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White House correspondent Ellen Ratner is visiting fellow

Ellen Ratner will meet with classes and groups on campus this week

Ellen Ratner is president of Talk Radio News Service and is a White House correspondent. She also co-hosts political talk shows like Good Day USA's "The Washington Reality Check," and the "New World Chronicle," plus she is a host, co-host, or correspondent or analyst of various other news organizations including Fox News Service.

"I want to share experiences about the several careers I've been in with Hope College students," Ratner said.

She has written two books, including "The Other Side of the Family: A Book for Recovery from Abuse, Incest and Neglect." She has been a part of various positions of the Addiction Recovery Corporation, and is on the board at Goddard College and the National Association of Radio Talk Show, and the development board of the Duke University Center for Living. She also graduated from Goddard College and received her master's in education from Harvard University.

"In her own life she knows what she is talking about from her own experiences," said Klay.

Ratner has had various Hope College interns who have worked for her, usually during the Washington D.C. semester and that is how she was put into contact with Hope College according to Klay.

"We are very privileged to have her," said Bethany White ('03), one of the many students who attended

Study abroad continues despite September 11

Erica Heeg

Despite September 11 and the terrorism related fears that followed, Hope's study abroad program has continued to provide students with the same opportunities they had before the attack.

"In the broad scheme of things, I don't think September 11 changed the programs at all," said Neal Sobania, Director of International Education. "We have students all around the world this semester. Mali, West Africa, Chile, the Dominican Republic, all the usual spots in Europe, Australia, and all points in between."

According to Sobania, there are typically between forty-five and sixty spring study-abroad students; forty-eight are currently overseas now. Sobania cites worried parents and first-time travel fears as reasons for a slightly lower than expected number.

"We are looking again at our more STUDY on 6"
Hope hosts Model United Nations conference

Michigan's largest Model UN will take place this weekend

Becca Haynes

More than 900 high school students and faculty members from 45 area high schools will participate in Hope College's Model United Nations program.

The 30th annual Model United Nations conference will take place Thursday and Friday, March 7-8.

The students will act as delegates from the 189 member nations of the United Nations in two general Assemblies, seven Security Councils, one Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and one International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Students will focus on issues such as terrorism, human rights, globalization, the debt crisis, Afghanistan, the international narcotics trade, AIDS and global health, Macedonia, Sudan, Israel and Palestine, Colombia and the Caspian Sea oil crisis. In addition, the International Court of Justice simulation will seek an advisory opinion for an imaginary case involving China and Taiwan.

The political science department sponsors the Hope College United Nations. Students in a Model UN course organize the event, serve as session chairpersons and perform other administrative tasks. Jack Holmes and Joel Toppen, political science professors, serve as advisors for the students.

ECOSOC, Security Council and ICJ members will attend a banquet in addition to their sessions. This year's banquet, different in years past, will feature a multicultural theme with ethnic cuisine, music and poetry.

Jessica Zimbelman ('02), secretary general for this year's conference, appreciates the opportunity to work with the high school students.

"It's great to work with these kinds of issues. I find it exciting to work with high school students. It's important to educate them about current events and expose them to different cultures. If I can inspire one to become involved it's definitely worth it," Zimbelman said.

This conference is important to the hope students involved. Sophomore Lindsay Bosac is participating in the General Assemblies.

"This conference is important in the way that it shows high school students how the actual United Nations works, brings up international issues, and gives other cultural perspectives. Even in class [my classmates and I] realize that our responses are often an American way of thinking," Bosac said.

Bekah Oegema

Students study Arab world

A total of 50 Hope College students participated in the Michigan Model League of Arab States on Wednesday, Feb. 20-22, at Grand Valley State University.

The purpose of the model is to introduce students to the Arab world, to highlight the important issues being discussed and to generate understanding about the patterns of cooperation and conflict within the Arab world and with the international community.

Students role-play members of the Arab League during the model. Each delegation writes papers outlining their nation's stand on various issues being discussed and writes resolutions that were presented to the committee for discussion and voting.

Hope's delegation represented Palestine. Participating Hope students included: junior Renae Gower of New Boston; junior James Plamann of Downers Grove, Ill.; senior Megan Romoza of Chicago; junior John Thompson of Zeeland; and Kristy Truax of Wilmington, Del.

Dr. Janis Gibbs, assistant professor of history, served as the group's advisor.

Plamann served as assistant secretary general. Truax won an award as "Outstanding Delegate" on the Council on Palestinian Affairs.

Other participating colleges and universities from Michigan included Aquinas College, Grand Valley State University, Muskegon Community College, Spring Arbor University, University of Michigan at Dearborn and WMU.

The Michigan Model League of Arab States was sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and GVUSS.

RATNER from the campus brief

Just deal with it

I used to be a brat. I never burned down the house to get attention, but I was the oldest child and thought the world should revolve around me. I had two younger brothers, and I found great pleasure in telling them what to do. However, when my parents would tell me what to do, I would whine, cajole, beg, argue and deny any responsibility in helping sweep the floor or do the dishes. My parents had one simple phrase of advice: "Just deal with it!"

Oh, I hated that phrase! There was no good comeback for me to use when my parents and I were engaged in a verbal war. My only recourse was to storm off and to do what they asked. But now, years later, I am grateful for that nugget of wisdom.

As an adult, I have found that a lot of folks, young and old, who still haven't outgrown their whining phase. If something doesn't go their way, they whine. About it. I am sure someone who I'm talking about believes that the world exists strictly to cater to their every whim. These people believe that when something doesn't go their way, it is somebody's specific fault and that they should not have to deal with any responsibility. These people tend to be very unhappy.

I was a camp counselor this past summer, and after living with 100 junior high girls for months, I learned which types of parents allowed whiners and which kinds didn't. I kept thinking that maybe they'd grow out of it someday, but coming back to school convinced me that some people never do. We're not in high school any more.

This world contains people with different opinions, values and goals. Just deal with it. Many people I know complain about being at a school where the people, administration and faculty don't agree with their belief system. They say that because Hope isn't the 'real world', they shouldn't have to try to work out differences in opinion they have with others.

Hope is indeed part of the real world, simply because every day we are confronted with people with different views or beliefs. Every time we engage in a conversation with a person different from us, we are participating in the 'real world.' It is then our decision how to deal with that. Whine? Or learn valuable lessons from others?

Do we choose that once and graduate and enter the 'real world'? We'll be surrounded only by people with the same value systems as ourselves. You may choose to confine yourself to a close group of friends with whom you can complain about people who inconvenience you or make your life more difficult. Some, of the most interesting people have not chosen this lifestyle for themselves, and they are the better for it. Take Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for example, or Mother Theresa. They didn't sit and complain about the people who said that they were living in the people who told them they couldn't do things the way they wanted, or that things weren't going their way. They made intrinsic choices to make a difference.

Thomas Edison once was asked why he continued trying to complete the light bulb after failing thousands of times. He said: "If I find 10,000 ways something won't work, I haven't failed. I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is just one more step forward." He didn't whine, but took a pro-active approach to failure, and now we have light bulbs.

My challenge to all of the whiners, the complainers, the ones who take neutral situations and make it seem as if someone's just got to them, just deal with it. Or better yet, find a way to change your situation. It might make a difference.
Chapel Choir and Symphonette go on tour

Maureen Voronitz
Senior Staff Reporter

Musical endeavors at Hope College aren't just limited to campus concerts, or even to that of the local Holland area. Every spring, two groups, the Symphonette and the Chapel Choir, Hope share nationally and internationally as they embark on their annual spring tours.

This year, the Symphonette travels down south to Florida for a string of performances and makes one last stop in Georgia on the return trip, while the Chapel Choir takes to the East to perform in places such as New York and Massachusetts, as well as the more local areas of Cleveland, Kalamazoo, and Glen Arbor, Michigan.

This year finds both groups touring within the United States. Every four years, each of the individual tours goes abroad. Last year, the Chapel Choir performed in Italy. Next year, the Symphonette plans to go to the England, Scotland, and Wales.

The Symphonette, a small group of instrumentalists formed from the larger Symphonette Orchestra, has been working hard in preparation for the tour. Richard Piippo, Symphonette Conductor is confident that these musicians will well represent the music department at Hope.

"I think it's a very strong orchestra. They are doing some challenging works," Piippo said. "This is an opportunity for our music students to show the public that it's a very force to try to.”

The same holds true for the Chapel Choir. Brad Richmond, choir conductor, explains the main purpose for the tour is to give those from other places who may not know much about Hope a taste of the College's music department and to showcase some of the artistic venues that this liberal arts college has to offer.

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Knickbocker Theatre presents winter film series

Emily Moellman
Arts Editor

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Fact and Fiction

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Last week in the Anchor, the Editor's Voice entitled "Greeks Need to Justify Their Existence" shocked many students. The biggest of them being: why do only Greeks need to justify their existence? And why is the focus placed on us alone?

There are plenty of other groups on campus whose existence should be contested such as the Chapel program and the Pull. Both of these groups are dominant on our campus, yet their existence has never been challenged or at least not to the extent that Greeks has. There are numerous students that have been hurt by these organizations in one form or another.

Why is there such a negative light cast upon Greeks? Of course Greeks have their secrets but so do many groups. We know there are rumors out there about us; we are not complaining about this.

An organization's existence should not hinge on the rumors surrounding it. After all, they are just rumors, they are not fact.

There are so many things that Greeks bring to the campus that are positive. Here are some facts that might be interesting to the Hope community:

Greek men's GPA and women's GPA is consistently higher than that of all Hope students. Greeks are collectively involved in over 40 student activities, clubs, sports and honors societies. Two years ago, Greeks took the Dance Marathon to Hope's campus raising $24,000 in its first year and has raised $61,000 over time.

Surveys taken on Greeks nationally by the National Interfraternity Council have shown that Greeks are more likely than any other types of students to engage in community service once they have graduated and Greeks raise over $7 million a year for worthy causes.

All but two of our presidents since 1825 are Greek members. Fraternity and sorority members are significantly more satisfied with their college experience than nonmembers.

17.4% of Hope's student body are Greeks. 524 members to 2999 students. These are solid facts about the Greek world, but putting all these statistics aside, Greeks are more than anything simply a big group of friends. People who join into Greek organizations are joining into a group of friends who have a history and traditions behind them. To claim that these unique deep rooted friendships need justification simply because of the rumors that surround them is just plainly cruel.

We are not asking for you to stop spreading the rumors. We are not even asking you to support us. We never did.

We have each other to do that. We just want to keep our organizations alive, our traditions alive, and our friendships intact.

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Opinion

Great time for me when I was a student at Genesis 19:5-8. Shall we?

We, the leadership of the Gay-Straight Alliance. My high school had a problem with Christianity. A friend of mine wanted to start an FCS program that would take place once a week and just be a place for Christians to praise God and fellowship. My high school would not let me start school because it might be seen as detrimental to the community or any new Greek member.

We, the leadership of the Gay-Straight Alliance. In response to last week's editorial, we would like to extend an invitation to Daniel Miller (2/27). We believe that open dialogue is beneficial to all parties. Therefore, while his passion is admirable, a chance to discuss his viewpoints prior to publication has been greatly appreciated. We welcome the chance to participate in an exchange of ideas with anyone interested.

Alison M. Watt ('03), President Jessica H. Honeysett ('04), Events Coordinator Kristy L. Triax ('02), Secretary

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Letter writer misinterprets story of Sodom and Gomorrah, student says

To the Editor:

In his letter to the Anchor (Opinion, 2/27), Daniel Miller cites the story of Sodom and Gomorrah as a Biblical mandate against homosexuality. Let's take a closer look at Genesis 19:5-8, shall we?

...And the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, 'Where are the daughters who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them."

Lot went out of the door to the men. The door after him and said, 'I beg you, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

The moral of this story: pissing for your daughters is an act of valor, especially if it prevents homosexual behavior from taking place. Now there's a solid Christian value.

Amanda Dykstra ('04)
March 6, 2002

**Opinion**

**Sexuality a more complex issue than letter writer thinks**

To the Editor:

This is a letter to Daniel Miller (Opinion, 2/27) in which he is discussing homosexuality and sexual orientation.

I respect your decision to publicly articulate your religious convictions regarding marriage, the chaplain's forum, and GSF. However, I believe that the Gay-Straight Forum at Hope College is an important place to engage in open and honest dialogue about sexuality, religious communities, and other issues. It is a safe space for students to express their beliefs and ideas without fear of judgment.

I disagree with your assertion that sexual orientation is a personal choice, as it is more complex than that. Sexual orientation is a part of who we are, and it is not something that can be easily changed or chosen.

Furthermore, I believe that it is important to recognize that sexual orientation is not a choice, but rather a part of who we are. It is not something that we can simply decide to be straight or gay.

I hope that everyone, regardless of the side one takes in this debate, would choose to be respectful of all people. We should strive to treat each other with kindness and empathy, regardless of our beliefs or opinions.

I believe that it is possible to have meaningful discussions about these issues without resorting to harassment or censorship. We should aim to have open and honest conversations, and to listen to each other's perspectives with open minds.

I hope that you will consider engaging in these conversations with an open heart and an open mind. I believe that these discussions can lead to greater understanding and empathy between all people.

Sincerely,

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**Student questions letter writer's use of labels**

To the Editor:

As many of you know, the topic of homosexuality in a Christian community is often a sensitive one. In this letter, I will discuss the use of labels and the importance of recognizing the complexity of human sexuality.

Label One: Homosexuality and heterosexuality are two labels that are commonly used in discussions about sexual orientation. It is important to recognize that these labels do not fully capture the complexity of human sexuality.

Label Two: The definition of homophobia and heterosexism are also important to consider. These labels are used to describe the ways in which people may be discrimination against or prejudice towards individuals who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.

Label Three: The term "homosexual" is often used in a derogatory way by some individuals, while the term "gay" is often used in a more respectful manner. It is important to recognize the power of language and the impact that it can have on people.

I hope that these discussions will lead to greater understanding and empathy between all people. I believe that these conversations can lead to greater understanding and empathy between all people.

Sincerely,

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**Graduating senior disgusted with ‘Christian brothers and sisters’**

To the Editor:

As a graduating senior at Hope College, I am disappointed by recent comments made by some of my fellow students.

I believe that it is important to recognize the complexity of human sexuality and to treat all individuals with respect and dignity. It is not appropriate to use derogatory language or to make assumptions about someone based on their sexual orientation.

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Women’s 3 ball headed to Sweet Sixteen round

Hope defeats Thomas More College to move on to the next round

Ben DeHaan  Sports Editor

Entering Saturday’s game against Thomas More College, Hope College head coach Brian Morehouse was 0-3 in NCAA tournament competition. Morehouse didn’t let this affect his team’s performance after a successful regular season and MIAA tournament.

After a back and forth first half, the Flying Dutch were able to capitalize on their attacks on the way to defeating Saints 87-74. Not only was this the first NCAA tournament victory since 1990, but it was Morehouse’s 27th win of the season. Another feat accomplished was the most wins in a season by the women’s team.

“I thought that we played a great game today,” said Morehouse. “It was a very competitive game, but we just took what we do to win, and when the second to put Hope ahead 5-0, they took advantage of them.”

The Dutch entered the game the favorite, but the underdog Saints showed no interest in dominating the game. The two teams exchanged shots both on offense and defense. The first minutes of the half belonged to Thomas More, primarily because Hope went 0 for 4 on their first few throw attempts. However, the Flying Dutch roared back to take the lead again. The Saints mounted comebacks of their own, and by the time the halftime buzzer sounded, the two teams had taken the lead from each other eight different times. The shots fired equally in field goal percentage, as they both hit 56 percent from the floor. The Saints, though, were the ones walking into the locker room with a slender 45-44 lead over the Flying Dutch.

“They [Thomas More] played incredibly well,” said Morehouse. “But I never seriously doubted the ability of our team. I knew that we could win this game.”

Morehouse’s words proved correct again. With under ten minutes to play and Hope trailing 63-51, the Dutch took over Colleen Cotty (’03). Corey nailed two three-pointers to put the game at 65-57, and Hope took the lead again. The Saints worked behind the clock, but could do nothing to change the game. The second to put Hope ahead 1-0, they took advantage of them.”

“We are an unbelievably good team, and they have a big advantage at home. They are young, but capable of being a national contender, and have the best rebounding team in the country,” said Morehouse. “We have the toughest sectional in the nation, and it will only get harder. We can not afford to play poorly today.”

Gametime against Wilmington on Friday is at 7:30. If Hope wins, they will play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington against the winner of Delaware University and Hardin-Simmons College.

“Toughest sectional in the nation, and for next year’s team also,” Try said.

The Dutchmen vanquished the Green Knights in Hoosier-esque fashion, as Travis Spann (’05) in an 18 point jump shot with under 30 seconds left in the game. Once again, Overbeck was the leading scorer for the Dutchmen and recorded his 30th double-double of the year, chalking up 18 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. VanHekken followed with 13 points and Spann. The entire game was a battle between each team’s big men, pitting Hope’s Overbeck against Saint Norbert’s Nathan Hoffman. Overbeck came out on top despite foul trouble, forcing Hoffman to shoot only 7 of 19 from the floor for 17 points.

Overbeck is one of five returning starters for the Dutchmen, who graduate just one senior, Todd Bloemers (’02).

“We lead our team in a lot of different ways during the season and we’re going to miss him a lot. We have a lot of guys coming back if everybody stays healthy in the offseason. We have a lot of high hopes for next year, so we will definitely work hard in the off season,” Taylor said.