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Hope College
Crumbling campus
Recent building mishaps around Hope

Flying Dutch take top honors
PURSUIT OF PERFECTION—The women’s basketball team fought off a late surge by Calvin in the MIAA title game last Saturday to remain undefeated and hoist the conference tournament trophy. Sights are now dialed in on the NCAA tournament. See full story on page 12.

The hours are slipping away before Dance Marathon begins
Updates on Blitz Week and the approaching marathon

Claire Johnson
Campus News Co-Editor

Although the official start to the marathon is still a few days away, preparation for Hope College’s 15th annual Dance Marathon has been underway for months. With the commencement of Dance Marathon rapidly approaching, those with a keen eye can spot the characteristic changes around campus occurring to commemorate this yearly tradition. As we speak, decorations are being hung up in the Dow Center with energetic rapidity, volunteers are buying out local thrift stores in preparation for the theme hours and Sammy’s has empty shelves where energy drinks used to sit. It’s clear that Dance Marathon is almost here.

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INSTANT SAUNA—Last week, on a calm, chilly Friday afternoon, the residents of Kollen Hall suddenly found themselves immersed in a cloud of mist and confusion after a steam pipe ruptured, closing the hall temporarily while Campus Safety and a local commercial service cleared the air, as it were.

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Put on your dancing shoes, Hope College, because it’s for the kids

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have been positively affected by the care given to them at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. These families come to Dance Marathon to inspire students and also to thank the college for its generosity, highlighting the incredible care given to them at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. As they do so. Each year the marathon, with its classic slogan “For the Kids,” raises money for the hospital before the marathon through events such as a silent auction, a 5K race and a Hope basketball game. During the marathon, money is raised through fun events like So You Hope You Can Dance and an annual lip-sync competition. Last year through this combination of events, Dance Marathon was able to raise over $139,000, a record-breaking amount. All in all, over 600 Hope students participate annually in this life-changing event, and this year the volunteer numbers are higher than ever. Although the marathon doesn’t officially start until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 7 (ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 8), fundraising is already underway. Last week Dance Marathon hosted a silent auction at JP’s Coffee & Espresso Bar. The auction, which brought in over $2,000 in total, was made possible by donations from several businesses in Holland, including Cottage Corner, City Flats Hotel, Fustin’s Oils and Vinegars, Jew- el-Tec, JP’s Coffee & Espresso Bar, The Blackbird, Borr’s Shoes & Accessories and Carolyn Stitch Studio.

Beginning March 3, Dance Marathon really starts to involve the Hope community with a series of events to celebrate Blitz Week. Each day of the week preceding Dance Marathon, a different mini fundraiser is being held to benefit Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. The early days of the week involve fundraisers held by Orange Leaf frozen yogurt and Jimmy John’s sandwiches, two local businesses. Then on Wednesday, March 5, Buffalo Wild Wings will be donating 10 percent of its profits to Dance Marathon if patrons bring a Dance Marathon coupon with them to eat. On Wednesday evening, there will be a Dance Marathon rally held in the Dow Center at 7:30 p.m. At the rally, participants in the marathon have the opportunity to meet some of the miracle families, learn part of this year’s line dance and also learn this marathon’s theme. On Thurs- day, March 6, Dance Marathon is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in the Kletz. For $5, students can enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti from 5-7 p.m. As always, all profits go to benefit Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital.

If you’re a Hope student still looking to get involved in the marathon, it’s not too late. Any interested student can register to either morale (an eight-hour shift at the marathon) or dance (a 24-hour shift) for $50 if they register online. Registered participants receive an official Dance Marathon T-shirt, meals during their shift on the day of the marathon and the joy of serving others. To register for Dance Marathon or to simply find out more about the event, go to www.hope.edu/dancemar- athon. And remember, Hope College, all this time, effort and money is for the kids, and Spring Break is only a few days away. So give a little energy this weekend. Give some time and some joy and some cash to these incredible children, because even a small donation can make an impact on so many thirsty hearts—maybe even your own.

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**GENDER ISSUES CONFERENCE**

This Tuesday, March 11, Hope College, along with the Women’s and Gender Studies program and Student Development, will be presenting a Gender Issues Conference in Maas Auditorium. The conference will be held as a series of events beginning at 11 a.m. and extending through 5 p.m. The Women’s and Gender Studies program will be providing a pizza lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for attendees. At 11 a.m., Songs Against Slavery will be presenting on sex trafficking. At 12 p.m., there will be a presentation on sexual assault held by the Center for Women in Transition. At 1 p.m., there will be a workshop presented by Planned Parenthood on organizing and activism. At 2 p.m., Hope College’s own Counseling and Psychological Services office will present on stress, eating disorders and a healthy diet. At 3 p.m., Lakeshore Pregnancy Center will be available to provide information regarding pregnancy resources. Lastly, at 4 p.m., there will be a screening of the film “Killing Us Softly 4,” which focuses on gender and advertisements in the media. Interspersed between seminars, Student Development will be giving away free T-shirts. For more information about this incredible event, visit www.hope.edu/knowhope.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Possible overnight street parking in Holland**

This summer, a test run of a new law will cause big decision

Alex Belica

**WORLD CO-EDITOR**

Parking in Holland this sum-
mer may have just gotten a little easier. Starting May 15, the city will allow motorists to park their cars on residential streets over-
night.

Current law requires all cars to be off the street by 2 a.m. The program is set to run from May 15 through Sept. 30, so Hope Col-
lege students returning for the fall semester will likely notice the change in ordinance that affec-
to roughly their first month on campus.

Based on the outcome of this summer’s trial, overnight street parking could become a perma-

nent feature of the summer, that both Hope students and resi-
dents alike look forward to along with the usual sunshine and ice
cream.

In an interview with The An-
chor, Councilman David Hoeks-
tra laid out the reasoning behind the change in regulations.

One of the main reasons we are looking at this parking trial is that the central city neighbor-
hoods were not built to acco-
mmodate the volume of cars in driveways that are typical these days,” Hoekstra said.

“If residents have overnight

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**WHAT SIGNATURE SAUCE DO YOU PALA IN?**

**60¢ WING TUESDAYS**

**60¢ BONELESS THURSDAYS**

(AND MONDAYS, TOO!)

16 SIGNATURE SAUCES & 6 SEASONS

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Robotic pills will be the future of medicine

A prolific inventor, Mir Imran, hopes to change the treatment of patients suffering from diabetes

Andrew Gomez-Seoane

Medicine is filled with adages from “An apple a day keeps the doctor away” to the equally famous line, “Take two aspirin and call me in the morning.” Now it would seem that with the rise of technology and its increasing integration into the world of medicine, the next step would be to allow patients to consume those pills they would place in their bodies as well.

Inventor Mir Imam hopes that one day doctors will have patients easily swallow devices, as they do pills. The apparatus in question is a small robotic pill to replace injectable drugs for chronic conditions such as diabetes. Backed by Google Inc.’s venture-capital unit, the company consists of an ingestible polymer and tiny hollow needles made of sugar that are designed to safely transfer the drugs to the small intestine.

A few years ago, such a pill would have been unthinkable, but with the progress that technology has made in the past 20 years, it has led to two recently approved robotic pills by the Food and Drug Administration. Earlier in the month, a pill-sized camera by Given Imaging Ltd. was cleared for use in the detection of colon polyps. Another company by the name of Proteus Digital Health Inc. received clearance a year and a half ago to place ingestible sensors inside pills to help patients and doctors monitor the number of pills taken. While Imam’s pill has yet to be tested on humans, it would still require substantial funding to manufacture the necessary number of pills. If it does achieve success, it has the potential to disrupt the trillion-dollar market for injectable drugs and makes lives a little easier for the millions of Americans who suffer from conditions such as diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. An Indian-born founder of the research lab and business incubator Imran has founded more than 20 medical device companies alone, many of which have been acquired by large medical firms such as Medtronic. With over 300 patents to his name, he has developed a reputation as a world innovator in the field of biomedical engineering.

Blake Byers, the Google Ventures general partner who has spearheaded the investment, said, “This investment is not only in our wheelchair, it’s open to people who can change our minds. This one really stood out as a huge clinical need; $110 billion is spent in the U.S. every year on biologics, all of which license the technology with two chemicals: citric acid and sodium bicarbonate. These chemicals will mix together and act as the energy source by inflating a balloon-like structure containing the sugar-based needles with the medication. These needles will then push into the wall of the intestine and detach themselves until they slowly dissolve.

Imran has stated that pharmaceutical companies which license the technology for using their own drugs have expressed some interest at the design. Another year’s worth of approval and tests will be needed to determine if the robotic pill is safe for people. If the data eventually backs up the claim about the pill, it could help millions of patients ditch their syringes and stick-pens.
Executive order on healthcare mandate limits free speech

Alex Belica

In Washington a sneaky offensive against free speech and public information is being led by the Obama Administration. The recent tide of negative reports, surrounding the newly launched website for the Affordable Care Act and the countless stories of businesses who are cutting worker’s hours to avoid penalties has obviously become more than the Administration can bear.

“The lightly veiled threat within the executive order is that employers should eat the costs of the Affordable Care Act in silence. The Obama Administration likely has a realist view that some of these medium-sized businesses will continue to reduce staffing levels to receive the exemption to reduce costs. However, they certainly do not want stories about these cuts hitting the airwaves. Many businesses in this category will be forced by the need to stay competitive to avail themselves of the coverage exemption in order to keep overhead down. Consequently, the free speech of these business owners has essentially been gagged. It is a sure bet that the IRS will be monitoring any statements to the media by businesses taking the exemption with auditors lined up, waiting to pounce.”

Through the executive order, President Obama, has curtailed the free speech of numerous businesses in towns throughout America. They will not be able to admit, at least publically, the costs of providing a greater number of Americans with health insurance. One could argue that the increased costs are acceptable consequences of providing more Americans with health insurance, however, regardless of one’s opinion on this issue, to stifle the free speech of those on the front lines of the law’s implementation is unacceptable.

If the Obama Administration is worried that the public will accept the program’s true cost then they should go back to the board and design reforms, not hide the true costs and hope no one will notice.

As nuclear deal drags on, leader’s role is uncertain

Timothy Cook

Since the election of President Hassan Rouhani in Iran, there has been a great deal of discussion about the new direction Iran has taken, both domestically and internationally with western countries. Many observers have tried to analyze the intentions of Iran’s new president based on his past actions in the service of the Islamic Republic. However, none of Rouhani’s past can be analyzed truly objectively without looking at the man who has been in his shadow for twenty years: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran’s supreme leader.

Khamenei was born into a clerical family in the northeastern city of Mashhad in 1939. Mashhad was known for its traditional Persian culture and was a well-suited environment for Khamenei to develop his love for language and the written word. Though inspiring, language was not the only influence on Khamenei’s early life. Tradition obligated Khamenei to follow in his father’s footsteps by donning the black turban of a Shiite cleric, signifying their family’s dignified descent from Muhammad.

Khamenei’s formative years were not an easy time to live in a traditional family in Iran. Under the autocratic rule of the Shah, Iran had begun a fast-paced campaign of modernization and westernization. Being only eleven when he first donned his clerical robes, Khamenei would find himself mocked by other boys for being archaic and backward. Despite his traditional upbringing, Khamenei found escape through reading western literature. Even today he will praise “Les Miserables” as one of the best books written. Reading books by such authors as Leo Tolstoy, Victor Hugo and John Steinbeck helped shape Khamenei’s view of the world and western culture.

Though always fascinated by the west, it was the writings of Sayyid Qutb that ultimately persuaded Khamenei that Islam was both political and revolutionary. By 1979 Iran was ripe for a revolution against the Shah’s regime, but it was still unclear what form that revolution would take. A charismatic Ayatollah named Ruhollah Khomeini as the leader of the revolutionaries. An upheaval that could have easily turned marxist was instead led in an entirely new direction: a republic led by Islamic jurists.

Khamenei had by now become a mid-ranking Shiite cleric and was expected to take a role in the new government. Khamenei’s way into the Iranian revolutionary leadership came in the form of another cleric named Akbar Rafsanjani. Unlike the more withdrawn and bookish Khamenei, Rafsanjani came from a merchant family and had a ruthless streak for gaining power. As the consequences of the Iranian revolution led to sanctions from the Americans, war with Iraq and guerrilla uprisings by insurgent groups, Rafsanjani saw his power rise with Khamenei always close behind him. A key moment for Khamenei came after an assassination attempt caused the permanent paralysis of his right arm. Convinced that God had spared him for some reason, Khamenei took a new turn, running for president and winning by a large margin.

Though Khamenei had become Iran’s president, his role was highly limited by Khomeini as supreme leader, and a prime minister who was also his cousin: Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Khamenei feuded frequently with Mousavi, who often had Khomeini’s backing, rendering Khamenei nearly powerless. Upon Khomeini’s death, it was ultimately Rafsanjani that backed Khamenei’s election to the position of supreme leader on the understanding that he was easily controllable.

Over the next 20 years, Khamenei emerged from Rafsanjani’s shadow with the support of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard. Reformists in Iran’s political system would often chafe under what they saw as Khamenei’s abuse of power. In 2009, Mousavi emerged from retirement as the reformist candidate for president. Mousavi ultimately was perceived as a threat and defeated in what many suspected was a fraudulent election. Protests were ultimately put down and Khamenei arrested his cousin Moussavi. Family has not readily stood with Khamenei; his brother Hadi is a reformist and he arrested his own son Mojtaba for alleged conspiracy within the revolutionary guard.

Endorsing Rouhani was a key way for Khamenei to restore legitimacy to Iran’s system and turn back the polarization of Iran’s society. Khamenei has publicly expressed a skeptical acceptance of Rouhani’s engagement with the west, though he personally says that he is pessimistic about a deal for the survival of Iran’s nuclear program. The pessimism Khamenei expresses is deeply rooted in the history of the Iranian nation’s relations with the west. Khamenei’s own past paints an expressive picture of how Iran came to be the country it is today, and how it might affect the path that Iran will take in its future.
2014’s Dance 40 doesn’t fail to impress

Jasmine Robb
Guest Writer

The art of dance is fiercely beautiful, dangerously addictive and far more complex than meets the eye. Years of training, criticism, stretching until walking is a joke, floor burn scars and literal blood, sweat and tears go unnoticed by the audience and are all but forgotten by the dancers themselves as they take to the stage. When the lights go up, nothing else matters.

2014 marks the 40-year anniversary of the annual major dance concert, this year entitled Dance 40. These concerts featuring choreography by dance department faculty have expanded and flourished each year. Hundreds of dancers have participated over the years, going through the grueling process of stressful and intensive auditions, followed by months of exhaustive and rewarding rehearsals.

Stepping out on the stage takes an enormous amount of courage. Whether donning a slinky dress and heels, a brightly colored unitard, a steampunk dress and mask or nothing but a white slip, the dancer must be prepared to deliver the best performance possible with the utmost confidence in what they are doing. Conscious of the eyes of friends, family, strangers and choreographers, the dancer must dig deep within him or herself and deliver something flawless.

Costume malfunction? Pretend it isn’t happening (unless it’s life-threatening). Old injury acting up? Forget about it for the next 14 or so minutes. Freezing air pouring in backstage when dancers arrive to get into costume? Better huddle together for warmth. It doesn’t matter whether the choreography includes triple pirouettes, intense hairography or trembling like a leaf and falling over repeatedly. It is a great feat of strength, courage and artistic honesty to grace the stage.

Kelsey Hutten (‘15) is operating the lights this year in the wake of a surgery that forbid her to dance in the concert. The tireless work of Erik and Cindy Alberg has been instrumental and absolutely crucial for Dance 40 to run smoothly. Their upbeat and fun-loving attitudes day in and day out have never failed to impress me during my four years of interacting with them here at Hope.

Other Hope students who took part in the show are The Anchor staff writer Lauren Madison (‘14), who works backstage, and The Anchor’s Co-Editor-in-Chief Claire Call (‘14), a dancer in the show. Over 65 students performed in this year’s show, which featured works by program founder Max- ine DeBruyn, as well as senior faculty members Linda Graham and Steven Iannacone. Guests Anne-Rene Petrarca and Sharon Wong also brought their own performances to the show.

The original show took place in 1975, the same year that dance became a minor at Hope. In 1984, dance officially became a major at Hope, and in 1985, the program was recognized by the National Association of Schools of Dance.

Despite the fact that Dance 40 only runs two weekends and about two hours in length, the countless hours put in by dancers, choreographers, organizers and costumers have made those two weekends and two hours each night an absolute sight to behold. With so much hard work and energy being put into the performance, one thing’s for sure—Dance 40 is not to be missed.

DeGeneres brings laughs to 86th annual Academy Awards

ONE TALENTED SELFIE—This star-studded snap crashed Twitter. Other antics put on by Ellen DeGeneres included ordering tons of pizza and dressing up as Glinda the Good Witch.
Dear Readers,

How do you feel about smartphones? While most owners praise the way their phones allow them to communicate, navigate and stay up-to-date, an increasing number of people are turning against the all-powerful device. Teachers and professors get annoyed with students who tweet under the table, loved ones hate it when family and friends appear more interested in Facebook than the conversation at hand and reports on the dangers of texting and driving are printed daily. Amidst a nation of “selfie” snappers, it’s easy to overlook the army of smart and selfless individuals who are using smartphones as a weapon against crime, malnutrition and poverty. Today, we feature the amazing apps they have created. If you own a smartphone, we hope this article will inspire you to use it in support of your own community.

Lindsay Timmerman, Features Editor

Random Apps of Kindness

• **Charity Miles.** If you’re looking for inspiration to get out on the road this spring, give this app a try. It tracks your biking, walking or running miles. You are granted 25 cents to donate to a charity of your choice for each walking or running mile, and biking miles earn you 10 cents.

• **DoGood** provides subscribers with specific good deeds to complete every day. “What if 300,000 people did the same random act of kindness in one day?” the developers ask.

• **The Extraordinaries** allows you to pick a mission from a cause you support (environment, education, social justice, etc.) and complete a quick mission for its benefit.

• **My Life as a Refugee (UNHCR).** Huffingtonpost.com reports that “in the time it takes to download this app, 8 people around the world will become refugees as they flee from conflict or persecution. The My Life as a Refugee app provides insight into the experiences these refugees face. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) created this app to spread awareness about the projects and people they work to support.”

• **The UNICEF Tap Project.** According to gizmodo.com, uniceftapproject.org is “a webpage that listens to the motion sensors in your smartphone. Once you’ve opened the page, it prompts you to put your smartphone down somewhere and ignore it. For every 10 minutes you don’t touch your phone, UNICEF’s sponsor donates funding to provide one day’s worth of clean drinking water to a child in need.” In order to contribute to the UNICEF Tap Project, open uniceftapproject.org in your phone’s web browser.

“Today our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change. The large house in which we live demands that we transform this worldwide neighborhood into a worldwide brotherhood. Together we must learn to live as brothers or together we will be forced to perish as fools. We must work passionately and indefatigably to bridge the gulf between our scientific progress and our moral progress.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.
Desert storm
Can our elected officials choose not to follow the law?

It began with attorney general Eric Holder's refusal to defend the Defense of Marriage Act before the Supreme Court last year.

This, as many individuals know, was an act voted on by Congressional leaders and signed into law by President Clinton. Thus, by sheer official status, it was the duty of the attorney general to defend and enforce it like any law that is passed by the government in accordance to the constitution of the United States.

However, in recent days, several federal judges have struck down same-sex marriage bans in half a dozen states, and Mr. Holder has made it clear that state attorney generals can have some discretion in following their state-enacted bans.

The problem with this reasoning is that it is a clear violation of the responsibility set forth by our constitution which mandates that elected officials must enforce the law of the land once it has been legally enacted.

An attorney general's obligation is to defend the laws that they are charged with while allowing no exceptions based on moral grounds, predictions of constitutional evolution and/or future political ambitions.

There is clearly an exception to this case in the event that a law is unconstitutional in light of existing legal precedent. In the rulings last June, the Supreme Court declined to rule that state laws could ban same-sex marriages. Thus, this has not invalidated current laws in many of the states that passed referendums to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Those who are cheering this decision should consider that the government's main responsibility is to defend the laws of the land. This duty is crucial to any democratic society as it makes our elected representatives servants to the rule of law rather than its master. It obligates them to the will of the people and their wisdom until the courts can make a final ruling on the matter of constitutionality.

This process ensures checks and balances within our branches of government and gives the lawmaking authority to legislatures (and, in some cases, the people). If the courts and elected leaders were allowed to approach each law as they saw fit, it would create chaos in our judicial system. Every piece of legislation passed would be questioned and immediately thrown into limbo. These precedents will certainly weaken the legal and moral authority of the attorney generals, with grave future implications if left unchecked in the long term.

It is unfortunate that we have arrived at this crossroad in American history. What many in the pro gay rights movement do not understand is that the choice to render this one issue as the sole exception is not going to keep other attorney generals in the future from taking on a host of other life-changing issues that affect everyone's livelihood.

This will undoubtedly pave the path for those eager to usurp legislative power and advance their political agenda by failing to defend inconvenient laws.

The right path to pursue in this case is to allow the will of the people to prevail, to decide for themselves if these state laws should be repealed and replaced with a law that better expresses their views.

For that is the beauty of our constitutional republic; we can respectfully disagree on a host of issues, but at the end of the day, there must be a consensus as to how balance is achieved through our laws.
Ask and you May be advised

Forgive and forget

Lauren May
Staff Columnist

This week, I wanted to think of a difficult challenge, one that would take some extra effort and willingness from all of us. I thought for a long time to come up with an idea, but I couldn’t seem to find just the right one. Finally, while going to get in line for food at Phelps the other day, it hit me, literally!

As I walked to merge myself into the crazy scrabbly system to get food, I ran straight into someone turning around from the line. Almost knocking down all of the food she was carrying, I quickly said sorry.

In response, instead of giving me a dirty look or angrily brushing past me, she just smiled and told me, “Don’t worry about it.” Although in a really simple form, this small act of forgiveness gave me the idea for this week’s challenge.

Weekly Challenge #7:
*Apologize or offer your forgiveness to someone.*

Ephesians 4:31-32: “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Matthew 18: 21-22: “Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?’

Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’

Mark 11:25: “And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Like with my incident at Phelps, saying variations of the word “I’m sorry” and “I forgive you” can be really easy. Many times though, allowing ourselves to admit we are at fault, or forgiving those who admit the fault was theirs, can be a little more challenging.

While it is hard to acknowledge that we did something wrong, or forgiving those who have hurt us, it is important to do so. Making peace with others allows us to form and salvage meaningful relationships with each other and addition-only makes our lives more easy-going.

By letting go of old and long grudges and anger, we allow ourselves to get rid of some guilt and anger and ultimately create a happier life. So during this week, I encourage you to think of someone who you either owe an apology to, or someone who has offered you one. You can fulfill this challenge in many ways: Send a letter, meet in person or make a phone call. It doesn’t matter how we do it, as long as we actually do it! Make life happier and just forgive and forget.

Letters from Nana and Gramps

Let’s hear it for March!

James Rogers
Co-Editor-In-Chief

I think March deserves a high five. It’s a month consisting of rejuvenation and 31 days that deserve more credit.

March leads right into April, the month containing the last day of regular classes at Hope College. For those graduating in May, it’s now just 60 days until the caps and gowns are sported.

But hey, make the most of March. March toward new heights and goals. Watch hours upon hours of college basketball. Even if you’re not a fan of the sport, March will somehow make you love basketball for a little while.

March is full of fun. Be proud of your middle name on March 10 (Middle Name Pride Day). I like this day. My middle name is Waldon thanks to the creativity of my mom and dad.

Speaking of my dad, his birthday is on March 11. Send a birthday email over to him, and I’m sure he would love that. No kidding. Go ahead and do it.

On March 13, so Ear Muff Day will be so appropriate here in Holland, Mich. I expect to see all the muffs out on this day.

On March 14, we should all do a little math. It’s National Pi Day (3.14). The next day you should attempt joining the quilting club on National Quilting Day. We’ll all get green on St. Patrick’s Day, the 17th. Eat some Lucky Charms and wear some heads. Then act a fool on the 22nd for National Goof Off Day.

Throw some pecans in your waffles on March 25, as it is both Pecan Day and Waffle Day. Let me know how the combo is.

I’m not really sure what Something on a Stick Day (March 28) is all about, but have fun with it. Once the enjoyment of sticks fades, thank a doctor on National Goof Off Day.

Major League Baseball’s Official Opening Day is March 31. What a way to end this glorious month. I don’t care if you hate baseball. Show some respect to America’s pastime. Get out the glove and ball and head to the Pine Grove. Toss the rock around and make one of the greatest noises ever: the pop of the baseball hitting the mitt.

March is off to a good start, and there’s a lot in store. Have hope in March. March has hope in you.

Find joy in these last days of the 2013-14 school year. March will have trouble containing all its fun. It’s your choice to find that fun.

BIRTHDAY BOY— Pictured is my dad, Randy Rogers, and it is his birthday on March 13. Send Mr. Rogers a birthday email (rogersrivhs.com). It would make his day.

James can’t tell you how much “Mario Kart: Double Dash!” he has played the last three months.

Source for March happenings: http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm

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Fewer tickets, please, I’m a Hope student

“I think it’s apparent with the amount of snow we’ve received this winter that allowing overnight parking in the winter could cause serious snow removal issues,” Robinson said.

“Grand Rapids has an ‘even-odd’ parking system that allows overnight parking on alternating sides of the street during the winter, but I think they’ve run into some issues using that with the snowfall this past year,” Robinson continued.

Hope’s Director of Operations, Greg Maybury, says that students should note that downtown, Maple Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, 6th Street to 10th Street, which includes the northern most section of Hope’s campus, will be excluded from the program. Within this area, cars must still be off the street by 2 a.m.

According to Maybury, the existing program will have limited effects on campus because it will only overlap for a month with the school year.

“The college was asked for input from the city, but we declined to take a position other than to support whichever direction the city chose,” Maybury said.

If in the future the program is expanded to encompass more of the school year, faculty may have a harder time finding a parking spot.

Currently, faculty and staff rely on the approximately 250 street parking spots that are dotted around campus for parking. If students are able to leave cars on the street overnight, there may not be enough space for professors when they arrive in the morning.

“Most of our faculty and staff commute to campus daily, and a permanent on-street overnight parking program would severely limit their access to parking near their place of work,” Maybury said.

Whatever the consequences, this summer’s pilot will provide a chance for officials to work out the kinks and, if the trial run is deemed successful, hopefully increase convenience for all of Holland’s residents.

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What would you like to see more of from The Anchor on social media? As we increase our online presence, we want to know what Hope students would read. Use the hashtag #LetAnchorKnow on any social networking site to share your ideas and suggestions.

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**Track teams complete indoor seasons**

Caitlin Rivera

On Saturday, the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships took place at Calvin College. The meet was nine hours long and ended with the men's team taking fifth and the women's team taking second in the MIAA.

The girls totaled 113.66 points over two days, while the Knights scored 203.5 points. On the men's side, the Dutchmen captured a total of 82 points, while Calvin led the way with 180 points.

Jane Pearson ('16) and Emily Litwiller ('16) placed first and third, respectively, in the pentathlon on Friday which included: 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and an 800-meter run.

Casey Campbell ('16) took home second in the long jump with a 6.33-meter run. Meanwhile Michelle Kerr ('16) was not far behind Campbell, taking fifth in the race with a time of 6.99 seconds.

"My 3,000 felt really good but ended a little tough toward the end," Campbell said. "I hope to get a faster time outdoors. I'm really looking forward to the weather warming up."

Another first-place finish came from Sheri McCormack ('14), finishing her mile run in 5:07.20, defeating second place by over 17 seconds.

**During Spring Break, we get the best workouts of the year in... Hopefully this year our training will pay off and both women's and men's teams will take home the MIAA Championship.**

—CASEY CAMPBELL ('16)
Women’s basketball repels the Knights

Kyle Bemaciak
Assistant Sports Editor

The Flying Dutch women’s basketball team won its 13th MIAA tournament championship by defeating the Knights, 61-41, with a fifth goal and limiting their own just minutes later to extend their lead to two. With just under 10 minutes to play in the game, Hope’s lead was safe but needed to remain that way for as long as possible.

The second half picked up right where the first half left off. Hope came out of the gates with a great sense of energy and determination. The tone was set early when Kaufmann and Kelley made three-pointers just seconds apart from each other to increase the Dutch lead to 20 points, 61-41.

With just under 10 minutes to play in the game, Hope’s lead was cut slightly when the Bulldogs managed two points, 61-41. After some careless defense and costly turnovers, Calvin cut the deficit to 71-59. The Knights then trailed by just four with 2:10 remaining, but the MIAA tournament championship game finally came to an end with an 88-79 Dutch victory.

In jubilation, Hope was able to cut down the nets in celebration of its incredible accomplishment. "It was an incredible accomplishment," said Mike "McAvoy" Michelfelder, the game’s leading scorer in the game with a career-high 27 points and a game high 13 rebounds. Also, she compiled five steals and three blocked shots. Impressively, this was her 13th double-double of the season. Berry matched her season high with 20 points, and Hope starters combined for 80 points.

The Dutch’s upcoming NCAA tournament appearance will be the 15th in school history and seventh in the past eight seasons. When asked about the upcoming tournament game, McAfee said, “I think we will probably focus on what we do best, which is playing defense and rebounding hard at both ends, and we also want to focus on really enjoying this time and these moments because there aren’t very many teams that still have the opportunity to play.”

The Dutch’s next opponent will be Wisconsin Lutheran on Friday, March 7 at Glick Fieldhouse in Kenosha, Wis. Earlier in the season, Hope defeated Wisconsin Lutheran, and it plans on doing the same later this week.

Hope hockey falls to Davenport, defeats Adrian Gold

Steven Skawski
Guest Writer

After the weekend reserved for regionals, the MCHC playoffs resumed at Jolly Roger Ice Arena on Friday, Feb. 28. In an effort to assert themselves in the MIAA for regionals, the MCHC playoffs resumed at Jolly Roger Ice Arena on Friday, Feb. 28. In an effort to assert themselves in the MIAA for regionals, the MCHC playoffs resumed at Jolly Roger Ice Arena on Friday, Feb. 28. In an effort to assert themselves in the MIAA, the Panthers went 1-0-0 in their last three games. They demonstrated a strong offensive game against Davenport, scoring seven goals to seven.

Davenport struck again when it buried a third rebound chance on a goalmouth scramble. It is worth noting that despite the Dutchmen’s shortcomings on the scoreboard, captains Caleb Digison (14) and younger brother Elliott Digison (17) were playing remarkable hockey. E. Digison, playing defense temporarily, had a memorable shift in which he made two jarring hits on the same unlucky victim.

There was nothing C. Digison did not do. shut down challengers, make tape-to-tape passes, and wheel (rush the puck up ice).

Rob Calvert (15) stayed hot when he buried a back door pass from Justin Glick (14) and Andrew Dolehanty (14) on the power play.

The Dutch knew that they had to take the game, and we were able to do that," said Calvert. Going into the matchup, the Panthers were looking to exact revenge against the Bulldogs, who scored a mere 30 seconds apart from each other to increase the Dutch lead to 20 points, 61-41.

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Championship Bound — Next week, the Flying Dutchmen travel to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to compete in the national championships where they will face challenging opponents.

When held in comparison to the previous national tournament, the MCHC playoffs always fail to stack up in importance.

Hope stormed out of the gate after the National Anthem, scoring four goals in the first period. Goals came from Ryan Restum (16), Joe Pappas (15) and Jamie Haak (14), who had a pair.

The Bulldogs managed two goals to draw within striking distance by the end of the second period.

Alas, Adrian’s bark was stronger than its bite, and C. Digison buried twoucks in the third to finally seal the game. Adrian did not go down without a fight, but the Flying Dutchmen’s journey will take place on that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Stay in tune with the Flying Dutchmen’s journey via the Dutch’s official Twitter @ HopeHockey, #RollDutch.

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