Prospective found with concealed weapon

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Campusbeat editors

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

Nathan Eugene Power, 18, was a prospective student on Thursday, April 6. That morning Cook Hall residents discovered he was in possession of a handgun. Public Safety was contacted and 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 contacted their supervisor," 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 with a loaded weapon." 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. 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.

Students expressed concern with the condition of the Dow. In response, Student Congress approved a recommendation to open the weight room 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. In the open-ended comment section of the survey, Student Congress recommendations include expanding it, and purchasing new equipment. A further recommendation was to open the weight room in Kollen to students, at least temporarily, to reduce overcrowding, especially during Health Dynamic class periods.

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Congress Releases student poll results

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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.

The poll, which was done over e-mail with the help of the Frost Center, resulted in 1,067 usable student responses. Covered areas included the Dow Center, cafeteria, Blue Hope, the Kletsch, and Phelps and Cook centers.

"A lot the time students have concerns 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 in past complaints." According to the survey, over 64 percent of students use the facilities in the Dow Center once a week or more, and over 44 percent use the weight room 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. When answering the open-ended comment section of the survey, Student Congress recommendations include expanding it, and purchasing new equipment. A further recommendation was to open the weight room in Kollen to students, at least temporarily, to reduce overcrowding, especially during Health Dynamic class periods.

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More POLL on 2

Wenger'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, and the women are not allowed to go to the bathroom or breathe fresh air without permission.

Many people associate these images with foreign nations, but on Wednesday, April 5, this vision of a human rights violation came to Hope College through a mock sweatshop created by the Women's Issues Organization (WIO).

The WIO hopes that their demonstration will prompt Hope to join a group called the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), so that 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 those findings are not disclosed. The WRC would provide the names and locations of the factories where clothes are made, as well as cotton and more.

VanderProv co-founder joins Second City

MATT COOK

Interim editor

The comedy improv troupe, Second City, has produced many stars, including Saturday Night Live cast members, sitcom actors, and comedy writers.

Second City will soon welcome another into its ranks: Kara Burk ('00).

"This is one place I've wanted to work ever since I can remember going to it for the first time, and I can't believe as a graduate I'm going to be able to do this," Burk said. "It's completely humbling in this weird 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 it's 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?"

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Speaker relates with humor

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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 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 cover 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.

“My main responsibility is marketing the business,” Blondin said. “I do that through fliers and business cards. Everyone I meet I view as a potential customer.”

Advertising and promoting his business’ services are only part of Blondin’s job. He is also responsible for performing estimates for the painting jobs that his crew will undertake.

“I’ve been trained to examine damage to the wood, the condition of the wood, whether I need paint or stain or clearseal,” Blondin said.

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. “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.”

Blondin, a business major at Hope, appreciates the experience running his own business is giving him in addition to his classwork.

“I’ve taken business classes at Hope, but I’m learning a lot more with this hands-on learning,” Blondin said. “The repetition of estimates is really driving my understanding of what is going on.”

Blondin feels that his hands-on learning is preparing him for a career in owning his own business. Operating a Colorworks franchise is just a short-term situation for him.

“I want to own my own business when I’m older,” Blondin said. “I’m not talking about making money, I just like the concept and the things you do to make the money. I love to scuba dive, and I’d love to own a dive shop.”

But for right now, Blondin is content with being a part-time manager and part-time student.

“Running my own business, I make me appreciate college and not being out in the real world,” Blondin said.

Blondin mentioned that there is the possibility that Hope might be contracting him to do some painting on college facilities.

“All the buildings could use a face-lift,” Blondin said. Blondin’s crew begins work on May 15th and will work through August 20th.

Students interested in working for Blondin’s Colorworks firm over the summer should contact him at 395-6506 or (800) 477-1001 x294.

THE MICHAELANGELO OF EXTERIOR SIDING: Rusty Blondin (’02) poses in front of his business signs.

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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 unpredictability 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 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 armed 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 realities that the outside world is. Living in the college bubble can sometimes distort that.

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To the Editor:

Time is running out. Only a few more weeks and the Class of 2000 will no longer roam this campus. Therefore, it would not surprise any of you (I said I could care less about the direction of Hope College in the future. I am, however, "interested in where this college is heading and the steps being taken to get there. As a result, I have a challenge for the administration for the 2000-2001 school year. The challenge is decide who you are. Let’s face the fact that Hope is suffering from an identity crisis. If you can’t tell, look at the press this school issues in the last three years. We are battling over our faiths, our openness and our image. At the same time, it is as if we are trying to hide our identity as a Christian environment. There is no strength to establish who we are, and the failure to do so has made some very difficult times for current and new students. Year after year, students come to Hope, and the result is still the same. We 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 those donations (which come from people like me) to remain at an all-time low.

Meet the press.

SAC choice for Talent Jam emcees disappointing

I am writing in response to the Talent Jam that was held Friday, March 31, at the Knickerbocker Theatre; 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 "enter- tainment" 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 di- versity and in the elimination of such stereotypes. It seems painfully self-defeating. Hope’s support of diversity 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.

Letters to the Editor

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Quadram Grammy nominated musicians don't come to the Hope College campus everyday, but the Great Performance Series will feature one in the last concert of the season.

Senior saxophonist Joe Lovano will perform with his trio at the Knechtelker Theatre on Friday at 8 p.m. "His credentials almost speak for themselves," said Derek Emerson. "He's really a diverse artist," Emerson said. "I've already heard playing for a feeling and try to be expressive and improve with your wisdom and age, things will happen fast.

In addition to his concert, Lovano will be speaking to an IDS class, as well as giving a clinic for Hope's jazz students. The time for the clinic has not been finalized. Emerson feels that it is important to incorporate jazz into the Great Performance Series because it is a form of music that people would have experienced in its top form in this area.

"We're trying to do this offer to Hope students some music they wouldn't typically hear," Emerson said. This is the end of this year's Great Performance Series, and Emerson is pleased with how the event went, because every group lived up to their promise.

"It's been successful in that all the acts have been outstanding," Emerson said. Brandkamp does not see "The Millstone" as competition, but as part of a dialogue. "I like the idea of having these different viewpoints presented so that people aren't allowed to just jump on an issue and in their pre-supposed womb thinking: 'I'm fine, I'm fine, I'm just because,'" Brandkamp said. Some of the issues Brandkamp plans to touch on in the dialogue are issues such as pluralism. "The more pluralistic we're becoming, the more difficult it is to know what the right answers are because we no longer have a foundational concept to be able to build upon," Brandkamp said. Another issue "Inklings" will also focus on is the role of faith in liberal arts education. "Sometimes in a liberal arts environment, we tend to organize things according to what we can calculate and categorize, but not just passively," Brandkamp said. "And faith kind of gets left out.

So far, Brandkamp is pleased with the campus' reaction to "Inklings," and he already has been approached by several students interested in writing for him. He hopes to release the fall issue this semester, and then release "Inklings" monthly starting next fall. He hopes "Inklings" will be a constructive addition to the community.

"I don't want to shed heat," Brandkamp said. "I want it to be something that brings more light into the dialogue."
Being Catholic at Hope

The most common misconception Catholics aren't Christians...One still hears that.

"They think we pray to beads." Some students even mistake Catholicism for a non-Christian religion.

"I'm Catholic but my mom would have had eight kids even if we were Buddhists. She just loves kids."

Non-Catholic students often misinterpret the Catholic veneration of Mary, the mother of Christ and the veneration of 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 what they've been told, instead of asking questions."

UCS co-President Maryjane Murphy ('01) has also heard these misconceptions.

"We say we worship Mary, or the Pope," Murphy said. "They think we pray to beads." Some students even mistake Catholicism for a non-Christian religion.

"I was excited that we gave ashes in Chapel on Ash Wednesday, but I didn't think the significance was fully explained," Marcelis said. "I think some students left that experience not knowing anything more than before."

Marcelis is quick to add that ashes are significant for all Christians, not just Catholics. The ashes represent the uncleanness of the soul and the need for redemption, as well as symbolize a person's repentance.

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April 1, 2000

It’s enough to answer.” Dye said.

that when roommates or friends ask questions and Father Bill Duncan explains the Catholic perspective.”

Williams believes that education is essential to correcting misunderstandings between Protestants and Catholics.

“I think people aren’t educated enough on the issue to make a decision based on what they’ve heard, not what they know. You have to educate yourself about something before you make a judgement on it.”

Hemenway, who teaches a course in Catholic Fiction, hopes that courses like his will be a positive contribution to the campus-wide dialogue about religion on Hope’s campus.

“I thought that a Catholic Fiction class would be a challenge for intellectual and spiritual reasons,” Hemenway said. “I thought it would be a good way to open something common. I think most students realize exposure to other beliefs is healthy.”

And while Catholic students may experience Protestant misunderstanding of their faith, students like Williams have no problem participating in Hope’s Chapel services.

“For me, Chapel is a worship service more for the purpose of worshiping God than increasing my knowledge of my Catholic faith,” Williams said. “Chapel songs apply whether you’re Catholic or Protestant.”

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Lacrosse stands at 5-1

ANDREW KLECEK
sports editor

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 Mike 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).

Club president, Nate Foos ('02), noted that it's difficult to tell what kind of skill the team will have when a new class comes in.

"Each year we get a couple of surprises out of high school," Foos said.

"This year's been an exceptional year. The freshmen'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 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 a 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 have helped anchor the team this year have been Matt Vassey ('03), Steve Engel ('01), Pat Keeney ('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 team's 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.

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Engel will be in cage tonight as Hope plays Ferris State University at 4 p.m.

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Paul Loodeen

THE FLYING Dutchmen tennis team is on track to finish in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association after beating Calvin on Tuesday and falling to Kalamazoo on April 1.

After the loss to Kalamazoo, Hope's MIAA conference record of 5-1 will put them in the basement of the conference's top five teams.

Even with the loss, the Flying Dutchmen are looking to meet Kalamazoo in the conference tournament. To earn a shot to compete at the national tournament, Hope will need to finish the season strong and have a good showing against Kalamazoo at the MIAA tournament.

"We are ranked number 10 in the region, the top seven teams from the region qualify for the national tournament. We are a proverbial bubble team," Gorms said. "As a team we need to win the rest of our matches impressively and we're going to have to win two flights from Kalamazoo and that will be probable what will be what's required to catch (the judge's) eye.

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With the win against Calvin, Hope is fighting its way toward the tournament. Calvin's one victory came against number four seed, Ben Kooeister defeated Chad Bollinger (‘00), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

The win brought the Flying Dutchmen’s overall record to 15-5.

The win comes after a Great Lakes Conference Tournament where the Flying Dutchmen finished fifth after losing to Denison, 4-1, in their first match. The Flying Dutchmen rallied to win the second match against Albion, 4-1. The match could be a preview to the two teams April 19 match.

The Flying Dutchmen will start their quest for the national tournament with a match at home against Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Hope will also host Alma over the weekend, before facing Albion.

Men’s Tennis Battling for second in the MIAA behind Kalamazoo

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