John Cox receives award

Prof John Cox, of the English faculty, has been awarded a prestigious fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to support research and writing. Cox received the award for his current book project, called "Shakespeare Thinking." The book interprets Shakespeare's writing in light of important philosophical questions, including questions about God, goodness and evil, and how humans know what they know.

Financial aid reminder

Remember to file for financial aid for the 2004-2005 school year during the month of January. Hope College requires two applications — the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the college’s own Supplemental Application for Financial Aid (SAF). You can access both of these 2004-05 forms after January 1 at http://www.hope.edu/admissions/financialaid/

The date for filing your financial aid application in March 1.

Contact the office of financial aid at financialaid@hope.edu.

Mackenzie Smith

Rev. Trygve Johnson, a candidate for the vacant Dean of the Chapel position, will be returning to Hope’s campus today. Johnson is, thus far, the only potential dean of chapel to visit campus. This will be his second visit to Hope. During his first visit last semester, he preached at a chapel service and at the Sunday evening Gathering. He also participated in numerous interviews with faculty and staff members.

The Hope community’s response to Johnson’s visit was generally positive. Paul Boersma, director of campus ministries, said there were several themes that Johnson’s faculty interviewers approved of. “They took a strong liking to his educational background. In small groups he had good people skills and good leadership skills too,” said Boersma.

The responsibility for selecting a new dean falls to a search committee composed of three students, five faculty members, four members of the administration and one Board of Trustees member. This committee was created last March, after Tim Brown announced he would not be returning to his position as dean in the fall.

Amy Zwart ’04 is one of the committee’s members. “Rev. Johnson has been invited to return to our campus because we as a committee felt that his original visit did not include sufficient interaction with students to provide the necessary feedback,” Zwart said.

Boersma, in his role as a member of the search committee, said that the committee is focusing on his background as a pastor and his experience in multicultural ministry. "We are looking for someone who can bring a fresh perspective to the role of dean," he said.

The committee plans to interview additional candidates in the near future and hopes to make a decision on the new dean by early March.

Winter Haps is ahead

Becky Lathrop

With piles of snow and freezing temperatures, winter has once again struck with full force, but winter-time isn’t solely about cold fingers and icy roads.

Along with all of the seemingly inevitable irritations, comes many fun and exciting events throughout the community, including Hope’s own Winter Happening. Hosted by the office of Public and Community Relations, Winter Happening is an annual on-campus event designed for the community. This year will be the 26th annual "Happening" and everyone is encouraged to come.

With a variety of different seminars and sporting events to attend, it is a fun filled and informative day for everyone. All seminars are free, but it is asked that those planning to attend the seminars inform the administrator of your intentions.

The event will be held on January 24th at 1 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The event will feature a wide variety of seminars and sporting events, including a "Soul Food" dinner on January 22nd for students with meal plans. To follow, several choirs will present a "Gospel Praise" service at noon.

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Along with his faithful canine companion Elvis, Dr. Timothy Penning will be lecturing at 11 a.m. on “Do Dogs Know Calcul- lus?” Having taught in Hope’s department of Mathematics since 1988, this is not the first time that Penning has spoken at a Winter Happening event: “About six or seven years ago I spoke on the theory of chaos,” said Penning. This, along with the infinite, is where his professional interests lie. “When Lynn Powe came this year to ask the department if anyone had a seminar idea, I mentioned doing a talk with Elvis,” said Penning. “With all of the recognition that I have been getting recently in the mathematical, scientific and even religious world, it seemed like a great opportunity.”

Elvis’s calculus abilities became known to Pennings during a game of “fetch” on a Lake Michigan beach. Knowing that a standard calculus problem is one in which the quickest path from a point on shore to a point in the lake (given that running speed is greater than swimming speed), Pennings noticed that the paths Elvis took were very similar to the paths predicted by the calculus.

In his seminar, Pennings will reveal the information that was found when this canine ability was experimentally tested. The media attention that they have received will also be covered, which includes recognition from the Queen of Eng- land.

The research is also being in- cluded in a book about the most surprising scientific experiments of the past 700 years, written by a Swiss author.

Following the morning seminars, a luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the Haworth Inn and Confer- ence Center Ball- room. The program will feature Hope’s new women’s a capella group, Luniscence. This event is $13 per person.

In the afternoon, community members are invited to come sup- port Hope’s athletic teams compet- ing with men’s and women’s swimming at 1 p.m., followed by women’s basketball vs. Tri-State Indiana at 3 p.m. and Men’s bas- ketball vs. Kalamazoo at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets to the men’s basket- ball game are five dollars; all other sporting events are free of charge.

We’re pleased that so many people are excited about the chance to come and hear our professors.

—Lynne Powe, co-director of Winter Happening

also commented on the decision to ask Johnson back for a second visit. “After he came the first time, the committee took all the information we got from people and through the next couple weeks, we processed that,” said Boersma.

The responses were generally positive, but one of the areas we didn’t get enough information from was the students,” Boersma commented, echoing Zwart. “This visit will be highly student-oriented.”

Johnson’s strong background as a scholar, while appealing to faculty, not a mixed reaction among students. “Some students liked his teaching, the depth and density of his message and some very much did not like it,” Boersma said.

The committee arranged this second visit specifically to receive student feedback. Those who are interested will have an opportunity to learn more about Johnson and to voice their opinions.

Several meetings will be arranged between today and next Tuesday, during which Johnson will be able to share his vision for Hope’s campus and the reasons he is attracted to the dean position. Time will also be available for question and answer sessions.

Boersma hopes that these meetings will be an op- portunity for “students to get a look at Johnson’s heart.”

Johnson’s résumé was distributed to students prior to his last visit. He is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. He re- ceived his Masters of Divinity and Theolog- ical Seminary and his bachelor’s degree from North- western College in Iowa. His professional experiences include serving as Northwestern’s chaplain, a pastoral interning in the Church in Holland and a chaplain intern here at Hope College.

Johnson is not the only candidate being considered for the position, Zwart added, saying, “We have oth- ers who are many of the credentials for the job.”

“Whether or not they will be invited to visit campu- ses depends on this visit,” added Boersma.

Hannah Rapson (‘04) creates her self portrait in one of her last art classes before graduation. After graduation, Rapson is looking forward to seeing where life takes her.
Hope students see Godly workings over break

INFOCUS

Erin L'Hotta

God worked in vast and mysterious ways within many Hope students during the three and a half weeks of Christmas break. On Dec. 12, the fall semester rolled to an end, and students went their separate ways, be it home within Michigan, California or across the world. Although these students had physical distance between them, they had the common bond of Christ working in their lives, even if they did not believe so at the time.

For many Hope students, home is a restful place where their family wraps their loving Christian arms around them. For these students, there is nothing like home. Katie Stacy ('05) rejoiced in her home arrival. Even as she ages and her role within the family changes, Stacy still feels comforted by her home church on Christmas. After taking part in a Christmas candle lighting, a 16th floor peace, even though the rest of the world appeared to be changing.

"There is something constant about my church. I love the fellowship, the family and the community," Stacy said.

"At Hope there is a community, but it's a different community than at home." Ben Hilldore ('04) was another Hope student who experienced God creating a community over Christmas by inviting an additional member to his community - his fiancé.

"This was my first Christmas with my fiancé. I was so nice to have her involved during Christmas since it was me, her and my immediate family all together," said Hilldore.

Since Paula Grahmann's ('06) parents are missionaries in Kiev, she participated in Urbana Missions Conference, a five-day gathering of 20,000 people worshipping and hearing speakers on missions work.

"Urbana was amazing since there were so many people that shared the same belief in one room," said Grahmann. "During this time I worked hard to give myself going on a short term mission. I'm not just going to float around."

For Stacy, Hilldore and Grahmann, God's presence was known and experienced over break, but for some this was not the case. Amanda Bertlinski ('06) said the transition from Hope to Christmas was difficult. Bertlinski comes from a Christian home, but the emphasis on Christmas is almost non-existent.

"I've never really liked evangelism," said Ritter. "It was too small talk, asking me how college was. There was no vulnerability with sharing real feelings or prayer requests. I've never really liked evangelism before, but after seeing such lack of Christ's presence, I feel convicted to share God with them."

Paula Grahmann ('06) was one of 50 Hope students who attended the Urbana Conference over Christmas break.

"We aren't the type of family that shares the news, but reflects on Christ on Christmas, although I would expect this since we all say we are Christian," said Bertlinski. "It's harder because at Hope, Christ is presented to you with lots of outlets. At home there is no emphasis on Christ."

During the fall of 1999, the Commission began accepting complaints from consumers via telephone at 1-877-IDT-HEFT. The number of complaints received has doubled every year since its inception.

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If you don't know who is asking for your social security number, don't give it out.

—Chad Wolters,
Sgt., Campus Safety

FRAUD IS NOT JUST AN ABSTRACT PROBLEM; COLLEAGUES SHOULD BE AWARE

INFOCUS

Jenny Cencer

Every year, over 10 million people are victims of identity theft crimes and students are particularly susceptible. Businesses, the elderly, and anyone who utilizes their Social Security number (SSN) frequently are also vulnerable.

Robert Paige, the U.S. secretary of education says students "get a lot of credit-card applications, but aren't concerned about how those applications are disposed of. Students also tend not to check their credit record and balances... fraud can go undetected for months."

Student Alicia Gill of Howard University says, "Fighting identity theft and repairing damaged credit is extremely hard for college students who don't have the time and money to defend themselves."

The U.S. Department of Education offers students advice: "Don't leave Social Security numbers in places where people can copy them; check credit-card statements for unfamiliar purchases; and install security software or hardware on computers."

Another problem is that student-identification numbers are often similar or even identical to each student's SSN. This was true at Hope in the past. After all, using social security numbers throughout campus created one less string of numbers to memorize. The ID codes were later revised, however, to prevent crimes including unauthorized access to records, impersonations of students, and stolen credit cards.

Hope College's policy concerning situations of credit card fraud and identity theft relies on immediate contact with the campus safety department by the victim. Campus safety will initiate a recovery process of the perpetrator.

This would involve a Holland Police Department investigation and utilize the services of companies such as TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. This collaboration allows police and campus safety officers to jointly track the card by analyzing recorded videos from specific stores which appear on the credit cards.

Victims are told to stop payments, contact the bank, and initiate a flag account. This account will enable the user to create personal questions as a precautionary code in order to block unauthorized access to records, information or procuring funds illegally.

Sergeant Chad Wolters of campus safety advises, "If you don't know who is asking for your social security number, don't give it out... if they insist on a number, they're probably not legit. Also, check your bills and be careful on internet sites."

To prevent all fraudulent acts nationally, Congress enacted the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act through the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 1998. "Moreover, "Congress directed the Commission to establish procedures to: 1. Log the receipt of complaints by victims of identity theft; 2. Provide identity theft victims with informational materials; and 3. Refer complaints to appropriate entities, including the major national consumer reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies" (pg. 1, FTC Overview of the Identity Theft Program).

During the fall of 1999, the Commission also began accepting complaints from consumers via telephone at 1-877-IDT-HEFT. The number of complaints received has doubled every year since its inauguration.

"Callers to the telephone hotline receive counseling from specially trained personnel who help guide victims through the steps needed to resolve the problems resulting from the misuse of their identities" (pg. 1). The FTC has also created a website focused upon identity theft (www.consumer.gov/idtheft). This site provides information as well as a protected complaint form. Those who witness identity theft can download resources that will aide in reclaiming credit records, such as the FTC's fourth edition consumer booklet, "Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name."

The FTC is also collaborating with several institutions to insure the security of personal information. "Last year," for instance, "the FTC invited representatives from financial institutions, credit issuers, attorneys, and retailers to an informal roundtable discussion of how to prevent unauthorized access to personal information in employee and customer records" (pg. 3).

The efforts of this colloquium will soon be available to the public through a self-assessment guide. This guide will improve organizations' ability to organize personal information and security procedures.

The FTC continued to its effort to conquer identity theft problems with the passage of Section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act on January 1, 2004. One part of the proposal introduces "red flag" indicators of identity theft. Banking staffs now have the opportunity to "identify and maintain a list of red flag indicators of identity theft for use in their oversight of financial institutions they regulate." (pg. 6).

For example, if there is a question of identity between a consumer and a member of the banking staff, the bank will have on file a set of personal questions that only the consumer would know the correct answer to.

Future objectives of the FTC include improving relationships with law enforcement and government agencies, "to promote the investigation and prosecution of identity thieves, to capture more data on identity theft; and to provide more extensive analysis of such data" (pg. 6).
New art faculty exhibit shines

Maureen Yonovitz
ARTS EDITOR

This past semester, Hope's art department introduced two new faculty members: Katherine Sullivan and Israel Davis. Last Friday, these two artists made a faculty members: Katherine Sullivan and Israel Davis. Last Friday, these two artists made an exhibit debut in an exhibit sponsored by the Art Department called "Debuts," which was held at the DePree Gallery. "It's really a way of introducing Israel and I to Hope and introducing Hope to us," Sullivan said. "Giving them a chance to see what we do."

Sullivan's contribution to the show comprises two different bodies of work. The first group includes small paintings from an ongoing sea paint series that started in 2000. The second is a series of figure paintings that started in 2002. This is the first time the figures have been shown as a group, and Sullivan believes the seascapes complement these pieces nicely.

"We decided to include the seascapes because the formal decisions in the figure paintings often came directly out of things that happened in the sea paint series," Sullivan said.

Sullivan explained that she usually spends two to three weeks working on the seascapes, a week and a half in the fall and a week and a half in the spring. "I see them as a vacation from the studio paintings," Sullivan said. According to Davis, his work in the show primarily consists of clay prints that have a documentary-style theme with topics ranging from consumerism to war to the decline of the American bison.

"There's so much going on in Israel's work that you don't get at a first reading," Sullivan said. "You have to look at it time and time again. That's what I like about the work. That it has a staying power and a depth, particularly with regard to what his subject is."

Some of Davis' work in the show goes back to 2001 while other pieces were just recently completed over break. "I chose works that exhibit best my vocabulary as an artist," Davis said.

Sullivan admitted that when she and Davis were planning the show it's simple and direct, which balances the layered complexity of my own work.

The DePree Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Thomas Bacon: brass musician extraordinaire

Renowned French horn player visits

Becky Lathrop
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

As a member of the Summit Brass, the St. Louis Brass Quintet, The Golden Horn and Opus 90, Thomas Bacon is an internationally celebrated French horn player. He has performed worldwide as a soloist, a chamber musician and a recording artist, and at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, he will be performing with a choir of horns in our very own Dinnen Memorial Chapel.

"It's a chance to hear an internationally known professional musician perform beautiful music that's in a setting designed as not as a traditional classical concert or recital but as a spiritual sort of evening set to music and I think anyone would enjoy it just because of that," said Thorn Working, instructor for French horn, who helped bring Bacon to Hope.

The program, titled "Concert of the Spirit: A Service of Music and Reflection," will feature inspirational works by a number of different composers, including Ludwig van Beethoven, Karl Stiegl and Luigi Cherubini. A prelude and a postlude, hymns, prayers, congregational singing, moments of reflection and a message will all be delivered through music, with introductions to the pieces and short inspirational Bible readings provided by Bacon.

Hope faculty member and pianist Jennifer Wolfe will be accompanying Bacon, along with 11 members of the West Michigan Horn Choir from the Holland, Grand Rapids and West Shore symphonies.

Excited about the upcoming concert, Wolfe is looking forward to meeting Bacon. "This will be my first time playing with him," Wolfe said. "It turns out, though, that we have mutual friends and that he used to visit them just down the beach from us at Interlochen!"

French horn player Thomas Bacon will perform for the Hope community at 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 in Dinnen Chapel.

Bacon, a Yamaha Performing Artist, has also held positions with the Detroit Symphony, the Berlin Radio Symphony and the Houston Symphony, and has nine solo recordings. More than 50 new pieces have been composed for him, and he was also featured in the book, "Twentieth Century Brass Soloists" by Michael Meckna.

The concert is sponsored by Yamaha and Meyer Music House and is free and open to the public.

Professors share their poetry

Jordan Wolfson
Senior Staff Reporter

The spring semester has begun, although so far we have seen a bit less of spring and a bit more of winter. It's that time of year when the sidewalks become sticky, the insides of doorways become water slides, and the winter winds chill the ears of those unfortunate enough to have forgotten their winter hats.

What better place to be on these days than someplace warm where extremities can regain their forgotten feeling? Or better yet, someplace where one can forget about the winter chill altogether through experiencing award winning poetry created here at Hope by two professors in the English department.

The reading will be held at Tree House Books on Eight Street at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 as a continuation of the Community Reading Series that began this fall.

The two professors who are going to be presenting both new and old work will be Jack Ridl and Greg Rappleye. Ridl teaches poetry, The Nature of Poetry and Contemporary American Poetry. He is also the founder of the popular Visiting Writers Series, which was brought over 150 writers to campus. He has published many books of poetry, including, "The Same Ghost" in 1985, "After School" in 1987, "Between" in 1988 and "Against Elegies" in 2001. He has also published more than 150 poems in such journals as The New York Quarterly, Poetry East, Yarrow and The Chariton Review. He has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize in Poetry many times for his work.

"I'll toss out a few visits to the circus and some other poems particularly appropriate for a cold, dreary, west Michigan January night," Ridl said.

Greg Rappleye teaches The Defining Gesture, an English 113 class here at Hope. He has published two books of poetry, including, "Holding Down the Earth" in 1995 and "A Path Between Houses" in 2000. He was awarded the Mississippi Review Prize in Poetry in 1999, the Pushcart Prize in 2000, the Paumanok Poetry Award in 2001 and the Bread Loaf Fellow in Poetry Prize in 2002.

"I know Greg will be reading some stunning new poems as well as a few of his great oldies," Ridl said.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

"Greg and I are grateful to Michelle, Phil and all the gang at Tree House Books for establishing this reading series and inviting us to be part of it," Ridl said. "We hope everyone enjoys the evening."
Hope Answers Caedmon’s Call

SPOTLIGHT

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Carry On.” and carried on with “Hope to Caedmon’s Call stopped, started concert in Dimnent Chapel, during Saturday night’s

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Danielle Koski

various styles including praise and worship; he was able to sing, play acoustic guitar and keyboard. He sang a variety of songs, including one about Charles Shulz’s Peanuts comic strip. His wife, Amy, also sang with him.

Goodgame wrote songs for Caedmon’s Call’s latest CD “Back Home,” including the song “Hands of the Potter,” which has been playing on Christian radio stations. Goodgame also has written and released his own CDs.

The audience also noticed the performers’ relaxed air. “They used to tour with Jars of Clay and released “Back Home.”

The concert was very informal, the band laughing and joking with each other. “We’re casual, you know,” said Caedmon lead singer and guitarist Cliff Young.

The band, originally from Houston, has been playing together since 1993 starting out at college campuses and coffeehouses. Since then, they have been nominated for more than 10 Dove awards and have released 11 CDs, three of which are special compilations specifically for their fans.

The opening act for Caedmon’s Call was Randall Goodgame, who proved to be multifaceted in his talents; he was able to sing, play acoustic guitar and keyboard. He sang with him.

Randall Goodgame performs during Saturday’s show as the opening artist for Caedmon’s Call.

“After 10 years of history as a band and all we’ve been through, the beautiful and consistent thing has been the Lord using us in ways we never imagined,” said Todd Bragg, Caedmon drummer.

Even after a decade, the band is still able hook first-time audience members. “I had never seen them before in concert, but I think they were really cool because they have such a unique sound. I really got hooked into it. They are amazing,” said Joanna Leeman (07).

Although Caedmon’s Call has had success as musicians, the band still knows there is more to life than fame.

Part of their concert involved promoting Compassion International, a Christian-based organization that connects children in Third World, underdeveloped countries with sponsors in the United States. A sponsor pays $28 a month, which is used to feed, clothe and educate the sponsored child. The children are also exposed to the gospel of Christ.

Besides Compassion International, the band also supports involvement in local communities. Several members of the band are active in their local churches.

“Worship is not just singing,” Young said. “Our lives are meant to be worship. We are called to live the gospel, not just to preach it.”

Randall Goodgame and Danielle Young, vocalists for Caedmon’s Call, play for the crowd on Saturday night.

Cliff and Danielle Young, vocalists for Caedmon’s Call, play for the crowd on Saturday night.

At this show they’ve seemed so relaxed.

—Michelle Mojzak (’96)

Josh Moore and Bragg add some synchronized beat to the concert. Moore plays multiple instruments and Bragg makes noise with everything from a hitting a snare drum to rattling sea shells.

Andrew Osenga, who is a new addition to the band, jams during a song. He played with Caedmon’s Call during their fall tour with Jars of Clay. Osenga also is a solo artist who has released his own CDs.

Discography

Artifact CD History on Caedmon’s Call
- Back Home
- Spring 2003
- In the Company of Angels: A Call to Worship
- Fall 2002

The Guild Collection Vol. 3 - Spring 2001
- Long Line of Learners
- October 2000
- 40 Acres - April 1999

The Guild Collection Vol. 2 - December 1999

The Guild Collection Vol. 1 - October 1997
- Intimate Portrait
- Enhanced CD
- October 1997
- Caedmon’s Call
- March 1997
- Caedmon’s Call
- August 1995
- My Calm/Your Storm
- June 1994
Dare to be stupid. Speak up.

For many students, the new semester is a time of change. We start new classes, meet new classmates and professors, and confront new ideas and theories that shape — or conflict with — our own personal worldviews.

The Anchor: the same thing takes place. With the new term, here at your Hope newspaper, we say goodbye to some staff members and welcome new ones. Writers and editors are promoted or switch some of their duties, and we look at what we’ve done to see how we can make it better.

The changes are even more evident this semester, as the position of editor-in-chief changes hands from former editor Nick Denis to myself. This semester, I’d like to follow up on his invitation to the community by encouraging everyone to not only read The Anchor closely but to join in conversation through letters to the editor, discussing campus issues on your own, and contributing both constructive criticism and voice to Anchor staff. In addition to writing letters to the editor, the Anchor also welcomes those interested in newswriting to attend our 9 p.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Sunday meetings.

While The Anchor encounters more and new ideas, we are hoping the paper can be transformed into something new and better. Let’s make The Anchor’s opinion page come alive with dialogue.

Something I remember vividly from high school is the emphasis our teachers would place on something that, to English teacher once called “lowering your stupid guard.” This semester, I exhort Hope College students, faculty and staff to drop their stupid guards. Let’s be far less afraid of asking questions, of voicing skepticism or “stupid” remarks. Instead of being held back by the fear of someone disagreeing, of someone judging you by one idea you express or hold — let’s just step forward and be heard. I guarantee that, once we realize that our opinions truly do matter, this whole community can step forward and embrace each other despite differences in political leanings, religious ideals or ethnic heritage.

This semester, I’ll be making lots. It’s how I organize myself, keep things in perspective. It’s how I remind myself that the things I care about really do matter.

So, Hope College, make your lists. What do you believe in? What means the most to you in your life? And how would you like to see this campus change in respect to those wishes?

My goal for this semester is to turn out a newspaper we can all be proud of, something that embodies what Hope College is thinking and feeling in 2004. We all grow up with a particular worldview; values that our parents, peers, mentors and relatives instill in us. Instead of abandoning those as we discover what it means to be 21st century college students, let’s take those ideals and break our respective molds. Let’s retool each other as a community and embrace our differences rather arguing about them. Don’t worry about being stupid. Step out of the comfort zones of hometown, high-school identities and the ultra-nationalism that sometimes seem to overtake our campus lives. Instead, be willing to throw things out into the open and watch as they grow, change, even self-destruct. Who knows what wonderful things could happen if we all let down our stupid guards?

**Editor’s voice**

Gay marriage should be controlled through legislation

To the editor:

In response to a December 3rd editorial on gay marriage, I wish to propose this rebuttal.

The author of the editorial, “government has no right to designate and institute its image of what marriage is.” In fact, government, as a democratic institution, has the right to uphold laws that encourage sexual conduct, or marry others for that matter, if it is in accordance with the wills of citizens. The only reason homosexual marriage is being legalized today is because most Americans have adopted a much more accepting attitude of homosexuality in general.

Consider this parallel: Michael Jackson was recently arrested for alleged sexual misconduct with children. If the allegations are true, Jackson will face grave legal consequences. But why should Jackson’s actions be illegal, especially if sex was consensual? What right does the government have to interfere with Jackson’s private sex life? Why shouldn’t adult-child sex or marriage be legalized?

To most, this kind of questioning is ludicrous. However, instead of abandoning those as we discover what it means to be 21st century college students, let’s take those ideals and break our respective molds. Let’s retool each other as a community and embrace our differences rather arguing about them. Don’t worry about being stupid. Step out of the comfort zones of hometown, high-school identities and the ultra-nationalism that sometimes seem to overtake our campus lives. Instead, be willing to throw things out into the open and watch as they grow, change, even self-destruct. Who knows what wonderful things could happen if we all let down our stupid guards?

**Your voice**

Increased respect for women will be aided by modesty

To the editor:

In regards to a letter in the last issue on respect for women, my female student voiced her disgust at several young men in the pine grove suspending a friend by his feet from a tree.

What’s wrong with what the students were doing? Were they too loud? It’s a college campus. I do get on a livin here and say that every few people are in bed at 11:30 dur- ing the week, let alone on week- ends. The student claimed that the young men were reenacting a lynching. I beg your pardon? I can’t say I’ve ever witnessed a lynching, but I’d always thought that the scene was tied down by a rope and a tree does not a lynching make. What if I wanted to put up a rope swing? Here we have a rope on which persons who so choose may swing. Oh, the sadness! The horror! The terrible sinfulness of it all! Repent, all ye forsaken! Thou canst not imagine the horrors await- ing the soul who hangs by his feet. Yes, their idea of fun may be rather “unconventional,” but so what? Contrary to popular belief on this campus, just because something is different does not mean it is wrong. Does the fact that I love my cheeseburgers a little rarer than some people make me a blood-thirsty, animal hunting demon? The men in the Pine Grove were not do- ing any wrong. It’s harmless fun. Why all the fuss?

And one more thing (I’ll be on a roll now!) Anchor editors, all know we are all editors of a letter to the editor, but why print every little bit of whining that goes on? With all us snooty-nosed rich kids, there’s going to be a lot. In the future, please ignore it (except for mine).

—Nathan Bell ‘07

“Live and let live!” Let other students choose their fun

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In regards to a letter in the last issue on respect for women, my female student voiced her disgust at several young men in the pine grove suspending a friend by his feet from a tree.

What’s wrong with what the students were doing? Were they too loud? It’s a college campus. I do get on a livin here and say that every few people are in bed at 11:30 dur- ing the week, let alone on week- ends. The student claimed that the young men were reenacting a lynching. I beg your pardon? I can’t say I’ve ever witnessed a lynching, but I’d always thought that the scene was tied down by a rope and a tree does not a lynching make. What if I wanted to put up a rope swing? Here we have a rope on which persons who so choose may swing. Oh, the sadness! The horror! The terrible sinfulness of it all! Repent, all ye forsaken! Thou canst not imagine the horrors await- ing the soul who hangs by his feet. Yes, their idea of fun may be rather “unconventional,” but so what? Contrary to popular belief on this campus, just because something is different does not mean it is wrong. Does the fact that I love my cheeseburgers a little rarer than some people make me a blood-thirsty, animal hunting demon? The men in the Pine Grove were not do- ing any wrong. It’s harmless fun. Why all the fuss?

And one more thing (I’ll be on a roll now!) Anchor editors, all know we are all editors of a letter to the editor, but why print every little bit of whining that goes on? With all us snooty-nosed rich kids, there’s going to be a lot. In the future, please ignore it (except for mine).

—Anonymous

**OPINION**

January 14, 2004

**Recycle the Anchor**

If you love trees...
Correct stance on homosexuality has Biblical base

To the editor:

When Will Nettleston stated, "let's put aside our religious convictions and look objectively at this issue from a legal standpoint," I would like to ask if he's referring to Christianity or any religion. I assumed he was referring to Christianity since Hope is a Christian college and the article was titled, "Hope's value system should support gay marriage." Hope was built upon the Word of God and should stand behind it. I'm not saying we should condemn homosexuals for the lifestyle they're living but love them as Christ loves us. "This is the message you heard from the beginning...love one another" (1 John 3:11). We should follow the Word of God and in the afterlife. Worse followed, refusing to know God...women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with men—all lost all love. And then they paid for it...emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches" (Message Genesis 1:26-27).

Christians can't compromise between the Bible and the world. God has called us to share the gospel and love. As Christians we need to stand behind the Word of God and what it teaches. "...Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral nor the adulterers...will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). I encourage you to read Moral Dilemmas by J. Kerby Anderson to gain a greater understanding of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Anderson explains how the Bible speaks of homosexuality and not heterosexual. Hope shouldn't compromise its value system and step down to the world's level. We need to "look objectively at [the issue] of homosexual marriages from the Bible's standpoint. I'd like to reinforce that Hope is a Christian College and should follow the Word of God. God tells us that He created the marriage bond to remain between a man and a woman."...A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

We are called to share the truth with the world and that is what Hope should continue to do.

—Stephanie Konfara ('07)

Hope offers plenty of weekend events for students

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the article in the December 3 Anchor on "Weekend Woes." I believe this article contains numerous absurd assertions such as "...Hope isn't doing much to reach out to bored students." "All there is to do are [sic] the SAC movies..." and "...more fun activities should be provided."

Obviously, certain Hope students are not paying attention. In addition to movies every weekend, SAC sponsored 12 weekend events during the Fall Semester. Realize that we were only on campus for 13 weekends!

Other student groups also have a myriad of great events. Varsploof performs once a month, the Swing Club often holds events, and groups such as BSU, La Raza Unida, and the Outdoor Adventure Club have many weekend activities that are open to all. This list contains many events and I have only mentioned 6 of Hope's 70+ student organizations. As mentioned in the article, Hope has frequent theater performances. Four resident dance companies and student performers are always busy. Finally, the Music department regularly has two or three concerts per weekend.

Think of all the activities I have not mentioned—athletic, Greek, service, religious, and community events. I could fill the entire Anchor with lists of fun things to do!

I have been able to attend Student Activities conferences and talk with students from all over the U.S. Most colleges and universities twice our size have less than half the weekend activities that we do. Anyone who complains there is nothing to do is not looking...

—Daniel Morrison ('04)

Co-Director of SAC

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Looking for something to do on Saturday? Go to Dimnent at 4 p.m.
Nicky Denis and Chris Major are having a recital. Wool at 4:30 or top it off for $4.95.
Bebo—Keep on punk rocking, dude.
PWW—Thanks for covering for me. I was getting really concerned.
Ankh staff—Beautifulness. I love you lots. Thank you so much for all your work this week.
N—Thank you for some crazy weird good times. Wow.
Robbo-o—How ‘bout that Rush, eh? New muzak. —Anjey-o
Clarebo— I’m planning on Ann Arbor on the 8th—Puh-sood

Faith’s Relevance to Scholarship

The 2004 Pew Faith and Learning Lecture
Jean Bethke Elshtain, the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago
Jan. 22 at 11 a.m.
Wichers Auditorium
Unfriendly Adrian hosts Hope in MIAA opener

Flying Dutchmen shoot for first MIAA conference win tonight on the road at Albion

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

Despite dropping the first MIAA game of the season, it was happy holidays for both basketball teams, as the men went undefeated over break and the women only dropped one. The men ran up against Madonna College Dec. 29 and came away with an 86-76 victory. The Dutchmen took a 10-point lead going into halftime and pulled away in the second half as five players reached double-digit points. Kyle Kleversynder (’06) led the team, with 20, and Andy Phillips (’06) was close behind with 17.

The following day on Tuesday, nearly 2,500 attended Hope’s nailbiter against Concordia. The teams were all knotted up at halftime, but poor shooting by the Falcons of Concordia in the second half proved to be their downfall. Hope stole a 76-73 victory, capturing the Russ Devette Holiday Classic. Kleversynder and Phillips shone brightly again, combining for 22 rebounds and 38 points.

“Winning the Russ Devette tournament was a fun time for us. It’s always fun to play at the Civic Center when all the alumni are back and the families are around for the holidays. Break also gave us a chance to relax and recover from some injuries,” Jason Mejere (’04) said.

This past Wednesday, fans witnessed a shootout and a dazzling performance by Andy Phillips. Hope ousted Tri-State 109-93 in this game of explosive offensive. Phillips stole the show with 45 points and 16 rebounds.

“Andy Phillips is my hero,” Mejere commented. The Dutchman’s past weekend ended on a sour note, however, as Hope fell to Adrian in an away game on Saturday.

Hope failed to show up for the second half as they saw a 7-point lead at halftime turn into a 6-point loss. Billy Collins’ 31 points and Adam Novak’s 12 rebounds fueled the 73-71 win by Adrian. Daane Griffith (’05) played a well-rounded game with 15 points and 5 rebounds, but it wasn’t enough to prevent the Dutchman from falling to 10-3 on the year and 0-1 in the conference. The Dutchmen will look to right this wrong against Adrian tonight.

Dutch begin MIAA play with three victories

Flying Dutch rolling after losing first game in holiday tournament

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

The women didn’t start out the holidays the way they had hoped. They lost their first game in the Kalamazoo holiday tournament to DePaul, in what proved to be a 63-51 defensive struggle.

The Dutch recovered quickly as they destroyed Wisconsin-Whitewater 91-54. Adelynn Veliman (’05) added 25 points over the two games, while Bria and Linda Ebel (’06), each snatched a total of 14 rebounds over the two games. Guard Allison Rapaport (’05) commented on the team’s record.

“We started out the break strong by beating Althion, which was huge since, in pre-season, they were picked first in our league and we were picked second. Losing to DePaul was bad, but I think that we have come back strong and realized that we hate the feeling of losing.”

After the tournament, the Dutch traveled to Kalamazoo on Jan. 3 and came away with a 67-50 conference win. This win was aided by 50 percent shooting from the floor and domination on the boards, as the Dutch out-rebounded Kalamazoo 42-28.

Last Tuesday, the Dutch shot 57 percent from the floor and ran away with an 88-54 win over Adrian. Adrian’s weak shooting percentage and 16 turnovers helped the Dutch in their effort. Kelly Taylor (’05) and Ellen Wood (’07) led the way in scoring with 12 points each.

The Dutch then handled St. Mary’s on Saturday, improving to 13-1 overall and a sizing 6-0 in the conference. Vilman grabbed 13 boards and Sarah Jurik (’07) added 11 points and 3 assists in the win.

“We had a few more wins in the MIAA, which is important for us, especially down the road. All the while, others in the MIAA are making upsets, which is equally as important for us down the stretch. I think that the important thing is that we are still learning as individuals, as coaches, and as a team,” said Crunch Kamps (’05), center for the Dutch.

The Dutch play on the road tonight at Alma, then return home to host Tri-State, Indiana at the Dow Center Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Hopes Snatched by the Hawks in the national tournament

The Knights are also ranked No. 1 in the Division II central region while the Dutchmen are right behind them in second. The defending champions, from Muskegon Community College, are currently ranked ninth in the region, but automatically receive a trip to Arizona in March.

After Hope and Calvin met last spring in the MCHC championship game, both clubs had their title hopes snatched by the Hawks in the national tournament.

With the Hawks struggling in their defense of the national title, Saturday’s game could very well be a thrilling preview of the title game to be played in the warm desert come March.

Hope hockey looks forward to showdown with Calvin

Top two clubs in region meet Saturday at The Edge arena

Brad Vanderberg
Sports Editor

The Hope College hockey club kicked off the new year with a 6-2 victory over the visiting Kalamazoo Hornets at The Edge ice arena in Holland Saturday night. This was the first meeting between the clubs since the 2001-02 season because the Hornets could not make the trip to Holland last February due to weather problems and an insufficient number of players.

Looking at the last few months of the 2003-04 season, the Dutchmen look to gain a spot in the national tournament for the third season in a row, despite a large number of first-year players.

However, one team that the Dutchmen know quite well may create a significant roadblock on their way to winning the national title in Arizona this March. The Calvin Knights are undefeated, at 18-0, halfway through the season. Prior to their 11-1 romp of the defending national champion Muskegon Hawks in their previous game, the team had scored a total of 124 goals and had only allowed 48. Sophomores Nick Verkuyk and Max Sieplinga led the team in points, Verkuyk with 53 points and 28 goals and Sieplinga with 53 points and 23 goals. Freshman goalie Gregory Clark has been a huge lift in goal after veteran goalie Brad Kirker graduated last spring.

Clark has won all the Knights’ games in net, boasting a goals-against average just under three. These two clubs will meet this Saturday at The Edge ice arena. Calvin has taken both of the previous two games this season. During October, the Knights edged out a 4-3 OT victory at Jolly Roger ice arena in Grand Rapids and a 6-5 thriller in the championship game of the conference Bird tournament in Midland.

“It’s no secret that Calvin has two or three guys that can run the show, and if they aren’t factors in the game, they will be in deep trouble,” said captain Jon Sedon (’04).

“There is a lot at stake for this game: the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference championship, a first-place bid in the MCHC league tournament, as well as possible movement in the national tournament voting.”

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Men’s Swimming
Hope 81, Alma 30 Hope 62, Olivet 51

Dutchmen improve to 7-1 in MIAA dual meets.
Women’s Swimming
Hope 70, Albam 46 Hope 72, Olivet 36

Dutch improve to 6-0 on the season, 5-0 against MIAA squads.

Ice Hockey
Hope 6, Kalamazoo 2

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