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SKATE PARK TO GO?

New concert hall among plans being considered

The board of trustees is under-gong a “strategic thinking” campus plan to find a “desirable location” for building a concert hall on campus, confirmed Greg Maybury, Hope College director of operations and technology.

The college is looking to build the concert hall “closer to campus, north of the Martha Miller Center,” said Maybury. He explained that the college is interested in ac-quiring Lincoln Park skateboard park on the corner of 10th Street and Columbia Avenue. The park is owned by the city of Holland.

“There has been conversation between Hope and Holland about swapping Smallenburg Park for the skateboard park,” President James Bultman said. “But there’s been no commitment in making this swap yet.”

On March 9, Park Township board approved the motion to hire a professional park architect to draw “improvement plans” for the township fairgrounds off of Ottawa Beach Road which proposed including a skateboard park.

Nancy DeBoer, city council member at large, said the board hasn’t talked about how the pro-posed new skateboard park will affect the need for Lincoln Park.

“I think it’s hard on the col-lege having the skate park there. I don’t think it’s a permanent loca-tion,” DeBoer said.

Maybury said that he couldn’t speak for the city’s need to have the skate park in that loca-tion, but he added, that the cur-rent standing of the facility needs functional help.

“The skateboard park on Co-lumbia Avenue is currently one of the few in the area. We get kids that come from Muskegon to skate here. There is a regular scene there,” Maybury said. “But with a new skateboard park open-ing, it could give the users of the skate park a better facility in a new location.”

Cyns Misner, Lincoln Park teenage user from Saugatuck, said that he travels a “few times a week” to skate at the park. Mis-ner said that he’d travel to Park Township if it had a new skate-board park.

“I think a new skate park would be great,” he said.

Misner, along with other skat-ers who use Lincoln Park, are watched by city police. Maybury said that the city “feels the need to monitor the skate park.”

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UN FORUM DEBATES WORLD CRISES

Nicholas Engel

UN Forum News Editor

More than 900 high school students came to cam-pus March 9-10 to compete in Hope’s 34th annual Model United Nations conference, sponsored by the political science department.

The conference runs sim-ulations of potential and real U.N. issues: AIDS, terrorism and intellectual copyright, as well as high-conflict countries such as Bolivia and Indonesia. This year’s Model U.N. ran two general assemblies, seven security councils, one Internation-al Court of Justice (ICJ) simulation and one Eco-nomic and Social Council (ECOSOC) simulation.

College students enrolled in a 2- or 4-credit Model U.N. political science course research, plan and run these simulations for the high school students, who act as delegates for their respec-tive school’s country. Dur-ing the conference, the high school students strive to represent their country and devise solutions for major international problems.

PROBLEM SOLVING — Hope students run a general assembly simulation as part of the Model UN conference.

DANCE MARATHON DONATES $113,000 TO KIDS’ HOSPITAL

Holden Weir

Senior Staff Writer

Dance Marathon celebrated another re-cord-breaking year raising $112,670.89. Last year’s record was $103,012.08.

Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropy event at Hope. Students, facul-ty, staff and the community raised awareness and money for the DeVos Children’s Hospi-tal. In this seventh annual event held at the Dow, dancers with help from merchandisers stay on their feet for 24 hours by keeping busy with inflatable games, competitions, dance perfor-mances, entertainers, arts and crafts, bands and of course, dancing.

The excitement kicked off at 7 p.m. Friday night bringing dancers, merchandisers, commit-tees and miracle families together to an outer space-themed gym. Blow-up aliens hung from the ceiling over the activity section of the gym. Activities included a giant inflat-able slide, ping-pong and T-shirt decorating.

Each of the miracle families were introduced and the Morale Committee unveiled the line dance that they taught in sections throughout the night and completed by the end of the 24 hours.

Musical groups, such as Oregon Dream Child, kept people dancing to their live, fa-miliar and fun tunes. Theme hours included the beach, pirates and superheroes, giving participants a chance to mix things up and re-fresh their spirits.

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Imitating a character from an old Mel Gibson movie called “The Year of Living Dangerously,” award-winning journalist and author Daniel Bergner asked, “What then shall we do?”

“I always wished I had some jokes… but I don’t. All I have is this question,” Bergner said.

In a presentation on Thursday, March 9 that combined stories, excerpts from his book “In the Land of Magic Soldiers: A Story of White and Black in West Africa” and personal opinions, Bergner told Hope students of civil war and conflict in Sierra Leone.

Bergner spoke of atrocities in Sierra Leone. The civil war began in 1991 and ended in 2002; soldiers “mostly preyed on civilians.” Soldiers cut hands off but left the people alive. Children were taken from their homes. The children were forced to kill their parents and then fight in the war.

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Photo: by James Heaton

For the 31st year of the Danforth lecture series, Hope College invited Dr. Daniel Maguire to speak about a topic of significant religious interest.

Maguire, a professor of ethics at Marquette University, spoke about Christians’ role in the American empire on March 7 to an audience of students, faculty, and community members in Maas Auditorium. “Are the poor better off than they were four years ago?” Maguire asked as he began the lecture.

According to Maguire, the answer is yes, since 1.3 billion human beings, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry every night.

Many Americans are clueless about the conditions and numbers of the poor and homeless, Maguire said. “Privilege usually blinds us to the needs of the poor,” he said.

According to Maguire, the United States is currently the richest and most privileged nation in the world. “If you love America, examine this country and help it build up to its potential,” he said.

Maguire said the nation should focus more on cutting the prices of health care and education and less on fighting in Iraq.

“You pay for health care with a rational system or you pay like we are currently—stupidly,” Maguire said, citing the fact that 44 million people in the country do not have health insurance.

Maguire also said another major problem with the nation is that the people spend too much and the government spends unwisely. According to Maguire, 82 percent of all money goes to the top 20 percent of the richest people in the nation.

Since money is not divided evenly, a large portion of the population is better off financially than the rest of the world. This wealth tends to lead to spenders who have no appreciation of the value of money, according to Maguire.

“Economic security has a tendency to make your conscience cold,” he said.

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**ARTS**

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**SYMPHONETTE AND CHAPEL CHOIR SPRING INTO TOURS**

In contrast to the usual sun-centered spring break trips many college students take, the Hope College Symphonette and Chapel Choir will be touring this spring break closer to home. The Chapel Choir plans to perform in Michigan and Ohio March 17-20. The Symphonette will also be traveling on tour March 18-22 in Michigan and Ohio, as well as Florida, Tennessee and Georgia.

**STUDENTS’ ARTWORK TO BE FEATURED IN DEPREE**

On Friday, March 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the art department will host an opening reception for a gallery presentation that will feature artwork by graduating Hope College seniors.

The students’ artwork will be featured in the DePree Art Gallery until May 7.

**MUSIC DEPT. OFFERS TWO RECITALS AND A CONCERT**

The week after spring break, the music department will be offering two recitals and a concert. On Monday, March 27, the Chapel Choir will be performing a home concert at St. Francis of Sales Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on 13th Street and Maple Avenue.

Guest soprano Tracey Gorman will perform a recital on Thursday, March 30, in Dimnent Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Gorman has performed with the Minnesota Opera, the Chicago Chamber Musicians, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Milwaukee Bel Canto Chorus, among others.

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**STUDENTS PERFORM RECITALS TO ENHANCE MUSICAL FUTURE**

Each year many music students prepare for the grueling yet rewarding process of recitals. Performed each spring, these talent showcases are some of the most stressful events in a musician’s career, but also the perfect opportunity to present the hard work that is put into pursuing a music major.

For those who are not familiar with music recitals, they are lengthy, graded performances organized by music students and their faculty advisor or private teacher. They typically consist of seven or eight pieces from a variety of musical periods.

Eric Bourassa (’07), a classical guitar student, hopes to remove the traditional dry, conservative feel of recitals by creating a more relaxed atmosphere for his April 22 performance.

“I think I’ll talk to my audience. You know, develop that ‘audience-performer’ relationship that makes people like you more,” Bourassa said. “People tend to enjoy the music more when they feel like they know the performer. "People tend to enjoy the music more when they feel like they know the performer." — Eric Bourassa (’07)

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Although recitals are required of juniors and seniors seeking a music performance degree, music education students are also required to host senior recitals. But a student does not necessarily need to be a junior or senior in order to give a recital as long as they have faculty approval.

Chris Dekker (’08) is preparing for his sophomore organ recital April 18. His performance is unique in a few ways. Typically, recitals are given in Dimnent Chapel, but since the organ is under renovation, his recital will take place in the organ studio in Nykerk. For him, the next few weeks will consist of many hours of practice and intense memorization.

“Page by page, every little bit,” he said.

Giving a recital as a sophomore is unique at Hope. He feels the recital will challenge him all the more to perform with excellence. Though his preparation time is different than most students who often begin planning almost a year in advance, he feels as if the performances he’s participated in thus far have helped him...
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The city of Holland: Caught in a pickle

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Unbeknownst to many Hope students, Holland is home to the world’s largest pickle factory.

With more than 250 full-time union employees, 150 to 200 seasonal employees and 37 management and salaried employees, the Heinz factory is a major part of the Holland economy.

The factory was built in 1897 as the result of a deal between the H. J. Heinz Company and Holland area farmers. If the farmers devoted 300 acres of land to growing cucumbers, Heinz promised to build a factory in Holland. Although the process took many years, in 1906 the factory’s vinegar, pickle relish and other condiments such as mustard, tartar sauce, horseradish and Worcestershire sauce were ready to be processed and sent to the stores. Today, the Heinz company passes out millions of pickle pins each year.

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A marketer at heart, Heinz succeeded with his slogan “57 Varieties” which was a play on an ad Heinz had seen on a railroad car. Even at the time, Heinz produced more than 60 products, but the 57 Varieties “Gripped me,” he said, according to “Heinz, Holland: A Century of History.”

In order to draw customers to his booth at the 1893 World’s Fair, Heinz enticed readers to come to his back-corner booth by offering a free prize: a pickle pin. The several centimeters-long pickles have become an icon in American advertising.

Today, the Heinz company passes out millions of pickle pins each year.

Special thanks to Factory Manager Dr. Jerry Shoup.

Trivia from Heinz “All about Heinz Pickles”

The cucumbers are grown and ready for harvesting.

Machine harvest pulls up the entire cucumber plant and pickles the cucumbers off the vines. Horseradish and Worcestershire sauce plants can only be harvested once.

The cucumbers are inspected at the farms for size and quality and sent to the Heinz factory on 16th Street.

For fresh-packed pickles, cucumbers are placed in a jar with juices and spices within 24 hours of being harvested. Once the jars are pasteurized at 170 degrees and labeled, they’re ready to be sent to the store!

After the sorting is done, some pickles are chosen to be processed and some go to fresh packing.

In 45 days, the cucumbers are mature and ready for harvesting.

Pickles start out as half dime-sized cucumber seeds planted by tractors. After several weeks, the plants begin to flower. Honey bees must visit each flower seven times if the cucumber is to grow straight.

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Trivia from Heinz “All about Heinz Pickles”

The cucumbers are grown and ready for harvesting.

Machine harvest pulls up the entire cucumber plant and pickles the cucumbers off the vines. Horseradish and Worcestershire sauce plants can only be harvested once.

The cucumbers are inspected at the farms for size and quality and sent to the Heinz factory on 16th Street.

For fresh-packed pickles, cucumbers are placed in a jar with juices and spices within 24 hours of being harvested. Once the jars are pasteurized at 170 degrees and labeled, they’re ready to be sent to the store!

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### RECITALS FROM PAGE 3

Gain experience.

But experience is only a part of it. The lesson time in preparation for the event is priceless. Professor Mihai Craioveanu, professor of violin and director of chamber music, is coaching a multitude of students who will be giving their recitals during the last few months of school. When advising his students, he encourages them to find a compromise between the required elements and their own personality. “It’s all in their desire to play,” he said.

In preparation for their recital date, students need to select their repertoire and spend countless hours perfecting the actual music. They also need to plan the event. Most students post flyers around campus and Nykerk Hall, but most publicity is by word of mouth. Many music classes require attendance at a certain number of music events, recitals included.

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The Anchor

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VORCESS

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IT'S FOR THE KIDS — Dance Marathon raised a record $112,670.89 for DeVos Children's Hospital.

Staying on my feet for 24 hours was one of the hardest things I've ever done, but it was all worth it in the end during the Circle of Hope when all the families came around and thanked us for our work. It's an unforgettable experience," Julie Tillman ('08) said.

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SPORTS

SPRING TRAINING BEACHSIDE: BREAK ON THE DIAMOND, COURT AND GOLF COURSE

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS SLUG IN THE SUN

Jenny Concer
Sports Editor

Hope softball will be flying to sunny Kissimmee, Fla. for six days of intense competition.

With four of their vacation days including double headers, the team will be lucky to get beach time, yet the Dutch will be reveling in their first games outside since last season.

The softball team of 18 players is led by Coach Karla Wolters and was 26-11 last season. The team’s games today vs. Aquinas has been canceled, but the team will still be heading home to play against Northwood, March 29 at 3 p.m.

The baseball team will be playing their first game of the season in Port Charlotte, Fla. During their short week of spring training, the men’s team will play two double headers against competitors from states such as New York, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.

Led by coach Stuart Fritz, the Dutchmen won second place in the MIAA in 2005. Currently with a bench of 28, Hope baseball will have its first home game vs. Alma on March 25 at 1 p.m.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS MIGRATE TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Nick Hinkle
Assistant Copy Editor

The Hope women’s and men’s tennis teams are traveling to Hilton Head, South Carolina for their spring break training trip. All eight players on the women’s team and several from the men’s will make the trip to experience tennis outdoors for the first time this spring.

The women’s team will play four matches over a five-day stretch against teams from throughout the area including Chicago, West Virginia and Arkansas.

“We all go out to dinner together and hang out,” captain Anneliese Fox ('06) said. “It gives us a chance to get to know each other and do everything together.”

The Dutchmen will wake up with the dawn to compete in early matches against squads from across the midwest.

MEN’S GOLF TEES OFF IN FLORIDA ON OWN DOLLAR

Nick Hinkle
Assistant Copy Editor

Looking for a respite from the unreliable Michigan weather, the Hope men’s golf team will drive to Lakeland, Fla. for their spring break trip. The team will stay in a condo between Orlando and Lakeland near the Grasslands Country Club.

“About getting back and being comfortable with a golf club in your hand,” captain Nate Golomb ('07) said. “Any chance we can get on the golf course is good.”

The $600-$700 trip is totally organized and financed by the team with no help from Hope. A Hope alumus, Steve Knott ('88), is the general manager at the Grasslands Country Club, who assists the golfers with their greens fees.

The Dutchmen will spend most of their time in Florida playing the Grasslands C.C. in order to prepare for their spring season. Although the team will be concentrating on their games, it is not the only purpose for the trip.

“It’s not just about the golf,” Golomb said. “It gives us an opportunity to hang out with friends and get away from school.”

The Dutchmen will begin their season on April 8 at the Sienna Heights Tournament beginning at 9 a.m. Dutch golf will open with a match on April 13.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK TRAVEL OUTDOORS & SOUTH

Greg Reznich
Sports Writer

The indoor track season is over and it’s almost time to start the outdoor meets. While the weather here in Michigan figures itself out, Hope men’s and women’s track teams will be traveling to the sunny South to compete in the first outdoor meets of the season.

Most members of the track team agree the real season doesn’t start until they’re outside. The team will be competing in two meets: the South Carolina Invitational at Coastal Carolina and the Georgia Invitational at Emory University.

The teams will also have an opportunity to train at the National Training Facility in Orlando, Fla. Coaches are not giving the teams the week off; they will take advantage of the warm weather and excellent facilities to take training to the next level. Since the teams have been working hard for the past several months, they have a solid training to work off.

The teams hope the trip will provide a springboard into the coming season. When they return, they compete in The Grand Rapids Open April 1 and the MIAA season opener at home vs. Albion and Tri-State on April 12.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

March 15 Women’s Tennis v. Grand Valley 3 p.m.
Match will be played at the DeVitt Tennis Center, 12th and Fairbanks

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Game will be played at Edel J. Buys Athletic Fields, 13th and Fairbanks

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