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Mary Davis

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Tubergen said after Cosack moved out to California for college, he got more and more into biking and the idea of the trip flourished from there. Along with Tubergen and Cosack, Alex Manion, C.J. Eckman and Greg Christian will fly to Seattle and see BIKING, PAGE 2

Cosmopolitan fraternity, Habitat build a bond

Ashley Joseph

The Phi Kappa Alpha Cosmopolitan Fraternity at Hope College has recently started forming a relationship with the Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity with hopes of helping to meet the needs of the Holland community.

According to the special edition DVD of “My Left Foot: The Story of Christy Brown,” Daniel Day-Lewis was so committed to assuming the role of his character, a disabled individual, that he bound himself to his wheelchair for months.

He felt the only way to truly understand the character was to experience first-hand the constant struggles of every day life.

April 7 was the start of Disability Awareness Week at Hope. The goal was to show others the difficulties and struggles that are often cast aside and taken for granted in our world and on our campus. Some Hope students do not have the luxury of being able to sleep until five minutes before their class starts, throw on some clothes, run across campus, and arrive in class with just enough time to have a little chat with a friend.

For many people even the simplest tasks can be incredibly frustrating and time consuming challenges.

Many people around campus were riding around all week in wheelchairs to simulate the feeling of not being able to move their legs.

While this type of exercise can be an eye opener to those who are able to walk unassisted, Hope College went one step further. Students were encouraged to empathize with what it would be like to not be able to see, hear or walk as they usually are able. On Tuesday, Hope offered activities that simulated a variety of impairments, ranging SEE AWARENESS, PAGE 6

Students win Goldwater scholarships

(NEW) - Three Hope College juniors have received prestigious Goldwater Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year out of only 321 awarded nationwide.

The three recipients, all of whom are chemistry majors at the college, are Kristin Dittonhafer (’09) of Midland; Jonathan McDowell (’09) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Amy Speelman (’09) of Darien, Ill.

The scholarships were awarded by the Board of Trustees of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation to undergraduate sophomores and juniors. The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

The scholarships are for one or two years, depending on the recipient’s year in school, and cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500 per year.

“Amy, Kristin and Jon are outstanding students who are well deserving of this prestigious recognition. As participants in collaborative faculty-student research here at the college, they have been not only outstanding learners but also active contributors to the process of discovery,” said Dr. Moses Lee, who is dean for the natural and applied sciences and a professor of chemistry at Hope. “I am especially pleased because Hope College has one of the largest summer research programs among predominantly undergraduate institutions in the nation. These awards are highly competitive and this level of recognition exemplifies the incredible education that we provide for our students at Hope.”

Several Hope College students have received the prestigious awards or honorable mention in the program through the years. Keith Mulder (’08) of Portage holds a Goldwater Scholarship for the current, 2007-08 school year.

Dittenhafer conducts research with Lee and his research SEE SCHOLARSHIPS, PAGE 2
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associates Drs. Toni Brown and Hilary Mackay. Their research is focused on the development of small molecules capable of recognizing specific DNA sequences in the human genome, with the goal of controlling the expression of deleterious disease-causing genes. She has been conducting research with Lee since the spring of 2007, including during both the school year and summer.

Her plans include pursuing either a doctorate in biochemistry or attending an MD/Ph.D. combined program and conducting medically related research in the future. She is the daughter of Mark and Diane Dittenhafer of Midland and a 2005 graduate of Midland High School.

Moeyck and Speelman both work in Dr. Jason Gillmore’s organic chemistry research group, where they are both actively working on the group’s primary effort of making and evaluating new organic photochromes for electron transfer applications in materials science. Speelman also works with Gillmore on using computational modeling to predict the reduction potentials of organic molecules, work recently accepted for publication in the Journal of Physical Chemistry.

Moeyck has been conducting research with Gillmore since the summer of 2006, including during both the school year and summer. He plans to pursue a doctorate in chemistry with a focus on organic or analytic research chemistry. He is the son of Phil and Peggy Moerdyk of Darien, and a 2005 graduate of Midland High School.

Speelman has been conducting research with Gillmore since the spring of her sophomore year, including during the summer.

She plans to attend graduate school in physical chemistry with a focus on computational modeling and to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry using computational modeling to design synthetic targets and understand molecular behavior. She is majoring in French in addition to chemistry, and plans to spend the fall 2008 semester in Nantes, France. She is the daughter of David and Linda Speelman of Darien, and a 2005 graduate of Timothy Christian High School.

Of the 221 students selected for Goldwater Scholarships this year, 189 are men and 132 are women, and virtually all intend to obtain a Ph.D. as their degree objective. A total of 33 are mathematics majors. 22 are science and related majors, 52 are majoring in engineering and nine are computer science majors. Many have dual majors in a variety of mathematics, science, engineering and computer disciplines.

The Goldwater Foundation is a federally endowed agency established by Public Law 99-661 on Nov. 14, 1986. The Scholarship Program honoring Senator Barry M. Goldwater was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering.

In its 20-year history, the foundation has awarded 5,523 scholarships worth approximately $54 million. The Trustees plan to award about 300 scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year.

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start the trip June 16. Biking 80 to 100 miles a day and camping or staying with host families, they plan to arrive in New York August 5. Tubergen said they will probably have a driver following throughout the trip to carry supplies and increase safety.

All the equipment used for the trip has been donated. From personal donations to major company sponsors like The North Face, Tubergen and his friends have been given all they need to make it from one end of the country to the other. All that’s left for them is the training.

With winter weather in Michigan, Tubergen said it’s been hard to practice outside biking, something he doesn’t have much experience doing. He’s been doing a lot of running and cross training to prepare.

“It’s pretty intense, but I’m not nervous yet, just excited,” he said.

Benefit Concert

This Friday, April 18, Tubergen and a few of his classmates will put on a benefit concert to promote and inform students about the purpose of his summer bike trip and the organization he and his friends are supporting. Held at the Leaf and Bean Coffee House at 451 Columbia Ave. in Holland, student groups from Hope and surrounding schools will perform for the cause.

The cost is one dollar to get in the door, and will include taking donations and selling t-shirts to raise money as well.

“It’s really a lot about awareness, to encourage people give to Project Rwanda,” Tubergen said. Visit their website for more information on their trip, including their route and their blog at www.therideforrwanda.org.
Olympic-sized problems face China

International community experiences protests; Chinese government scrutinized over policies

Laura Stritzke
St. Thomas (W)

The Olympics are normally an event to promote international community, but this year they are attracting controversy. The Olympic torch relay around the world began in Mt. Olympia, Greece March 24 and will end in Beijing Aug. 8 during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games. At every step the torch has been met by protestors.

The international community is rising due to China's human rights policies regarding Tibet. China took Tibet by force in 1951, and the area has been a source of turmoil ever since. On March 10, Buddhist monks and ethnic Tibetans were protesting for their freedom from China's control when Chinese security forces intervened, and the situation turned violent. A market place was burned and, according to the New York Times, 16 people were killed, although there is no official casualty count because the press is not in the country.

Anti-China protestors came out in high numbers on April 6 in London, causing scuffles and several arrests along the torch's path. The next day officials feared for chaos and changed the torch's route last minute in order to side-step the protests.

China's Foreign Ministry lashed out against the protests and said, "We express our strong condemnation to the deliberate disruption of the Olympic torch relay by Tibetan separatist forces."

World leaders such as Gordon Brown, prime minister of London, and Nicolas Sarkozy, president of France, have expressed their intention to boycott the Olympic opening ceremony to express their disapproval of China's actions. Presidential candidates Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama have called on President Bush to boycott the ceremony, while Sen. John McCain says the president should keep his options open. Currently, President Bush does not intend to boycott the ceremony. "I do not view the Olympics as a political event; I see them as a sporting event," Bush said.

International community coming together despite problems

Hope College student Esther Dwyer (DF) disagrees. "The Olympics are about the global community coming together despite problems," Dwyer said. "No country that hosts the Olympics is going to be perfect; however, China did promise to change certain things to get the bid to host the Olympics and they haven't come through with those promises."

Dwyer believes China's hosting the event could turn out to be a positive thing. "This is an opportunity for China to be forced into making some changes in their human rights policies because it gives the rest of the world a voice to directly question China about their behavior," Dwyer said.

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Zimbabwe election leads to controversy

Christopher Broe
Guest Writer

Political unrest continues to cause tension across the nation of Zimbabwe as opposition leaders plan to challenge a result in the country's recent election vote. The controversy stems from a suspected delay in the release of the election results. The opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), claims that the 28-year-old president, Robert Mugabe is just buying time in order to rig the results.

The decision fails to satisfy opposition leaders who pushed for the council to pressure Mugabe to resign. The MDC will challenge the upcoming recount, that they claim is intended to help Mugabe win the election results in his favor.

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The raid was prompted by a confidential source, who said that people being held at the ranch were being held against their will by the sect.

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Missile defense system fails to launch

Considered around the world as warm, President George W. Bush met with Russia's president, Vladimir Putin in Slovenia; their first encounter was short. Putin had the alliance of Ukraine and Georgia in their goal to join NATO. Putin was also upset by Bush's endorsement of the plan to place missile interceptors and radars in Poland and the Czech Republic, something that has cost the U.S. billions of dollars in planning and development. These interceptors and radars would interfere with the Russian defense system and would undermine Russia's position as a powerful nation. Putin, however, shot back by claiming the plan to be no more than a protection of the United States but Europe and possibly Russia as well from missiles discharged by enemy nations in the Middle East. Hope College political science professor Jack Holmes, responding to reports, said, "The U.S. relationship with Russia is an important and evolving one...the U.S. should stand for its principles and national interests, but at the same time situations should be settled whenever feasible."

With all the goodbye rhetoric in play, it is not far from the world's minds that though Bush will step down as president in January of 2009, Putin is hardly going anywhere. Although he cannot run for a third consecutive term, Putin will be working as prime minister of Russia under his chosen successor, Dmitri Medvedev. Putin could be president of Russia once again due to a loophole in the Russian democratic system that allows a former president to run again after a four-year pause. He has claimed that this is exactly his plan, and the Russian people thus far seem to be behind him. "The incoming American president will have to address the U.S.-Russia relationship on a regular basis," Holmes said. Bush is planning to meet with Medvedev to create a relationship and set up grounds for a somewhat new start between Russia and the U.S. He has also been setting forth a suggested plan regarding to Russia and nuclear proliferation as well as counter-terrorism for whoever will be voted to take his place come November 2008 as president of the United States.

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MAGIC WITH COLOR AND LIGHT— Rose, Rachel Wells ('08), meets the Rime Witch, Whitney Thomas ('08).

‘Rose and the Rime’ heads to capital city

HOPE— It has been a year since “Rose and the Rime” originally appeared on the DeWitt stage. Now, the cast and crew are back together one more time.

The Hope College theatre production of “Rose and the Rime” is one of a select group of plays nationwide invited to be presented during the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (ACTF) National Festival in Washington, D.C., in April.

“Rose and the Rime,” which was written at the college, is one of only three full-length college/university-staged plays chosen for this year’s national festival highlighting the eight ACTF regional festivals held around the U.S. in January and February.

“Rose and the Rime” was the only production from the ACTF and Hope’s-choral groups. Choral, directed by Dr. Southard Rehrman, won a combined effort performance of "September Canticle" by Robert Shaw, Felix Mendelssohn, and Richard Wagner.

For the first time the Hope College Theatre Department will allow you to follow the happenings through their new blog as they travel to Washington D.C. Look for posts from faculty, cast members and crew members in the coming weeks.

To keep up with what they are up to in and leading up to their D.C. trip, log in at www.RoseandtheRime.blogspot.com.

Another, Cindy Gold, said “It felt like we were creating a new kind of theater.”

— Theater professional Cindy Gold

When and Where

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 pm Sophomore Recital - Sally Vanderveer - flute, Dimnent Chapel

7:30 pm Sophomore Recital - Michelle Pascoe - flute, Wichers Auditorium

9:00 pm General Recital, Christopher Turbessi - piano, Dimnent Chapel

Saturday, April 19

6:00 pm Junior Recital, Alexander Hammme - viola, Wichers Auditorium

6:00 pm Senior Recital, Aleksandra Hamzic - violin, Wichers Auditorium

Talking with the writer, Karen Joy Fowler, says, “The main thing is that you have fun. And the more you enjoy yourself, the greater the chance of connecting with someone else.”

Karen Joy Fowler is a well-known writer and a visiting professor at Hope College. She is known for her novel "The Jane Austen Book Club," which was recently adapted into a major motion picture starring Lynn Redgrave, Maria Bello and Hugh Dancy.

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VISITING WRITERS SERIES

The Jack Bli! Visiting Writers Series of Hope College will feature fiction writer Karen Joy Fowler on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Knecht Auditorium. The public is invited and admission free. Karen Joy Fowler is the author of several novels and short story collections, including "The Jane Austen Book Club," a novel widely popular with readers and critics alike. Michael Dirda wrote in "The Washington Post Book World" that "Karen Joy Fowler creates a novel that is so winsome, so touching, so delicately sly that admirers of Persuasion and Emma will simply sigh with happiness."

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from learning disabilities to vision and hearing impairments.

The men’s basketball team found themselves playing a new type of game on Wednesday, one with new rules. They competed against some of the best players in the country, the Grand Rapids Pacers Wheelchair Basketball team.

The complexity that exists within and around the characters are very realistic and interesting.

Chick, Lawrence’s “adopted” brother who is a backseat to the other aspects of the movie. The most interesting aspects of this movie to highlight the family dynamics.

(grade: 8.5/10)

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Letters from abroad:

Students expound on what to expect from your May term abroad

Christine Hosteller
Guest Writer

Puerto Escondido, Mexico

Trip Advisor: Dr. Robin Klay
Terms: May and June

Classes and Credits: 10 credits-2 for prep and 8 in Mexico. Senior Seminar, Internships in ministry, nursing, teaching, physical therapy, science.

Housing: Homestays with Mexican families

Activities: Building a Habitat for Humanity home, visiting the La Reforma Waterfall, exploring Oaxaca City, visiting the Zapotec Ruins

Megan, Sweet (‘10): “I’m really excited to live with the family and get to know them over a full two months. I feel a little bit like I will become a member of the community. This may be harder than anything I’ve ever done— it’ll be a big stretch, but it will also be an amazing growing experience.”

Liverpool-Hope University, UK

Trip Advisors: Professor C. Baars Bulman and Professor Laura Park

Classes and Credits: Students receive four credits—elementary education program students take Literacy II; the secondary education program students take Secondary Principles and Methods.

Housing: Dorms

Ryan Sweet (‘08): “Some of the memories I will hold onto forever will be hanging out at the Cavern Club (this is where the Beatles first made their mark on society), researching for my History 499 paper.”

Galapagos Islands:

Trip Advisor: Professor Harvey Blankespoor

Term: May

Classes and Credits: Biology credit; possible Senior Seminar credit if arranged through the Registrar’s Office.

Activities: Service and philanthropy projects with local schools and orphanages

Housing: Roofed huts with bunk beds and mosquito netting for the first week, houseboats

Josh Warner (‘08): “There is nothing else like the Galapagos Islands on this planet; visiting there is like stepping into a nature documentary. It was my first time to a country whose primary language was not English. I am not fluent in Spanish, which made me a bit nervous. I was struck by how friendly and helpful Ecuadorians were.”

Activities in Holland during May

Meghan Fore
Assistant Features Editor

Tulip Time Festival 2008:

Saturday, May 03 - Saturday, May 10
Tulip Time is one of the best small town festivals in the country with three exciting parades, klompen dancing, big name entertainment, free concerts, music and variety shows, a Dutch market, trolley tours, children’s events, fireworks and much more.

Tulip Time Runs:
8K, 5K & 1K Kids Fun Run
Saturday, May 03, 8 a.m.
-Christ Memorial Church

Beginning at Christ Memorial Church, this family fun event will get your heart rate up and please your senses as you wind through the Historic District of downtown Holland, filled with thousands of beautiful blooming tulips and flowering trees.

Tulip Time Art and Craft Fair
Saturday, May 03, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
-Centennial Park

Over 130 exhibitors, located in the center of town, provide a variety of fine arts and original crafts at the 8th annual Tulip Time Art & Craft Fair.

Admission: Free

Tulip Time Dutch Marktplaats
Tuesday, May 06, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
-Civic Center

Over 50 vendors participate in this market to provide you with freshly harvested produce, flowers and plants. The majority of products sold at this market are locally grown. Baked goods, cheese, eggs and meats are also available. The Market is full of activities including street performers, cooking demonstrations, things for kids to do and even tips and training from the area's master gardeners.

Admission: Free

Other Fun Events in May:

River City Improv
Tuesday, May 06, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
-Knickerbocker Theater

River City Improv performs short-form improvisational comedy based on audience suggestions. Their style of clean, wholesome humor and witty Improv is similar to that seen on ABC’s “Whose Line is it Anyway?” Approximately 60 minutes.

Admission: $18.00

Farmers Market Opens for the Season
Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 a.m.
-Eighth Street Marketplace

Over 50 vendors participate in this market to provide you with freshly harvested produce, flowers and plants. The majority of products sold at this market are locally grown. Baked goods, cheese, eggs and meats are also available. The Market is full of activities including street performers, cooking demonstrations, things for kids to do and even tips and training from the area's master gardeners.

Admission provided by www.holland.org
In pursuit of knowledge

Evelyn Daniel

Dialogue needed

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Rumbleweeds

Jeremy Benson

The idiotbox

Usually, when I sit down to write this column, I think about what's been happening on campus, what's been happening in the world and what I've been thinking about. I settle on something, sort of make it entertaining and send it off to my editors. But this time, as I boot up my computer, my mind is blank. This might be due to the White Sox, while in Rohan, down, I find myself having to say goodbye to one of my roommates is tearing me apart. Not next year.

I usually hate goodbyes. I've never been neat freak, smelly chick who I had nothing in common with and who would drive me to the brink of insanity. So, I opened that letter, prepared for the worst. And to my absolute horror, there were two cards: one wasn't coming back because I love one of them more than the other, but because one isn't coming back because 1 expected to arrive here when I started writing this column. And while I want nothing more than for her to succeed and reach her full potential, part of me (maybe a bigger part than I'd like to admit) is very selfish and wants her to stay. But I know God has a plan for her, and in the end her leaving won't end our friendship that has grown so strong throughout my time at Hope.

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From the inside out

Gina Holder

Hard to say goodbye

I really hate goodbyes. I've never been very good at them; the idea of leaving people or having people leave me just freaks me out. But as the year winds down, I find myself having to say goodbye to my friends, classes and my roommates who I have grown to love so much. And while most of these goodbyes are only temporary, a goodbye to one of my roommates is tearing me apart. Not next year.

I remember the exact day we got our roommate cards in the mail. I was panicking about getting some psycho, trashy, neat freak, smelly chick who I had nothing in common with and who would drive me to the brink of insanity. So, I opened that letter, prepared for the worst. And to my absolute horror, there were two cards: one wasn't coming back because I love one of them more than the other, but because one isn't coming back because 1 expected to arrive here when I started writing this column. And while I want nothing more than for her to succeed and reach her full potential, part of me (maybe a bigger part than I'd like to admit) is very selfish and wants her to stay. But I know God has a plan for her, and in the end her leaving won't end our friendship that has grown so strong throughout my time at Hope.

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Letters to the Editors

Derogatory use of ‘gay’ unacceptable

To the Editors:

In the past four years here at Hope College, many things have stirred my emotions. If you know me then you are aware that I have a tendency to constantly demand change and progress. Often times my frustrations have been directed towards people in positions of authority, however, something has occurred to me in the past few months that has finally pushed me to speak out and address the entire campus because we are the ones to blame.

On a Saturday night earlier this month, I was walking to a friend’s house. It was late and I was alone. As I was just about a block away from my destination a car pulled into the driveway in front of me. The driver made a u-turn and I was alone. As I was just about a block away from the house I was staying at, I was alone.

It didn’t even know these guys. What did they have against me? Now you see, you may not realize it yet, but I’ve just shown you the extreme issue that has been bothering me. As I’ve thought about it, I realized what a common thing this is on campus. People are mean to each other for no apparent reason at all. As a sort of joke, I like to call it a “random act of unkindness.” As we know, in all just, there is some truth. This, however, is the lesser of the issues at hand.

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Student’s photo wins first place

SHEEP GO TO HEAVEN—“Sheep Traffic Jam,” a photo taken by Tarin Coulas ’08, won first place in this year’s Alumni Photo Contest sponsored by AustraLearn.

The contest received more than 350 submissions from students throughout the United States and Canada who had studied in Australia, New Zealand or the South Pacific through AustraLearn. Coulas won for her photograph “Sheep Traffic Jam,” which shows a lone car surrounded by a throng of sheep crossing the road. At the winter solstice, it is recognized on the AustraLearn website, which shows the photograph, and will also receive additional prize-related materials from the program.

Coulas spent the spring of 2007 studying at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. She photographed the road-crossing scene in February of that year on South Island, New Zealand, on a highway between Milford Sound and Te Anau.

“I think it does a very good job of summing up Kiwi lifestyle— it is so laid back you don’t get stuck in traffic jams, but rather sheep jams,” she said.

“We ended up having to wait for about 45 minutes to let all of the sheep come through! It was an experience!”

The first-, second- and third-place photos in the contest were chosen by Keral Goodkin, editor and chief of “Glimpse Magazine.” Of Coulas’s photo, Goodkin noted, “On message and composition— this photographer is the clear winner. The choice to focus the image around the point at which the flock meets the horizon rather than around the vehicle brilliantly represents...”
Lacrosse clubs aim high in spring season

James Ralston
Sports Editor

The Hope College lacrosse clubs are coming to the conclusion of what has been a season affected heavily by the weather. Despite Mother Nature’s attempts, each team has participated in strong contests.

The women’s program finished their season April 5, as their remaining two games were cancelled. Despite the setbacks, the team has had many successes.

“Our goal is to compete against top teams in our region and get as far as possible,” Ashley Timpner (‘09) said. “I’m just sorry we were not able to play as many games due to cancellations beyond our control.”

The season was shortened to eight total games due to weather, and the young team was able to improve throughout the season and finish with some close games.

“Our greatest game had to be against North Western Illinois. We just played smart lacrosse,” Timpner said. “We were aggressive but very clean. We played hard and did a really good job of communicating as a team.”

On top of the competitive aspect of the team, Cardinal Lamarre (‘19) pointed out a unique quality of the women’s lacrosse team.

“I feel as though the women’s lacrosse team is one of the few sports teams at Hope that you can join without any experience and just come out and learn,” Lamarre said. “I think girls who have experience are more than willing to take you under their wing and help you learn.”

The men’s team has had more success with the weather and has been able to get more games in. They also have a few weeks of play remaining. The team currently holds a 3-4 record despite injury problems.

“We’ve been plagued by injuries which has been tough,” senior captain Keith Trojniak (‘08) said. “But people have really stepped up to fill in the positions that are needed. We’ve had some good newcomers improving a lot and taking on key roles.”

The team hopes to continue in order to build team chemistry.

WE WILL BE UP TO THE CHALLENGE

The Hope College lacrosse clubs team practices earlier this week. The team faces Calvin College on April 19.

The men aim to win their regional tournament and finish in the top three. "We want to play like it is our last game, with heart and desire. It will come down to whether we can execute on the field as we have prepared in practice," coach Eva Folkert said.

Calvin, the team will head into the end of the season with both conference and regional tournaments.

“Our goals in the tournaments at the end of the season are to win the next round because we feel we are a good team and just come out and learn,” Folkert said. "We want to play like it is our last game, with heart and desire. It will come down to whether we can execute on the field as we have prepared in practice.”

In Brief

The MIAA Players of the Week

The MIAA Players of the Week will be announced later in the week.

The Hope College hockey team was named the MIAA Players of the Week.

The team will host the next regionals and compete against Calvin College.

The team will be up to the challenge in order to get ready, but tournaments are the best way to get ready for nationals.”

Although the men have experienced poor weather like the women’s team, they were able to play over the team’s spring break to help the Dutch improve their record to 6-2 for the week. Van Enk only walked one batter and struck out 11. She also helped the team in offense by batting .375 (3 for 8).

In addition to the two honors, Jessica Regnerus (‘08) broke Hope’s all-time stolen base record. Regnerus has four stolen bases in the Illinois Wesleyan University Tournament on April 11 and 12, which improved her career total to 66 surpassing the old record of 62. Regnerus improves her record to 13-for-15 stolen bases this year and is 66-for-76 over her career.

HOLLAND POLICE PLAY FRATERNITY TO Benefit CHILDREN

Hope College’s Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity will team up with the Holland Police Department for a charity basketball game to benefit the children of Lori and Ken DeKleine. Funds raised will go to towards supporting the children, whose mother was recently killed. The game will take place on Tuesday April 22 at 7 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse. Tickets will be sold for three dollars each and will be available at the DeVos ticket office.

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SPORTS

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

From playing in 30 degree weather to hitting golf balls off pads in the Dow Center, the Hope College men’s and women’s golf teams are doing all they can to play their best golf for the spring season. The men’s team has already qualified for the national tournament by winning the MIAA title in the fall season, while the women are trying to improve on their fall performances.

The men, led by four seniors Ryan Sheets, Tommy Yamada, Matt Libham and Steve Mantindle, already won the Manchester College tournament by four strokes on April 12. Most recently, on Monday, the Dutch men traveled to the Spring Arbor University Tournament, where they placed second losing by only five shots.

Despite already having an invitation to the national tournament, the team is still focused on competing well leading up to nationals.

“This spring we are down to business to win events and the competition has been different than the fall,” senior captain Yamaoka said. “We are trying to prove we are the top team in our region.”

In trying to stay competitive this spring, the men’s and women’s teams have struggled with adverse weather conditions and getting opportunities to practice outdoors on the course.

On the women’s side, coach Eva Folkert uses the Dow Center’s racquetball courts.

“We’re only able to get in three times inside,” Folkert said. “We only have one hitting pad and have to share the four other pads at the Dow Center with other teams.”

While only having limited space and practice time, Folkert was pleased with the women’s fourth place finish at an MIAA tournament.

“We stayed consistent with how we finished up last fall by finishing fourth,” Folkert said. “We played pretty good with only four or five days of practice. I was actually pretty heartened by that (355 team total).”

Similar to the women, the men have tried to do all they can in dealing with the weather and have placed third or better in every tournament this spring.

“It has been a tough spring for us with the weather not co-operating,” Yamaoka said. “We have practiced in doors and outdoors to get ready, but tournaments are the best way to get ready for nationals.”

The men travel to the Zoller Golf Course for their final 36-hole MIAA tournament this weekend.

THE MEDALIST is probably one of the top three most difficult teams in the league,” Folkert said. “It is tight and has a number of places with carry over averages.”

Folkert is hoping the upperclassmen will be able to rely on past experiences at the Medalist to help them around the tough course.

“They (upperclassmen) have their scouting report on that course with journals in their bags,” Folkert said. “It is a very good test to the upperclassmen to educate (the underclassmen).”

Even if the team does not qualify for the NCAA tournament, captain Julie Hoogerhyde (‘08) has a shot to qualify individually. Hoogerhyde has led the team in scoringaveraging 83 strokes overall.

Folkert has enjoyed coaching Hoogerhyde ever since she was six. “She didn’t play in the fall of her freshman and junior years, but she’s a student with a lot of interests which is great,” Folkert said. “She has been a fantastic leader this year and done well with that.”

On the men’s side, the NCAA tournament on May 13-16 is already in their future. It is only a matter of stepping up and performing at that point.

“As a team, we want to play like any other tournament and try to win,” Yamada said. “We have the talent to do it, and we will take it one round at a time.”

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“It has been a tough spring for us with the weather not co-operating,” Yamaoka said. “We have practiced in doors and outdoors to get ready, but tournaments are the best way to get ready for nationals.”

The men travel to the Zoller Golf Course for their final 36-hole MIAA tournament this weekend.

THE MEDALIST is probably one of the top three most difficult teams in the league,” Folkert said. “It is tight and has a number of places with carry over averages.”

Folkert is hoping the upperclassmen will be able to rely on past experiences at the Medalist to help them around the tough course.

“They (upperclassmen) have their scouting report on that course with journals in their bags,” Folkert said. “It is a very good test to the upperclassmen to educate (the underclassmen).”

Even if the team does not qualify for the NCAA tournament, captain Julie Hoogerhyde (‘08) has a shot to qualify individually. Hoogerhyde has led the team in scoringaveraging 83 strokes overall.

Folkert has enjoyed coaching Hoogerhyde ever since she was six. “She didn’t play in the fall of her freshman and junior years, but she’s a student with a lot of interests which is great,” Folkert said. “She has been a fantastic leader this year and done well with that.”

On the men’s side, the NCAA tournament on May 13-16 is already in their future. It is only a matter of stepping up and performing at that point.

“As a team, we want to play like any other tournament and try to win,” Yamada said. “We have the talent to do it, and we will take it one round at a time.”

The Hope College golf teams play through schedule and weather conditions to improve on their fall performances.
Athlete profile: tennis player John Pelton

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This season, the Hope College men’s tennis team has remained undefeated in the MIAA. In addition to the team, John Pelton ('09) has also managed to keep a perfect record in conference play. In the number one singles position, Pelton has only lost three matches all year.

Last year, Pelton’s circumstances were much different, since he was playing as number five singles and had a perfect record in conference play. In the number one singles team, John Pelton ('09) has also managed to keep a perfect record in the MIAA. In addition to the number one singles team, Pelton has only lost three matches all year.

In adjusting to Hope College and the tennis team, Pelton was well received and has enjoyed his experience thus far.

"It's actually been pretty easy," Pelton said. "Everyone has been super nice, and the team is a bunch of great guys.

Captain John Schlotz ('09) has also noticed Pelton's impact on the team. "Pelton gets along great with the team," Schlotz said. "He fits right in with the family that is Hope College and the tennis team."

The transition from Division I to Division III athletics has been noticeable by Pelton. Everything from the play to the mindset operates a little differently.

"The difference is definitely there," Pelton said. "Winning is a little less important and it isn't everything. At Western, winning was almost our job, but the level of play was great."

Pelton has brought a new definition of work ethic to this team in more ways than one," Schlotz said. "Playing against people better than yourself is the best way to improve your game, and, therefore, the whole team has benefited skill-wise with him being on the team."

Despite coming from a Division I program, Pelton still faces tough competition. This season two out of Pelton's three losses were to Aquinas' number one singles player Pat Bruning.

"He's a very good player," Pelton said. "I played well in both matches. Maybe I could have been a little more aggressive from the baseline, but I didn't play poorly."

Looking ahead, Hope will play Calvin College on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Pelton and the team faced Calvin earlier this year at the West Michigan Invitation, which was a non-scoring event.

"I know they are supposed to be very good," Pelton said. "I'm sure it will be an intense match.

"Along with switching programs, Pelton has adjusted his personal goals. Admittedly, Pelton was not sure about how he would perform individually at the Division III level.

"To be honest, I did not know what to expect and what the level of competition would be," Pelton said. "I definitely wanted to beat the players in the conference. I want to go to nationals but don't know if that's a realistic goal."

Currently, Hope is second in the conference rankings at 3-0 and 12-6 overall. Kalamazoo College is leading the MIAA standings at 4-0. Hope will face Kalamazoo at home on April 22 at 4 p.m.

The conference season will conclude with the MIAA tournament at Kalamazoo April 25-27. Last year, Kalamazoo defeated Calvin College 7-2 for the title.