Jane Elliott brings passion for equality

Emily West

Student Congress welcomed Jane Elliott to campus Thursday, March 26, as a part of their Teaching Hope series. Elliott is best known for devising the famous “Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes” exercise to teach children about prejudice.

The Dimnent Memorial Chapel, full of members of the Hope College community, was introduced to a passionate Elliott by Student Congress President David Paul ’10. Elliott wasted no time diving into uncomfortable topics such as rape, patriarchy, homosexuality, abortion and racism.

She opened her lecture with a long list of statistics about the women beaten, raped or assaulted. These women go largely unnoticed. The statistics quickly got the crowd’s attention. Four women are beaten to death every day; every 15 seconds a female is physically assaulted by a male.

“Just because you have the power, boys, you do not have the right,” Elliott said. “I don’t care how she’s dressed.” She summarized her feelings about male violence against women. “I’m angry about this; I want this changed,” Elliott said.

“We have to teach men to act responsibly,” Elliott said. Moving on to the topic of racism she admitted her own shortcomings.

“I am a racist; it’s going to take me the rest of my life to get over it,” Elliott said. “There is no gene for racism.” She claimed she has learned racism from education, family, books and religion. Elliott argued that prejudice.

“Our society is loaded with stupidity,” she said.

She equated racism with a religion and pointed out that there is no major world religion that was established by a white group.

Elliott brought a white male and a black female up to the front with her to ask them about their experiences. After asking each volunteer if they are conscious of their skin color, she emphasized his answer.

“He has the freedom to never think about his skin color,” Elliott said. She described the United States as the land of free—the white male—and the home of the brave—the black female.

Elliott shared her experience with her famous “Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes” exercise to teach, see ELLIOTT, page 2

Lecture inspires discussion on Chavez legacy

Karle Luidens

Saxon Star Writer

The 11th annual César Chávez lecture began with an invitation to come together—quite literally.

Before Professor Lorna Jarvis of the psychology department began her welcome comments, she asked the audience members clustered in the back section of the DeVitt Theatre to come sit near the stage. As such guest speaker Professor Ilan Stavans of Amherst College would better be able to engage them in conversation.

This first movement within the crowd—moving closer to one another—set the perfect tone for Stavans’ talk, in which he discussed Chávez’s legacy of uniting diverse and dispersed populations.

Chávez became a national figure in the 1960s and ’70s when he worked as a community organizer among his fellow migrant farm laborers. Drawing on the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., he spoke about nonresistance in the form of strikes and boycotts to demand better working conditions. He ultimately became the first head of the National Farm Workers Association, later called the United Farm Workers.

“Let’s be honest, most of us don’t know that much about César Chávez,” Stavans said. “One point. ‘We turn people into monuments so as not to have to deal with the ideas that they left for us.’

Nevertheless, Chávez should be more than a token figure, and not to have to deal with the ideas that they left for us. "

They are the ones that set the stage for us to feel pure and clean and ready to start work in the morning,” Stavans said. “But we’re fighting an uphill battle. My guess is we have a lot of work left to do.”

Despite the challenges, optimism ran strong as the crowd continued to talk after the lecture. Dozens of audience members became active participants in conversation around refreshments and a table of Stavans’ books for sale.

“I love this,” Gonzales said as he gestured broadly across the gathering. “I get the sense that they’re discussing these things, and our students are not timid about engaging with these sorts of issues.”
Jane Elliott challenges Hope to fight racism

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elementary students about prejudice. How do you explain Martin Luther
King’s assassination to third graders?

She created a class experiment using eye color that is based on Hitler’s eye color prejudice.

After working with the exercise in class, Elliott's kids were beaten, chased home and their property defaced. Her parents' restaurant was boycotted.

"Don't let anybody tell you that differences don't matter, because they do," she said.

Elliott demonstrated the power of authority figures to create a racist system. "If the person of authority perpetuates the control and fear it cannot be combated. Be careful who we have in power," she said.

Regarding her involvement with "A Monologue, a Memory, a Rant and a Prayer," Pizzimenti said: "I feel so privileged to be a part of the community that put this on, the WIO and Women's Studies. These stories are so important and they're hard to hear. I feel so blessed by the people that do the hard work to present these issues."
Recessions, the Internet further wound already ailing newspaper industry

Cory Lakatos
Staff Writer

Pundits have been talking for years about the imminent decline of the newspaper industry, but most assumed that it was still a long way off. However, in light of current economic difficulties, print media in the U.S. may be headed out sooner than was thought.

"You take readers and advertisers who were already migrating away from print, and add a steep recession, and you've got serious trouble," said James Surowiecki of The New York Times, a titan of the newspaper industry. But most assumed that it was not going away anytime soon.

Somewhat closer to home, the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press are also suffering. With its parent company Media News buried in debt, the papers are cutting deliveries to a mere three days a week (Thursday, Friday and Sunday) in an effort to reduce costs. The newspaper giant has accrued a total debt of over $1 billion to date.

"We've had our ups and downs," says Cheryl Davis of the Detroit Free Press. "We've seen some cancellations of advertising, but we've also seen some new ones." She adds that the paper is trying to be as disruptive as possible in order to keep its readers.

According to CNN.com, strict regulations have been in place since Iran's revolution of 1979, which is considered to be the "turning point" of its film industry. Prior to this, films typically followed the style of American films, but this made it difficult for Iranians to relate to them. But the revolution brought a new system of strict parameters that media productions have had to follow ever since.

"It is a country that few of us think about. It is such a great country with such a great culture," said Jonathan Silver, director of the Iranian Film Archive in New York.

The Iranian authorities are remarkably infamous for their strict guidelines on the media that the government is forced to abide by. For example, Iranian films are prohibited from showing couples making any sort of physical contact, and they are not allowed to wear clothing she is wearing Islamist clothing that only exposes her face.

According to CNN.com, the entertainment industry within Iran has strict government oversight, despite the government's recognition that the paper may have to be reduced in size. Many believe that it has been forced to rely on it. "This is an issue that is constantly on the minds of the newspaper owners," said Jerry Henry, dean of the Journalism School at the University of California, Berkeley.

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"Newspapers are the public's referees," said Debra J. Saunders, an editorialist for the Detroit News. "They are the ones who keep the government accountable. They are the ones who tell the public what is happening."

With the rise of the Internet, newspapers have been forced to adapt. Many have started offering online subscriptions, while others have decided to reduce the size of their print editions. Some have even gone digital entirely.

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"Newspapers are the public's referees as to which information is credible," Saunders said. "You can go online and read no end of fiction and smear about public figures. But when you read content in a newspaper, you consistently can rely on it." This is an issue that is constantly on the minds of the newspaper industry and unfortunately this problem is not going away any time soon.
Earthquake in Italy kills more than 150, injures 1,500

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA—Michael Stensgard uses one of his family’s boats to get back to his home from the Red River, March 25. The river had reached 30.5 feet at Fargo.

Go to their homes, they may be walking through floodwater that is contaminated by sewage,” Calkins said.

According to Obama, the federal government is doing its best to alleviate the crisis, as is shown by the federal disaster declaration for North Dakota and parts of Minnesota.

“As we face an economic crisis which demands our concern for the future of nature we can also intervene in ways that create other crises to which we must respond—and respond urgently,” Obama said.

The quake hit 26 towns and cities around L’Aquila. Castelnuovo, a hamlet of about 300 people southwest of L’Aquila, Castelnuovo, appeared hard hit with five confirmed dead. The town of Onna, population 250, was almost levelled.

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The damage is more serious than we can imagine.”

GIUSEPPE PROIETTI
CULTURE MINISTRY OFFICIAL

We managed to come down with the other students but we had to sneak through a hole in the stasis as the whole floor came down.

LUIGI ALFONSO
STUDENT
UNIVERSITY OF L’AQUILA

From a pancaked five-story apartment building where many students had rented flats.

Amid aftershocks, survivors hugged one another, prayed quietly or tried to call relatives. Residents covered in dust pushed carts of clothes and blankets that they had thrown together before fleeing their homes.

Slabs of walls, twisted steel supports, furniture and wire fences were strewn in the streets, and gray dust was everywhere. A body lay on the sidewalk, covered by a white sheet.

Residents and rescue workers hauled debris from collapsed buildings by hand or in a bucket brigade. Firefighters pulled a woman covered in dust from her four-story home. Rescue crews demanded quiet as they listened for signs of life from inside.

R.A. television showed rescue workers gingerly pulling a man clad only in his underwear from a crumbling building. He embraced his rescuers and sobbed loudly as others placed a jacket around his shoulders. Although shaken and covered in dust, the man was able to walk.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 buildings were either damaged or destroyed, officials said. L’Aquila Mayor Massimo Cialente said about 100,000 people were homeless. It was not clear if his estimate included surrounding towns.

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There’s an increase in kids along the border.

U.S. detention center a “relaxing, comfortable place”

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Miss Universe

Saying he didn’t know “any black or indigenous bankers.”

– Jay Dobyns, a decorated agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in regard to the government.

– Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on the violence in Mexico that is spilling over into the United States.

“Be faithful to the game, and, most of all, global respect. ”

– President Barack Obama.

“This crisis was caused by the irrationally behavior of white people with blue eyes.”

– Inacio Lula Da Silva, Brazilian president, on the recession saying he didn’t know “any black or indigenous bankers.”

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In the NATS Michigan Regional Competition, held at Youngstown State University in Ohio on March 7, students earned honors during the week of March 1-7. Those on campus already feeling the April drap, the imminently end of the semester, will be pleased to know that this final opportunity to be swept away to an hour of joy live performance. The last event of the semester for the Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series will take place the evening of Wednesday, April 15. Poet/spoken word artist Jon Sparks will be performing accompanied by virtuoso guitarist John Jackson.

Sparks’ art combines poetry and storytelling, performance and music. The producer of her latest performance DVD, “Open Casket,” raves that, “You truly have to see her to believe her.” Sparks fuses her southern background with her rare talent to replicate the unique characteristics of speech in order to transcend the realm of mere speaking into that long lost art of good, entertaining storytelling. A piece in “Performing Song-writer” joyfully claims, “There’s no one quite like Sparks on the contemporary music scene—no one with her ability to find and describe the haunting rhythms of this world in such precise, un-adorned terms.”

Her unique work has been featured on NPR’s “All Things Considered” and made its international presence known on the BBC’s “Bob Harris Show.” Sparks is a widely touring artist, and her shows have extended beyond poetry readings; she has opened for Ben Folds and collaborated with Nickel Creek’s mandolinist Chris Thile and bluegrass sensation Abigail Washburn. She will be joined at her Hope performance by veteran Bob Dylan guitarists, John Jackson. In addition to her aforementioned DVD, Sparks has released three albums, her latest of which was entitled “Sin Sick” and recorded by Grammy-winning producer Gary Paczosa, famed for his country recordings.

Her performance on April 15 will be an emotionally explosive ending to the 2008-09 season of the Visiting Writers Series. Sparks has sold out plenty of shows in the past, and her presence is always followed by rave reviews and lively discussion. She is not afraid to dig into areas of humanity that go unnoticed— even if this means delving into her own personal history. Sparks works comfortably in this area, and her moments of comedic relief or musical jubi-lance punctuate the trials of life, the joys in sorrow and humor in darkness. Her knock for ram- bunctious outbursts will be sure to entertain.

The show takes place at the Knickerbocker Theatre at 7 p.m.; live jazz will precede the event starting at 6:30. In addition, all are encouraged to attend the Q&A session with Sparks at 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon in the Herrick Room. Admission is free and all are welcome to at- tend both events.
Shanna Mack and Paul Van Kempen
August 15, 2009 • Dimnent Memorial Chapel

When and where did you meet?
Hope College—at Nykerk! He was a playboy and I a playgirl.

Where are you both from?
Paul is from Holland. I am from Allegan.

When did you start dating?
December of our sophomore year... Dec. 27, to be exact.

When did you get engaged?
December of our senior year... Dec. 27!

Where will you be honeymooning?
We are planning right now. Somewhere warm with lots to do!

What is your wedding (first dance) song?
No idea.

How are you managing the financial burden of a wedding while you’re still in school and have little job security?
We are planning a modest wedding, staying true to the people that we are and the things we value.

How do you feel about “Ring by Spring”?
Shanna: I think it is a horrible stigma. Getting engaged and married is a beautiful, sacred thing. It is good. Getting engaged in college makes a lot of sense financially and relationally, and I can’t see the logic in waiting to get married simply because of age or lack of world experience. If two people are in love and mature, there is no reason to wait to get married. At this age, we should all be responsible enough for this, if we have been striving to gain independence and maturity in our time at college. Even before I was engaged, I was offended at the openly condemning comments made by single people against engagement in college. It’s a very judgmental mindset that attempts to diminish a lot of holy relationships that God has put together in his timing.

What is your advice for single students?
Shanna: I don’t see any reason to advise single students. We’re all the same—just some of us are getting married. I guess I would tell them not to be wary of relationships and marriage at any stage in life. Things happen according to God’s will, in his time, and we should take the opportunities that are open to us and live fearlessly, even in terms of relationships, trusting that he has good plans for us.

Katie Chiczewski & Matt VandeGuchte
December 19, 2009 • Naperville, Ill.

Where and when did you meet?
We officially met the beginning of our sophomore year. I think we might have talked to each other for the first time at my friend Amy’s house for a bonfire.

Where are you both from?
Matt is from Hamilton, and I am from Naperville, Ill.

When did you start dating?
Sophomore year.

When did you get engaged?

Where will you be honeymooning?
Don’t know yet, we will go somewhere warm and with beaches (and Matt wants to be able to go in a rainforest).

What is your wedding (first dance) song?
Don’t know yet. We have been looking at a song by Keith Urban, “Making Memories of Us,” but we won’t decide probably till a month before.

How are you managing the financial burden of a wedding while you’re still in school and have little job security?
There is little we have to pay for our wedding. We are very fortunate. My parents are paying for it.

How do you feel about “Ring by Spring”?
Katie: There are probably some people who do want a ring by spring, but really it’s not about the time in your life (near the end of college), but the stage you and your significant other are in your relationship. Some people may be ready to marry after five years of dating and others three months. No one can say it won’t work out. If the two people love each other and want to make it work, they will. I think many people do end up getting engaged/married around this time more often because it is a make-or-break stage for a relationship. If a couple is going to make a commitment to go somewhere else in the country together, they both want the commitment of an engagement.

What is your advice for single students?
Katie: Enjoy being single—you have no one else to worry about but yourself and get to do whatever you want. Eventually you will meet the one, and then you will never be single again.
Brittnee Longwell and Taylor Blom
May 23, 2009
Saugatuck

Caitlin Lamade & Brent Boersma
June 2009 • Dimnent Chapel
Let’s stereotype!

In the first seven seconds of meeting someone, we make 11 assumptions about them. Or at least, this is what I learned at Hope College’s Cultural Competency Forum a month ago. So, before you get angry because we’ve above this sort of thing, when you randomly meet someone on the street, do you assume that they’re human? Overcoming stereotypes is just another thing we have to deal with at Hope College. I cannot tell you how many other things we have to deal with at Hope College. I cannot tell you how many assumptions they’d have the next time.

Lisa King

Growing in the soil

A dangerous way to live

In five months I will be living in Amman, Jordan, speaking Arabic and learning firsthand about Jordanian culture just as an informational exchange. Arabic culture does not necessarily mean Muslim culture. I’m incredibly excited, fairly nervous, and a little scared. As a white American woman, I will be confronting certain stereotypes that the rest of the world believes about us—things that movies, music, and ads tell us about Americans. Americans are loud, they’re rich, their women are easy and only want a good time…you get my drift.

I am a white, blue-eyed foreigner. I cannot just “blend in.” America is stamped all over me, from the clothes I wear to the way I speak (another informational note: most of your wear this stamp too). When we are abroad we will be a representative of my home country, whether I want to be or not. People will look at me and expect certain behavior, and it will be up to me to either combat the stereotypes or confirm them.

So let’s stereotype! I was really quite a big deal? Will I be safe? But then I remember something that came up during study-abroad orientation: there are really “safe” countries and “unsafe” countries? Granted, Switzerland is probably safer for a woman than say, Saudi Arabia, but generally, is Europe safer than the Middle East? Am I less likely to be robbed in Rome than in Amman? We each have our own notions of what places are “civilized” and “safe,” and these ideas grow from what we are told. How many of our opinions are actually based on firsthand experiences?

Let me share an example that made quite an impression on me. How many of you have heard that the 16th Street area is a dangerous place to walk? What about for a woman, alone, drunk and at night? That’s exactly what one college girl was doing, having left a party after an argument with her friends. Wearing no shoes and staggering as she walked, this woman saw that she was going to pass by a loud party where a bunch of Latino men were gathered on a front porch. Two of them came down the steps toward her. “Excuse me, Miss,” they asked. “Are you all right? You don’t seem all right. Can we walk you home? We don’t want to scare you, we’ll even walk behind you if you wish. We just want to make sure you get home safely.”

Sterotypes are often incorrect. We must challenge them all the time. Whether we’re challenging those we hold or those that others hold about us, we must never allow ourselves to live in complacency: it is a dangerous way to live. What other stereotypes do you take part in, consciously or unconsciously? Find out. Refuse to be ignorant.

Afshan is thankful to God for things learned, both as a Phelps Scholar and having gone to Mississippi on Spring Break, and she eagerly awaits the next stage of life.

Lisa King is a management/Japanese major, soon to be seikai no osama.
I just live here

Jim Kast-Keat
Columnist

Ant colony

When I was a kid I was enthralled by the ant colonies that lived in the narrow cracks between the slabs of sidewalk outside my house. I would watch them walk in perfect rows through the backyard, scurrying toward whatever food I dropped, and even duke it out with other neighboring colonies.

Now I live on a college campus. (My wife works here, so I just live here.) Our backyard is The Pine Grove, our kitchen is the dining hall, and our neighbors are hundreds of college students. And I can’t help but connect my childhood experience with the life I see on campus.

Because a college campus is a lot like an ant colony.

Just walk through The Pine Grove and across the street toward the library and you’ll see rows and rows of students filing in and out of buildings, all walking in the footsteps of the people before them. They even stop traffic, there are so many of them! And think about it: if you could see this scene from above it would look a lot like — no, it would look exactly like the colony of ants I observed from my childhood.

And where do these students/ants gather most? In my backyard they would come out in droves for a dip of ice cream, a dropped strawberry, or anything else their ant taste buds found tasty. And on a college campus it is exactly the same. Free pizza, free ice cream, free food — any activity with the magic words draws the largest crowds of campus ants. And campus ants cling to vareniers, piling in, one on top of another. Have you watched the Phelps Frenzy in action? It’s just like the chaos outside an ant hill over a fresh Jolly Rancher!

But more than watching them traipse along in rows and gather for their feeding frenzies, my favorite part about ant colonies was seeing them duke it out with their neighboring rivals. And in the same way, our Hope College colony squares off against the rival colony across town (Calvin) in our yearly showdowns. It’s the blue ants versus the red ants, the Dutchmen versus the Knights. And just like the feuds between the ants in my childhood backyard, this collegiate rivalry turns the entire colony into screaming spectators.

So when you find yourself walking among rows of other students, fighting for position in the feeding frenzy, or cheering your lungs out against a rival colony, you just might be mistaken for an ant. So keep scurrying along, contributing to the colony, and avoiding giant magnifying glasses and shoes falling from the sky.

Jim Kast-Keat wants to be a writer when he grows up. But if that doesn’t work out he could always make a living as an ant farmer. Because it’s a lot like living on a college campus, and he’s pretty good at that.

From the inside out

Taylor Hughes
Arts Editor

You get paid for that?

I recently glanced at an online piece written by CNN Medical Correspondent, Judy Fortin, “The Perils of Caffeine Withdrawal.” Her focus was mainly on the innumerable amounts of coffee Americans consume daily and its effects. Apart from the ridiculous headline, what caught my attention was the accompanying picture to the article: a mother and father looking with concerned faces at their two sons in a shopping mall. As if there were any correlation between the photo and the critique. This recent CNN scare-tactic is comparable to the scare headlines plastered all over the front page.

In her article, Fortin cites that as many as 80 to 90 percent of North American adults and children consume caffeine products every day, ending the article with a supplementary link to addiction and recovery. In pushing to convince us that our dependence on ‘joe is comparable to that of a cocaine addict, she points out that doctors recommend those prone to anxiety or panic attacks should not consume the stuff. Well yeah, I suppose if I were a nervous person, the last thing I would want to do is up that energy level a couple of notches. So besides the common sense approach to why one would not guzzle coffee or other comparable beverages, what is her point? Exactly. There isn’t one. In fact, WebMD claims coffee has the propensity to lower your risk of cavities, diabetes, Parkinson’s disease, and colon cancer; to lift your mood, and treat headaches.

After wasting at least three minutes of my life on Ms. Fortin, I thought to myself: she and many others like her are surviving the worst economic crisis in decades by writing useless articles. Other articles offered for your reading and viewing (dis)pleasure are “The American Idol Meter,” brought to you by USA Today, and Fox News’ groundbreaking report on how “Demi Moore is Linked to Twitter-Based Suicide Intervention.” Try Twitter-induced suicide. Oh, and don’t miss when the O’Reilly Factor covers “Child Robot Develops Social Skills.” It will bring your understanding of the world to a whole new level.

I understand that there is a certain beneficial element to mind-numbing media as a way to relax and alleviate the mind. There are, however, plenty of opportunities to kick back without falling flat into foolishness. The New York Times newspaper was one of the only national publications I could find that promoted relaxing and entertaining and intellectual. Since the recession began in December 2007, the U.S. economy has lost 5.13 million jobs, of which 72 percent has occurred in the past six months. To watch my family members and friends lose their jobs is hard enough. But to watch while Fortin et al are paid to write about Michelle Obama’s latest outfit or men opening up to Oprah...that borders on the absurd. But then again, maybe I just had too much coffee.

Cheers,
Taylor
Hope hosts Fulbright visiting specialist

Kevin Soubly

This semester, Hope College is hosting Dr. Lateef Adetona of Lagos State University in Nigeria. Staying at Hope as a Fulbright Visiting Specialist, an academic exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Dr. Adetona has been instructing a course on Islam during his six-week stay.

Entitled “Direct Access to the Muslim World,” the class is an overview of the Islamic religion, examining its basic pillars and its teachings on community, marriage, gender differences, science, and other cultural aspects.

International Education Week April 13-15

Ashley DeVecht

Interested in studying abroad? Want to know more about what’s happening outside of the U.S.? Monday, April 13, through Wednesday, April 15, is International Education Week at Hope College. The week’s events include a series of informational lectures and student panels.

Professor of economics Robin Klay will give a lecture Monday at 3 p.m. about believing in the dreams of the poor in Mexico and other Third World countries. After the lecture, at 4 p.m., there will be an informational panel discussing students’ experienc- es studying overseas. Professor of political science Annie Dandavati will discuss the question, “Are Women’s Rights Human Rights?” at 7 p.m.

Tuesday’s activities will begin with an international coffee hour at 11 a.m. in the first floor Martha Miller Rotunda. Habeeb Awad will lead a discussion about “Paradise Now” at 7 p.m. The grand finale of the event will be the showing of the film “Al Otro Lado” from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Cook Auditorium located in the DePree Art Center. The drama features stories portraying the bond between children and absent parents, showcasing the powerful hold that parents have upon their children.

The goal of the week’s events is to build awareness among Hope students about international is- sues connecting to the community.

Earthquake strikes Italy, many in shock

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The city’s own cultural offices, housed in a 16th-century Spanish castle, were shut down by damage, Proietti said. The damaged fortifications, once perfectly preserved, are also home to a mu- seum of archaeology and art.

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The city’s own cultural offices, housed in a 16th-century Spanish castle, were shut down by damage, Proietti said. The damaged fortifications, once perfectly preserved, are also home to a mu- seum of archaeology and art.
Basketball players receive national honor

Bethany Stripp
Sports Writer

Carrie Snikkers ('11) and Jesse Reimink ('09) have continued to receive recognition for their accomplishments this past basketball season.

In addition to both being voted the most valuable player in the MIAA for women's and men's basketball respectively, Snikkers and Reimink have also been named as Division III All-Americans.

Three different groups honored Snikkers for this season. The National Association of Women's Basketball Coaches named her to the 10-member State Farm Division III All-American team. She was also placed on the national fourth team by D1Hoops.com and the national third team by DII News.

“We are very excited for the rest of our season,” Burns said, “if we win the rest of our games this season there is a very good chance that we'll be invited to represent our conference in the National tournament in Denver.”

Photo by James Reulbach

Carrie Snikkers

Jesse Reimink

MEN'S LACROSSE— Season begins with unprecedented success

Chris O'Brien
Sports Writer

Ever since the first game of the season when the Hope lacrosse team lost to Oakland University, the team has been red-hot.

Winning five straight games as well as the “Holy Wars” tournament hosted at Wheaton College over the weekend has propelled the team ahead.

Captain Daniel Burns ('09) said that the first game of the season was no reflection of how the team can perform at full strength.

“We have two very important role players get hurt early on in the game, and we did not have three other very important long poles,” Burns said.

“After that we worked hard to prepare for our rival Calvin who we had not beaten in five years,” The Calvin game was the turning point of the season for the team. The Dutchmen posted a 16-4 victory and rode this momentum to the “Holy Wars” tournament.

The team defeated Wheaton 17-13 on Friday and were victorious over Dordt College by a score of 15-4 in the championship.

Eric Weber ('11), the nation's leading scorer, had six goals and three assists. Goaltier Pieter Norden ('11) and Bryan Kunkler ('12) had solid performances combine for 16 saves.

Brent Martin ('11) went 16/2 on face-offs and the Dutchmen received solid contributions from newcomers Nick Leonard ('12) and Keegan Aguilera ('12). Leonard won a faceoff and Aguilera scored his first goal of the season.

Burns said the young players are key to the team's success. “We have a very talented freshman class who are present all over the field.”

Key long pole Patrick Elg Gunn ('10), who was one of the three injured for the first game of the season, said the tournament showed the team's true toughness.

“This weekend was a testament to everyone how resilient we truly are as a team,” McElgunn said. “When we step on the field we're gonna bring it.”

The team will do battle against Saginaw Valley April 8 on the field behind the DeVos. Burns looks for this game to propel the team towards further success and encourages students to come out and watch.

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Photo by Dan McMorran

This Week In Sports

Thursday
April 9
Softball vs. Calvin at 3:30 p.m.

Women’s Tennis vs. Trine at 4 p.m.

Saturday
April 11
Baseball vs. Albion at 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Adrian at 1 p.m.

Women’s Tennis vs. Kalamazoo at 1 p.m.

Monday
April 13
Women's Golf
Hope Invite at 1 p.m.

In Brief

TRACK AND FIELD BREAKS RECORDS

Over the weekend Hope athletes Nora Kuiper ('09) and Leonie Grosse ('11) set new school records in track and field.

Kuiper broke her own record in the 100-meter dash finishing with a time of 11.94. She previously set the record in 2008. The time qualifies Kuiper for the NCAA Division III track and field championships in May.

Grosse also broke her own record in the javelin throw. The previous record of 137 feet, 10 inches had stood for 22 years.

Saturday's throw of 146 feet, 5 inches bettered the old record. She has also qualified for the NCAA championships and has had the second-best throw in all of Division III this spring.

MEN'S LACROSSE PLAYER RECOGNIZED

Lacrosse player attackman Eric Weber ('11) was named the CollegelAX National Player of the Week. Weber leads the NCAA Division II teams in both scoring and goals per game. Over the weekend he tied the Hope single game scoring record with 10 goals in the victory over Wheaton College.

MEN'S TENNIS

Heading into the start of the MIAA season, the men’s tennis team has a lot to be excited about. Fielding a highly experienced roster, the team has opened the season with a 6-6 record and are 1-0 in the MIAA.

Leading the way for Hope is John Felton ('09) who is 9-1 in singles matches and 12-0 with doubles partner John Gardner ('10).

Coach Steve Gorno commented on the team's goal of winning the MIAA, "We have a lot of work to do to achieve that lofty goal but I believe we have the right team to turn early season adversity into late season success.”

Tracking the Performances of Athletes and Teams
Information compiled by James Ralston and Chris Lewis
Co-Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Baseball

After an overall record of 15-25 last season, the Flying Dutchmen are hoping to rebound this season, in order to pursue a ninth Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship during the past 16 seasons.

Coach Stu Fritz and Matt VanderVelde (’09) have high expectations for the remainder of the season despite a 5-9 start. The team is also playing for the second season in the Boeve Baseball Stadium, one of the best baseball stadiums in Division III.

While the season has just begun, Fritz has various thoughts on his team thus far, including the performances during the spring break trip to Winter Haven, Fla.

“We played in Florida over spring break and finished 4-0 with some outstanding performances. We might have lost a couple that we shouldn’t have, but we also won a couple that we maybe shouldn’t have as well,” Fritz said.

“We are confident in our chances this season. Our goal is still to win the league championship,” Fritz said. “We need to strive towards consistency during the rest of the season.”

Meanwhile, Fritz is pleased not only with the confidence of his team but also with the individual talents of various members of the team.

“We’ve had some outstanding performances from various players so I feel good about our talent level. However, it is hard to say how we need to finish in order to win the league championship,” Fritz said.

VanderVelde is also confident in the team’s chances of finishing the season with a strong record.

“It is still early in the season. Our record isn’t as good as what we would like, but we are in a position where we can pull things together and still have a very successful season,” VanderVelde said.

Softball

Last season, for the second consecutive year, five MIAA teams won 20 or more games including the Flying Dutch. This year, the team is hoping to win 20 or more games for the sixth consecutive season, after finishing last season 25-14.

Meanwhile, coach Karla Wolters is currently ranked fifth on the all-time list of the winningest NCAA Division III coaches.

Wolters discussed her thoughts on this year’s team who will play at the Wolters Softball Stadium for the second year in a row.

“The Flying Dutch are off to a tough start with a 7-13 record,” Wolters said. “We’re battling a number of injuries and also an inability to get a lot of hits and score runs.

“On the upside, the team continues to work hard, our pitchers are throwing well and we’re determined to win more games in the second half of our season. With most of the league games still ahead of us, we’re still relying for a berth in the four-team MIAA Tournament in May,” Wolters said.

Meanwhile, Coach Karla Wolters is also confident in the team’s chances of finishing the season with a strong record.

“We hope to bring a strong contingent of athletes with the hope of crowning a number of All-Americans and possibly national champions.”

The team next looks to the MIAA jamboree where every single place counts towards the end score. Both Minkus and Kuiper are confident, though, that each team’s depth will only help push them to the top.

“Women’s Tennis

Samantha Stille (’09) is hoping to finish her career at Hope on a high note as the women’s tennis team looks to finish at the top in the MIAA. Coach Karen Page has returned for her 12th consecutive season.

During her 11-year career as coach, the women’s team has compiled an overall record of 148-88 while finishing 61-21 in MIAA matches. The Flying Dutch are currently 2-1 for the regular season.

LEAPING PAST THE COMPETITION— Rob Bailey (’09) took third place in the Steeplechase at the Michigan State University Invitational on April 4. The non-scored meet was a chance for the track and field teams to prepare for the MIAA season.

Page has a very positive outlook on her team’s ability to succeed this season.

“We’ve already accomplished a couple of our goals. However, the carrot is still dangling out there for us to grab,” Page said.

“It is a realistic goal if we continue to believe in ourselves as players and a team, push each other to our limit, keep up our match intensity and fight every time we hit the courts.”

Finally, Stille has been pleased with the Flying Dutch during its first three regular season matches.

“I’ve been impressed by our team’s results so far within our conference play. We have had one match against Albion and one against Calvin that we had lost last year and came back and won this year,” Stille said.

“Last year’s conference title went to Albion, while Calvin finished in second place, and Hope finished third.

“For us to come back and win against those two teams right away has given us the confidence to know we can fight and beat anyone we come up against.”

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SWINGING AWAY— Co-captain Dustin Wuis (’09) keeps an eye on the ball in a double header against Calvin.