 2000 the state subsidy was $2 million. In 2004, the state subsidy was $7.1 million. The Amtrak subsidy increase has put a strain on subsidies to public transit.

O’Connell’s interpretation of the MDOT Intercity Rail and Bus Passenger study is that “Chicago was a destination to visit family, friends, vacation, and shop. Train riders have a salary range between $50,000-$74,000 and have two vehicles per household. Bus riders have a salary between $20,000-$29,000 and own one or no vehicles and typically it was their only mode of transportation.”

“Senator Sikkema is working with Senator Johnson on this issue but no resolution has been finalized yet. This will continue to be a developing situation. The fiscal year runs through Sept. 30, so we have some time to reach an agreement with all parties involved,” said Ari B. Adler, press secretary for Michigan Majority Leader Ken Sikkema.

“I won’t make predictions on what legislatures do. I think you could say Amtrak is optimistic,” Magliari said.

“In the end we will work to make sure the service is not interrupted. The legislature will resolve this issue with Amtrak,” O’Connell said.

Amtrak did not return a phone call for comment on this story.
Three-band show draws local crowds

James Raiston
Worsh Nova Kemet

It may have been their first time ever playing in a building with pews and stained glass windows, but judging by responses following their performances Feb. 25, Hope students would love to have Mae play in Dimnent Chapel on a yearly basis.

The line to enter began to form at 7:15 p.m. for the 9:30 concert as hundreds of fans lined up outside the Pine Grove despite the freezing temperature and harsh winds.

“The line was all the way back to Darbee. It was really chaotic,” Meghan Wahl (‘09) said. “It was really cold too, but it was worth the wait.”

The night opened with the self-described “downright addictive dance-rock-pop-punk-band” called The Audition.

“The Audition was very energetic—the guitarist was drooling all over the place,” Sam Baker (‘09) said. “On top of the drooling, every time he sang he would spit. I got hit right in the forehead by his spit. It was disgusting. But despite that, they were really good.”

Following The Audition’s hard rock feel came the more emotional musical stylings of Lovedrug. Lead singer Michael Shepard’s on-stage antics added to the band’s intrigue.

“I really enjoyed Lovedrug’s unique style,” Wahl said. “Their lyrics were very unique and pulled you into the music. Also, the lead singer’s facial expressions were ridiculous.”

At 11:30 the five members of Sensory Aesthetic Experience (Mae) walked onto amidst deafening cheers. They opened the night with “Someone Else’s Arms” from their most recent CD, The Everglow.

“I liked their sound,” Seth Weener (‘08) said. “They seemed to be really enjoying themselves on stage and really getting into the music. Their energy got the crowd excited as well, which really made the concert more fun.”

A crowd favorite was Mae keyboardist Rob Swietrzek. His shaved head and professional appearance came in stark contrast to his on-stage demeanor.

“My favorite person out of all of the bands was the keyboardist for Mae,” Baker said. “He was into the music more than anyone else. When he wasn’t playing he would do a dance that looked kind of like T’I Chi and randomly yoga.”

Some crowd members were not familiar with the bands before the show, but had other in-person experiences. The first concert was very chaotic and the last one was really good,” Wahl said. “On top of the drooling, every...”
Hope College is one of only 10 church-related colleges and universities nationwide highlighted in a new book on effective undergraduate education. The book, “Putting Students First: How Colleges Develop Students Purposefully,” argues that an effective and holistic undergraduate college education is one that centers on holistic student development, including the search for meaning and purpose in life.

In the book, 10 selected colleges that intentionally aspired to be vocationally competitive locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally, they articulated their intellectual life with their faith in the context of a viable Christian community,” Dr. James Boelkins said. “We accomplish this through a team of outstanding teacher-scholars and staff who are dedicated to our mission.”

The 10 institutions highlighted were chosen, the authors note, “to represent the diverse group of the 500 colleges that were founded by one of ten church denominations,” and were included specifically for being “individually and collectively distinguished and distinctive in fostering holistic student development.”

Among the 10 institutions featured in “Putting Students First” are all church-related, Braskamp noted that the common theme that emerged from their experiences is hope. “Putting Students First” emphasizes three themes: that colleges and universities are intentional in guiding students in keeping with the institution’s mission, that colleges center on helping students find their intellectual and moral purpose, and that faculty are integral in fostering student development.

The book organizes its exploration by culture, curriculum, co-curriculum, and communities in and beyond campus. Examples from each of the 10 institutions are woven throughout, with selected aspects of the institutions treated in-depth. For example, Hope’s Senior Seminar program, through which all graduating seniors enroll in a capstone “life-view” course, is highlighted in a two-page profile.

“If I were to name one curricular program that addresses this issue of students developing holistically — that is, they integrate their intellectual life with their faith development — that’s an ideal program,” Braskamp said. “It is the way that the different dimensions of the college’s life work together.”

Braskamp said, “We used the concept of ‘faith development’ — that’s an ideal program. It’s the integration of ministry, of student affairs and academic affairs that is very key to how the students view their life,” he said. “It takes a whole campus with whole people to develop whole students.”

The climate of the campus is another crucial component.

“These are places that are rigorous intellectually and they try to provide a safe environment,” Braskamp said. “We spend a fair amount of time talking about safe environment, which is an important element in any college setting. Students can feel comfortable exploring, asking the big questions and coming up with answers that they feel are their own as opposed to somebody else’s.”

Faculty, he said, are crucial in the process as role models and student mentors. “The students are willing to come into the church and live in the church and participate in the church and how that refreshes the academic,” he said.

Hope specifically, Braskamp in an interview explained, “We knew of its fine academic reputation and it had a distinct mission regarding faith and religion, and it also represented the Reformed colleges — the Christian Reformed and Reformed.”

As a parent - one of his sons is a junior at Hope — Braskamp said, “Faculty are models and mentors whether they feel are their own or not,” he said.

Braskamp noted that he was struck by how well faculty at the selected seniors enroll and support students at the same time — and, for that matter, by their dedication in general. "I was impressed with how hard faculty members work on these campuses and how much time they give," he said.

"Putting Students First" is the culmination of a three-year research project. The authors first collected survey information on more than 250 church-related colleges and universities, subsequently conducted interviews with more than 30 deans and provosts from the institutions that participated, and then conducted in-depth site visits of the 10 colleges and universities highlighted in the book.

Although the 10 institutions featured in “Putting Students First” are all church-related, Braskamp noted that the common themes that emerge from their experiences can readily find application at secular schools as well.

“With the concept of ‘faith development,’ which we are related to finding meaning and purpose in life,” he said. “We also used the word ‘vocation,’ to highlight the questions of ‘Who am I? and ‘How can I serve others?’”
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features

March 1, 2006

Evelyn Daniel

It is unlikely that any thought it would actually happen to them.

For the hundreds of people facing copyright infringement lawsuits, many of them college students, sharing music online has become an expensive hobby. While Hope has yet to see a lawsuit against one of its students, the recording industry is actively monitoring what users are downloading on the Internet. According to Jeff Pestun, assistant director of CIT, Hope receives “cease and desist” letters weekly regarding rightsed material. If the holders of computers that they have found internet protocol addresses of Hope Association of America, list InAmerica and the Motion Picture Association of America, list InAmerica and the Motion Picture

many students are turning to for-pay services for their music.

Natalie Parr (‘07) has about 400 songs on her computer from her CD collection and iTunes, which charges 99 cents per song.

“I used to use LimeWire,” Parr said. “The cost of iTunes is relatively low, and it’s better than getting sued.”

On Hope’s campus, Parr would be in the minority. According to a 2005 survey by Professor David Schock’s Communication in January alone, and settlements are coming.

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grams, although they do exercise caution.

Bob Flavin (‘09) downloads music from myTunes, but with only about 120 songs on his com-

puter, he keeps the numbers to a minimum.

“Other people have bought the CDs at some point,” Flavin said. “If it is just sharing music that someone else has bought, it shouldn’t necessarily be wrong.”

While the estimated 44 percent of Hope students with more than 1,000 music files may agree with Flavin, the recording industry likely will not back down in its prosecution of file-sharers. “This is very real,” Pestun said. “People are getting caught on other campuses. We don’t want to see anyone get in trouble here.”

What a deal!!!
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**LETTER GUIDELINES**

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**SIDEWALK ETIQUETTE**

Knowing Nothing, Finally

At the start of 2nd hour, one of my more verbose students aimed a wise-crack at me. "Are you teaching today?" she asked. I replied to the contrary, inwardly pleased that I would be spending the hour at the back of the room with my nose buried in Shakespeare. "Good," she quipped immediately, "because I don't know anything." Her joke reminded me of my disclaimer to the 2nd hour Advanced Placement students a week before, in regard to my grading of their timed writings. "I'm figuring this all out, too," I confessed as we sat in a circle. "I don't know everything."

High school is full of people who know nothing. Just ask my 2nd hour, and they'll tell you how stupid God is. College is also stuffed with people who know everything, but in higher education we use different words to describe everything we know. "Political Science isn't real science." Oh, wow, I didn't know that. "Of course you didn't. You're not a real scientist." Society and history is full of "knowledge" that went Boink! "Weapons of Mass Destruction" and "War on Terror" are some big winners if you're playing Political Fluff-up Scrabble. Triple-word-score if you can win an election by compartmentalizing entire regions, cultures, and religious sects into an "axis of evil!" But I digress.

I can't go on what I know. I go on what they know. Whatever else everyone tells me is true. I only dare tell them what I feel, what I think, what I'm inclined to believe, but often the persuasion stops there. I don't know the correct answer to the abortion equation, the homosexuality reality. I don't know if heaven exists; big surprise, but none of us have ever been there. Dealing with this lack of knowledge isn't that hard for me; putting up with society's fairy-tale of complete awareness, however, is.

Faith must have been easy for our Biblical characters. Joshua didn't have to bargain with a conservative administration's foreign policy when he invaded his enemies' land. Elijah wasn't up against the curriculum of a world religions class when he called fire down on his soaking altar. Jesus preached from the side of a hill, from the sway of a boat; many of the preachers and prophets of today can't be pulled away from the microphone and the camera. The absence of faith has been lost in the commercial orgy of global media.

I know nothing of life's questions and their infinitely elusive answers. A humorous jibe at this search for finality, found in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, sums it all up in the magic number "42." Right now, as I finish surfing through the choppy waters of this liberal arts education, such an answer would be a breath of fresh air. But it would be a dangerous out, a cheap escape, from the noble calling of a life-long human journey. To know heaven, not as a place, but as a reality, would require ceasing to be human. To know the answer, a binding, uniting thread that runs through suffering and death and loneliness and ethical dilemmas, would be like a piece of a puzzle trying to become the whole puzzle. To be human is to be in the dark. It's been that way since the beginning.

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HOPE TO DOMINATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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On the court and the ice, Hope Athletes strive to command division III.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES
March 3 Men’s Basketball v. Wisconsin-Luther 8 p.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse, 9th and Lincoln
March 11 Women’s Tennis v. Adrian 1 p.m. at the DeVitt Tennis Center, 12th and Fairbanks
March 14 Men’s Tennis v. Grand Valley 4 p.m. at the DeVitt Tennis Center, 12th and Fairbanks

TRACK WARMS UP TO SEASON MEETS
Greg Reznich Swims
February’s weather has been anything but predictable. Luckily, Hope men’s and women’s track teams have remained indoors. This past weekend both teams completed their final indoor meet.

Hope’s indoor season began in February and included the Wisconsin Invitational, the Grand Valley Invitational, the Grand Rapids Championships, and the Illinois Invitational. The indoor season gave teams a chance to compete after the long winter off-season.

Both Hope teams have shown strong performances in the track and field events. On the men’s side, Scott Langille (’07) won the pole vault with 14-6, while nine other Dutchmen placed in the top eight in their respective events at the Grand Rapids Championship.

The Hope women also showed strong individual performances at the indoor event. Once again the pole vault ended with Hope on top with Maureen Warfield (’06) tying for first place at 11-0. Other top finishes included Nora Kuiper (’09), fourth in 55-meter dash (:07.61), Mishelle Scott (’07), fifth in 55-meter dash (:07.52), and over 40 showed. I am stoked about where the club could end up,” Reznich said.

Triathlon is one of the fastest growing sports in the world and is now one of the fastest growing sports on Hope’s campus. During the past two months, the Dutchman Triathlon Club has begun to form and grow.

Hope student Greg Reznich (’08) is the guy behind the scenes and has gotten the club pointed in the right direction. The first meeting was held a month ago to determine students’ interest level on campus. The turn out was incredible.

“I didn’t know what to expect, and over 40 showed. I am stoked about where the club could end up,” Reznich said.

It passed its first hurdle of becoming an official club when the idea was approved by the Extra-Curricular Activities Committee. After the meeting, the club’s popularity became obvious when two student members of the ECAC joined the club.

During the meeting, the club’s main purpose and objectives were written into its constitution:

The triathlon club provides students with an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and stay in shape.

“The triathlon club is great. It’s been awesome meeting new people who are interested in triathlons,” Hope student Meghan DeWees (’09) said. “It’s also been really helpful to have a solid group, all of whom are all working toward the same goal keep you accountable for working out and training.”

Also, everyone and anyone is encouraged to join. The ability and training level of participants ranges from triathlon veterans to student athletes to beginners.

This diverse group of participants has already begun training together and is on their way to their first competition. One participant, Erin Mitteer (’07) is ready for her first triathlon.

“I am excited and glad that I can be with a great group of people as I prepare for it and even though it will be my first triathlon, I think it will be amazing no matter the end results,” Mitteer said.

I’m having a great time with the people who have showed already and the more the better,” Reznich said. “If you like to work out, and need people to do it with, what are you waiting for?”

The Dutchmen pose proudly for their team photo for the Michigan Athletic Association’s team photo fall 2005. The team is made up of triathlons, with the exception of Nick Hinkle (’07) who is ready for his first triathlon.

Triathlon Club: Run, Bike, Swim

Photo by Greg Reznich

Tri-Club Coordinator Prepares for the Race — To join, or gain information on the Dutchman Triathlon Club email Greg Reznich at: gregory.reznich@hope.edu.