Prospective found with concealed weapon

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Chief editors

For the second time in four years, a student was discovered on campus with a loaded weapon.

Talor Eugenie Power, 18, was a prospective student on Thursday, April 6. That morning Cook Hall residents discovered he was in possession of a handgun.

Power was arrested on the scene without incident. He was brought to the Holland Police Department, where he was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and being a minor in possession of alcohol. If convicted, Power could face up to five years in prison on the concealed weapon charge. He was released on a $2,500 bond on the condition that he would not return to Hope College property.

"I'm glad students caught their supervising," said Greg Maybury, Director of Operations.

Otherwise, we would not have known about it. He's a person we don't want to come back on campus," Court records show that Power is currently undergoing counseling for general mental health problems.

"It is just a reminder that even though Hope College seems a very safe and secure environment, it could happen to us," said Richard Frost, Dean of Students.

Four years ago Public Safety confiscated a rifle found in the back seat of a student's vehicle. Maybury said that any student found on campus with a gun would have it confiscated by Public Safety. They would then go through the school's judicial process.

However, the school's policy does not apply to a person outside Hope College's property.

Congress Releases student poll results

Most student expressed concern with the condition of the Dow, especially the weight room.

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The number one complaint of the Student Congress poll, which was taken in February, was the condition of the weight room facilities in the Dow Center.

The poll, which was done over email with the help of the Frost Center, resulted in 1,067 usable student responses. It covered areas like the Dow Center, Lahm Hall, and Phelps and Cook cafeterias.

"A lot of the time students have complaints and don't tell Student Congress," said Student Congress President Louis Canfield. "We thought facilities would be a good place to start because it was brought up to last years."

According to the survey, over 64 percent of students use the facilities in the Dow Center once a week or more. However, over 59 percent of students said they were dissatisfied with the weight room, most often citing overcrowding as the problem.

"It was crowded all the time. It was exhausting," said Bethany Phelps, Managing Editor of the WRC, an organization that aims to reduce overcrowding, particularly during class periods.

Members of Student Congress coordinated the theme of the poll.

"A Task Force was in charge of carrying out the survey," Canfield said. "It was the Task Force which picked the topics of the questions.

"A lot of the area the poll indicated the Dow was lacking was in the athletic machines. In response, Congress proposed to make one of the dance rooms in the Dow into an aerobic fitness area when the new dance building is opened.

More POLL on 2

Women's Issues works to end sweatshop labor

ANDREW LOTZ  spotlight editor

A group of women sit at tables behind chicken wire, sewing clothes.

A few male armed guards patrol the area. The few people are not allowed to go to the bathroom or breathe fresh air without permission.

The products in the Hope-Geneva bookstore are not sewn by sweatshop labor. The United States Government has a monitoring system to investigate the origins of materials sewn for domestic consumption. But these findings are not disclosed.

The Woman's Rights Organization (WRO) wants to improve on a group called the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), so that the products in the Hope-Geneva bookstore are sewn by sweatshop labor.

VanderProv co-founder joins Second City

K. BURK  anchor photographer

"This is one place I've wanted to work ever since I can remember going to the first time, and I can't believe I'm going to be able to do this," Burk said. "It's completely humbling in this whole sort of surreal way."

Second City is an improvisational comedy theater troupe originally based in Chicago that has expanded to include Toronto, Detroit, and touring groups. Burk has been accepted into the touring group from Second City Detroit.

"I'm an understudy for the touring group, so I'm the lowest of the low. But it's O.K. I don't mind," Burk said.

Burk, a theater and religion double major, had admired improv for a long time, especially from watching the British version of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" But she had never done it herself until last fall, when she cofounded VanderProv. Hope's improv troupe.

"I was thinking what makes them able to do that?" Burk said. "I can have a script in front of me and make a character out of that, but what does it feel like to make a character out of the blue?" According to Burk, her decision to audition for Second City was "completely random." A friend of Burk's said, "You're going to love it."

More BURK on 5

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Holland Police Department’s investigation into a sexual assault complaint filed by a former Hope College sophomore is ongoing.

We are still working on the case,” Holland police Capt. Paul Haanman said. “As far as we’re going, it’s not going to wrap up, I don’t even want to guess. The case was faced with the department on Nov. 2 for a sexual assault that allegedly took place at an Oct. 9 party.

Administration denies alcohol policy rumors

Hope College administration said that posters hung around campus as being real, there’s nothing to worry about,” President James Bultman and Dean of Students Richard Frost, is being removed from campus by the maintenance staff.

The poster stated that the rule would be officially commenced during a gathering at Bultman’s residence on Monday. May 1. The poster also contains the sentiment that the student’s struggle for alcohol has finally come to an end and a “new role” for a person’s name is something serious,” Frost said.

EIG celebrates Earth Day 2000

The Environmental Issues Group (EIG) is lending a hand to the planet on April 15 with the celebration of their annual Earth Jam. Earth Jam, which is held from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in celebration of Earth Day, is a live event where students can spend time outside, learning about new ways to help the environment. Unlike most years, the event has been relocated from the grassy area between Phelps and Lubbers due to recent rains to Durnan Chapel.

This year’s event will feature the student band White Vinyl, The Episode, Urban Bettle, Maybury/Poll, and Issue and Nate Trip (’02). In-between sets, members of EIG will speak on current environmental concerns. Project ideas will also be set up with environmental information.

“We’re doing this to celebrate Earth Day and to create awareness about the Earth and the problems it’s facing,” said EIG co-president Kris McMillen (’02). “We’re focusing on the things people can do to help.”

Earth Jam is intended to educate Hope students about the simple things they can do to clean up the environment. McMillen hopes that the information presented will encourage students to take action against the many environmental problems that the planet is facing.

“People have to step up to the plate and take some action,” she said. “They need to realize that they can individually do something. People think ‘What can I do?’ but if we all have this attitude, nothing will get done.”

Besides Earth Jam, EIG has also been increasing the scope of their living program that began this semester. EIG is in the process of adding Phelps and Van Vleck halls to the residence halls on the South side of campus.

They are hoping to include the entire campus by next fall.

“It’s really growing great, and they’re doing a great job,” McMillen said. “Without that, there’s no recycling program.”

Each year, EIG organizes this event, which involves hundreds of phone calls as well as the reservation of a stage and sound equipment.

The grounds crew must be contracted for the tables, and the official Earth Jam banner has to be approved by the administration.

“It’s just a lot of fun,” McMillen said. “It’s my first year as president, my first Earth Jam. It’s a lot of trial and error. Next year I’ll know better. It’s all been a big learning experience.”

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony will host a showing and discussion of the award-winning documentary “Ethnic Notions: Black People in White Minds.”

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7 p.m. Friday, April 14 Davenport College Waverly and 24th Street Holland, Michigan
Student starts own summer job

ANDREW LOTZ
spotlight editor

While other students will spend their summers working at gas stations, assembly lines, and telemarketing firms, Rusty Blondin ('02) will be running his own business.

Blondin, who has worked in painting the past five summers, started a franchise of Colorworks in the Holland area for his summer job. Colorworks is an established painting company that Blondin has connected with to both earn money and gain experience managing a small business. Blondin was trained in a day-long session on how to manage a Colorworks franchise in the Holland area.

“I love Holland, Zeeland, and South Haven,” Blondin said. “Anywhere within 50 miles of Holland is my territory.”

As the business manager, Blondin has a number of duties that he needs to fulfill, from hiring the crew to keeping the business financially accounting.

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Blondin is in charge of a production manager and a painting crew, some of which are Hope students. Managing a painting company is not simply a method for Blondin to earn money.

“I’m also getting business internship credit,” Blondin said. “But it’s tough. I woke up at 7:45 this morning to do an estimate. Right now, I’m juggling school, work, a serious girlfriend, and being a Bible study leader. It’s a tough job, but I’m learning a lot.”

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Opinion

Sending a strict message

The absurd nature of violence in schools took a bizarre twist recently as a prospective student was arrested for carrying a concealed gun onto campus during a visit.

Hope College students are often warned about the unpredictable nature of violence in the Holland, but rarely does the issue come into such clear focus on campus.

Luckily, Hope students turned the prospective student into authorities, Public Safety and area officers acted quickly, potentially averting a violent situation, sending him into custody.

Hope students, Hope officials and the Holland Police Department should be commended for taking swift action. There is no reason that a prospective student needs to bring a weapon to campus. Students who may want to hunt can have a gun on campus, but those weapons must be turned into Public Safety officers.

With the constant state of turmoil at Hope, it wouldn’t be a stretch of the imagination to have a crazed and enraged individual taking pot shots. And the very concept of an individual who feels they have nothing to lose, a la Columbine or Jonesboro, is frightening around the country.

Fears exist from the reality that is Holland. Fire bombings happened last summer and gangs do exist in the area. What shouldn’t be overlooked is the fact that violence can happen at Hope. Hope is subject to the same violence that can happen at any other school in the country.

The college has set in place a swift and effective policy to bring a weapon to campus. Students who may want to bring a weapon to campus should be turned into Public Safety officers.

No one should deny that violence, personal and sexual, takes place even at Hope. But the campus community should feel safe knowing that guns will not be tolerated at Hope. And that’s a good start in preventing tragic situations.

No one knows why that prospective student felt the need to bring a gun onto campus. But it would have only taken one pull of the trigger to find out.

Meet the press.

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Your Voice.

Freshman asks Hope to “open your doors”

To the Editor:

I’d like to start out by congratulating Hope College on its latest achievement of being named to the prestigious list of “Questionable Schools for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students to Attend.” What an honor, at least that’s what Dean Richard Frood’s comment regarding the matter would lead me to believe, that it’s an honor to be named to that list, that it’s an honor to exclude certain students.

Now, I didn’t grow up in the Reformed Church but based on what Frost said it sounds to me like the Reformed Church knows it’s incredibly exclusive and values judgment much more than love. To say that, “we can love the individuals and provide them with spiritual hospitality but not condone the behavior,” is to say the least, upsetting. What hospitality can you provide someone who you won’t accept as a person with equal rights? It’s that simple.

The Christanity that I was raised to believe in accepts everyone as one equal, and more importantly the Christanity I know loves unconditionally.

I nearly ended my Sunday for 16 years of my life I went to church, and every Sunday I heard a different message, but what’s so ironic is the fact, although the messages were never the same in content, it was always the same in principle, the guiding principle of love. As the week went by each message replaced the other and I went on living my life. And although today I don’t regularly attend church I can still remember the message that I find to be the truest of all, love breeds love and hate breeds hate, the lesson of love in which Christian doors need to open the widest.

All I ask of institutions like Hope is that they change the mark. I want the proper message of Christianity with personal bias and indoctrination.

Hope College needs to decide who they want to be under the impression that this is a good, Christian school.

However, I would find it hard to believe that the experiences of the college students here match what we were expected when we decided to attend. But the students keep coming in, and the result is still the same.

What we are is something we need to find. The fact that we should have no trouble opening up about that image is what we should make clear, and that is what will drive people to attend this school. I find myself, truly, ashamed about my school because of the way that Hope conducts itself, and the face of this identity crisis.

This lack of an image is not only hurting our school’s reputation, but it is affecting our academic and extra-curricular life at Hope as well.

SAC is criticized for gambling at casino night and for some of the entertainment they bring to the campus. The Anchor gets it for bringing to light issues that may otherwise be swept away.

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Kyla Moore, ’01

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Our Voice.

Sarah Sturtevant ’03

wise get swept away. Departments are put on the burner for trying to teach multiple perspectives and give us a sense of the people and the views in the world around us.

The arts struggle over what is appropriate against any of these groups when there is nothing for us to follow and abide by.

So this summer, why not search your own past, find out who you really are, and what you are ready to stand for as people and as a school. After all, this is the school you have to live with. Then once you have an opinion, why not share that with everyone else. Until you do let us know what kind of school Hope really is. Expect delays, like Ramirez, to follow and abide by.

Dave Fleming ’00

April 1, 2000

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SAC choice for Talent Jam emcee disappointing

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Talent Jam that was held Friday, March 31, at the Knickerbocker Theater. Specifically, in response to comedian Rich Ramirez who served as emcee for the evening. I was disappointed that college fund raising would serve to bring in “entertainment” like Ramirez, whose sources of comedic content were stinging cultural stereotypes and sexual humor. I found the jokes of the evening especially frustrating in light of all the effort recently made in increasing the value of diversity and in the elimination of such stereotypes. It seems painfully self-defeating. Hope really is diverse in gender and its strengths one day, and to pay a comedian to belittle it the next.

On the other hand, I applaud among the other acts, the stand-up comedy routine of Drew McCulley (’00) (deservedly the winner of the contest) who made the crowd roar without regressing, like Ramirez, to childhood peers of racial and gender difference. Thanks for showing him up, Drew. Hope can’t afford to take so many steps backwards, especially in the course of a single weekend.

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Quadruple Grammy nominated musicians don’t come to the Hope College campus every day, but the Great Performance Series will feature one in the last concert of the season.

Terry saxophonist Joe Lovano will perform with his trio at the Knechtelker Theatre on Friday at 8 p.m.

“He’s a genius saxophonist who plays out there today,” Emerson said. “He’s one of the top jazz saxophone players out there today.”

With over 30 years experience in the jazz world, Lovano has explored a variety of different ensemble formats, has recorded a number of acclaimed albums, and has worked with some of the best-known jazz musicians today, including Elvin Jones, John Scofield, and Joshua Redman.

“He’s really a diverse artist,” Emerson said. “He’s always trying new things. He didn’t find a niche and just stick with it.”

Lovano is currently touring with a trio consisting of him, bassist Cameron Brown, and drummer ideis Muhammad. Lovano’s music gives these musicians a chance to be featured on their own.

The concert gives all of the musicians a lot of freedom,” Lovano said. “We’re going to play for a feeling and try to play expressive and improve with your wisdom and things, things will happen fast.”

In addition to his concert, Lovano will be speaking to an HNS class, as well as giving a clinic for Hope’s jazz students.

Brandkamp does not see “The Millstone” as competition, but as part of a dialogue.

“I’m not interested in trying to convince somebody who has already set their feet in concrete,” Brandkamp said. “I’m interested in people on campus who are growing into who they are, and are wanting to find out what it is that they believe and why they believe it.”

The idea to publish a newsletter had been in Brandkamp’s head for a long time, but she was awakened when “The Millstone,” a part on-line, part printed newsletter which Brandkamp calls “quite literal,” appeared on campus.

Burk was asked to go on display their range. Most of the people who were asked to go on display were not a Christian, I couldn’t be an actor who visited Hope. Key, a Christian actor, was struggling with some of the is-...
The team

My hometown has two large, religious, private high schools. One is Protestant, the other is Catholic.

The rivalry between the two schools, Christian High and Catholic Central, is so strong, basketball players are frequent victims of pre and postgame violence. A Catholic seminary, St. Joseph, is the battle ground for alcohol-induced rumbles. It's sort of like a less charged, fraternal version of West Side Story.

Although stereotypes run rampant through the opposing halls, Christian High and Catholic Central are basically identical schools. Both are mostly Caucasian, mostly wealthy, mostly conservative. Students from both schools share the same neighborhoods, the same clothing labels and work, together at the same after-school jobs.

And the most obvious similarity often escapes both schools. They're both Christian.

But at basketball games, referees can cut the tension with a knife. The scoreboard always reads "Christian vs. Catholic." It's a knife. The scoreboard always reads "Christian vs. Catholic." And when Protests call themselves Christians, some confuse that so mean Protestants are the only Christians. It's ignorance and it's not excusable for the Christian Church.

I think back to my hometown. How ridiculous our schools must look to the non-Christian community. What a wonderful message we must send about the transforming love of Christ each time we jump each other in the parking lots outside of basketball games.

Protestants and Catholics often forget that we're on the same team. We worship the same God, the same Holy Spirit, but for some reason we're hell-bent on misunderstanding each other. I realize history has set a pretty disgusting precedent for Church-wide reconciliation, but there is still hope. Right now, Pope John Paul II is setting a worldwide example of Christian humility.

As he bravely holds the world for forgiveness for the moral errors of the Catholic Church, all Christians, Catholic or not, should learn from his example. We should make this a time of church-wide penitence and reconciliation.

After all, we're playing on the same team. No team can be effective until it learns to love across the differences of its players. This means realizing the reality of our similarities and educating each other about our differences.

Now is the season of Lent, the Church's time of repentance and introspection. If members of the Church take Lent seriously and genuinely seek forgiveness, we can all join hands together in the joy of Christ's Easter resurrection. After all, we're on the same team.

Being Catholic at Hope

Catholicism is the oldest form of Christianity, but that doesn't make it any easier for some Hope College students.

Catholic students still confront campus-wide ignorance when it comes to their religious faith.

"There's a certain level of ignorance on Hope's campus," said Union of Catholic Students co-President Todd Dye ("01). "There's so many kids who haven't been exposed to Catholicism, and due to their lack of exposure, they view it as strange."

This lack of experience sometimes manifests itself in the form of stereotypes and misconceptions about Catholics and the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

"When I tell people I'm from a family of eight, they automatically say, 'Oh, you must be Catholic,'" said Louis Williams ('01). "I am Catholic, but my mom would have had eight kids even if we were Buddhists. She just loves kids."

Non-Catholic students often mis-construe the Catholic veneration of Mary, the mother of Christ and the veneration of the Saints.

"I've definitely had people say, 'Oh, you worship Mary,'" said Cook Hall Resident Director Monica Marcelis. "That's a huge misconception. It doesn't bother me, but I find it disturbing that students choose to believe it because that's what they've been told, instead of asking questions."

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"They think we pray to beads," said some students even mistake Catholicism as a non-Christian religion.

"I think the most common misconception is Catholics aren't Christians," said English professor Steven Hemenway. "It's very easy to explain to someone the origins of Protestantism as a branch off of Catholicism. But one still hears that..."

Anchors graphic by Chad Sampson
Catholic and non-Catholic students tend to ask questions.

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UCS has also brought Father Bill Duncan of Our Lady of the Lake parish, one of two Catholic churches in Holland, to conduct question and answer sessions on campus.

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Sports

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Lacrosse stands at 5-1

With a new crop of young talent, the Hope College Lacrosse Club is off to a 5-1 record, its best start in a decade.

The change is a huge one according to assistant coach Marle Greer.

"Two years ago they were a defeated team," Greer said. "They never won a game."

The turnaround has been caused partly by the last two recruiting classes.

"This year, we have a lot of talent in the freshman class and the talent from last year grew a lot," said Lee Webb ('02).

"Every year we get a couple of surprises out of high school," boss said.

"This year's been an exceptional year. The freshman's performance has been exceptional as far as goals and assists and even team leadership."

This year's class includes a number of players that competed in high school or on club teams prior to Hope. Also, there's an increased commitment to the team over the previous years.

"Those freshman and new players that haven't played before are showing a lot of dedication," Webb said. "They're showing up to practice, and learning how to play the game instead of watching it being played."

Webb looked to the team's 12-11 victory at Albion on April 5, as an evidence of the team's progress.

"We were playing essentially iron men of the game - with four or five subs," Webb said. "Holding our own against that team with that small of a team is impressive. They are by far one of the best teams we play."

Four players that helped anchor the team this year have been Matt Vaswy (03), Steve Engel (01), Pat Kearney (03) and Chris Sizemore (02).

Sizemore, an attacker, scored nine goals in Hope's 13-1 victory over Southern Illinois and has been an intimidating presence on offense.

"He's one of the best players I've ever seen," said head coach Mark Neele. "I've had coaches from other teams come up to me and tell me they wish he was on their team.

In Hope's lone loss of the season to Wabash College, Sizemore was double teamed and his damage was limited to two goals.

According to Neele, when teams focus on Sizemore they have to worry about linemate Kearney.

"He picks up the slack for us a lot," Neele said. "I've never seen a tandem of attackmen like them."

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Paul Loeden
editor

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