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BUDGET BATTLES: Student Congress accepts new group, ups activity fee

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The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) was approved yesterday by Campus Life Board to be a funded student organization next year. Erika Howell ('08) proposed NSBE as a student organization to the Extra Curricular Activities Committee in January. However, Dean of Students Richard Frost confirmed yesterday that the CLB approved the Triathlon Club to be an official organization next year, pending a meeting with himself and Ellen Awad, director of student activities and Greek life. The Triathlon Club, however, will not be funded through the Student Activity Fee. CLB did not approve Water-ski Club to be an official organization at this time. The board expressed support, but asked that “some further safety concerns be addressed” before being an official organization.

Aaron Hawn ('06), president of the Sexual-Rights- and-Liberation Roundtable: A Forum for Gay and Straight Students, said his group took a “few steps” this year towards becoming an official organization on campus. The group created a constitution, but did not appeal to ECAC to become a funded organization. According to Hawn, the group has attempted to become a funded organization in years past, although they were denied funding. Hawn chose not to appeal to ECAC this year because, he said, “in all honesty, we won’t gain that much by becoming official.”

Even though student leaders like Hawn decide not to become officially funded organizations, the Student Congress accepts new groups. Josh Payne ('07), Student Congress comptroller, said that there is an increase in student group involvement this year. This increase, combined with large deficit and decreases in revenue, that number could grow even higher in the coming years.

WTHS PROGRAM REACHES OUT TO SPANISH-SPEAKERS

"La Radio Que te Mueve" brings Spanish music, conversation to Hope radio

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"La Radio Que te Mueve" - Spanish music, weather, news, conversation, sports, and community events to Hope and the surrounding community, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hope student radio becomes bilingual Saturday afternoons as six Spanish students take over the airwaves.

"We both – Hope and Holland – have a lot to offer one another.”

The students’ language professor, Maria Claudia André, also realized the need for a program to serve Holland’s nearly 8,000 Hispanic or Latino residents. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 17.5 percent, or 5,674 people in Holland speak Spanish at home. Of those, nearly half speak English “less than very well.”

If trends in the U.S. continue, that number could grow even higher in the coming years.

Without any regular Spanish FM radio broadcast in the Holland area, the students realized a major portion of the audience was being overlooked.

André and the Spanish department offered the students upper-level course credit for taking on the challenge. While they were uncertain of the workload it would require, Liber Bezmerney...
Tucked inside the $2.7 trillion budget request by the Bush administration for the 2007 fiscal year is a line item that has prompted sharp criticism from Democrats: a strong defense from Republicans: the budget for the Department of Education. Under the president’s proposal, the Education Department would see a cut of $3.7 billion, or 6.4 percent, from its budget, an increase from the 3 percent cut proposed for last year’s budget.

The cuts have Democrats up in arms, particularly after a December 2005 budget bill decreasing funding for student loans by $12.7 billion passed 216-214 in the House of Representatives after intense debate. “We shouldn’t have to sacrifice opportunity for students,” said Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) in a teleconference with Michigan student newspapers Tuesday. Such teleconferences are part of an effort by Congressional Democrats to rally opposition to the planned cuts, particularly among college students.

Stabenow argued education spending is a relatively small sliver of the budget, but one with huge implications for students. The $2.1 billion cut is the equivalent of one week of military spending in Iraq, Stabenow said. “I think we have a chance to stop them,” the senator said. “It’s very hard to justify when you shine the light of many forward programs not and such and the m in day.”

The cuts put in the Bush’s new. Programs as Upward Bound the Perkins student loan program for lower income students were slated for cuts in last year’s budget but were saved. Stabenow said the worry among Democrats is that the administration will continue to propose cuts to these programs until they get them. “This is about our values and priorities,” she said, “and I don’t think we should shortchange opportunities for Americans, young or old.”

Republicans have been equally strong in their defense of the budget. “The president’s proposed budget would streamline programs within the Department of Education and would reduce funding for what is considered duplicative programs,” said Hope grad Pete Hoekstra R-Holland.

“Despite reducing funding in some areas,” Hoekstra said, “taxpayer dollars spent on education would still be up $12 billion, or 29 percent, since 2001.” Most of this increase is connected to the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001. Republicans argue that funding is not necessarily the answer to improving education. “In the last 30 years,” Hoekstra said, “the amount spent per pupil in elementary and secondary schools has nearly doubled, yet academic achievement has remained stagnant.”

The upcoming months will determine whether President Bush will be able to see his cuts through in a budget year. The president’s prestige is at near-all-time lows, with recent polls putting his approval rating in the high 30s.

Unease over holding firm with the president is evident within Republican ranks. “The president’s annual budget request is only a recommendation,” said Hoekstra. “Members of Congress take the proposal into consideration during negotiations, and they have certain priorities that often result in revisions to the president’s budget and actual dollars spent on specific programs.”

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The bombing of a Shiite Mosque (above) has sparked violence throughout Iraq. This bombing has caused discussion of the possiblity of civil war in Iraq as out- raged Shiite’s have begun fight- ing with Sunnis. By March 1, the death count was at 379 and 458 were injured in the violence.

ONWARD PATRIOT

The House of Representatives voted 280-138 in favor of renew- ing the Patriot Act yesterday. The vote renewed 16 of the 23 provisions of the controversial act. “[The Patriot Act] will make America more se- cure, and that’s the bottom line,” Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) said.

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**BOOK SALE AT VAN WEYLEN LIBRARY**

The Van Weylen Library is holding a book sale through March 24.

The sale includes both hardcover and paperback books, in both fiction and nonfiction, including many art catalogs, K-12 educational materials, and travel books. Prices vary.

**A CAPELLA GROUPS TO PERFORM AT COOLBEANS**

Tonight, March 8, the women’s a capella group, Luminescence, will perform at the Coolbeans Coffeehouse Entertainment in the Kite at 9:15 p.m.

The nine-member group consists of Jess Schmidt (’06), Claire Kletz at 9:15 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The tickets for this show sold out three weeks in advance, a feat never before accomplished by any other GPS performer.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is an all-male a capella group from South Africa. The Grammy-winning group is well known throughout the world. They have performed on stage with the likes of Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon.

Despite the fame of Ladysmith, students were surprised how the show managed to sell out so quickly.

“A sellout is not unusual. Even though this is the earliest sellout we’ve had, the tickets are more available now than they have been in past years due to our new ticket office,” Hope College arts coordinator Derek Emerson said. “Many people have seen Ladysmith in other concerts and we knew that this show would sell out quickly.”

According to Emerson, there were 1,000 tickets available. The first 600 went to classes, Phillips Scholars and GPS subscribers. Another 200 went quietly and quickly. By the time tickets went on sale, there were only 200 left, and those were gone in 24 hours.

**Tulip Time Festival to host Jars of Clay at the DeVos Fieldhouse**

The Tulip Time Festival will be hosting the Grammy Award winning band, Jars Of Clay, on Wednesday, May 10 in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

The concert is at 6:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. Ag Silver, a local band, will be the opening act.

The concert will be the first ever to be held at Hope College’s new fieldhouse. Tickets for the event will be on sale from March 1 to March 22 for limited-seating reserved floor tickets. General admission tickets will go on sale on March 15. The prime floor seats are exclusively offered to churches, Christian ministries, and Hope College students.

Not only has Ladysmith been requested by students and the public for years, but tickets to this performance are much less expensive than what it would normally cost to see Ladysmith elsewhere.

**No Sufjan yet: Hope’s eye set on other big name for spring semester**

After the recent concert successes of Mae and Copeland, one can only help but to ask “What is next for the spring semester?” Among rumors that have been floating around the Hope community, is the possibility of bringing alumnus and former Anchor Arts editor, Sufjan Stevens (’97), to campus.

Sufjan Stevens, an indie-rock artist based in New York, has been a source of controversial discussion among Hope College students, since he played at Calvin College twice in 2005, while he has not yet played at his alma mater.

Alex Griffith (’09), a fan of Stevens’ music, expressed his concern over Stevens’ choice of venue.

“I am upset that a Hope alumnus would [perform at] Calvin instead of Hope,” he said.

Mike Leman (’09), shared in Griffith’s frustration and expressed his own concern on the matter.

“I have heard that we haven’t even extended an invitation to him,” Leman said.

Quite the contrary, according to Jon Ornee, Hope’s concert coordinator.

“Hope has been trying really hard to get Sufjan Stevens,” Ornee said. “Calvin simply got to him before we did.”

Ornee admitted that Stevens has an unusual taste in music, expressing his concern over Stevens’ choice of venue.

“Sufjan Stevens cannot perform within two to three months and 30 miles of a venue that he last played at.”

Sufjan Stevens does not seem to have any other shows this spring and Ornee is3
Local restaurant ministers to gang youths

After a recent desecration of Holland’s Window on the Waterfront park, questions began to re-arrise concerning gang activity in the area. The graffiti seen on benches, monuments and sidewalks of the park all consisted of symbols and various slanders, yet no culprits have yet been apprehended, and officials may have falsely assumed that the spray paint artists were gang members.

Local restaurant owner, Lisa Cromartie, believes that this cycle of gang activity can be overcome. Cromartie opened a Philly-style diner in November called “LisaMo’s” on Washington Ave. She employs young people, most of whom are former or active gang members as an extensive youth program.

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Cromartie believes that “if you’re going to help kids, you’ve gotta go into their world.”

Cromartie hopes that the police officers of Holland become stronger leaders and encourage reformed members on their accomplishments.

“Cops should believe in these kids so they believe in themselves,” Cromartie said. “Leaders in this community make my job harder. There’s so much double talk here.”

Jenny Cencer
Sports Editor

GRAFFITI AT WATERFRONT — The Latin Kings, Crips, and Bloods are rumored to be active gangs, leaving graffiti around Holland.

“We provide a sort of window through which the Latino community can get a different view of Hope.”

— Jacob Holton (’07)
For four weeks, 12 creative writing students sacrificed it all—their social lives, their sleep, and nearly their sanity. Their task was to write a complete novel—50,000 words, or approximately 175 pages—in just one month.

The students are enrolled in the English department’s creative fiction writing course. The novel had just two requirements: to meet the word count, and to have a complete story arc—a plot with a beginning, middle and end. They would write for quantity, not quality.

Professor Elizabeth Trembley of the English department heard about the National Novel Writing Month program (abbreviated NaNoWriMo), which invites thousands of participants annually to write an entire novel between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30.

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The thoughts that lie under hope

Erin L’Hotta

Editor-in-Chief

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relationship with Calvin College, despite graduating from Hope College.

Ornee credits a “radius” clause in Stevens’ contract with Calvin College for the lack of a Stevens’ 2005 fall semester visit to Hope. According to Ornee, the contract clause does not allow for Stevens to perform within two to three months of a 50 mile radius of the performance; Calvin College is 30 miles from Hope’s Campus.

Even though Stevens performed at Calvin, he is no longer an option for Hope to pursue for the 2006 spring semester. Stevens is currently on tour, though Ornee is hoping to get him for the fall semester of 2006. In addition to pursuing Stevens, Ornee is also looking for a big name to fill the DeVos fieldhouse.

BUDGET, FROM PAGE 1

energy cost led the Student Congress Appropriations Committee to raise the student activity fee by $20 to $120 next year. Payne assured that Hope’s student activity fee “is still significantly less than other surrounding colleges.”

A total of 46 student organizations attended a 2006-2007 budget hearing on Feb. 25-26 with the Student Congress Appropriations Committee. The annual meeting reviewed each student organization’s proposed budget and discerned how “[the groups’] answers about membership and involvement fit together with finances,” Payne said. “You’d be surprised how often groups’ answers and their finances don’t add up.”

After the budget hearings, one of the seven volunteer student appropriation committee members motions to approve or cut the budget. The budget is approved by majority vote. The budget is then forwarded to the rest of Student Congress for a final decision.

“We are pursuing a big show before the end of the semester,” he said. “We have a wish list of bands that we want to see. However, we have to consider where and when they are touring, as well as our budget.”

Ornee stressed that student suggestions are a major factor in determining who to pursue. Students can send in suggestions for bands by e-mailing concerts@hope.edu.

“Our vision is to bring in the bands that students like,” Ornee said.
The Olympics: a perspective from a student abroad

Yielding said in the same letter. The impact that the reviewed plan will have on Hope's campus climate is uncertain at this time. The committee hopes a change in campus climate will come to the Olympics with a love not just for sport, but for their nation. I could especially notice this in the United States. The Americans did not do so well for their nation. I could especially notice this with others who felt their national pride swell and drives the people to cheer them on. But passion drives the athletes to compete and passion that could let that feeling come out in the one place where each nation has the chance to shine.

The motto of the 2006 Winter Olympics was "Passion Lives Here." Personally, I could not have chosen a better slogan. It is passion that drives the athletes to compete and passion that I watched the commentators on NBC every two years, one can become disillusioned with the games. Being here in Germany has given me a look at the games from a different perspective. For those who were keeping track, Germany picked up the most medals at this year's Olympics. Here, however, the focus is not the medal count or the touching back stories of athletes. It's simply sport. In most sports, nearly every athlete made it onto television, no matter how far back they were seated. As I watched many an hour of coverage, I realized it: this was the chance for these athletes not just to do what they do best, but to let their touch stories of athletes. It's simply sport. In most sports, nearly every athlete made it onto television, no matter how far back they were seated. As I watched many an hour of coverage, I realized it: this was the chance for these athletes not just to do what they do best, but to let their passion lives everywhere, and with the Olympics, we all have the chance to share it.

Stephanie Beach ('07)
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS DEFEND THE COURT

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The Hope Men’s Tennis team has opened their indoor season with perfection.

The Dutchmen defeated Alma and Wabash and will face Grand Valley next Tuesday. Hope beat Alma 8-1 by winning five singles matches and two doubles matches. The Dutch defeated Wabash in similar form by winning five singles and two doubles matches. These victories were achieved with a team lineup unlike most.

This year Hope’s team consists of seven freshmen mixed with five seniors and a single junior. Cameron DeHaan (’09) offers his insight on the team’s unique make up.

“With seven freshmen and five seniors in the lineup it definitely makes this season a big learning experience, and I think that our youth gives a lot of energy to the team,” DeHaan said. “The upperclassmen have really stepped up and shown some great leadership in how to play tennis at the college level.”

Hope will soon face Grand Valley on Tuesday, March 14. As the season progresses, the Dutchmen will move from the indoor conditions to the more challenging outdoor elements.

Women’s Lacrosse

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However led most of the game thanks to leading scorers Greg Immink (‘06) and Stephen Cramer (’07), both with 16 points.

At halftime, the Dutchmen had a solid lead of nine points. Early in the second half, Josh Meckes sparked the Knights with a dunk that pulled Calvin within two points. Hope answered by building another good lead, but once again Calvin pulled within two with less than a minute left. On a fast-break steal, Calvin had a chance to tie the game but was called for an offensive foul. Immink drained two free throws to make it a two possession game for Calvin with less than 20 seconds left.

Hope defeated the Calvin Knights 70-67. Early the very same day, the Dutch defeated the Capitols 75-56. Both teams move on in the conference this weekend.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE RE-SOLIDIFIES FOR SPRING

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On the women’s side, the Dutch enter another lacrosse season with the mentality to play and have fun doing it.

“We want to be able to work together as a team and see improvements even if we don’t win,” Kayla Katterheinrich (’08) said.

The team has about 35 members of all ages and experience levels and is still developing.

The team is coached by the club’s president Sydney Konny (’07) and vice-president Allison Pautler (’06).

The women are ready for the warm weather to set in. Currently, they have to hold practices indoors at night in the tennis center. The women’s first game is March 14 at Western Michigan University. The Dutch also have two home games on April 6 and April 11 of this year. Both teams’ home games are played at Buys Athletic Fields.

“We have sweet new uniforms so everyone should come to our games and check them out,” Katterheinrich said. “It’s the little things to look forward to that make this season.”

HOPE TEAM VANQUISH NCAA RIVALS

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Hope College is the only team in the conference with both men’s and women’s teams advancing to the Sweet 16. This achievement has never before happened in Hope history.

Destined to play on the road, the Dutch will face Washington, Mo. at DePauw on Friday at 5 p.m. The Dutchmen will challenge Wittenberg at their home court in Springfield, Ohio on Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets for both teams will be sold on Wednesday starting at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, the Dutchmen posted a perfect 18-0 home record in the DeVos Fieldhouse. The Hope men’s basketball team defeated rival Calvin to advance in the 2006 NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Championship.

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