Mock U.N. conference has busy agenda

Kurt Koehler
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Weapons of mass destruction, sustainable development, terrorism, the global water crisis, global health care, and the status of women are issues we hear about on television or read about in the paper almost daily. As the United States fights to win support for a second Iraq resolution, these issues and others will be tackled this week at Hope College’s 31st annual Model United Nations conference. The conference, which is among the largest of its kind in the state, will bring about 900 students and faculty from 45 high schools to Hope.

The conference opens Thursday with a keynote address by Bruce van Woorst, a retired correspondent with a keynote address by Bruce van Woorst, a retired correspondent for Newsweek and Time magazines (see page 2 for more on van Woorst) and concludes on Friday. Organizers of the event believe they will leave better informed participants in the conference get a chance to look at the world from a different perspective through their participation in the conference.

I think they can get an idea of what’s like to represent another country and ideas and an idea of the issues and thought processes that countries go through when they consider issues of importance to international politics,” Holmes said of the conference.

The conference itself will be divided into the Advanced General Assembly, which will deal with weapons of mass destruction, and sustainable development; the Introductory General Assembly, which will deal with the global water crisis, global health care, and the status of women; and the General Assembly, which will deal with terrorism.

Not everyone who participated was an international student. Members of the Latin American Students Association also participated. Among those was Susana Rodriguez, who enjoyed the experience. “I had a great time, and I wish I had done it before,” Rodriguez said. “My organization cooked rice, corn and pork quesadillas, picos de gallo, and guacamole representing Mexico. I felt it was a great success. I met a lot of people, everyone liked our food, and we had a blast. We are planning on doing it again next year, and maybe we will represent another country.”

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Global tastes delight guests

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Last Saturday night the cultural diversity of Hope College’s international students was on display. The annual International Food Fair was held celebrating the many cultures these students represent and their cuisines.

The fair was sponsored and organized by the International Relations Club and by the Fried International Center.

The food fair was prepared by the international students themselves, who alone or in groups, cooked one of their respective culture’s cuisines for the fair. Tables that were set up to feature the food also displayed educational materials concerning the food and the cultures that it originated from. Students also dressed in traditional cultural attire while they served the food out to members of the Hope community.

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Students learn for a good cause

Advanced ceramics class makes bowls to sell, for Habitat for Humanity charity

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On Friday at lunchtime, the Ceramics section of the DePree Art Center will sponsor a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. For the past several months, students of Daryn Lowman’s, professor of art, Advanced Ceramics class, Daryn Lowman, and a few others have been crafting bowls to sell at the fundraiser.

The ceramics section of DePree Art Center, 16 students will sell bowls and soup to fill the bowls between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Half of the profit made will be donated to the local Habitat for Humanity fund. The other half will go towards the college’s Ceramics Guild. With this extra money, advanced students will be able to do more with their projects. This money will fund extra supplies that the budget would not necessarily be able to cover.

“The idea to make bowls is not original, but the lesson is the need for the ceramics department to not only give some example of students’ work, but also to give something to a local cause,” said Lowman.

The students involved are creating almost 300 individually crafted bowls, all of which are microwave and dishwasher safe. Some were placed in front of one fire and some salt-fired. The last of them will be fired tomorrow, so the bowls as well as the soup will be fresh. Prices range from $5 for a bowl alone to $12 for a bowl of choice— one of three types of soup, Vegan, vegetarian, or chile.

The whole Holland community is invited along with all of Hope College. “We’ve also hit on Grand Rapids to come out,” Lowman said.

“Your public gets to know something about ceramics. It’s a technique that takes time to learn what you want. Not all ceramics is stuff that you see at craft fairs,” said Lowman.

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Stakeholders Association brings RN to lecture

Stephanie Szydowski
STAFF REPORTER

The old cliché “saving the world one person at a time” has been applied to many causes ranging from fighting for human rights and against hunger to religious evangelism. Now it also extends to the profession of nursing.

The Hope College Student Nurses Association is sponsoring "Nurses: Saving the World One Person at a Time," as part of its speaker series. Dorothy Bouwman, president of patient education company "Ludman Education Services," will be presenting the lecture, which is scheduled to be given tonight.

Dorothy Bouwman holds an MBA from Davenport College, a master of science in advanced nursing study, and a master’s in education at Wayne State University. She received her bachelor of science in psychology at Aquinas College, and her RN from Blodgett School of Nursing.

As a member of the American Association of Neurosurgical Nurses (AANN), the American Nurses Association, the Michigan Nurses Association and the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Bouwman’s perspective on the material is valuable to prospective nursing students. The lecture focuses on the leadership role played by nurses in patient education, and the material is currently used by nurses and plays a role in patient’s treatment.

Sietsma, a chair of the nursing department, encourages student attendance. "An integral role of the profession is to make patients feel comfortable. The lecture will not only give a resource to promote health, but it will also be a catalyst for the students' interest in the field of nursing. Students will be encouraged to attend, because by seeing how a specific patient education series can be utilized in teaching patients about their disease and the treatment needed," Sietsma said.

Sietsma also noted that the education series is maintained in a manner that is easily understandable by the lay public.

Bouwman is a favorite of Hope Nursing students. “[Bouwman] is a great professor. She knows how to take her enthusiasm and passion for nursing and instill it in her students. You can tell that nursing is more than a job for [Bouwman], it’s her passion,” said Lissa Elenbaas ’15. Students are encouraged to attend, because, according to Sietsma, the benefits of this lecture include "recognizing the application of patient education in an effective and creative manner."

For each one to be completely unique is a nice way to think about individuality, said Lowman.

Mission trip prep winds down as Spring Break approaches

Anjey Dykhuis
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

What do New York, California, and Latin America have in common? These are locations for Campus Ministries sponsored mission trips over Spring Break. Students from Hope are going to 23 different locations to help out with various ministries around North and Central America. Six of these groups are leaving the United States to go to the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Mexico.

So what are they doing right now with only 9 days to go until show time? Preparations, preparations, preparations.

While some student participants may have just started getting ready for their trips, student leaders and non-student support members have been planning for their trips since mid-October last semester. Each group takes one female and one male leader. These were invited to lead the groups in October and set down a commitment then. Ever since, they have been meeting with the people they’ll be working with, starting with the people they’ll be working with, starting with the people they’ll be working with, starting with the people they’ll be working with.

Others have been planning ever since they knew where they were going. Each trip differs in what is needed for preparation. Some groups have been meeting almost weekly since they got their assignments. Two leaders even traveled to their location to network with the people they’ll be working with in New York. Other trips have group and individual meeting times.

“[It all depends on how each group wants to spend its time],” said Barb Osbum, Outreach Director of Campus Ministries.

Leaders heading trips out of the country and requiring plane tickets also have responsibilities to fundraisers to gear what they need financially straight. "Those people were all asked to start in that before Christmas break, and we keep track of it. They’ve been sending out support letters starting months ago,” in December and January, Osbum said.

Leaders also have the responsibility of sending out letters to parents of students going along to let them know what will happen, how to reach the group in event of emergency, and many leaders included specific prayer requests for the group throughout the week.

Some of the trips who have been meeting quite often seem so frequently not because they want to bond, although that is part of it, Osbum notes, but because they know they will have a lot of responsibilities when they get to their destination. "Some groups actually have to plan their menu for the week," said Osbum.

The trip to Pompano Beach, Florida, will be participating in leadership workshops their first day on the job, so they have been preparing that for quite some time.

“They’ll also be doing a lot of evangelism throughout the week, and they have two skills more MISSIONS on 3.

International relations expert to address Model UN banquet

Erin Riley
STAFF REPORTER

Having a professional career that tallies more than a million frequent-flyer miles surely brings a wide range of experience and knowledge along with it. Bruce van Voorst, Holland native and Hope alumnus (’34) embodied that on Wednesday and is visiting Hope this week to share his knowledgeable insight on international affairs. He addressed the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP) on Tuesday night and has addressed more than 500 high school students and faculty on Thursday at the 31st annual Model United Nations as the keynote speaker.

van Voorst retired four years ago after 35 years of experience as a magazine correspondent for both Time Magazine and Newsweek where he covered a wide spectrum of international issues. However, before entering journalism, he served both in the CIA and Department of State, following, he served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Throughout his career, he has been involved in U.S. policy from Rıos to Beirut, Brussels to Buenos Aires.

During his career, van Voorst spent 20 years as a professional representative for the Israeli National Security at Time Magazine and 15 years as Diplomatic Correspondent for Newsweek reporting on the Gulf War, Vietnam, the Mideast wars, the Cyprus fighting, the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Polish revolution, and many others. In addition, van Voorst has interviewed many of the leading world figures of our time including Germany’s Willy Brandt and China’s Chou En Lai.

In his diplomatic roles he has reported on relations involving the United Nations and other international bodies. He is currently using these experiences in his keynote address Thursday titled, “The United Nations, To Be Or Not To Be,” which will address the office’s effectiveness in regard to current international issues. “This is definitely one of the best speakers we’ve had in awhile,” said Elisabeth van Bovenwegen (’03) Model U.N. Secretary General, “he is a class-A speaker with a lot of international experience, we are very excited.”
From ‘Joe Millionaire’ to ‘The Bachelorette,’ students get sucked in to unreal ‘reality’

Katie Taylor
Staff reporter

During the month of February on Wednesday nights, the girls of cluster 3-2 in Dykstra had a big date...with their TV. They all huddled around watching ‘The Bachelorette’ on FOX faithfully every week, tuning in to see who these desperate men would remain in the race to win Trista’s heart. The stakes were high, not only for the guys on the show, but for these Hope students watching them. At the beginning of ‘The Bachelorette’, they all bet $1 on the three men they thought Trista might choose. Feb. 19, in the show’s finale, those who bet on firefighter/bachelor Ryan cashed in.

“We were practicing a ‘Joe Millionaire’ party for the show’s two-hour finale. It’s just a good mixer, it helped promote socialization within the hall, and plus, it’s just an addictive show,” Boczniak said of the get-together.

Reality shows have become the obsession of the viewing public and just about every channel is cashing in on their success. It’s hard to keep track of all of them: ‘Joe Millionaire’, ‘Survivor’, ‘The Bachelor’, ‘American Idol’, ‘Are You Hot?’, ‘We divide them up so everyone can say enough is enough? The current ‘reality’ show, ‘The Real World, Las Vegas,’ is a mess with practically the whole house taking turns sleeping with each other.

For example, ‘American Idol’ is a favorite for watching people make fools of themselves. The show is new in its second season. In the first season, singers from across the country competed to be the next pop star. They were voted on by the American public through telephone calls, but judges on the show helped influence voters.

The new format is working: according to www.idolfaq.com, 26.5 million people watched the first show of the new season, compared to the 22.8 million who saw the first season finale of ‘American Idol’.

It’s hard for most people to deny that reality TV is entertaining. Even those who want to hate it find that many of the shows are addicting. After all, once you saw one episode of ‘Joe Millionaire’ (which concluded Feb. 17) you were dying to know how those women might react once they learned that Evan wasn’t a millionaire. Perhaps the attraction to these shows is the fact that it reveals true human emotions however ugly they may be. In ‘Joe Millionaire’s’ case, it’s gold-digging.

“It’s like a car accident,” said Rebecca Rooy ‘08. “It’s going to come crashing down in the end, and I want to witness it all.”

One of the things that the reality genre is consistently praised for is its ability to reach across races. On ‘Survivor’, for example, the competitors come from all different backgrounds. ‘The Real World’ and ‘Road Rules’ work the same way.

Reality shows do not seem to be slowing down as ‘Survivor’ is in its sixth season and seems to be running strong. As long as viewers continue to shape their evenings around their favorite reality shows, the genre should be safe for a while.
ensambles and extracurricular activities have had trouble because of the long hours that classes meet. Musical problems with scheduling the number of classes they want that time, almost every department has run into various meeting enough.

The Affirmative Action board's meeting on Feb. 25, four-credit classes are not classtime. So my question is, if all of these "class-free" times have been held sacred in this fashion. Both of these times have been Monday, Wednesday and Friday was also supposed to be community, no classes were over, something is wrong with the current core system. In times are no longer class-free, how are we not spending any advertising.

It seems to me that, if these times are being scheduled over, something is wrong with the current core system. In all of my experience, three hours of class time is supplemented with hours of homework every night. The combined time on class and homework is enough to satisfy a four-credit class. The assignment of outside work seems to be a driving force behind this possible change. If this is the case, I have some news for the folks on the Academic Affairs board: for the majority of classes, having more class time will not reduce the amount of material that the homework covers. Along with not solving the problem it means to it, this solution will only increase the class conflicts, throughout the week. Instead of aiming to increase the amount of time that we spend in class, our representatives should focus on getting us our class-free time back.

To the Editor:

I have tried my best not to get involved in the debate on whether we should go to war with Iraq. While normally I enjoy debating any topic, I just feel quite like I know enough about the whole situation to decide whether war is the answer. I do believe that it should be our last resort, but in my opinion, we may be at that now. What I do know, however, is that sometimes war is necessary. I read Chad's editorial about how war should never be an option for Christians, and I just think that it was a little shortsighted. I completely agree that Christians are called to be peacemakers, but I believe that this rule exists out of every case. I don't believe that going to war to stop Hitler from murdering innocent people was wrong, and there are many other examples of this. I agree that the best way to deal with conflict is to compromise and find nonviolent means for a solution whenever possible. I would just like to comment though that we don't live in a perfect world, and these idealistic goals are not always possible. I guess I am not arguing for war in the case of Iraq as much as against the notion that war is never acceptable. I especially reject the idea that Christianity rules out the option of ever going to war. In some cases, especially when dealing with unreasonable people, compromising will never do any good. A compromise only works under the promise that both parties can be trusted. As I stated earlier, I don't profess to know nearly enough about the whole situation to claim that we are beyond the point of compromise. I do realize that fact that it is entirely possible though, and in that case I fully support going to war against Iraq and I don't feel that this would be going against my Christianity in any way.

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Gretchen Schmidt's letter in the 2/19 edition of The Anchor about the movie "Bowling for Columbine." As Films Chair for SAC this year, I am very pleased to hear positive comments about our movies. Gretchen is not the only person to express this view, many people I have talked to had good things to say about this movie. Additionally, I heard student who went into discussion in 3 different classes. Certainly this is a movie that impacted the campus community.

Through Gretchen's letter, some unfortunate myths concerning this movie arose. First, the reason we brought the movie is twofold. In our survey of campus last semester, "Bowling for Columbine" scored very high. While other new movies did score higher. "Bowling" was definitely popular enough to bring to campus.

The reason the movie was shown on such a busy weekend (Valentine's Day, Winter Fantasia) was almost completely beyond our control. Most of the popular movies were not available until after March 1. In order to show "Bowling for Columbine" as well as other popular movies, we had to show it during that weekend. I knew that it would have a tough time doing well during that busy weekend, but I hoped that people who wanted to see it would come out anyway. Student and faculty did come out. 214 of you came out to the movie, roughly the same number that attended "Divine Secrets of the YaYa Sisterhood" and 30 less than "Mr. & Mrs. D'Isidore." Indeed, the movie did fairly well. I am sure that it would have done better on another weekend, but we did not have that luxury. We needed a popular movie on that weekend,

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Dance 29 comes to DeWitt, presents variety of styles

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Arts Editor

For 29 years, dance students and profes-
sors have come together to choreograph, rehe-
arse, and perform in Hope's longstanding annual
dance concert. This year, the popular Dance 29 will
take place at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in
the DeWitt Main Theatre.

"This is the dance event at Hope College," says Julie Rivera, visiting associate profes-
sor of dance. "For a long time it was the only
dance event that was happening on campus until we started to introduce dance through different venues."

Rivera said the concert is a modern piece entitled, "Forever Without End... As It Was." He explains that his inspiration for the piece was the idea of birth and the cycles through which things come to be. The dance is in three parts. The first, "the angels watch," represents divine order, second is "origin," which represents birth, and the third "beyond today...maybe tomorrow" begins with a nightmare scene to represent the happenings of today's world and ends with the hope that there will be a better life afterwards.

Rivera is impressed with the work the dancers in his piece have done leading up to the concert. The dancers have similar feel-
gings.

"I have really enjoyed working with Julio, although there have been struggles along the road, he stood by me, encouraged me, and never lost faith in me," said Soledad Smith '06.

The concert will be entirely without clas-
sical dance pieces, however, as will be shown in the en pointe ballet piece "Bluer Pastures" choreographed by Avi Kaiser, a guest choreographer from En Point.

The dancers point out that this piece may be a little different than what audiences may expect from a dance concert.

"The choreography throws you for a loop, and it is very unpredictable," said Bethany White '03. "People might be confused, bored, and even strongly dislike it, but others will be intrigued."

Katherine Davenport '04 agrees, but also believes that even those who do not like the piece will be able to get something out of it. "This is a piece I honestly don't think people will get or necessarily understand," Davenport said. "But I think that everyone will take something different from the piece."

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This spring, a world-class violinist will take a trip away from Hope. For the first time, he will present a concert right here on Hope's campus.

Mihai Craioveanu, violinist and professor of music, will per-
form in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall on March 29. This Sunday, he will give a preview of the Great Performance Series concert in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall on March 29. This Sunday, he will give a preview of the Great Performance Series concert for Albuquerque Journal, titled "Pianist's passion is infectious." According to recent reviews, Hope has reason to look forward to the concert. The feedback on his recent performances has been more than positive—audiences have been amazed at the talent of this pianist.

Joanne Shelly Hoover wrote a review of Koltakov's February 16 performance for the Albuquerque Journal, titled "Pianist's passion is infectious.

Tickets for Dance 29 are $7 for regular admission and $5 for senior citizens, students and Hope faculty and staff members. They are available in the DeWitt ticket office, open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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If you’re not part of the solution...

\"Slavery was hundreds of years, so get over it. I don’t see color, and minorities are the ones separating themselves.\" I have heard these statements, and some similar to them. They conjure up feelings of hurt and devalue feelings regarding the lynching, rapes, beatings, and mental scars imbedded deep within African-Americans. Although disharmonizing, the oppressive race relations of the past remain part of the history of our country. A group of people are enslaved, oppression and torn apart. Despite these factors, the question \"Why is Black History Month celebrated?\" still remains a valid question for many. A board in a residence hall last month stated \"What do we celebrate this month? You should know it’s your history,\" sums up the fact of the matter well. Simple research knowledge suggests that a cause elicits an effect. Integration is only needed if there has been segregation. Ratification 14th Amendment in 1868, Brown v. Board of Education and later Plessy v. Ferguson, were all actions taken because many citizens of the United States of America desired to maintain the status quo. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the NAACP and other organizations were created because African Americans were prohibited from participating in the normal activities of American society, and were always punished for having considerably larger amounts of melanin in their skin. Since Black History Month has ended, let me share some questions I have. Why didn’t I learn about anyone other than Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and all of the traditional faces known to the civil-rights movement while studying U.S. History? Why did I only hear about white male figures, when it came to the founders and significant contributors to our country? Why were participators of the civil rights movement regarded as \"trouble\" and not founders of a social movement that would change the world? Let’s be honest, our country has finally begun to recognize the struggle and contributions to the world that African Americans have made. I want to say thank you, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, for creating Black History Month and taking interest in your race, that had been labeled unintelligent and referred to in endless negative connotations. Every generation has its issues, but let’s make sure we grow, learn and set a positive example for our children’s children. As the saying goes, \"if you’re not a part of the solution, you’re a part of the problem.\"
Track athletes tune up with indoor meet

At U. of Chicago meet, Hope men and women finish second overall

Dave Vetter
Sports Editor

The men’s and women’s track teams traveled to Illinois this past weekend to compete in the Chicago Invitational. The meet, hosted by the University of Chicago, was the last tuneup before the spring trip over spring break.

The men’s team finished second in a six-team field. The Maroons, who hosted the tournament, were the winners with 145 points. The Dutchmen finished with 94 points, followed by Harper Community College with 73 points and DuPage Community College with 67 points.

The Flying Dutchmen won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:35.03. Sophomore Peter Derby was the only individual winner, finishing first in two events. He captured the 1500-meter run (4:40.95) and the 3000-meter run (8:53.89). Derby was not the only notable performer for the Dutch included Craig Rigger ('06), who finished second in the 800-meter run (2:02.51) and Ed Perez ('03), who finished second in the 400-meter dash (5:18.91).

The Lady Dutchmen competed in this weekend second meet. Host Chicago set the pace with 219 points, followed by Hope with 129 points. DuPage Community College and Benedictine finished third and fourth, respectively.

Christy Watters ('04) was Hope’s only double winner. She won the long jump (17’4”) and the 55-meter dash (7.07). She also finished second in the 4x100 relay and senior Kristin Post was another Hope winner. She won the 3000-meter run with a time of 11:10.

Other top finishes for the Dutch included Karen Clark ('03), who finished first in the 200-meter dash (27.42).

Kara Van Assen ('03) finished second in the triple jump (33’2”) and Lindsey Kauper ('03) finished second in the shot put (36’3”).

Coach Derek Chavis seemed pleased with the way that his team competed over the weekend.

“Our team is starting to feel more confident and are becoming more competitive,” said Chavis, who joked that the team is looking good going into the spring trip.

“We are in a good position right now,” he said. “The kids that are injured are starting to fall better and we just want to continue to get back to the speed we were before we can start stepping up our training and have a good meet.”

Hope’s next meet will be their spring trip. Both teams will travel to Sanford, Alabama on March 15 and then to Emory, Georgia on March 22.

Conditioning bonds players

Phil Butler
Guest Writer

Jumping ropes, running sprints, getting stronger, sweet, a team coming together, you see all of these things in a Hope College football coach Dean Kreps’ conditioning class.

This class is offered for credit for anyone interested and is typically fulfilled by athletes from the football team, meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Kreps breaks down the potential benefits of the class.

“I look at this not as a class but as a workout,” Kreps said. A workout, in fact, is exactly what it is. The class is made up of a 30-minute period in the gym doing footwork drills and sprints, and then the remaining time is spent in the weight room.

“This is a great opportunity to see what kids are willing to work hard and earn a spot on the team,” he helps with team unity and brings out the leaders,” Kreps said.

Even in it being a conditioning class, attendance and participation is very seriously taken to earn a grade.

Kreps thinks this is how the class should be run, and that is why he runs things that way.

“IT is very simple, I tell you what I want you to do and you do that way. It is not rocket science, it is discipline. If you don’t do it right then you will not run, and you will make friends very fast because the whole team will run while the person who made the mistake stands out in front so everyone can see them,” Kreps replied.

Nick Conrad ('02), a defensive back, adds that the class really helped in their championship runs in the 2000 and 2001 seasons.

“Coming together in the off-season really carried over into the season. Conditioning class really made us quicker, stronger, and most importantly, it made us closer. We were in the gym as a team three days a week, sweating, cramping something as we run sprints, and the whole time you had guys picking you up and cheering you on. Now that is a cool feeling,”

Captain Josh Baumbuch ('03) said it best when asked about the weightlifting part of the class.

“When you know the guys you are going to battle with on Saturday, days have been in the weight room working hard all year long, it makes you want to do anything for them. Football is a team sport and you trust your teammates, and this class definitely builds trust. I know that I got all of my teammates backs, and I am 100 percent sure that, if I had a problem, they all would back me up,” Baumbuch said.

This is a class that is often used by Kreps, either contact Kreps, at kreps@hope.edu, or contact the registrar’s office on campus.

Randi Snyder
Eli Cryderman ('06) curls.

Nuts and Bolts

Dave Vetter

Guest Writer

“Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts, we got SCREWED!”

This is a cheer that is often used by Hope players when they feel the officials made a bad call in a basketball game. The Dow Crew would never use such words in the Civic Center, but now that both Hope teams are calling the Dow Center home, I now feel it’s appropriate.

On Sunday night there was a get-together in the Maas Center for both teams and their fans to watch the live video feed of the NCAA selection shows. It was supposed to be a time of happiness for the Hope basketball program, but it didn’t turn out completely that way because there turned out to be two surprises that night.

The first surprise — a happy one — was that the men’s team, which went 23-1 on the season, earned a first-round bye for the NCAA tournament. The other big news that night was that the women’s team, which went 23-4 on the season, earned a spot in the women’s NCAA tournament.

The men’s team will host a second-round game Saturday night in the Dow Center.

The second surprise, which was the inspiration for this column’s headline, was that the Hope women were ranked second in the nation, only five points out of first place on the d3hoops.com poll, however the one that matters is the regionals. They said Hope was only the third-ranked team in the Great Lakes region, let alone the nation.

Coach Derek Chavis house said it best after learning that the committee had done to his Flying Dutch. “We’re just going to play with a chip on our shoulder.” He also added three strong words: “Bring it on!”

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From the Stands

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Bringing it on...
Mens and womens teams make national tournament  

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MIAA eyes shorter sport seasons  

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