SKATE PARK TO GO?

New concert hall among plans being considered

Eric L’Hotta
Editor-in-Chief

The board of trustees is undergoing 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 MarthaMiller Center,” said Maybury. He explained that the college is interested in acquiring 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 Smalenburg 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 proposed new skateboard park will affect the need for Lincoln Park.

“I think it’s hard on the college having the skate park there. I don’t think it’s a permanent location,” DeBoer said.

Maybury said that he couldn’t speak for the city’s need to move primarily to an online format. “The skateboard park on Columbia 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 opening, 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. Misner said that he’d travel to Park Township if it had a new skateboard park.

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

Misner, along with other skaters 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 CRISIS

Nicholas Engel
Campus News Editor

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

The conference runs simulations 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 International Court of Justice simulation and one Economic 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 respective school’s country. During 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

Heidi Weir
Senior Staff Writer

Dance Marathon celebrated another record-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, faculty, staff and the community raised awareness and money for the DeVos Children’s Hospital. In this seventh annual event held at the Dow, dancers with help from moralers stay on their feet for 24 hours by keeping busy with inflatable games, competitions, dance performances, entertainers, arts and crafts, bands and of course, dancing.

The excitement kicked off at 7 p.m. Friday night bringing dancers, moralers, commitment 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 inflatable 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, familiar and fun tunes. Theme hours included the beach, pirates and superheroes, giving participants a chance to mix things up and refresh their spirits.

Team competitions such as wrapping up a team member in aluminum foil to look like a 

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

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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 wish 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 1996. 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.

The purpose of Bergner's presentation, "What then shall we do?: Missionaries, mercenaries, and human rights workers in today's Africa," was not to simply expose Hope students to the horrors of the world. Rather, it was a look at the resilience of people and a chance to see that something can be done in the face of adversity.

Bergner talked about Father Cheua, a priest in Sierra Leone who has taken in 50 to 100 former child soldiers. Cheua hopes to reintroduce the children to society. One former child soldier, Kombah, whom Bergner met, now works in an auto maintenance yard.

"You might go into that yard and find nothing to celebrate... but if you had known," Bergner said of the changes in Komba's life.

Bergner also talked about a missionary family, the Kortenhovens. Paul and Mary Kortenhoven and their family spent approximately a decade in Sierra Leone working with the people to raise the standard of living.

Among other things, the Kortenhovens helped people of Sierra Leone access clean drinking water. Bergner said that repeating "things and focus on those," Maguire asked as he began the lecture.

According to Maguire, 82 percent of all women and children in the world. This wealth tends to make your friends 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.

Maguire focused on a presentation held by the Danforth Foundation this week.

The 78th annual Academy Awards offered many surprises on March 5. Fans flocked to the awards to catch a glimpse of their favorite celebrity on the red carpet. Inside the ceremony, celebs perched on the edge of their seats with nervousness as the host, Jon Stewart, joked and lightened the mood.

One of the biggest surprises for the evening was the Achievement in Music for Motion Pictures (Original Picture). The winner in this category was "It's Hard Out Here For a Pimp" from the movie "Hustle and Flow."

"Brokeback Mountain" won Best Adapted Screenplay and also the Achievement in Directing award. However, it lost in the Best Motion Picture of the Year category, which it was a favorite for. The winner of Best Picture was the movie "Crash," a movie with a message about race in America.

Philip Seymour Hoffman won Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role for his role in "Capote" and Reese Witherspoon won the award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role for her portrayal of Johnny Cash's wife June Carter in "Walk the Line." Both were favorites to win the awards.

Another surprise for the evening was the winner of Best Foreign Language Film of the Year. The two most talked about films were "Paradise Now," a Palestinian film which tells the story of two young men who are chosen for a suicide bombing mission, and "Joyeux Noel" a film about Christmas day in 1914 when WWI troops quit fighting and played football instead. However, the film that took home the Oscar was "Tsotsi," a South African film about a young gang leader in Johannesburg.

Some other highlights of the night were Jon Stewart's jokes (after apologizing for Bjork being absent he said that she was "trying on her Oscar dress and Dick Cheney shot her"), and Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin's bit announcing Robert Altman's Lifetime Achievement Award.
**ARTS**

**MARCH 15, 2006**

**THIS WEEK IN ART**

**Wednesday** March 15
Coolbeans Entertainment Mark Art 11:15 a.m. Free.
Visiting Writers Series Dana Brown 7 p.m. Free. Pre-event music by the Jazz Ensemble at 6:30 p.m.
Great Performance Series Ladysmith Black Mambazo: 7:30 p.m. The event is sold out.

**Monday** March 27
Chapel Choir Home Concert 7:30 p.m. St. Francis of Sales Catholic Church. Free.
Wednesdays March 29
Coolbeans Coffeehouse Entertainment 9 - 12:30 a.m. Mrets. Free.

**Thursday** March 30
Guest Recital Tracey Gorman - Soprano 7:30 p.m.: Dimnent Chapel. Free.
Friday March 31
Comedian Jeff Buettner 8:30 p.m: Mrets. Free.
Graduating Senior Art Exhibit Opening Reception: 8 - 7 p.m. Depree Art Center Gallery. Free. The exhibit runs March 31 - May 7.

**Sunday** April 2
Faculty Recital Series Rebecca VanDeWalker, flute. Sheryl Iott Richardson, piano. 3:00 p.m. Wichers Auditorium. Free.
AIDS QUILT FOUNDER TO SHARE PERSONAL STORY

Will Nettleton
Guest Writer

The annual Student Congress Speaker Series continues Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre with Cleve Jones, the founder of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Jones will tell his personal story of how the AIDS Memorial Quilt started in the context of America’s history with the AIDS pandemic and as part of the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

Jones conceived the idea of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at a candlelight memorial for Harvey Milk in 1985 and created the first quilt panel in honor of his close friend Marvin Feldman in 1987.

Since then, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has grown to become the world’s largest community arts project, memorializing the lives of more than 85,000 Americans who have been killed by AIDS. Since the pandemic began, the quilt has also affiliated organizations in 40 countries around the world which have adapted the concept of the quilt to their own cultures to fight and raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.

In 1978, after Milk and San Francisco’s Mayor George Moscone were assassinated, Jones returned to San Francisco to work in the district office of State Assemblyman Art Agnos. One of the first to recognize the threat of AIDS, Jones co-founded the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in 1983.

A dynamic and inspiring public speaker, Jones travels extensively throughout the United States and around the world, lecturing at high schools, colleges and universities including numerous religious institutions. He has met with heads of state, including Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

Jones has served as a member of the International Advisory Board of the Harvard AIDS Institute, the National Board of Governors of Project Inform and the Board of Directors of the Foundation for AIDS Immune Research. His best-selling memoir, “Stitching a Revolution,” was published by Harper-Collins in April 2000. Cleve’s work has been featured on “60 Minutes,” “Nightline,” “Charlie Rose,” “Good Morning America,” “Oprah,” “National Public Radio” and many other television and radio programs.

The annual Student Congress Speaker Series is supported through other radio programs.

Guest Writer
Will Nettleton

In September, vandalism to the interior and exterior of the Martha Miller Center was reportedly caused by users of the Lincoln skate park. A user of the skateboard park also tore a hole in the fence outside Phelps Hall in October, resulting in a high speed bike chase involving Campus Safety across campus. Gibbs also noted suspicion of drug use.

If Hope can acquire the land of Lincoln Park, Maybury said that building a concert hall in that location would help “gradually move the center of campus from the Pine Grove to the area around the Martha Miller Center.”

Bultman explained that the college has desired to build a concert hall for quite some time.

“A concert hall is certainly a need on the table. If we can find a donor, we definitely will be interested,” Bultman said. He estimated that the concert hall will house 750 seats and cost $20 million.

Building a concert hall has not been approved by the board of trustees, and it could “be awhile” before the topic of a concert hall is addressed again. The board is currently addressing endowment and student scholarships.

“It could be a month or it could be several years before we have a concert hall on campus,” Maybury said.
The city of Holland: Caught in a pickle

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Features Editor

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Copy Editor

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 360 acres of land to growing cucumbers, Heinz promised to build a factory in Holland. Although the process today goes much faster, farmers in Holland’s horse-and-buggy days would spend hours waiting in line to drop off their cucumbers and other vegetables. The line was often so long that the factory hired clowns and musicians to entertain them while they waited.

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Heinz started his company at a time when manufactured and bottled foods were a novelty and generally mistrusted by consumers. Heinz’s aim was to present his food to gain the trust of the American people.

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 centimeter-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 life of a pickle from pollination to production

Pickles are fruits, not vegetables. Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, believed that pickles contributed to health and beauty.

Napoleon ordered pickles at every meal. The battle of Waterloo was rumored to be fought on the day the chef forgot the pickles.

Amerigo Vespucci, for whom America is named, was a pickle peddler.

More than 70 percent of household have pickles in their pantries.

An average pickle contains only 15 calories.

North Americans prefer pickles with warts; Europeans prefer smooth pickles.

Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” introduced the phrase “in a pickle.” Bing Crosby’s first job was selling pickles.

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Ham and Pickle Roll-Up

1 slice ham  
1 sweet gherkin or 2 midg- 
et sweet gherkins  
Cream cheese  
Spread cream cheese on ham. Place pickles on the edge of ham, roll, and enjoy!

Pickley Grilled Cheese Sandwich

2 slices bread of your choice  
2 slices American, Cheddar or Colby Jack cheese  
2 thin tomato slices  
6 Bread & Butter pickles  
Butter or margarine  
Spread butter on “outside” of bread. Fill with cheese, tomato and pickles. Grill until golden brown.
THE THOUGHTS THAT LIE UNDER HOPE

Erin L’Hotta

Last week, I skipped class. Last week, I skipped class and went to the beach. I decided watching ice melt, sand seep, waves crash, is more fascinating than textbooks and number two pencils. Can I just say that bare feet and lighthouses are beautiful. So life when it smells like salt.

Yesterday, I skipped class again and went to the beach. Rode my bike 15 miles to dig my hands in the sand. I stood on the pier, watched sun glisten on water while punk kids threw rocks at my knees. And for a split second, everything in life fell into place. I really like sitting on porches. The best is when it rains and it pours and I just sit, watch it tear from the sky. When I was little, my Dad read to me before bed. He wrapped his arm and my blanket around me, opened the book, did all the right voices. Yesterday, after I pedaled my tired legs back from the beach, I sat on the porch, breathed in spring breeze. Suddenly, I was in another world. I was “the lupine lady” in a forgotten childhood story where the breeze and the beach and the rain smelled just the same. I became a picture book of lost memory, childish innocence, pink and purple and blue lupines. And I found myself saying “I love you Dad,” “I love you life,” “I love you spirit.”

I am her: A forgotten tale

“When I grow up, I too will go to faraway places and come home to live by the sea.”

“That is all very well, little [Erin], but there is a third thing you must do. You must do something to make the world more beautiful.”

Barbara Cooney, Miss Rumphuis

I am woman
Drinking lemonade, kissing summer breeze Drifting Through French doors, strands of grey hair
They call me the lupine lady
Who scatters pink, purple, blue colors upon the hill
Through French doors, strands of grey hair
Where lupines lie freely
Lips hum medley
Gramophones play on Flower petals
Placed upon the floor

MAGUIRE, FROM PAGE 2

surprising statistic: the United States spends roughly $31 million every hour of every day, mostly on the military. “We are rich. We are an empire. Where your treasure lies, there is your heart follows,” he said.

Since America is rich and the leading empire of the modern world, it is the responsibility of the leaders of this nation to spend the treasures in an effective way, he said.

“Instead of fighting in Iraq, we could double the salaries of all teachers and use money for (repairing) trains. We can wipe out hunger, thirst and illiteracy,” Maguire said.

Even though the nation’s troops are fighting terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq, Maguire believes that the terrorism will not end, no matter how much we fight it. “Unless there’s a change in American policy, they (terrorists) will be back,” he said.

The audience responded to Maguire’s lecture with both defense of their own beliefs and praise for Maguire’s firm message in a brief question and answer session following the speech.

“Maguire was not afraid to tell the truth. His message is one of hope for the hopeless,” Jason DeWaard (’08) said.

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A strong robot kept participants busy and entertained. The Hip Hop Club and the Porn Pon team also made appearances to keep the dancers’ spirits up. The miracle child talent show helped dancers feel connected to the kids they were dancing for.

Greek life showed off their dancing skills in the 5 a.m. lip sync competition. The Centurian fraternity took third place with a rendition of the internet favorite “Numa Numa Dance.” Second place went to the N’SYNC Sigma Sigma sorority. The Alpha Gamma Phi sorority took first in a medley of Michael Jackson moves.

“It was really great to see all the organizations out there showing support and enthusiasm so late at night,” Emily Donahue (’09) said.

Students said that some of the most meaningful moments of the 24 hours were the speeches made by the miracle families. Hearing the parents talk about the rough times their children have been through and how much they appreciate Hope College reinforced why everyone was there.

“Dance Marathon raises money that helps to provide the services that medical insurance doesn’t cover. It helps provide things like medical expenses that medical insurance doesn’t cover. It helps provide things like medical insurance doesn’t cover,” Tillman (’08) said.

Before announcing the awards for accomplishments like top fundraising groups (Sigma Sigma mas and Dykstra hall), the most spirited dancer and moraler and the grand total of money raised, participants celebrated the Circle of Hope. Forming a circle around the entire gym, dancers and moralers shook hands with miracle families as they walked around the circle expressing their appreciation.

“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.

CLASSIFIEDS

There will be an informational meeting held today and thursday for those interested in running for a student congress position. Today’s meeting will be held in room 158 of the Martha Miller at 8 p.m. Thursday’s meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Martha Miller runda. If you cannot attend either meeting and are still interested, email congress@hope.edu

The Anchor staff wishes faculty, staff, administration, students and pets safe travel and a restful spring break. All students are welcome to join us at our next planning meeting on Wed., March 29 at 8:30 p.m. We have lots of candy! (And other good things, too— you’ll just have to come and find out, won’t you?)

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Nixon Omollo Columnist

Usually, the more experience and skill you acquire in a certain field the more comfortable you get. Life, for me, has proved to be different.

In the beginning, my mind was pure. I didn’t know what was right and what was wrong. I didn’t have the capacity to do either right or wrong, because I comprehended neither. Decisions were easy because I didn’t have to make any.

Slowly, the lines were drawn. Through the rod, I learned what was wrong, and I guessed the opposite must have been right. I was right! From then on, things became tougher. Wrestling with my conscience became a common activity. My actions were not as reflexive as before. Now, I go through a thought process before I lay down a plan of action.

In the beginning, my mind was pure. Then I was taken to church and given the fundamental Christian teachings. No questions, no complications. It was all so clear! As I grew up, however, I discovered different denominations. I started wondering, “If we’re all Christians, why all the denominations and the differences in practices? And who is right? Who should I follow?” “Not the pastor,” my mother would say, because he was found guilty of embezzling the church’s funds and engaging in a number of adulterous acts. The confusion did not end there!

Along the way, I met a Muslim friend, who taught me the fundamentals of Muslim teachings. “What makes my teaching any more credible than his?” I asked myself.

Just a few steps ahead, I encountered the concept of evolution. All the evidence was there! They took us to the museum so we could see for ourselves the gradual development from homo habilis to homo erectus to homo sapiens.

In the beginning, my mind was pure. I didn’t know of suffering. I didn’t know how cruel the world could be. I actually thought that the world belonged to me because I would cry and somebody would promptly come to my service. Soon, I realized that this was not the case. I realized that I belonged to the world, not the other way round. The world took me under its wings and gave me a tour through pain and suffering. It firmly held my hand and showed me around. On the streets, it showed me the worst events ever; with no regard whatsoever to my age. Then I was exposed to deception. My unquestioning trust soon turned to cynicism. I was exposed to injustice. My unquestioning submission turned to rebellion. I was exposed to insecurity. My previous state of comfort was turned into a state of constant look-out and self defense. The orientation was done, and now I was on my own.

In the beginning, my mind was pure. I knew nothing about property and didn’t own any either. I had no one to compare myself to, so I didn’t know what I was lacking. All I needed was food, shelter and warmth. Life was simple and satisfactory. As I grew, I realized that I needed more than just the basics to fit in society. The television and radio helped me figure this out. They did their best to convince me of the importance of material things. They left me feeling inadequate, because I didn’t have the capacity to do either right or wrong, because I comprehended neither. Decisions were easy because I didn’t have to make any.

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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 doubleheaders, 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 game 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 doubleheaders 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.

The Hope women’s and men’s tennis outdoors for the first time this spring.

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.

“It’s 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 alumnus, 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
Senior Staff 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

March 25 Baseball v. Alma, 3 p.m.  Game will be played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields, 13th and Fairbanks

March 29 Softball v. Northwood, 3 p.m.  Game will be played at Ekdal J. Buys Athletic Fields, 13th and Fairbanks

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