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Students dance ‘for the kids’

Karen Patterson
Co-Editor in Chief

The 2010 Dance Marathon fundraiser marked the eleventh consecutive year that Hope College has partnered with the Children’s Miracle Network to raise money for the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI.

Various Hope organizations and individual students raised $55,312.23 for the hospital, which relies solely on private support.

“The total amount raised, though slightly lower than last year, didn’t dampen anybody’s spirits,” said co-Director Sarah Patton (’11). “Each person recognized that the true purpose of Dance Marathon is working for the Miracle Families, supporting them through their challenges and giving them hope to make it to the next day.”

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Hope students ride out Chilean earthquake, aftershocks

The eagerly awaited Chapel CD was released this week. It is entitled “Here is Mercy.” The CD is comprised of many of the chapel band favorites including “Here is Mercy,” “Come Ye Sinners,” and “Kwaku Yeu.” CDs can be purchased at the Keppel House or the bookstore for $12 or two for $20.

CASA EASTERN BASKETS
Volunteer Services is providing Easter baskets for CASA students. Students are encouraged to pick up a basket and fill it for a CASA students. Baskets are available from March 15-18 from the SUD or Campus Ministries and need to be returned by March 30 at the SUD or Campus Ministries.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, March 18, from 12:54-5:54 p.m. in Maas Auditorium. Walk-ins are welcome.

Model UN participants seek answers to global problems

Chris Russ
Street Woman

The effects of the massive earthquake that struck Chile on Feb. 27 are being observed firsthand by three Hope College students. Amy Clinton (‘11), Derek Brinks (‘12) and Emily Stolz (‘12) are studying in Chile this semester through Hope’s department of international education.

Brinks and Clinton were in Chile when the earthquake struck; Stolz was on her flight to Chile. Upon hearing about the disaster, Stolz’s plane turned around and returned to the U.S. Stolz is, however, currently in Chile, and she has experienced some of the numerous aftershocks.

This earthquake resulted in an 8.8 reading on the moment magnitude scale, which is used to assess the severity and magnitude of earthquakes. Only six quakes of larger magnitude have been recorded, and the largest quake also occurred in Chile; this quake, which struck in 1960, had a magnitude of 9.5.

From the recent earthquake, approximately 700 people have been reported dead, while many more remain missing. The most severe damage was done in Concepcion, Chile’s second largest city.

The entire city shifted more than ten feet to the west as a result of the massive quake. In addition, tsunami caused by the quake inflicted further damage and devastated the coastline.

Hope junior Amy Clinton came to Santiago, Chile, to study international relations and Spanish. When asked why she picked this particular location for study abroad, she said, “I chose Chile because it has such an interesting political and social background and, even today, is growing and changing profoundly. (It is) a country that has historically been very poor but, in the last twenty or thirty years, (has) modernized and become part of the first world.”

Clinton was staying at her host family’s when the earthquake struck.

“I woke up around 3:35 the night of the earthquake completely terrified,” Clinton said. “The house was shaking so badly I thought it was going to collapse on us. Glass was shattering, and the noise of things falling was unbelievable.

“I ran to the kitchen where my host mom and I rode out the three-minute long earthquake under the door frame. Five minutes after the earthquake stopped, waves were still splashing out of our pool.”

La Católica started last Monday, but classes were canceled after the 7.2 magnitude aftershock yesterday morning.”

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Students are encouraged to pick up a basket and fill it for a CASA student. Baskets are available from March 15-18 from the SUD or Campus Ministries. Some students in the class learn as much about the issues their groups will be dealing with as they can. Some students in higher leadership positions have even been working on organizing this year’s program since last year’s conference ended.

Benoit, who has been working on this conference for the past year, said, “The other secretary-general Stephanie Bogema (‘10) and I started planning for the conference beginning in July and worked throughout the year. “We both gained extensive experience in event planning and, more generally, leadership skills, as we were responsible for over 700 students during the two days, as well as preparing the college students for their role in the conference. Throughout the year we coordinated with on-campus offices, high schools and speakers from the community to put the conference together.”

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From the early days of President Obama's term in office, the American people have heard the promises of health care reform. The town hall meetings made the news, and despite legislation and Democrats have been accused of misleading the American people. Health care reform seemed impossible for decades, but this administration is looking to end that.

Last week, Obama called for an end to filibuster debates. He told reporters, including "ABC News," "My question to them is, 'When's the right time? If not now, when? If not us, who? Is it a year from now or two years from now, five years from now or never? Never? I think it's right now.'"

Currently, the health care reform bill depends on a two-step legislative process. Unlike the Senate's bill, the follow-up bill has not been released publically, but the intention is to satisfy the House's demands. The bill is close to passing, but one no one is sure if the Democrats have the votes to push it through legislation. The Democrats are working on a tricky and controversial tactic called reconciliation to try to pass the bill.

Reconciliation is a parliamentary procedure that allows a bill to be considered without giving any opportunity to filibuster. Filibusters are not allowed because prior to reconciliation, members of the House or Senate Budget Committees adjust certain aspects of the bill so that they are in line with the procedure agreed upon budget. These adjustments can include eliminating spending or increasing revenues that would be affected by the bill. The procedure is usually reserved for bills related to the budget. If the other chamber can more accountable reconciliation is used to pass a bill that ends up adding to the national deficit cannot be renewed in 10 years.

The last time reconciliation was used was during President George W. Bush's tenure in office. Congress used reconciliation to pass three rounds of tax cuts. However, these tax cuts were limited to end after 10 years because of their significant increases to the national debt.

The Clinton Administration dealt with reconciliation as well. Specifically, Congress used reconciliation to pass two tax relief measures. Clinton later vetoed these measures.

With the bill close to passing, Obama and his administration have turned their focus to health insurance companies, cracking down on cost control. "ABC News" reported that one insurance broker had said that raising rates and losing customers was better for insurance companies than expanding their business by lowering rates and gaining new customers, presumably due to the cost of serving more people with less profit.

Obama summed up his argument to reporters, quoted by The New York Times, "How many people would like a proposal that holds insurance companies accountable? How many people would like to give Americans the same insurance coverage that members of Congress get? And how many would like a proposal that brings down costs for everyone? That's our proposal!" The president wants to ensure that the people of America do not have to pay an estimated 30 million, would have more insurance policy choices, perhaps some they can afford.

It is the last push for the health care reform bill that has been in the hands of Congress for nearly a year now. House Democrats are aiming for a March 21 deadline when the president is set to travel to Indonesia and Australia. He has already pushed back his trip to try to help the Democrats in their final push for the bill. The speaker of the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., predicts approval in 10 days. The Republicans will not go down without a fight. According to The New York Times, Minority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said, "The reason all of this arm-twisting and deal-making and parliamentary maneuvering is going on is that this bill. They are trying to convince their members, within eight months of an election, to ignore their constituents and do something that the public is opposed to."

What has been made abundantly clear in the recent days is that the Democrats will not simply pass the Senate bill as it is, not without some reassurances that the budget reconciliation bill will be passed. Republicans, however, are buckled down for the debate. All good intentions aside, it doesn't seem likely the two sides will agree in time for the president's trip on March 21.

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Defending Reform — President Obama visited Strongsville, Ohio on Monday to argue the merits of health care reform as the final vote draws near.

Education, financial reform added to legislative agenda

Eric Anderson
Co-Editor, News Editor

Last week brought a first glimpse from the usual taking point of view. The latest legislation began to pursue new issues. The health care reform push is as strong as ever, but President Obama and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., are beginning to view reform in different areas.

On Saturday, Obama announced his administration's plans for an education overhaul, looking to reform President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind policy. Dodd is also looking for a significant reform on how the government regulates banks.

Amidst continuous complaints over the state of the nation's public school system, Obama's blueprint for education reform looks to make significant changes. The biggest of these changes will be in the focus and accountability goals of the education system and a shift away from the No Child Left Behind policy.

For example, the No Child Left Behind policy placed a great deal of emphasis on test scores, using them to judge the success of schools. Obama's policy would incorporate factors such as test scores, attendance and graduation rates in the judgment of schools.

Obama's new education legislation would also strike No Child Left Behind's requirements for students' reading and writing abilities. Instead, Obama's plan would establish an ultimate goal that every student graduates high school prepared for college or a career.

One big difference between the plans is the treatment of tenure. Currently, a teacher would receive a failing grade would often go on to the next school. Under Obama's plan, the teacher would not have tenure.

To fight these counterproductive measures, Obama's new plan would reward progress instead of punishing failure. There would be penalties, but a majority of schools would be given assistance to improve and rewarded if they do so.

One aspect of reform that is common to Obama's blueprint touches on briefly is the process for evaluating teachers. The new legislation would call for states to develop new methods of assessing teachers focusing on if students are learning instead of if a teacher is properly certified.

While the specifics are yet to be released, these new benchmarks for teachers could be one of the more controversial points of reform. Currently, a national debate over whether tenure has contributed to the nation's declining education system is raging. Of the opponents of tenure, the chancellor of the District of Columbia Public School system, Michelle Rhee, is the most vocal.

Rhee argues that granting tenure to teachers contributes nothing to the success of students. If anything, Rhee argues, tenure makes it more difficult to fire ineffective teachers. Rhee waxed over one of the worst public school systems in the nation two years ago, undermining proposals to hire higher salaries but judging them on their merits and removing tenure. Her ideas are being met with opposition from teachers' unions who have recently struggled to defend the tenure system.

When it comes to financial reform, Dodd is treading familiar water. He is the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, and he introduced similar legislation last summer. This overhaul of the nation's financial regulations would give more power to shareholders. Shareholders can influence executives' salaries and nominations for companies' boards of directors would accomplish this.

It would also allow the government to have more control over mortgages, credit cards and loans distributed by banks. The responsibility for this supervision would lie with the newly created Consumer Protection Agency.

One consequence of this reform would be a altered role for the Federal Reserve. The Fed would lose control of thousands of smaller banks. However, they would gain oversight over many of the larger banks and financial institutions. The newly created Consumer Protection Agency would also operate under their supervision.

Education and financial reform are both on Obama's agenda. Helping these measures become bills would improve Obama's resume when he runs for re-election in 2012. However, both of these bills are already being met with Republican opposition. Perhaps prepared for this reaction, Dodd was quick to incorporate a number of Republican suggestions into what is looking like the final draft of the bill.
Vice president visits Israel, discusses peace with Palestine

Glenn Shubert

Vice President Joe Biden visited Israel last week as he attempts to revive the peace process between that nation and the Palestinian people. Although the U.S. has historically mediated this peace process, in recent years the drive for peace has stalled.

As well as attempting to promote peace in this region, Biden’s visit served as a reminder to the United States to both repeat its commitment to a strong relationship with Israel and to discuss the threat of a nuclear Iran.

The peace talks will revolve around the issue of a Palestinian state. Currently, the Palestinian people, through the governments of Hamas and Fatah, legally control certain sections of the state of Israel namely, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

A major issue that the Palestinians will argue is that Israel, because of its greater military and international power, builds settlements in which they can live within the territory of the Palestinians. According to the BBC, “Close to 500,000 Jews live in more than 100 settlements built since Israel’s 1967 occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. They are illegal under international law, although Israel disputes this.”

This remains a complaint of the Palestinian people, and the current Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has refused to negotiate any sort of peace process for 17 months because of a new series of settlements through a two-state solution, there are stipulations: “His insistence on a demilitarized state reflects ingrained Israeli fears of dangerous neighbors. Netanyahu also demanded the long overdue recognition of Israel as the Jewish nation-state. In line with Israeli consensus, he arrived. Obviously placed in a difficult situation, Biden arrived to a state dinner 90 minutes late as a sign of displeasure at the decision that will surely stall any peace talks before they begin.

The difficulty of Biden’s position was in the fact that the United States has always been a strong supporter of Israel, and part of Biden’s visit would be to make clear that relationship. In a speech, he criticized this consensus, but he also stated that the United States had “no better friend than Israel.” Biden also said that this relationship was “improvising to any shifts in either country and in both countries’ partisan politics.” During his speech, Biden emphasized this by stating that Israel would not stand alone in the face of a nuclear Iran if it develops nuclear weapons.

The Palestinian Authority government has argued that it would be difficult to enter into any negotiations if the plans were not withdrawn. Saeb Erekat, the head Palestinian negotiator, said in regard to the building plans: “The statement is unacceptable because it talks about an end to negotiations and not the error in substance, which is a continuation of settlements that must stop.”

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With Gov. Jennifer Granholm prohibited from seeking a third term in office, the state of Michigan is gearing up for a competitive gubernatorial race.

With candidates from both parties looking to establish themselves as the front-runner, the political jockeying has begun earlier than usual. The Democratic side features a promising group of candidates. However, they could struggle to distance themselves from Granholm’s poor performance concerning Michigan’s economy. It is no secret that the state of Michigan has come upon hard times, and how much voters associate those struggles with Granholm and fellow Democrats is yet to be seen.

One possible indicator of this came when Lt. Gov. John Cherry had issues with his name from consideration. Cherry was widely considered the Democratic front-runner, leading in many polls taken before he withdrew. However, Cherry was reportedly performing poorly in his fund raising efforts. A lack of funds coupled with voter disappointment over Michigan’s struggling economy may have been factors in Cherry’s decision.

With Cherry out of the picture, the Democratic field is wide open. Among the more prominent candidates are Virg Bernero, the mayor of Lansing; Andy Dillon, the president of the Michigan House of Representatives; and Alma Wheeler Smith, member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Bernero has enjoyed a successful stint as the mayor of Lansing. During his term, Bernero brought in over $500 million in new investments. He also helped launch the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, an economic development initiative. Dillon practiced law before entering politics, when he was elected to the State House of Representatives in 2004. After being re-elected in 2006, Dillon was named speaker of the House. Alma Wheeler Smith has a long history in Michigan’s local and state politics. She served in many roles from school board president to state senator, representing the city of Ann Arbor. She has also had a productive career in Michigan’s House of Representatives.

The field of Republican candidates is just as promising. The battle for Republicans to distinguish themselves is fierce. This is understandable, as a number of polls have given Republicans slight edges. Whoever comes out on top in the primary will be a force to reckon with come August.

With 14 announced Republican candidates, four seem to be generating the most attention. Those people are Mike Bouchard, Oakland County sheriff; Mike Cox, Michigan attorney general; Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., a Hope College alumus; and Rick Snyder, former businessman. As Oakland County Sheriff, Bouchard led one of the nation’s largest sheriff departments. His last foray into politics was an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate in 2006, when he lost to the incumbent, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. He has announced that his lieutenant governor will be Michigan’s former secretary of state, Terri Lynn Land. Bouchard went on to announce in August 2009 that he would not seek re-election to the congressional seat he held since 1992, many speculated it was to run for governor. Rick Snyder has since confirmed this speculation and has received an amount of support comparable to that of the three other major Republican candidates. However, Snyder is gaining momentum, helped in large part by his purchasing of ad time during the Super Bowl. Snyder is the former CEO and chairman of Gateway Inc., an automotive supply company, and Michigan’s leading Republican candidate, garnering some of the highest levels of support among Republican candidates.

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Candidate endorsement for 2012 governor of Michigan

PEACE TALKS — Vice President Joe Biden shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during a five-day tour through the middle east.

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Thriller ‘Shutter Island’ marks Martin Scorsese’s 21st picture

Elena Rivera
Staff Writer

With six Oscar directing nominations, Martin Scorsese is among the most Oscar-nominated directors in Hollywood. Not only is he known for his old classics such as “Raging Bull” and “Goodfellas,” he has also garnered numerous accolades in the last decade from producing movies such as “Gangs of New York” and “The Departed,” for which he won an Oscar. “Shutter Island” is Scorsese’s 21st motion picture and his fourth collaboration with actor Leonardo DiCaprio.

Set in the 1950s, “Shutter Island” is the quintessential psychological thriller. It’s also a nod to the film noir classics, evoking memories of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and “The Departed,” for which he won an Oscar.

The story begins with Teddy Daniels (played by Leonardo DiCaprio), a Boston U.S. marshal, sailing to Shutter Island, a remote island that previously served as a military base and now houses the criminally insane. On the island, Daniels is introduced to Chuck Aule (played by Mark Ruffalo), his new partner. Daniels and Aule’s objective when they arrive at Shutter Island is to aid in the search for a missing inmate, Rachel Solando (played by Emily Mortimer). From the opening misty scenes on the small sailboat, Scorsese sets the tone for the rest of the movie.

The scenery is grey, lacking color, but the shadows still seem vibrant and alive. The score, written by Robbie Robertson, keeps the viewer feeling uneasy with violins and dissonant piano chords that bring the asylum to life, even before Daniels and Aule have a chance to discover its unsettling secrets.

DiCaprio, Ruffalo and Mortimer are supported by other famous actors known for dramatic roles, including Ben Kingsley as Shutter Island’s head psychiatrist Dr. John Cawley, Michelle Williams as Teddy’s wife Dolores and Jackie Earle Haley as George Noyce. Kingsley’s acting is especially noteworthy for the raw emotions he conveys in the brief monologues he gives. Kinglsey’s eyes implore the viewer to see him as a trustworthy source, but there is a hidden malice behind his kind gazes. Kingsley plays Cawley, expertly presenting him as Daniels and Aule’s most trusted ally or their most dangerous foe.

DiCaprio, grown up from his “Titanic” days, portrays Daniels as a relatable but suspicious protagonist. It is made apparent to the audience that Daniels is no ordinary U.S. marshal, but eyes him as a trusting source, harboring dark, hidden motives. As the movie progresses, Daniels’s backstory is revealed through flashbacks, Teddy-Daniels’, which take place long before Daniels and Aule arrive at Shutter Island.

Another defining moment in Daniels’ life is his participation in liberating World War II concentration camps. Teddy's paranoid suspicions of all those around him, as well as his violent nature, make him a more volatile and complex character than first perceived. Aule supports his partner in his search for Solando, and as Shutter Island becomes a menacing landscape, they band together to uncover the secrets hidden all over the island.

‘Hurt Locker’ wins big as Oscars celebrate 10 best picture selections

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ARTS EDITOR

After three long hours of watching stars and studs parade on ABC’s presentation of the Oscars, my brain felt overloaded with brand name dresses and clips from the best picture nominees. This year, the Academy decided to expand the best picture category to accommodate ten nominations, most likely to give more films a chance to put “nominated for best picture” on their DVD boxes.

For those of you who missed it, I’ll recap the nominations and winners overall for the best pictures of this year.

‘Hurt Locker’ was the night’s big winner with nine nominations and six wins.

These are the four best film nominees that walked away with zero wins and the nominations they received:

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"Why is a raven like a writing desk?" While I can’t answer the Mad Hatter’s question, I can tell you what I thought about Tim Burton’s latest film, ‘Alice in Wonderland.’ Director Tim Burton and Johnny Depp team up once again in the magical, wacky film, an evolution of Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland, uses Carroll’s iconic characters and unique fantasy setting, yet the film has its own unique plot. While the film’s storyline combines elements from “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” as well as from Carroll’s “Through the Looking Glass” and his poem “Jabberwocky,” devoted fans of Lewis Carroll should be warned: the film is based loosely on Carroll’s works of literature.

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Pavement — ‘Quarantine The Past’

Pavement was born in the age when indie/alternative/underground rock was a scrappy little niche of the music business supported by little more than incessant touring and merciful college radio DJs. While only releasing five albums, they became one of the most influential bands of the ’90s, almost single-handedly proving that a band could win fans, acclaim and stability without being picked up by a major label, paving the way for the indie/underground scene as we know it today. From their first album, fuzzy, sloppy and off-the-cuff, to their mid-career college-rock anthems and class-clown attitude (go youtube “TheIRONMENT”), they were impressive intro- and definitive final albums, Pave-

The producer–engineer dynamic has been repeatedly challenged over the past few years by underground scenes eager to distill the kind of American hip-hop dominated by the Timbaland and Wayne’s of the mainstream. No one is more evident than on Gonjasufi’s debut, “A Sufi and A Killer,” produced by West Coast underground greats Flying Lotus and The Gaslamp Killer. While holding true to the “wonky” off-center production techniques of the new school of American hip-hop, the beats provide a drizzly, disjointed out for Gonjasufi’s mumbled melodies, capturing the ethos of the estranged Middle Eastern foreigner. Himself a Sufi, he softly sings with the voice of a world-weary street mystic as by a transmission, faded and aged to sound like an audio copy of a copy. It captures the spirit and mysticism of a pre-digital, pre-Timbaland age. –DC
Perhaps for spring break you’re not going to Florida to sunbathe on the ocean shore, or perhaps you’re not serving the community on one of Hope’s service trips around the world. Maybe you’re not even going home, if home is not Holland. Luckily, you’re already in an area that’s not surrounded by miles of cornfields and is actually a great place for some entertainment!

Need some spring break ideas for your stay in Holland? Look no further.

**Saugatuck** – Drive 15 minutes south on I-196, and you’ll find yourself in a quaint town filled with little shops and art galleries. Although the shops are a little pricey (hey, window-shopping can be fun too!), some of the restaurants are student-budget friendly. Get some food to go and settle on the grass near the dock that borders Silver Lake. But if there’s one thing you should do, though, before you leave – stop at Kilwin’s for delicious fudge!

**Chicago** – Hop aboard an Amtrak train in Holland for 28 bucks… and three hours later you’ll arrive in the Windy City. Grab a few friends and take a day trip; you can scout out some attractions before you leave (museums, Shedd Aquarium and live shows) or simply go scouting around town for anything that strikes your fancy. Stop at the “bean” to take pictures and be sure to ride the Ferris wheel on Navy Pier!

**The beach** – It’s spring! And it might not be 80-something degrees, but the sun is shining – it’s a lot warmer than it was all winter. Grab a volleyball or Frisbee and enjoy the sun! Better yet, take a good book and lie in the warm sand for a couple of hours at Tunnel Park. If you’re feeling super adventurous, try camping at the Holland State Park. Pack a car full of friends and food. Good luck with that tent!

**Road rally** – Organize a road rally that focuses on downtown Holland. Gather friends (and friends of friends) and come up with the zaniest and craziest activities. Afterwards, walk over to Cold Stone and treat yourselves to something sweet (or you could start there to help give you an energy boost for the rally!)

**Volunteer** – None of your friends sticking around town to do that road rally with you? Choose an organization and spend a day volunteering. Many places would love your help. Like people? Spend an afternoon at Resthaven getting to know the residents. Like animals? Donate your time to an animal shelter. You’ll feel good about your time not wasted, and those you reach out to will appreciate it.

**Movie marathon** – You’ve hit the books hard all semester. Take a whole day and have a movie marathon: grab popcorn, theater candy and a handful of movies (anything Disney works well, or you could try some of my favorites: “Lord of the Rings” and “Harry Potter”). Stack the cluster or lounge with pillows and blankets and get ready to relax all day (and night) long.

**Homework** – If you really have run out of all your other options, do some homework. Your professors probably gave you enough to do over break. We promise. We won’t judge you.
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I'm in Barcelona. It's well-known for its petty theft. The Olympics of pickpocketing are held here, every day.

Last week, I was sitting in a sparsely inhabited metro, riding between two places that you won't remember and minding my own business. Actually, I was practicing my Clint Eastwood faces in the glass across from me. I like to sharpen them every once in a while, just in case I run into a tight spot.

This feller came up to me and started chit-chatting about chalets and cows and whatnot. Well, here I was in Barcelona, trying to better my preparedness for adversity, and this guy was distracting me with a topic I care less about than Tiger Woods' sex life. Clearly, this was a planned distraction, so I got cautious.

I wasn't too worried because I keep a booby wallet on me, a wallet for boobs. I put some grocery receipts in there and an unpaid Michigan parking ticket. I duct tape my actual wallet to my inner thigh. This tactic makes me less susceptible to distraction, so I got cautious.

I casually turned to see who had taken my wallet, but I was unable to decide between a sturdy ginger lady and the reincarnation of Edward R. Murrow.

Rob wants you to know that this entire story is true except for anything after the first paragraph.

**Quote for thought**

**The master painter**

Kate Schrampfer

Columnist

"God must be a painter. Why else would we have such beautiful colors?" — A Beautiful Mind

Walking around campus in the lovely spring weather, I can't help but drink in the truth of those words. After months of black and white and gray, the blue sky just seems unbelievably bright, and the fact that there is actually grass makes up for its brown tint. There are places around Hope where it has started to green up. Some brave little plants start poking up through the dark mud, showing early buds that promise yellow and pink and red and white blooms later on.

It makes me wish I could paint. I want to capture it, to end a sentence with "so …" or "ya know" to just about every sentence. I couldn't help but reflect on my own language habits. I had a good feeling when I said "ya know" to him, back when I knew him. He looked skeptical about this. As I was acquainted with him, we talked about numbers, because you couldn't get along without them. What makes it easy is that you don't have to speak like a math. You could say "Five times five equals twenty-five" without it looking or how to describe them, we are looking at and through things we know — you can use filler words better. You could say a lot more about cats than about Holland tulips start coming up. He created robins and thought to mouth is considered a waste. As I continued looking at how the flowers bloom or how they look or how to describe them, we are looking at and through things we know — you can use filler words better. You could say a lot more about cats than about Holland tulips start coming up. He created robins and thought to mouth is considered a waste.

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“The country is recovering,” Brinks said, “but aid came very late in Concepcion and the area around there, which was very close to the epicenter, because water, electricity, natural gas and telephone … are all privatized, and the companies were quite slow to respond. They were also hurting for food, and the government was a little slow to bring food in.”

Pastor who runs the thing, he was talking to the people at the First Annual Servant Leadership Showcase in the Martha Miller Rotunda on March 31, from 6-7 p.m. There will be an open house for students to learn more about the Leadership Mi-nor and CFL will be presenting its First Annual Servant Leadership Award to three students who exemplify the beliefs and teachings of the Leadership Mi-nor through their involvement on campus. There will be free ice cream and refreshments for everyone who comes.

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Baseball season set to begin in Florida

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ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Imagine having to play 10 baseball games in six days. Couple that with temperatures in the 80s and heat indexes pushing 100 and you have the Hope College baseball team’s spring break trip.

The Flying Dutchmen will head to Winter Haven, Fla., on March 18 to play teams from across the country to Iowa. The team already appears to be well on its way to rebounding from a 6-10 start before MIAA play — the first losing season since 2005. Last season, Hope College’s softball team found itself in almost no break in between spring break trip and the beginning of the MIAA season.

The final game of their spring break trip is at 9 a.m. on March 25, and they head to Olivet on March 27 for a 1 p.m. game. Every MIAA team is played twice, the second time usually a few days after the first.

The teams play once at Boeve Stadium in Holland and once at the other team’s field. The only exception is a non-MIAA doubleheader against Aquinas on April 13.

Hope’s second MIAA opponent is Calvin College at Calvin on April 1 at 2 p.m. and at Hope on April 3 at 1 p.m.

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In Brief

Men’s Tennis continues winning

The men’s tennis team defeated both Grand Rapids Community College and Davenport University on Friday to increase its winning streak to four. The first match of the weekend, all Flying Dutchmen were victorious over the Raiders of Grand Rapids Community College for a total of 9-0. All of the doubles teams from Hope were able to defeat the Raiders in one set, and all but one singles matchup ended in two sets. Later that day, Hope toppled Davenport, 8-1.

The men’s tennis team is now 5-4 for the season and will face Aquinas this afternoon in the DeWitt Tennis Center.

Spring Break trips planned

All of Hope College’s spring sports teams will head to warmer locations this spring break for their annual spring break trips. The baseball team will go to Winter Haven, Fla., where they will play 10 games, beginning March 19 and lasting through March 25. Their opponents are UW-Whitewater, Denison, Western Connecticut, Otterbein, LeMoyne, and Washington & Jefferson.

The softball team will participate in two spring tournaments, the Rebel Spring Games and the National Training Center Games, both held in Florida.

They also will play 10 games against 10 teams that include Spring Arbor, Anderson, Trinity, UW-Stout, Union, MIT, DePauw, D’Youville, Washington & Jefferson, and Grinnell from March 19-24.

The men’s and women’s track teams will travel to Georgia, where they will compete in both the Emory Invitational and the Emory Classic, held on March 20 and March 27, respectively.

The men’s tennis team will be competing in Hilton Head, S.C., from March 22-26 against Carleton, DePauw, Alleghany, Principia and Elmhurst.

The women’s tennis team will also be in Hilton Head, S.C., competing against many of the same opponents as the men’s team. The women are set to face Carleton, DePauw, Alleghany and Enskine in their matches.

All teams with the exception of the men’s and women’s track teams will resume home play after spring break.

MIAA conference play will also begin for these teams after spring break.

This Week In Sports

Wednesday March 17

Men’s Tennis
vs. Aquinas at 4 p.m.

Thursday March 19

Women’s Basketball
vs. Rochester in Illinois Wesleyan at 8 p.m. EST

Softball looks to return to winning ways

Bethany Stripp
SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, Hope College’s softball team found itself in an unfamiliar position. After a 6-10 start before MIAA play began, the team struggled to consistently beat its opponents and ended with a 16-24 record — the first losing season since 1990. They also lost first team All-American Kelli Dunsmuir (’09) when she graduated.

Though the Flying Dutch will not play their first game of the season until Friday, the team already appears to be well on its way to rebounding from last season.

“This year’s team is working harder than any softball team I have ever coached,” head coach Karla Wolters said. “We are in excellent shape. We have terrific team chemistry.”

The team will see many experienced players return to the field this year, as 11 of the 18 players on the roster are returning letter winners.

Captains of the Flying Dutch this year include Deidra Enochs (’10), Abby Phillips (’11) and Beth Yahraus (’10).

Enochs, along with fellow senior Michelle Marra, were both involved in a combined 40 pitching decisions last spring.

The 2010 season opener for the Dutch will be in Florida against Spring Arbor on Friday.

The team will also play Anderson (Ind.), the same day as part of the Rebel Spring Games. After that, they will participate in the National Training Center Games, also in Florida, for a total of 10 games before the regular season begins.

They will face teams from across the country, ranging from Spring Arbor in Michigan to MIT in Massachusetts.

The recently warm weather has helped the softball team prepare better for these games.

“We have been able to get our outfielders out in our outfield (this week) to get some real fly balls and grounders on the grass,” Wolters said. “We hope that we can get the whole team out there before we head to Florida for spring break.”

The home opener for the Dutch will take place on April 3 against Alma at 1 p.m.
Women’s basketball headed to NCAA Final Four

Bethany Stripp
Sports Editor

For the third consecutive year, the Hope College women’s basketball team extended its season deep into March by winning the region and advancing to sectionals. On Friday, the Flying Dutch defeated sectional play at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., against the Saints of Marymount University, who had advanced to the Sweet 16 after a convincing 74-44 win over Medaille State on March 6. Neither team was able to take control of the game for almost seven full minutes of play until a jumper by Miranda Dekuiper (‘11) began a five minute 10-1 run that saw the Dutch gain a 10 point lead, the largest of the game. The Saints fought back to tie the score at 24 with 1:56 remaining in the half where it remained until time ran out in the first half. After the break, Carrie Snikkers (‘11), who had been held to five points in the first half, helped to jumpstart the Dutch’s comeback by scoring 10 points in less than two minutes. A layup by Liz Ellis (‘13) just seconds after Snikkers’s 10th point put Hope up by seven. After the strong start, Marymount, known for its strong defense that only allowed an average of 46.8 points per game from their opponents, was able to prevent Hope from scoring from the field again for almost six full minutes. The Saints continued to battle against the Dutch and tied the score with 2:04 left in the game. Snikkers was fouled on a jumper soon after and made the following free throw to put Hope up for good. Two more free throws from both Snikkers and Ellis sealed the game and gave Hope the victory, 53-46. Jenny Cowen (‘10) added eight points for the Dutch and Phylla Greene (‘10) grabbed seven boards. With the win, the Dutch began sectional play at Florida Gulf Coast University. Saturday morning against the University of Colorado Buffaloes; the winner would advance to the semi-finals. The Flying Dutchmen trailed early in the first period but scored seven goals in the second period, resulting in a tournament best 12-5 victory over the Buffaloes. “(Twelve goals) certainly was not expected,” Captain Austin Sonneveldt (‘10) said the next morning. “However, preparation and determination wins championships. We play every game the same, and last night we happened to score 12 goals.”

James Nichols
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

While the women’s basketball team was earning a spot in the Final Four of the NCAA Division III championships, another Hope College team was making its own run for a national championship. The men’s hockey team was in Fort Myers, Fla., at the American Collegiate Hockey Association national tournament. The Flying Dutchmen’s first game was March 10 against the Blue Devils of Fredonia State, N.Y. Two goals a piece for Brett Kopinski (‘11) and Chris Kunnen (‘12) helped the Flying Dutchmen roll past the Blue Devils 7-2. Kopinski had two goals, and Kunnen scored four goals in Friday afternoon’s game. Kopinski earned a hat trick and two assists in the blowout. Schrader got four assists, bringing his tournament total to 11. The third captain, Dan Bolt (‘11), scored two goals. The victory against Colorado meant Hope was set to play Saturday morning against Florida Gulf Coast University. The Flying Dutchmen got started early, with Court Fall (‘13) scoring the first goal within the first minute of play. Schrader was able to capitalize on an empty net at the end of the game, sealing a spot in the national championship game with a 3-1 victory. “(Winning) this morning was special,” Sonneveldt said after the game. “It was our toughest game, and we responded with great intensity and heart.” LaDouce had his best performance yet, stopping 37 of 38 shots from the Eagles. The other semi-final game resulted in a Saginaw Valley State University victory. This meant the Flying Dutchmen would be facing their conference rivals in the national championship game with a 3-1 victory. “It will be a battle,” Sonneveldt said between games on Saturday. “We know how good they are. They know how good we are. These kinds of games are about who wants it more.” Kopinski had two goals, and Justin Johnson (‘13) and Schrader had one each. Unfortunately for the Flying Dutchmen, this wasn’t enough as the Cardinals took the game 6-4. Proving to be Hope’s Achilles heel this season, the SVSU Cardinals handed the Dutchmen four of their six total losses. A final record of 25-6-1-1 boasts a record-tying number of wins in a 71-46 victory. The Pointers were the first on the scoreboard, but the Flying Dutch quickly responded with a 9-0 run that put them up by seven less than four minutes into the game. Though Hope remained ahead for the rest of the half, UW-Stevens Point did not allow the Dutch to build a comfortable lead, sticking within six or less for a good portion of the half. Though the Dutch led by nine with 2:28 on the clock, the Pointers rallied and cut Hope’s lead to two, 32-30, at halftime. The second half of the game was an even closer battle than the first, with neither team able to establish a solid lead until the last three minutes of the game. With 1:10 in the game, a layup by sharpshooting Britta Petersen of UW-Stevens Point pulled the Pointers within one, but a layup by Snikkers was soon followed by a three-pointer from Ellis gave the Dutch a six-point advantage that the Pointers were not able to overcome. Hope stayed strong through the end of the game and made it past the Elite Eight for the first time since its national championship run in 2006 with a 71-46 victory. The Dutch will now advance to the national semifinals, which will take place on Friday at Illinois Wesleyan. They will face Rochester, N.Y., an unranked team that upset No. 2 Kean in its sectional final. Both teams will be making their third semifinal appearance. Hockey team finishes season as national runner-ups

MICHIGAN TEAMS MEET IN FLORIDA— Nick Cornicelli (‘13) brings the puck up the ice in the national championship.