State senator speaks on environment

Anjey Dykhuis
Campus Beat Editor

With so much attention paid to pressing events around the nation, including a potential attack on Iraq, nightclub tragedies, and other breaking news, the public eye has focused little on things such as what is going on in the environment.

At 7 p.m. on March 6, the Environmental Issues Group has invited State Senator Patty Birkholz, R-Allegan, to talk about environmental issues she has focused on throughout her career. A question-and-answer session is planned at the meeting, which will be held in Lubbers 101.

Throughout the year, the Environmental Issues Group has professors speak on issues concerning the environment. This year, Dyan Couch (’01), president of EIG, had the idea to have a Republican and a Democrat take part in a debate, but later, the planning shifted to bringing Birkholz to campus.

"I thought it would be interesting to look at what our legislation is doing to improve the environment and different aspects that are important and that are big issues in Michigan," Couch said. "Most people at Hope are either from or around the area. It's a benefit to understand what Michigan legislation is doing as far as protecting the environment."

Birkholz chairs the National Resources and Environment Committee in the State Senate. In the committee, they are working on a package of resolutions and proposed legislation that would do several things. "I can't talk about some of them yet because we haven't gone public with them. I feel very strongly that we have to protect the Great Lakes from diversion and unlimited withdrawal," Birkholz said. The committee is working with the other Great Lakes States and two Canadian provinces. They are also setting up the Great Lakes Caucus, to bring legislators from those states and provinces to work with the proposed legislation. They don't want to redo what the others have done unknowingly, so they are collaborating.

She will also talk about aquifer more EIG on 2

Fires spark campus safety concerns

In wake of recent tragedies, college revisits fire safety

Kurt Koehler
Campus Beat Editor

Three minutes. That is how long it took a fire at the Station nightclub in Rhode Island to engulf the building and ultimately kill 97 people last Thursday night. Earlier that week 21 people were killed in a stampede at a Chicago nightclub.

These events have not gone unnoticed at Hope College.

"I was shocked by the event," said Jeremy Gunnink, who is in charge of some college safety programs. "However it shows how rapidly a fire can grow in a combustible environment. The nightclub appeared to have experienced 'flashover,' a term which means that the contents remotely located from the fire ignite due to the heated gases and smoke that rise to the ceiling and spread across to combustible materials on the other side of the room," said Gunnink, director of campus Occupational Health and Fire Safety.

"Three minutes is not a long time, and people need to realize the importance of getting out of the building immediately. It is my belief that prevention is the key to stopping these type of fires." Students also were rattled by these recent tragedies.

"I think that was ridiculous, having more FIRE on 2
Annual charity benefits sick children

Snapshot

Goals

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- To raise money and awareness for children treated at our local children's hospital
- To build a legacy of community involvement and to teach students the importance of always giving their time and talents to help others in need

Fast Facts

- Hope's first Dance Marathon was in March of 2000.
- A school the size of Hope is expected to raise $4800 but Hope's efforts have proved to be above and beyond expectations since its first year.
- Last year, Hope's Marathon had 180 dancers involved.
- In just three years, Hope's Marathon has raised over $110,000 for DeVos Children's Hospital

FIRE from 1

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Poet Glenis Redmond holds reading

VWS brings her to town

Katie Taylor
 Benson Staff Reporter

Thursday, the Visiting Writers Series is bringing an award-winning poet to the Knickerbocker stage. However, author Glenis Redmond is sure to do more just for her experiences as a single mother of twins, a daughter, an artist and an African-American woman. She found writing through a high school English class. The assignment was to write a journal for 15 minutes each day, and by the end of the semester, Redmond was hooked.

Though she loved writing as a teenager, she soon put it aside to pursue her passion for poetry. In 1995, she quit her doctor's program and turned full-time to her writing. Since devoting herself to poetry, Redmond has been given several literary honors. She is the recipient of the Carrie McCray Literary Award and the 1997-98 Southeast Regional Poet Slam Champion. Redmond has been given study scholarships from the Vermont Writing Center and Atlantic Center for the Arts. Redmond now teaches both amateur and professional writers, young and old, to express their own stories. The poet conducts motivational workshops around the country and performs in a wide range of venues, from arts centers to juvenile detention centers. Plans for a book of fiction inspired by her true experiences are also in the works. For more information on the poet's background and work, visit www.glenisredmond.com. Many students at Hope are eagerly awaiting Redmond's arrival on campus, because she is so well known for her positive energy, singing, dancing and interaction with her audiences.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre. All are welcome and admission is free. Redmond's reading is also part of Women's Week on Hope's campus, with events continuing this week through March 7.

Hope music talents showcase their very best

Student musicians ready for Monday’s concert in DeVos Performance Hall

Maureen Yonovitz
 Arts Editor

Hope’s annual Musical Showcase is known for its variety and this year will be no different.

The Showcase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 3 in DeVos Hall of Grand Rapids.

One portion of the showcase features Hope’s major student music groups. These include the Chapel Choir, College Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Sympho- nette and Wind Symphony.

Smaller groups, including the Jazz Chamber Ensemble, the Flute Choir, a quartet of saxophonists, the Women’s Chamber Choir, and the Percussion Ensemble, make up a second portion of the concert.

The final group is made up of individuals who audition to perform in the showcase. Alisa White (‘03) begins the concert playing “Ahasnne Fanfare” by Gottfried Reiche on the piccolo trumpet.

“Part of me is really excited, and the other part is absolutely terrified,” White said. “I know it will be a good experience, and a lot of fun if I can keep my nerves under control.”

With three separate performances, opera will be one of the main features of this year’s showcase. Alyson Payne (‘03) will sing “So long, Fidele” from Mozart’s “Così fan Tutti,” performed by Flutist Cari Chapin (‘05) and Sara Luneack (‘04).

This piece “...is a vibrant conversation between two married women about some choice men that come into view...but...” according to the program, “...these men are actually her husband’s suitors in disguise”

It’s a fun and flirty duet that displays music with others,” Chapin said. “I’m hoping my piece will add variety to the showcase.”

Lisa Walters (‘06) will accompany Chapin on the piano.

“I think you will enjoy listening to (this piece) because it is very peaceful and serene,” Walters said. “I really like the way that the piece flows, and its title is very appropriate.”

A string trio consisting of Joe Deller (‘03), violin, Joe Gutowski (‘04), viola, and Nick Toben (‘03), cello, will perform “Serenade, Op. 10” by Eist von Dohmamy.

Tickets are $10 and may be ordered through the Public Relations office, or purchased at the Grand Center Ticket Office, open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or through Ticketmaster at (616) 456-3333. Tickets purchased through Ticketmaster will have a service fee.

Indie music club keeps busy

Erin Wickens
 Online Editor

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Dimnun Chapel
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Erik North
 Organizer, member

“2,500 students attend our events,” North said.

The independant music club has recently added a Make A Band workshop which is expected to be offered next semester.

The workshop will help high school students who are interested in forming bands to do so.

Heather Verbeke (‘03), ICMP co-founder, says that the club is growing.

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Hope courses lack proper emphasis on writing

I recently received an emailed survey from the Frost Research Center about my writing ability and its development in Hope courses. Until I looked at the survey, I never really thought much about my writing experience at Hope. As I thought about my experience in classes, I came to realize that my writing really hasn’t been challenged much at all. Throughout all my classes, all of the assignments, all of the papers I had to write. I never really grew as a writer. Of course everyone in college has the odd paper that is written the night before the due date and assignments that aren’t proofread before they’re turned in, but the number of these situations I have encountered seems inordinately large. For my first two years here, I never had to start writing my papers early, and I have only gone through a drafting process with two of my papers in all four years. I didn’t know whether to blame myself for being lazy or the college for not pushing proper writing skills.

I started asking around, and found I wasn’t alone. I have only talked to a few people at this college who are happy with the challenge to their writing put forth by their classes. With the exception of this minority, my friends and I have only had a couple of professors who have really pushed us on our writing.

Something needs to be done about this soon. My fellow students, if you are taking a class that does not challenge your writing abilities, take it upon yourself to resist taking the easy route and show your professors what you can really do. Tell your professors that we need to improve our writing skills if we are to succeed after our college years. I hope our faculty can take steps toward correcting this deficiency, the sooner the better.

OPINION

June 1, 2003

Anchor story on NME not accurate representation

To the Editor:

I am curious how exactly the members of phi sigma kappa are considered a good source when talking about new member education (NME) to the best of my knowledge none of their members have gone through it, either as actives or new members. The quotes given were very general and vague. You can not fully understand NME until you have gone through it. Yes, it does teach you the basic information about being a member of a Greek organization. However, it also teaches one to work together as a class, it gives you a chance to start the bonds of brotherhood, and it lets you get to know the actives better, than during rush. As I said though my main concern is how the members of phi sigma kappa can be considered a good source when talking about NME. It seems as though the Anchor limited their article by only going to certain sources, however Eric Terpstra is one of many people that should have been contacted, each organization has a Greek council, meeting each organization has different opinions on NME. The entire Greek system can not be generalized by just a few people.

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Parties are great and so are mission work and job searches

Erin Riley
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

High of 76 degrees, partly cloudy, maybe some light rain later on in the week. According to the Weather Channel that is the forecast for the next few days... in Florida!

With three weeks until spring break, many students are craving the heat. Mission trips are scheduled for tropic destinations like the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Nicaragua and road trips are headed in that same general direction — south.

Matt Chatelain ('05), has always headed south during his spring breaks. This year he and 10 friends from Hope are jumping in three cars and heading to Florida to enjoy the warm weather, sandy beaches, and just some time to have a little rest and relaxation. When the offer came to stay at a condo owned by the parents of one of those going along, it was too good to pass up. “We are on a tight college budget,” said Chatelain, nevertheless, they plan on taking full advantage of the parks, clubs, and restaurants. “I’m just packing some shorts, T-shirts, and my thongs — sandals that is,” he said.

However, not all spring breaks will be like Chatelain’s. Sara Steele ([COS]), has also scheduled a road trip, only this one is not headed south, but rather east to Washington, D.C. After a semester spent in the capital interning in the White House, Steele has made plans to move to D.C. permanently following her graduation in May. “I really enjoy working with the press in a political setting. It’s very high paced,” said Steele. She has already sent out resumes and has scheduled interviews throughout the week with various offices within the Department of the Interior as well as in the office of the First Lady, Laura Bush, in the White House. Recently, the job market is tough, and for that reason alone, Steele has left her travel flexible with the possibility of acquiring more interviews during the week. “I’m going to apply to all the TV stations as well. D.C. is a very political city, so I know I’ll be doing something with what I love to do — politics,” she said.

So, although Steele will not be lavishing in the warm Florida sun during her last spring break as a college student, she will be getting a jump start in the D.C. job market. “Hopefully I’ll have something set in stone before I move out there in May — that would really please the parents too!”

Mission trips and more are ahead for Hope Spring breakers starting March 13.

what is your most memorable spring break experience?

“Going to Florida with our friends.”
—Madeline Crist ('05)
Jade Davis ('05)

“Going to Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Greece.”
—Jenn Jury ('03)

“Running through a swamp in Florida and getting all muddy.”
—Lee Keisel ('03)

“Snowboarding in Colorado.”
—Katie Skaff ('06)
Wooden shoes and windmills now on the decline

Carly Jugenitz

Located on Michigan’s west coast, the city of Holland is often associated with a highly Dutch population. Reasons for this connection include the fact that the city limits mostly encompass areas that support old Dutch traditions and landmarks that are filled with windmills and wooden shoes.

Although there is a large number of residents who are of Dutch descent, the racial and ethnic make-up of the city continues to progress and continues to grow in diversity. According to the 2000 U.S. census, of the 35,048 residents, 70% are white, 22.2% are Hispanic or Latino, 3.5% are Asian, and 2.3% are African American. When compared to the census taken just ten years earlier, the Hispanic or Latino population has significantly increased.

Impact of the U.S. Census, just 9.2% of Holland’s population was Hispanic. With such a rapid increase in the city’s Latino population, one might expect representation of a growing culture throughout the city. However, this does not seem to be the case.

In fact, when looking at Eighth Street retail stores and restaurants, there is not one store that visibly acknowledges the growing Latino population. In fact, the restaurants and stores that serve the Latino population are located randomly throughout the city. From Trejo’s, located on Ottawa Beach Road, to Margarita’s on 17th Street to Mi Favorita Grocery, located on Columbia Avenue, Latinos are expected to live outside the area that Holland has non-verbally designated as the historic Dutch-like town.

Even the employment offered within the city limits creates Latinos into a very narrow field of work. LIndee Claebront, Employment Specialist at Kelly Services, is responsible for working with employers in the area to find jobs for all qualified applicants. “Working at Kelly Services, I see a large amount of Latinos coming in for work. A lack of bilingual opportunities in Holland limits the availability of positions,” she adds.

There is a skilled population available, but because companies do not attempt to deal with language barriers, many are left without work.” While the ethnic and racial make-up of Holland is progressively changing, it seems that the Dutch culture is the sole culture celebrated by the city. The population is far from homogeneous with over one-fifth of the city’s population being Latino or Hispanic. With these statistics, it seems discouraging that Holland appears to conceal diversity that lies within its city’s boundaries.

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Hope students run into Anti-American feelings in France

Emily Hayes

Walking through the Paris Metro one morning on her way to school, Sarah Hatley, a third-year student at Pacific Lutheran University, received a flyer for the Assassins Club. The advertisement was recruiting individuals to join forces with Iraq and Palestine in the war against the United States. The date was Sept. 11, 2002, exactly one year after the infamous Twin Tower attacks in New York.

Later that same day, another American student was mocked by a group of students belonging to Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in multiple international acts of terror.

Such incidents reflect a growing disconnection among the French population regarding American foreign policy. As the gap between French and American politics widens, the impact of negative sentiments increases for students and tourists in Paris. American foreign exchange students often face criticism and ridicule when referencing their citizenship.

Hatley recalls a separate incident in which a man approached her from his car, demanding her citizenship. "Working at Kelly Services, I see a large amount of Latinos coming in for work. A lack of bilingual opportunities in Holland limits the availability of positions," she adds.

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Recent political actions in the United States have dramatically augmented the existing anti-American movement in France. Opposition to George W. Bush peaked during the election of 2000, when Europeans criticized his views on capital punishment.

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, however, Americans received unprecedented support from France. Brandon Guernsey, a senior at Hope College, recalls a sympathetic response from the French while he was studied in Paris during the Fall semester of 2001. "Being there just a week after the attacks, I think people were still recovering from the shock, and there was no reason as of yet to be uptight with the U.S. for their response to the attacks. I felt very safe in Paris, perhaps more so than I would have been back at home.”

Guernsey explained that France has been subject to terror threats for years, and has developed a detailed response system to such threats. “Le plan vigipirate was in full effect throughout the war in Iraq. As a prominent member of the expanding European Union, France was offended by the perceived interference of Bush, who made numerous phone calls to EU officials in an effort to persuade the Union to admit Turkey in 2005. The EU expressed concerns about the stability of the new regime in Turkey, which took control this fall, and requires more substantial progress in the region before the expansion.

Kirsten Dickerson (a senior at Hope College) recalls an encounter with a political activist on the Paris metro. Dickerson was invited to an informational meeting for an activist organization, as the coalition was recruiting international members. However, upon learning that she was a United States citizen, the activist too back the invitation and commenced to lecture Dickerson on American foreign policy.

With the looming threat of war and the large Middle Eastern population in France, Paris has become a target zone for terrorist training. In addition to the Assassin’s Club, pro-Palestinian and Iraq paraphernalia line the metro walls. Reports that Osama bin Laden has been recruiting people in France to train with the Taliban continue to circulate, leading to a slew of terrorism-related arrests in late December. Specific incidents include the alleged plan to poison the Paris water system as well as bombs found in Charles de Gaulle Airport and the Sacre Coeur cathedral.

Such developments contribute to anti-Americanism in France. Although the general attitude is clearly negative toward the United States government, it is not a reflection of the average French person’s view of American individuals. Students and Francophiles alike remark the bias is not personal but rather the cumulative result of years of political and social misunderstandings. In fact, the French have widely adopted American music and popular culture. Thus, the relationship with the United States is really quite close, but complicated and paradoxical.

Even in the continued aftermath of Sept. 11, study abroad programs in France are thriving. And for students, the positive cultural experiences outweigh the occasional negative moment.

(“Anti-Americanism is) just like a feeling, a tension in the air all the time,” comments Dickerson. “You can’t describe it.”
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Win over St. Mary’s decisive for Hope

Tyler Danek

The Flying Dutch continued their dominance with a 77-50 victory against St. Mary’s last night, advancing to the second round of the MIAA tournament. The #1 seeded Dutch will host Albion on Thursday. They recently defeated the St. Mary’s Friars by 23 and 24 points this season. If victorious Thursday, they would host the championship game on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

As this week’s MIAA tournament continues, the NCAA division III tournament continues to draw attention. With the national tournament scheduled to start in two weeks, the MIAA tournament will carry heavy seeding implications. Two more victories for Hope in the MIAA tournament will secure a #3 rank in Hope’s region of the national tournament. A #3 rank in the region would provide Hope with home court advantage early in the tournament.

Unfortunately, Hope can slip down in the regional rankings easily with a loss to Albion Thursday morning and 24 points this season. If victory continues, the NCAA division III tournament continues to draw attention. The Lady Dutch are riding on one of the school’s longest winning streaks and have been winning rather gracefully. Season highlights include scoring 94 points against Hanover and defeating Rochester by 58.

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Baltmanis was not the only Hope player to set top notch individual marks. Another senior co-captain, Amanda Kerkstra, broke the all-time scoring record at Hope College by scoring 467 points this season. An All-American last year, Kerkstra continued to produce impressive numbers. She led the league in scoring with 16.3 points per game and was a close second in rebounding. She also led the league in field goal percentage and captured two MIAA player of the week awards. Last week’s award was the fifth of her All-American career.

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Skating Dutchmen fall to Lansing, look to tournament

David Yetter

The Hope Ice Hockey Club competed in their last regular-season games of the year over the weekend. They lost to the Lansing Community College Stars by a score of 4-2. They also won by forfeit on Saturday when Kalamazoo College could not make it to the arena.

A small crowd at the Edge Ice Arena saw Hope lose only their fifth game of the year. They never seemed to get their offense going and had a hard time moving the puck.

Lansing scored the only goal in the first period as Hope started off slow. The Stars scored two goals in the second period, the last of which was scored by defenseman George Dickinson (’95). But Hope would not score again the rest of the game. Lansing added another goal in the third period and went on to win the game 4-2.

“We didn’t play up to our ability,” said sophomore Brad Vanderberg. “The Stars came out and definitely shut us down. They played well but not many teams have been able to skate with us, especially in our own building.”

Track team tunes up at Oshkosh

David Yetter

The Hope Track and Field Team continued their pre-season this weekend by competing in an invitational meet at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday.

The women’s team finished in fourth place in the eight-team meet. Host Oshkosh won the meet with 207 points, while the Flying Dutch managed to score 62 points.

Hope’s only winner was Christy Watkin (’04). She won the long jump with a jump of 17’11”75. She also finished third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.74 seconds.

“We had a number of runners who did real well,” Coach David Yetter said. “We are not real worried about performance now and are still getting ready for the real season to begin.”

Other notable performances for the women included Brooke Oosting (’03) placing fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:01.90), Karen Clark (’03) finishing fifth in the 200-meter dash (27.76) and Kass Van Assen (’03) finishing sixth in the triple jump (32’3”). Freshmen Gena Jorgenson and Maureen Warfield finished sixth and seventh in the pole vault, respectively.

The men’s team also competed in the meet in Oshkosh. They placed last in a field of eight teams. Senior Ed Perez finished in sixth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.99 seconds.

“We took less than half of our distance runners and a lot of our other runners are nursing injuries so we aren’t too concerned about where we place,” he said.

Both teams will travel to Chicago for a meet next Saturday.

Hope men, women top MIAA standings

Dutch take lead in annual competition

David Yetter

Hope College currently sits atop the leader board for the coveted MIAA Commissioner’s Cup. They are also in the lead for all-Sports standings as the winter sports seasons are coming to an end.

The championships are presented to the schools who have the most points in both men’s and women’s sports and the Commissioner’s Cup is presented to the schools who have the most points in both men’s and women’s sports.

Last year, Hope won the Men’s and Women’s awards, as well as the Commissioner’s Cup. Here are the standings for the year thus far.

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