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For the ‘heroes’ at Dance Marathon
Miracle children inspire change and break records, all while decked out in capes and masks

EXCLUSIONS ON THE SEAMS— Above, Dream Team Committee members display the fundraising total for the marathon, a record-breaking $165,057.08. At right, the Dream Team huddles together for support at the end of the 24-hour marathon. Below, groups made creative handmade banners for the miracle children.

This year, DM raised a record-breaking amount of cash—over $165,000. That’s about $25,000 more than last year (another record-breaker), with more participants signed up to contribute to DM this year than ever before: a stunning 848 pre-registrants. However amazing these statistics are, the incredible nature of the marathon stands apart from how much money is raised each year. The most valuable part is listening to miracle families share their stories. Hearts are inspired, tears are shed and lives are changed through the courageous testimonies of these beautiful children.

“Each child’s story was inspiring, realizing that these little heroes are battling disease 24/7 made dancing an honor and a treasured experience,” Sayde Anderson (’17) said.

Breaking bonds
The potential of spending Spring Break in Holland

A series of little adventures exploiting the blank canvas of an empty campus can make for a lengthy tale of envy-inducing potential.

“This Wednesday before the Friday. Spring Break is leading in, just out of reach, whispering sweet promises of nothingness, relaxation and a hiatus from the grind of academic life. Thursday is the great test. The smug early birds dart for the highways, and the afternoon-class diehards turn their notes into scribbles of break itineraries for the thousandth time. While some students have been booking flights, deliberating travel budgets and getting in touch with that one cousin who has a place on the beach, others have been strangely dreading the upcoming week.

Sleepy, puffed-up eyes and weary, shuffling walks around campus indicate two major things this week: Daylight Saving Time strikes again, as does Hope College’s annual Dance Marathon (DM). While both phenomena exhibit similar symptoms, the joy, gratitude and generosity associated with both could not be more different.

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**This Month at Hope**

**Wednesday**  March 12  
*“Can Everyone Find Humor?”*  
Laughfest  
Winants Auditorium, 7 p.m.  
Wind Ensemble Concert  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.  

**Friday-Sunday**  March 14-16  
Spring Break begins  
All Campus

**Saturday**  March 15  
Jeff Allen - Laughfest  
Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

**Monday**  March 24  
Chapel Choir Home Concert  
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**  March 28  
SAC Event: Comedian/Illusionist Ben Seidman  
Maas Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  April 1  
“Taming the Impulsive Beast” Lecture  
Schipsa Science Center 1019, 4 p.m.  
“Through the Lens: Highlights of My 47 Years at Hope” with Tom Renner  
Winants Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  April 4  
SAC Event: The Really Big Talent Show  
Maas Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

**In Brief**

**HOPE OPERA STARS SHINE**

On Friday, Feb. 28, two Hope College students, Rosemary Walsh (’16) and Danielle Meyer (’15), earned impressive honors at the Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition. The competition was held at the Betty Van Andel Opera Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. Walsh was honored as the first-place winner in the Division II competition, which includes freshmen and sophomores, while Meyer was named one of three finalists in Division I, in which juniors and seniors compete. Walsh and Meyer competed against students from Aquinas College, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University and Western Michigan University in the unique event, which allows music students being trained full-time at a college or a university to be recognized by a professional opera company. Hope students won the Opera Grand Rapids Collegiate Competition in 2011 and 2012 and placed third in 2013. The next round of the competition takes place on Sunday, April 6, and both Hope students will compete in this upcoming event. Both Walsh and Meyer have also been recognized at events such as the Hope College Musical Showcase, which took place in Grand Rapids on March 3.

**A tale of two poets**

**Alek Molenaar  
Guzet Winter**

This past Thursday, March 6, Hope College welcomed two poets for the Visiting Writers Series. Brenda Hillman and Rowan Ricardo Phillips were the visiting poets for the series. Hillman and Phillips read many poems from both of their books, “Seasonal Works with Letters on Fire” by Hillman and “The Ground: Poems” by Phillips.

Phillips started off the evening with poems from “The Ground.” Many of them had darker attributes such as “lambent and grinding.” At the end of his readings, Phillips decided to read one more poem: his unfinished work. Phillips said that his poem, “It Looks the Same,” wasn’t in its final form, but he read it to the audience as a bonus sneak peek.

Hillman read after Phillips and began with one of her works from her previously mentioned book. She told the audience that she had been working with translating Brazilian poems to promote ideas for her new works. Hillman’s “Seasonal Works with Letters on Fire” is the final book in her series on the elements. The poems she read were very energetic and demonstrative. Hillman, an activist for the preservation of nature, had many poems that dealt with today’s interactions with the earth, both good and bad. The Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series, once again, delivered a wonderful night of inspiration through intimate experiences with literature.

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Against all odds, these heroic children maintain joy, showing off their health by dancing on stage, singing lovely renditions of “Let It Go” from Disney’s “Frozen” onstage and telling hilarious knock-knock jokes. All in all, the marathon was a success.

If you missed out on the marathon, don’t worry. Dream Team applications are already open for next year (they’re due April 4). Let’s make 2015 another record-breaking year, because if nothing else, the beautiful testimonies of these precious children can convince anyone that Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital is worth it. They create heroes.
The Chinese economy has entered a readjustment process for the year 2014. Each year, China’s GDP growth rate has been a magic number enabling both foreign and domestic observers to understand how much larger a share of the world economy for that year will belong to China. In the last years of the Hu Jintao administration, China’s GDP grew by 7.7 percent in 2013 and 2014. With the arrival of the new Xi Jinping administration, many promises were made that this growth rate could be maintained or even accelerated.

China convened an annual session of the National People’s Congress earlier this month in which Premier Li Keqiang and the State Council announced the details of their economic targets. The National People’s Congress is a ceremonial body that ratifies the actions of the Communist Party’s Central Committee and Politburo. It has often been used as a venue to announce major policy changes and budget appropriation numbers. This year, China’s GDP growth rate has been set at a more modest 7.5 percent. Several factors are involved in this change of pace.

As the Chinese government begins the process of breaking up monopolies and state-owned enterprises into more efficient economic entities, there will be a temporary drop in productivity. The Chinese government is also trying to wean its state-owned enterprises off of their dependence on easy loans from China’s largely state-run banking system. The structural adjustments were deemed necessary by the State Council for the continued health of China’s economy, though it shows a lack of commitment to the promise of continued rapid economic growth set out in the recent plenum of the Communist Party’s Central Committee.

Li Keqiang’s pronouncements reflect the opinion of many in the Communist Party that it is unwise for China to make any sacrifices for pure unrelenting growth. It is necessary, this faction of the party believes, for economic growth to be curbed in order to focus on the current and civic reforms necessary for maintaining the Communist Party’s legitimacy as the sole rifer of the country. Indeed, part of Li Keqiang’s report included a declaration of war on pollution. Because China is a country that builds three coal-burning power plants a week, it sometimes poses a major health risk to even be outside in some Chinese cities.

Even as Li Keqiang announces these stability measures, many State Council programs, including the Chinese environmental protection agency, are seeing their budgets slashed to accommodate a rise in defense spending which many attribute to the policies of President Xi Jinping. As Xi continues to assert his control of the party’s politburo, his influence is also expanding in the country’s economy, typically the domain of the Premier.

Many observers believe that this will lead Xi to make broad policies for the economy that are out of his depth, and Li Keqiang will have to clean up any imbalances with stability measures. Premier Li has asserted that whichever direction the world’s second largest economy takes, the party will have a hand in it: “We must not lower our guard.”

**CHINA’S GROWTH RATE SLACKENS AS MAJOR REFORMS TAKE EFFECT**

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**Tensions in the Crimea continue to rise as negotiations between both parties has reached a standstill**

**Timeline of Events in Ukraine**

March 4 - In Kiev, Secretary of State John Kerry offers a $1 billion loan guarantee and technical experts to help recover assets, referring to the billions Yanukovych funnelled out of the country.

March 5 - A special U.N. envoy cuts short its mission in Crimea after a group of armed men order them to leave the region.

March 6 - Crimea’s local parliament voted on Thursday to join Russia and scheduled a referendum for March 16.

March 7 - Rally in the streets of Russia urge Crimea to become part of Russia. A leader of Russia’s parliament pledged to support a referendum.

March 8 - The White House announced that President Obama will meet with Prime Minister Yatsenyuk on March 12.

**CRIMEAN REFERENDUM— A man pastes a poster advertising the referendum in Crimea which reads “Together with Russia! March 16 - Referendum!” in Simferopol, Ukraine.**

**STOCKS TAKE A DIVE— A man watches as stocks plunge 2.8 percent after a report Monday showed an unexpected drop in Chinese exports.**
Scientists in Siberia dig up 30,000-year-old giant virus

A group of French and Russian researchers have uncovered a third class of giant viruses in Russia

Andrew Gomez-Seoane
Writer

The world as we know it may come to an end soon, but not in the manner in which you may think. Modern technology has certainly given mankind a tool with which to end its existence (in a matter of a few seconds), but the thermonuclear bombs of the future are not enough to wipe out all life on this planet. It is in fact the microscopic world of bacteria and viruses that give us a glimpse into some of the planet’s deadliest organisms to have evolved on the face of the earth.

Recently, scientists working in Siberia unearthed what appears to be a giant virus over 30,000 years old. While many of the researchers believe that this particular strain is harmless to humans, the discovery suggests that viruses pathogenic for human or animals might also be preserved through the ages. In fact, researchers from France and Russia reported their findings in an article published last week by the U.S. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. “The discovery of Pithovirus shows how incomplete our understanding of microscopic biodiversity is when it comes to exploring new environments,” France’s National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) said. “And the potentially bad news: the reemergence of other viruses “is no longer the domain of science fiction.”

This would undoubtedly include viruses that have been eradicated in recent decades, such as the smallpox virus, which demonstrates a similar replication process to that of Pithovirus sibericum.

“This is an indication that viruses pathogenic for humans or animals might also be preserved in permafrost layers, including those that have planet-wide epidemics in the past,” said Jean-Michel Claverie, who was one of the main co-authors of the study.

In the past, scientists were aware of two distinct families of giant viruses: Megaviridae and Pandoraviridae. With the discovery of Pithovirus, a third family will be added. For those who are unfamiliar with giant viruses versus common ones, giant viruses contain a significantly higher percentage of genes. The Siberian virus has about 500 genes, which dwarfs those that cause more serious illnesses such as AIDS or influenza that each contain roughly 10 genes. However, Pithovirus is considered to be smaller than its predecessor Pandoravirus, which contains over 2,500 genes, making the microbe a vastly more complex world than we had previously thought. The coming years will produce even more discoveries such as Pithovirus as we continue to search for the origins of life in our quest to understand the complex world that we inhabit.
A South Asian dancer dressed in the traditional clothes of her culture is shown dancing on screen. A young girl with a flower in her hair watches as other girls also dance.
"Terraria" review: More than just mining

Jimmy Champane
Arts Co-Editor

On the surface (no pun intended), "Terraria" might look like just another "Minecraft" clone trying to use its 2D perspective as a way to differentiate itself from the crowd. Once you start playing the game, however, you realize that it’s so much more than that.

This first big inclusion that this version has over the PC original is a proper tutorial. It’s pretty basic, and it shows you the ropes of mining ores and crafting decent items. It’s strongly recommend-

ed that you play the tutorial, as there’s quite a bit to wrap your head around in "Terraria," and you’ll get a trophy for doing it. After the tutorial is complet-
ed, you’ll start out by creating your own custom character and selecting your world size. Then you’ll be off to the races.

The first thing you’ll notice about the Vita version of "Ter-
raria" is how at home it feels on the handheld. The sprite-based characters and 16-bit world both look incredible on the Vi-
ta’s OLED screen, and moving the game down to a smaller scale makes it feel like you’re accomplishing more when mining the tiny blocks that create the world.

There are a few things that “Terraria” does better than "Minecraft." For one, the recipe system is a lot easier to under-
stand in "Terraria." The first time you mine an ore ranging from wood and copper to plati-
num and gold with many more in between, the different things you can make with them will automatically pop up in your crafting menu. This removes a lot of the frustration that "Mine-
craft" creates by not telling you how to craft essential items be-
cause you won’t have to leave the game to look for the recipe.

The other main likable aspect about "Terraria" is that it has a very strong emphasis on com-
batt, to the point that it’s almost an RPG. Whereas "Minecraft" is more focused on building a home and defending it as it grows, "Terraria" is all about killing bosses. By mining bet-
ter ores, you can create stronger armor and stronger weapons to keep you alive longer during boss fights.

You often have to descend to the deepest parts of the world to find many of the stronger ores, and you’re rewarded with heart crystals which increase your life points. The bosses themselves are gated off by the requirement of certain items, and oftentimes to mine said items you’ll need to be at a certain defense level. It adds a very subtle linearity to the game that the player hardly no-

tes, and it works extremely well. "Terraria" also includes special items such as a jar that lets you double jump, a mirror that lets you teleport back home and even a grappling hook that makes mining so much easier. Some of these items can be crafted, but many of them can only be found in gold chests which are hidden deep within the ground. It’s a great incentive to keep you dig-
ing deeper and deeper. There’s no better feeling than digging to the point that you can’t any further and then noticing a gold chest in the corner of the screen, and it ends up containing one of the rarest items in the game. As long as you keep the special items in your inventory, they’ll transfer with your character between worlds. There are also items that can only be bought from shopkeepers, which adds another fun mechanic.

When you defeat bosses, differ-
ent NPCs will move into your
town. The catch is that for them to move in, you’ll have to build them a house. It only has to be one room, and it must contain a chair, a table and a torch for

DIGGING INTO FRESH SOIL— "Terraria" reinvents "Minecraft" into a 2D, 8-bit, side-scroll-
ing adventure, adding RPG elements and a subtle linearity.
1. 1.5 million students go on Spring Break every year and collectively spend over $1 billion.
2. The No. 1 U.S. Spring Break destination is Daytona Beach.
3. On average, college students consume six drinks per week. On Spring Break, men and women consume at least 10 drinks per day.
4. In 2012, more than 10,000 high school and college students signed up to spend their Spring Breaks building houses with Habitat for Humanity.
5. With all-you-can-drink specials and a low legal drinking age, Cancún attracts over 100,000 young Spring Breakers each year.
7. In addition to beach trips, many sport and travel agencies offer deals for college students to spend Spring Break on a ski or snowboard trip.
8. Every year at least one Spring Breaker dies from falling off a balcony.
9. A report from the American Medical Association says, “More than half of college students know friends who were sexually active with more than one partner during Spring Break, and nearly three out of five women know friends who had unprotected sex during Spring Break.”
10. When teens go abroad for Spring Break, it’s easy to forget that foreign laws are extremely serious. Nearly 2,600 Americans are arrested on Spring Break overseas each year.

Source: dosomething.org

To view the full article, visit: http://www.dosomething.org/blog/11-great-and-terrifying-facts-about-spring-break/

What are your plans?

“Leading an immersion trip to volunteer in Holland and Grand Rapids.”
Rachel Clark (’15)

“Visiting a Hope graduate in Denver.”
Colin Drinkard (’14)

“Road-tripping to Philadelphia with two of my friends.”
Stephanie Emanuele (’15)

“Helping a friend plan her wedding.”
Emily Joosse (’17)

“Going to Chicago.”
Ally Schnell (’16)
Ask and you may be advised
Practicing patience

Weekly Challenge #8: Have a little patience.
Romans 8:25: “But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”
Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
James 5:7-8: “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm.”

The same “hurry up” attitude that we have toward technology and other people can also be seen in the attitude we have toward our lives with God. It is likely that most of us have prayed for something constantly and have wondered after every prayer request, “Why isn’t it happening?” or “When is this prayer going to be finally quiet and, if you take a minute to think about it, you don’t even know the first thing about what her voice sounds like.
These, friends, are images.
Not illusory, not lies, not deceit, not the full picture. But quiet girls aren’t shy girls, at least not always. Talk to her. See how her glasses spin and weaves into an unexpected story of joy, struggles, pain and spirit.
That monotone greek in your class might not be the most exciting individual to walk the globe since Justin Timberlake, but observe his history tells you all the things he was too unknowing even to tell you about; see his graph undulate, flow and reach for the sea of stars that are his dreams, desires and failures.
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What a world we live in sometimes. People have a way of looking at things their way. That’s just the way we’re designed, and it’s how we survive, thrive and keep from getting hurt. We live in this place of perception and intrigue, a domain of images and graphs of the mind.
I use these terms with intention, as math majors might have been able to pick up on; in mathematics there is the idea of graph versus image. Image is what we first see. It’s usually pretty easy to decipher, look at and use to make judgment calls. Images are safe because we use what we see and, if we so decide, go no farther; if a person looks like trouble, we avoid them.

Conversely, we use images to make positive choices, like meeting an interesting or kind person and getting to know them better. They are part of our perceptual world, as it is so called—in defining others, our world is stabilized, we define ourselves and we can live in comfort and bliss.
The thing about images is that they are deceptive as all get-out. First, think of the unit circle. If you aren’t mathematically inclined, do not fear; the unit circle is simply a circle plotted in a coordinate plane. But the unit circle, as foundational and important as it is in math and science, is an image of a much larger picture. That larger picture is known as a graph.
A graph is the thing that is one dimension higher, a far more complete definition that gives you a lot more information about the function in question. The graph of the unit circle is not quite a circle at all. Instead of a two-dimensional, simple, understandable round and ordinary thing, it is this crazy spiral that careens and corkscrews off into three dimensions, forever and ever veering into deeper waters of complexity. It is a mathematical parable that tells us this
Desert storm
A historical view behind the Crimean conflict

Andrew Gomez-Seoane
World Co-Editor

President Putin of the Russian Federation (formerly known as the Soviet Union) is dead set on reclaiming the prized Crimean lands that lie on the shores of the great Black Sea. It is his belief that by annexing Crimea to the Russian Federation it will allow the Russian people in those lands to once again reclaim their heritage and reunite with the motherland. Also, strategically speaking, Putin sees the Crimea annexation as a natural process as the Russian Black Fleet already leases many of the bases in the region and requires the ports to serve as a primary launch point for its navy into the Mediterranean Sea and beyond. Putin clearly sees a victory with this push into Ukraine, after waiting more than 22 years since the former Soviet satellite’s independence, to seek concessions from one of Russia’s primary natural gas consumers. The Ukraine, since has been caught off guard by this reaction and now seeks assistance from the West to liberate it from the sphere of Russian influence. We are now brought to the current timeline of events, and with the increasing number of Russian troops in Sevastopol (Capital of Crimea), many wonder whether war will break out or if a truce can be reached in time.

In order to understand where this aggression and persistence from Russia began and the people in Crimea who are actively fighting against the Ukrainian forces, we need to look at the history of the region in order to predict what may occur in the end of this conflict and what could be the long-term results. The Crimea itself has been in a perpetual state of conflict for over 300 years, beginning with its annexation by the Russian empire under Catherine the Great. This period was followed by a series of struggles between the Ottoman Turks and the Russian forces that sought to create a warm water port that the country had never been able to acquire until that point in history.

These Crimean Wars between the Russians and Ottoman Turks (along with British and French forces) in the mid-19th century were over the right of Orthodox Christians to practice their faith. It became embroiled in more battles during the Bolshevik Revolution before being transferred to the Soviet Union and finally given over to the Socialist Republic of Ukraine in 1954. At the end of the Soviet Union, the Crimea was placed under Ukrainian governorship in 1991. Thus, since its inception, the Crimea has always had a significant Russian presence. Estimates today consider 58 percent of the region to be ethnically Russian. Only a small percentage are Ukrainian followed by Tatars. The question remains whether splitting Ukraine into a more homogenous country would be beneficial toward its future development. The answer in this case is to look at similar situations that arose from former Soviet satellites that broke apart due to similar ethnic and economic reasons. In the former Czechoslovakia, for example, the breakup of the nation into the Czech Republic and Slovakia proved greatly beneficial with one wanting to move toward more drastic economic liberalism and the other to a more simplified economy based on ethnic traditions. This model could be a glimpse into the future for those that see Crimea as eventually separating on its own. It may be beneficial for Kiev and its aspirations of EU membership to let the Crimeans decide their future and join the Russian Federation. This may well be a better option for Ukrainians who wish to integrate more with their European counterparts.

Andrew believes in the motto “Peace through strength” from President Reagan.

Letters from Nana and Gramps
It’s Spring! It’s Spring!

Claire Call
Co-Editor-in-Chief

At last. At last it is warm, the sun is out, I can see some patches of grass on my long walk to the Dow, my level of vitamin D has suddenly spiked, and it is so good. Never have I felt like the winter lasted so long. Never have I felt so happy to have it finally be spring. (My roommates can attest to this, as on Monday I pranced and leapt around the house singing “Words can’t bring me down, noooo” and randomly shouting “I’m so happy!”)

I’ve never really appreciated spring before, seeing it as a soggy extension of winter. But something is different this year. There’s something more joyful and about and out. Maybe it’s that Dance 40 went well. Maybe it’s that I had two consecutive weekends of family visits. Maybe it’s that I have flowers in my room and they make everything smell beautiful, prefect, incredible, and make good. Maybe it’s that when I open the blinds, light comes in rather than the murky gray that used to be there. Maybe it’s that I impulsively bought another scarf today. Maybe it’s just that when I walk somewhere at 6 p.m. the sun is still out. Or maybe it’s that I have a generous production manager who will bring me my favorite candy. Who knows.

What matters is that I’m happy. Things are looking up. It’s spring now, soon it will be warm enough to sit in the pine grove where I study—my favorite time of year. And, I have a few glorious months left to spend in Holland with my friends (such beautiful, perfect, incredible, and make good), and, well, in the words of the wise Christina Aguilera, “WORDS CAN’T BRING ME DOWN, NOOOOO.” (Even though I just now found out that there’s a 60 percent chance of snow on the day this will be printed. Oops!)

It makes me want to slow down time. Not to stop things from happening, but just to live in and to fully enjoy every moment. I want to drive around to nowhere for hours, blasting Christina, Miley and Beyoncé, dancing in the front seat like a fool. I want to skip down the sidewalks of Holland, like I did on Monday, promoting someone driving past to sing out the words, “I’m a fool. I’m a fool. I can’t bring me down. Can’t bring me down, nooooo.” (Or is it?)

It’s like my cousin always says used to say when we were kids, anytime we did anything remotely fun or exciting. “This is the best day of my life I will ever proclaim. And isn’t that such a beautiful way to live? With every day being the best one we’ve ever had?”

It’s not anything incredibly profound. It’s not complicated or academic. It’s simple and real. It’s spring, guys. That’s pretty much all I’m trying to say.

Claire now considers herself a fan of spring, even in all its muddiness.

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You don’t have to go far for a great time over Spring Break

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der cultures, wince through the inside jokes made on the long bus trips, or hear about that new Facebook friend who he or she met down in Florida and really hit it off with and are now involved in a long-distance relationship that they are going to “try and make work.” Goodness.

There is hope for the chronic Hollanders. They have the unique opportunity of inhabiting a nearly barren campus-turned-playground when used correctly.

There may be a shortened school week due to studying needs. It is a time to discover new restaurants, to thrill to heart’s desire and to see a matinee movie, because they are actually decently cheap and ain’t nobody got time for that during school.

When the parking lots fill up and the suitcases are unpacked, it is the responsibility of Hope students to make the most of Spring Break in Holland. The goal of Spring Break is rest and a solid recharge for the semester’s final stretch.

Spring Break in Holland offers Hope students an opportunity to get creative, but there are also various forms of entertainment in the area that might not be legitimate options during normal school weeks due to studying needs. It is a time to discover new restaurants, to thrill to heart’s desire and to see a matinee movie, because they are actually decently cheap and ain’t nobody got time for that during school.

The second part was a little more difficult, seeing how no one followed my pre-written conversations. Instead I learned to take a second before speaking and to speak in short sentences one followed my pre-written conversations. Instead I learned to take a second before speaking and to speak in short sentences instead of jabbering complete nonsense jumbled and incoherent till I was disoriented. Often in mid-speech, my thoughts became jumbled and incoherent till I was jabbering complete nonsense unless one was talking about Battlestar Galactica.

While I talked to them or else I got distracted and somewhat of an understatement. “socially awkward” might be somewhat of an understatement. I couldn’t look people in the eye when I talked to them or else I got distracted and somewhat disoriented. Often in mid-speech, my thoughts became jumbled and incoherent till I was jabbering complete nonsense unless one was talking about Battlestar Galactica.

Then there’s the fact that if I get bored enough in a conversation I may subconsciously drift to my own little fantasy world, which I may subconsciously drift to my own little fantasy world, which is made up of 12 brothers. While in the comfort of my own little fantasy world, which is made up of 12 brothers.

Austin Elluru

While it may come as a surprise, I’m not ashamed to admit that I used to have the conversation capacity of a man who’s been trapped on a deserted island for 10 years with nothing but a Sears catalogue.

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Austin’s Thought Process: Handsome Social Oddball Overcomes

While it may come as a surprise, I’m not ashamed to admit that I used to have the conversation capacity of a man who’s been trapped on a deserted island for 10 years with nothing but a Sears catalogue.

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The Flying Dutchmen lost 8-6, falling 8-6. Other goal scorers in the second quarter. With such a large lead, Denison didn’t let up, scoring five more goals. Starting out the fourth quarter, Raycraft pounced in another goal, this time for the Dutch who are ranked 28th nationally. The Warhawks had a 1-0 lead, but it was answered quickly for MIAA conference play. After that loss, one which applied the scores of games, the outcomes or many things re- lated. What I will remember are the memories we shared as a team, how we grew together and the obstacles we overcame as a team of brothers. “VanArendonk said. He added, “Our best moments we made in life are irreplaceable, these guys, and the relation- ship we made with them.”

Head coach Matt Neil’s team will be traveling down south to Wilmington (Ohio). The Dutchmen will be taking on Calvin today at Van Andel Soccer Stadium at 4 p.m. Hope ended its 2013 season 6-9 overall and 4-2 in the MIAA, placing third.

The Flying Dutchmen started their season with a 0-3-3 record. On Saturday, March 1, Hope bowed to Aquinas 9-0. In the 2013 season, the team shared the MIAA championship title with Kalamazoo after defeating Calvin in the last regular-season matchup. Captains Parker Bussies (14) and Herbruck (15) hope to lead the team to another MIAA championship this year. On Thursday, March 13, the Dutchmen hope to clinch a victory against Dav- enport at home at 4 p.m.

Women’s Tennis

The Flying Dutch started the 2014 season with two wins so far against Davenport and Wisc.-Whitewater, winning 6-3 and 7-2, respectively. Coming off of two MIAA championships in the past two years, the team is looking for a three-peat this season. Hope will head to Orlando, Fla., over Spring Break, playing Florida, Wis.-LaCrosse, Grinnell and St. Michael throughout the week.

Baseball

Later this week, Stu Fritz’s Flying Dutch look to repeat a successful 2013 campaign with nine games in Winterhaven, Fla. They will compete against tough opponents in the hopes that they will be prepared once they return for MIAA conference play. Hope only graduated six seniors, so a wealth of talent will return and he ready to compete against the rest of the MIAA. Starters return on the mound, behind the plate and at most in outfield positions. The team opens against Bab- son on Friday, March 14.

Softball

On Saturday, March 15, the Flying Dutch begin their season against Bethany and Lake Forest in Clermont, Fla. Last season, Hope finished below .500, and it hopes to turn things around in 2014. If the Dutch get off to a solid start in and captures MAIA championship, perfectly for MIAA conference play. Additionally, Hope has a plethora of returners ready to make history including 14 returning letter winners.

2014 Hope College spring athletics update

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Women’s Track and Field

Along with the men, the Flying Dutch will be heading down to Memphis, Tenn., for their first outdoor meet on Saturday, March 15. Hope recently placed second in the MIAA Indoor Championships meet at Calvin scoring 113.66 points. Casey Campbell (16) and Sheri McCormack (14) have both dis- played impressive performances this season, placing first in the 3,000-meter run and the mile run, respectively. Concluding the team’s Spring Break trip, the Flying Dutch will compete in Atlantic, Ga., at Emory University.

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Sports

Flying Dutch finish season with 28-1 record

By James Rogers

Hope College’s women’s basketball season has ended before many others in the MIAA. That’s because the Flying Dutch have already secured a first-round bid in the NCAA Tournament. The road to that bid was long and arduous, but ultimately rewarding.

The Dutch finished the season with a 28-1 record, including an 18-0 mark in the MIAA. Their only loss came against Calvin College in the first round of the conference tournament.

“I think our team has a great sense of who they are and what they want to accomplish,” head coach Brian Morehouse said. “We’ve been able to build on our success from last year and continue to improve throughout the season.”

Morehouse took over as head coach in 2013-14, and the team has made significant strides since then. This season, the Dutch won a school-record 28 games and set a new program mark for most wins in a single season.

The team’s success is due in large part to the play of senior guard Brittany Berry. Berry was named the MIAA’s Most Valuable Player and set a new school record for three-pointers made (225) and three-pointers attempted (626).

Berry’s effort was complemented by strong performances from the rest of the team. Senior forward Maura McAfee was named the MIAA’s Defensive Player of the Year, while junior guard Anna Kaufmann was the conference Freshman of the Year.

The Dutch’s impressive season started with a loss to Calvin in the first round of the conference tournament. However, they responded by winning their final 27 games of the season.

One of the highlights of the season was a 60-54 victory over Calvin in the championship game. It was the team’s third straight championship and their seventh in the last eight years.

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The Dutch will now prepare for the NCAA Tournament, which begins on March 18. They will face Calvin in the first round, with the winner advancing to the second round.

“I’m excited for our guys to have this opportunity,” Morehouse said. “They’ve worked hard all season, and I’m proud of everything they’ve accomplished.”

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