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Kinesiology department reviews Title IX

DANA LAMERS
infocus editor

In the 1960's, the issue of race was openly addressed by the civil rights movement. Thirty years later it is often ignored in hopes that conflicts will somehow be resolved on their own. In order to open the door to discussion of race issues, Hope will participate in a national teletown meeting in race titled "Racial Legacies and Learning: How to talk about race" on Wednesday, Jan. 27. I received notice of the event and initially thought it would be a good building point for the comprehensive plan," said D. Wesley Poythress, Director of Multicultural Life. "It will serve as a catalyst for expanding dialogue and discussion on a number of topics and how they fit into daily life."

In choosing a speaker for the series, the first event in the series will be broadcast from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Maas Auditorium. "Racial Legacies and Learning," will examine a case study on race conducted by Yale Divinity. The history major/political science minor was editor of the Anchor, a decay on WTHS, and was also involved in Model UN. After commencement, however, Tanis was unsure about his future.

"It had been on the City Council for Academic Affairs at Arizona State University-West, Carol Geary Schneider, President of the A&GU, Wayne Winborne of the National Conference for Community and Justice, and Derold Wieg Sac. After the broadcast there will be discussion time for those in attendance. Poythress hopes that this will encourage students and community members to come together and share their thoughts about race.

"We never understood why we didn't get the same treatment," Wolters said. "We always said, 'We're a varsity team, too.' Wolters played four sports at Hope College, during her time on campus from 1969 to 1993: basketball, field hockey, volleyball, and tennis.

"It's important for people to realize how things have changed, but not say 'Let's stop here,'" Wolters said. In 1972, landmark legislation was passed that banned sex discrimination in the workplace, although it has provided gains in academics and education for women, Title IX's most influential.

Auditorium Monday, Jan. 25 to sign up for national Spring Break mission trips in hopes of receiving their first choice when the doors were opened on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 a.m.

"It is my understanding that there are some unhappy schools because of the results," Poythress said. "I hope this series will be a building block of things yet to come. I would get to the core of the issue, rather than just scrape the surface."

In the future, Tanis plans to work in the local elections. "We were working with newer political parties to help them act more like parties, especially during campaigns," Tanis recalled. "Tanis found himself looking for another occupation to fill his life."

CARRIE ARNOLD
spotlight editor

CAMPING OUT: Students pack their sleeping bags and cards to wait outside Maas Auditorium Monday, Jan. 25 to sign up for national Spring Break mission trips in hopes of receiving their first choice when the doors were opened on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 a.m.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a well-known environmental lawyer, won the vote to speak at Student Congress' Annual Speaker Series by a narrow margin of two votes.

The event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. "This is the first year that we've had an incredible amount of funds available for our Speaker Series," said Student Congress President Dani Marett ('99). "So we were able to pull in a high caliber name, and Kennedy is exactly what that is!"

In choosing a speaker for the series, Student Congress reviewed a list of speakers and their topics, and selected five from the list. Those five choices were given to students and faculty across campus and posted on KnowHope. A vote was taken to decide which speaker Hope would host.

"We make sure to get five different people, with different ages, backgrounds, and genders so that people will have a choice," said Megan Bron ('01), Student Congress representative. "The final choice this year was a really close decision."

Approximately 150 students cast votes, 37 of which were for Kennedy.

Other potential speakers included Alan Holmes, who received 35 votes, Jane Eilot, Ed-ward James Olmos, and Alan C. Page.

R Kennedy Jr. 

The Speaker Series, which began in 1992, has more SPEAKER on 6
Greek Life aims to build unity among students in its inaugural year. Part of the program is to encourage Hope students to pursue a major in the field of History and to work to make the organization national. Bloom hopes that Bloom will contribute to Greek Life in a positive way. He said, "She has many fresh ideas which should strengthen Greek Life," she said.

While Bloom's experience with the Greek system is strong, she also wants to work with Matt Bromble (99) to publicize the spring election and find ways to increase voter turnout. Bloom is running things in place for the upcoming Speaker Series. This year Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. will come to campus. Tentatively, dates for Student Congress elections for the fall of 1999 will be held on April 22 and 23.

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Bush elected Student Congress Vice President

W. HADANEK

Student Congress elected Paul Bush (99) to their new vice president at the Thursday, Jan. 22 meeting. Bush fills the vacancy left when Matt Fretz (99) resigned at the end of the Fall semester. "I wanted this position because I feel there’s something I can contribute," Bush said. "I’ve been in many leadership positions and I’ve enjoyed all the opportunities they have afforded. I thought I could do a good job in this position also.

Phil Haan (99) was elected a Board of Trustees Liaison. Ryan Barrell (99), an off campus representative, and Brian Porter (99) has been involved in some of the planning of the program. For a place like this would be helpful because then there would be a group of students who are willing to address and look at the issues of the students.

The Phelps Scholars will be enrolled in a fall semester First Year Seminar that will explore diversity-related issues. In the spring, students will take an "Experiences with Cultures" course on racial and ethnic subcultures within the U.S. In addition, the students will participate in workshops and group discussions relating to living in a diverse world.

We are trying to create a living and learning setting that serves as a model for students, regardless of ethnicity, that this is the way the world looks and the way the world is," said D. Wesley Poythress, Assistant Dean for Multicultural Life. "At Hope we want to prepare students for the world outside of the classroom."

Bush has many goals for his vice presidency. "I want to set a presence right away with the President’s Office as to how we will relate to each other," he said. "I want him to know the school is here for the students, I also want to work with Matt Bromble (99) to publicize the spring election and find ways to increase voter turnout."

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Scholar program strives to increase diversity

MEREDITH CARE

One of Jacobsen’s main goals in his final months as president is to increase focus on student diversity. In an effort to accomplish this, the new Phelps Scholars Program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1999.

The program, which will also include 35 ethnically diverse first-year students in its inaugural year. Participating students will live in the same residence hall, and will be enrolled in courses that examine cultural diversity.

Pazosa Mazzamisa (99), an international student from South Africa, has been elected to the Phelps representative, inducted into membership. Eric Goodman (99) was also inducted into membership at the January 14 meeting. He has the highest vote get-
den him. The program represents a significant commitment to producing an educationally valuable interaction between majority and minority students, and creating an environment in which the presence of minority students is helpful to majority students, and vice versa, in which the goal of community can be realized," he said.

The program is a combined effort of the Office of Student Development, and the Admissions Office. Charles Green of the Psychology Department is the program coordinator. Currently, the Admissions Office is recruiting students for the program. Everyone who applies has an opportunity to participate in the program, regardless of ethnic background.

We are interested in students who want to be involved in the program, regardless of ethnic background." Green said. Not only are the program coordinator, focusing on attracting interested students, but they are also trying to educate the community about the program.

"Faculty and students are still learning about the program," Green said. "We’re intending to have several meetings this year for students and others to learn about the program and address some of the questions and issues raised by a group of students we hope will want to know more about the program and attend these in-person presentations.

Although people are still learning about the program in its developing stages, the overall reaction to the program has been positive and supportive, according to Green.
and at times controversial, implications have dealt with its application to female athletes.

When Anne Irwin was hired as women’s Athletic Director in 1976 there were six women’s sports compared to nine today.

“Our growth has not been only the number of teams, but also the number of women playing, and the quality of our athletes,” Irwin said.

Before Title IX, women’s sports were not commonly encouraged in high school programs; thus much of college athletics has evolved with the teaching of the sport, combined with preparing for competition. We play kids’ games and play and are coached, and to players.

“LADY DUTCH: Humm... of the 70’s the locker room was a chance for farmers. We’re not to the point in the study to draw any meaningful conclusions.

“I remember being assigned by many colleges in the nation. The Women’s Sport Foundation reports that at the college level male athletes still receive $179 million more than female athletes every year. I think that everything is far as equity, with coaches, facilities, etc., has been and gone some,” said basketball player, Kirsten Koering-knecht (’01).

The present study will take a close look at the budget and all of its details.

“We’re looking at how teams travel, we want to make sure everyone is getting the same amount for shoes, for uniforms. We’re not to the point in the study to draw any meaningful conclusions.

“My goal is to somehow create a 'no hot potato' by fans when we were the 'haves' to give to the 'have nots.' Unfortunately, there is not an unlimited pot of money. If everything didn’t involve money there wouldn’t be a problem.”

Although opportunities for women have been more equal in recent years, equality between sexes is not something easily worked out.

“The way we are treated is a little bit different and there are still many things about the women’s role in marriage and in the church where those topics came up in class. And part of me was proud to stand alone, to beat the boys who bugs on girls’ sports, to be the one to speak.

But part of me loathed that feeling of being either on one side or the other in sports roles. A person who was not a fan of the girls’ teams, but I don’t think that we’ve ever been treated fairly. There could be the possibility of women reaching the same entertainment status as men.”

The Hope 1990-91 National Champions, women’s Basketball team affected women’s sports in a variety of ways.

“Fan support of the girls’ team went from apathy to games where the Civic Center was packed,” Smith said. “It was a turning point for women’s sports at Hope. It cast a positive light on women at Hope, as anything else we were doing.”

But Irwin had to deal with both sides of the team’s overwhelming success.

“At the time it made a lot of people aware of the women and that was very encouraging. But on the other side of the coin, we had a hard time finding teams to play the next season, and we were dropped like a ‘hot potato’ by fans when we were not as good the next year. But it was a turning point,” she said.

Women in coaching and athletic administration positions are also less common.

“One reason is that as the salaries of coaches of women’s teams increased with Title IX, male coaches began to replace female coaches,” said The Feminist Majority Foundation’s Task Force on Women and Girls in Sports.

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“We are looking at what we do today. I think that we’ve never been treated unfairly because of my gender.”

There may be differences in the number of spectators that attend men’s and women’s sporting events, as well as differences in uniforms and other aspects, but most agree that these are nothing to make a big deal about.

“The budgets might be a little different (between men’s and women’s athletics), but I don’t think we’ve ever been treated unfairly,” said Tobi Hil (‘01), a softball player for Hope. “In high school, it was definitely obvious that the boys’ athletic programs were better, but it is definitely closer to being equal here at Hope than it was in my high school.”

Becky Timmer for the Hope College cross country team, agrees.

“I don’t personally feel that I’ve been treated unfairly. Looking in the past, Title IX has done a lot for women in sports,” she said.
An empty ballot

Apathy is a term that is often lumped with a college's student body, but rarely are there numbers to back this association.

Student Congress conducted a vote to determine who would present during this year's Speaker Series, and only 130 students and faculty took part. That's 130 out of 3000 students and over 100 faculty members. This time the apathy could be seen all around the board.

To the event was publicized, a site was created on KnowHope and ads were made. The blatant disregard for the request for such information can only be attributed to one thing: apathy.

There were only 37 people that voted for Robert Kennedy Jr. to speak at Hope. Alan Hobson narrowly missed that opportunity, garnering only 35 votes.

The fact is despite the publicity, students are probably so oblivious to their surroundings that they missed the vote entirely.

Student Congress carries around 30 elected members of its own. If 3100 people can't make a definitive decision of their own, perhaps it's time to let Congress make the decision for the rest of us.

Correction

In the January 20 issue of the Anchor, Brad Richmond, new Director of Choral Activities, was incorrectly identified on the Intermission Page, in "Old meets new: New Choir director joins music faculty." The Anchor apologizes for the error.

Senior makes a call for action

To the Editor:

When you wake in the morning, what are your hopes for the day? Do you wonder about the chemistry class or religion quiz are cancelled? That maybe the ice on the roads is finally bad enough to keep you out of Lubbers for the day? Once reality strikes and you realize that you just have to hit the snooze button for the sixth time, your thoughts are most likely centered on getting to class on time while retaining the fine points of things like nuclear addition reactions and the etymology meaning of Finnegan's Wake. "Throughout the day, your greatest worries may center around making it into the graduate school of your choice, passing a test or finding identifiable food at Phelps. Evenings are a little more complicated, balancing time between friends, homework and ER. Hopefully you find some time for meditation and reflection before you finally go to sleep around 2 a.m.

But what if every day you wake up and pray that today might be the first day that people at Hope will treat you like a human being? That today you will be seen as more than your skin color, straight or straight religion or political and can enjoy the same freedom to live your life as the straight, white, Christian student on campus. What if your concerns about classes are facing the people in them every day, having to deal with the demands of and religious slurs or gay-bashing that surfaces as "jokes"; listening to the same girl tell you that this week you're going to hell because of your lifestyle and religious beliefs; or sitting in chapel every week listening, striving to hear support and concern that never manifests? What if your greatest unspoken fear is that things will get better and this range of discrimination will always be a part of Hope and your life?

The majority of us here at Hope College are upper-middle class individuals who have never wanted anything for ourselves. We have no idea what it is like to be discriminated against on any basis, to be judged by the color of our skin or differences. We are the majority here, the privileged race and social group in this country. We have reaped the benefits of this powerful position and now it is time to take responsibility for the effects of our actions. We must make a conscious effort to give back the opportunities and equal status we've taken away from individuals and minority groups. It is our responsibility to make right whatever we have done. Your former president, Michael Zuidema, said in his annual address to the college: "You can make a difference. But, in order to be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem you have to step out of your comfort zones. Begin by admitting to yourself, as a member of this society, that you have done wrong. Challenge people and get to know them instead of categorizing them based on their skin color or religious differences. Speak up when other students make racist or homosexual jokes. Stop being passive. Support affirmative action policies and make sure your place of work and now in the future carries them out. Vote your opinion. Be vocal when you witness acts of discrimination. If you feel that you are doing everything you can on a personal level seek out other people who want to make a difference on a larger scale. The responsibility is ours, and it is time to act.

Amanda Schneider (99)

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Frater adds missing aspect to President's college career

I have just finished reading the article on the front page of the Anchor titled: "Board selects Bultman as Jacobson successor." I enjoyed reading this article and felt that it gave a clear, concise summary of our future President. However, I overlooked one major aspect of his college career: James Bultman was a Frater. You chose to fast everything about his college involvement, including the fact that he was a Resident Assistant and a starting shortstop on the baseball team, but culturally omitted the fact that he was a member of the Baseball team. Don't you think it is a little more than coincidence that he along with virtually every other past president is a member of the Fraternal Society? It disgusts me that this was not mentioned in your article during your research. I am sure it was something you became aware of. Certainly, does not join a fraternity or sorority, pleases does not put down or harass your friends about their decision. And for the new members, joining a Greek organization doesn't reduce your social circle to Greek life.

Going Greek is not for everyone, it is choice that many people are dealing with at this current point in time. Just remember that it is yours and only your choice to make. If you stay true to yourself, a good decision will come.

The Anchor will continue to feature guest columns from different student organizations. Any organization that wishes to post a guest column should contact the Anchor at x7877 or e-mail ANCHOR@hope.edu.
InSync takes stage

Innovation in contemporary dance is a continuous process, and on Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Knickbocker Theatre, the results of that process will be displayed by the InSync Dance Theatre.

The InSync Dance Theatre is a professional jazz and tap dance company. It is affiliated with Hope College through its dance department, which has contributed several current students and alumni to the company. An assortment of other professional dancers fill out the company.

This is the first InSync concert of the year, but they have been seen performing in different venues recently. As a commercial for the Grand Rapids auto show featured them swinging dance, they opened for the “Bring It On: Dance to the Beat” at DeVos Hall and gave a full concert on New Year’s Eve.

All the works to be performed in Friday and Saturday’s concerts are original pieces. The two directors, Terri Filip and Dawn McIlhagery-Wesley, collaborate and work with others on developing new pieces for the company.

Using traditional Irish music, the group will perform a piece choreographed by Don Smith of Grand Rapids. Smith has performed all over the world. InSync will also perform an a cappella tap piece by Filip.

R. Ritsema

In the cello, but his teaching assignments have been varied. "I've taught just about everything," he said. "I couldn't begin to estimate the number of students I've had. I'm now starting to see second generation students; children of other students I've had."

Over the years the college has grown and changed. Ritsema has seen positive things happen in the college as a whole.

"I'm going to keep playing and conducting," Ritsema said. "It's what I love to do best. I look forward to doing it because I want to, not because I have to."

He and his wife also hope to do some traveling. "They have a daughter who lives in England and will probably spend some time there."

A little though Ritsema said he won't miss things like meetings and filling out forms, there are aspects of teaching he will leave behind with some remorse.

"I'll miss the interaction with the students," he said. "I'll also miss conducting. There's no greater thrill than standing up in front and directing at the end of Vesper." Ritsema's retirement involves some ironic timing. As he is leaving, his close friend and neighbor of many years, James Bullman, prepares to take the helm of Hope College as president. Even though he will no longer be involved in an official capacity, he plans to stay close to the college.

"The connection with Hope won't go away even though I am leaving," he said. According to Ritsema, the symphonelle and orchestra are in great shape as he finishes his last semester.

"I am leaving a strong program. It's the best since I've been here," said Ritsema. "The new director will be able to take it to the next level."

For Ritsema, Hope has not only been a job, but his home. "Hope has been my life," he said. "There is something unique about this school. I wouldn't have stayed if I didn't feel that. There's no other place I would have wanted to be."

PLANNING

At the Health Clinic...

Welcome Back!

Students like you talk about their experiences at the Health Clinic last semester.

"Good, fast professional assessment and actual professional treatment. I was satisfied!"

"Friendly service and an interest in my physical needs and me as a person!"

"Almost no waiting. Knowledgeable staff, very friendly."

Students like you will talk about your experiences at the Health Clinic.

Attention! By popular demand, Allergy Clinic has been returned to Tuesday afternoon.

PRAYERS

Fridays at Four

4:45 p.m.

Semelink Hall

Western Theological Seminary

Join us every Friday for a quiet meditative time of reflection and Scripture with music from Taize and Iona.

Hope Church RCA

Third Reformed Church

St. Francis de Sales Catholic

Western Theological Seminary
Squirrely Collector: Hello! It was so wonderful to talk to you today. I am glad that I'm in a great way to talk. Even though I don't have much time, it sure is nice to talk. Say Hi to Whitey and Wrigley for me. Shot through the heart and you're to blame. You give love a bad name.

Third bumbalute: What the heck? Don't you hear the noise? I guess we won't have to worry about that much longer. I think we were set up for an arm wrestling contest. Live in fear. Or annoyance—Pillow case.

Aurora: You rock my world. I think I lost my tab collection. I guess you'll have to punish me. Thanks for always putting a smile on my face and listening to me. 2111! You never cease to amaze me—Nanook.

Anchor staff: Definitely the best issue of the year. Great Job by each and every one of you. This is a paper you can be proud of. No matter what anyone else thinks. Know that you are the best. After all, you're my favorite.

Pisces for April:

to begin to determine why race is a difficult issue to address.

"I hope students will consider if similar things are happening on Hope's campus," Poythress said. "Many people can talk about a lot of things but race is not one of them. It is an uncomfortable issue for many people." While Hope had originally planned to broadcast additional shows in the series, a problem with the PBS links will not allow them, although Poythress stressed they will continue to try to smooth out this dilemma.

Poythress feels this should prove to be a valid experience for all involved. "It is not said, yet interesting, that we are entering a new millennium and one of the most controversial topics from the previous centuries continues to be unresolved," he said. "We still have not fully dealt with the issue of race and remain guarded. I welcome conversation on this topic, because it does not make me uncomfortable but strengthens me."

Do you like to sing along with your favorite 50's, 60's, 70's tunes?

Listen to WILS 993 Sundays from 44 for "Groovin' on Sunday Afternoon with Kenny & Amanda"

**It's Almost Here!**

Be at Phelps Hall Tuesday, February 9, 4:30 p.m.

Are you ready for some snapshots & fun? 

**Valentine's, the Anchor Valentine's Party!**

The Kletz Sweetheart Buffet for lunch is from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The evening buffet will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu will be: Appetizers: Muffin Casserole, Tater Tots, Shrimp "Tiny," Green Bean Casserole, White Sauce A La Creole, Parmesan Pak, Crab Cakes, Cheddar Tots, Pickle & Mustard, Pasta Salad, Grilled Cheese Salad. Desserts: Apple Streusel, Peanut Butter Cup & Neiman Marcus. All this plus a trip to the Coffee Shop for 9-11!.. When you have the need, you can order to go at the price of a cup. "Thanks for a Great Performance!"

Kletz Valentine's Special: February 14th

The Kletz Coffee & Tea Room Come and enjoy a cup of heartwarming Coffee, Creamy Hot Cocoa, Marshmallows, or a Cup of Hot Tea at our new coffee counter. We will also be having a Coffee and Sweet Shop on February 7th and 11th, Wednesday... More details to come...
Major Differences in the Liberal Arts

Julie Green
spotlight editor

Deciding on a major is difficult for most students, but realizing how few people work at a job that is directly related to their major can be reassuring. I talk to a lot of students who aren’t sure about their career direction,” said Amy Goes, a Career Counselor for Career Services.

“There are many career opportunities that don’t require a specific major,” Goes said. Some employers are looking more for skills that are learned in college, not a person who knows about a certain subject, said Goes.

“That’s the beauty of a Liberal Arts degree—it’s a jumping point,” Goes said.

There are two ways in which people choose a major. People decide on a career, and later choose a major depending on what they want to be, Others, choose a major first, then a career.

“My philosophy of how to approach planning in general is to get involved in what really gets you excited about learning,” said Dale Austin, Career Counselor.

“Say, these are my interests, what might I be able to do with them?”

The Outrageous Idea of Christian Scholarship

George M. Marsden
McAnaney Professor of History
University of Notre Dame

Thursday 11:00-12:00
January 28, 1999
VanderWerf 102

The 1995 Pew Faith and Learning Lecture

What enables these athletes to reach their goals with such speed? It’s their racing and training muscles that are the “rocket boosters” which they then accelerate.

This year’s competition is guaranteed to be exciting. But don’t blink! You may miss it! What enables these athletes to reach their goals with such speed? It’s their racing and training muscles that are the “rocket boosters” which they then accelerate.

The Anchor

Spotlight

Hog Biddy. It’s that time of year again. Say goodbye to those winter blues and get fired up because it’s coming at us at full speed. That’s right, it’s the GREAT HOPCOLE Uphill SLEDD RACE!

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Everyone’s situation is so different. A diverse background can make you that much more valuable to an employer,” Goes said.

“The beauty of a Liberal Arts in sciences is that it can prepare you for a broad array of options,” Austin said.

Most students change majors two or three times, and, on average, 27 to 28 percent go into graduate school, Austin said. For those who do concentrate in a specific program, such as teaching, more than 80 percent go into that field.

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Seniors!
Cheer on the Flying Dutchmen at Senior Night

The Hope College Flying Dutchmen vs. the Albion Britons
• Sit with other Seniors
• Win prizes
• Cheer the Dutchmen in victory

Wednesday, February 3 Holland Civic Center 7:30 p.m.
presented by Hope College Student Senate

Word of the Week:
hypocorism
(high-pok-uh-riz-um)

(n): a nickname; the use of a nickname

Definition courtesy Random House Webster’s College Dictionary

Quote of the Week: "Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue." — Roger C. Anderson

Still Smlin’
Carrie Arnold

Life 101

They lied to me. All of them. Not maliciously, just naively. But what they said wasn’t entirely accurate. When just about everyone knew me, and your advice was about being a freshman in college as I left for Hope last August, I found that college was quite different than what you expected.

"Work hard, but don’t to hard," they advised. "And don’t stay up too late."

Yeah, right.

The brochures start this general description about college life. The photos always display college life at its best. Saturate on a sunny day discussing the meaning of life under a large oak tree. These students are wearing neatly ironed khakis and polo shirts that have just been removed from their neatly cleaned rooms.

Then, of course, they mention the tremendous academic programs of the college, how just about everyone graduates in four years (I’m beginning to think that this is the greatest deception of them all), and how happy everyone is with the food service and life in general.

What everyone fails to mention is that college can be the greatest learning experience of your life. I’m not talking the education that you pay $20,000 a year for. But about what you learn about who you are, who you want your friends to be, and what you want your life to be like. This education I received in those long moments hanging out with my new friends, the time I almost had to pull an all-nighter after forgetting to study for a math exam, and having to hold it to Pull.

This class was the most important in my schedule, yet it never appeared anywhere on it. I didn’t get any credits for it, and the professors didn’t like any office hours. It was called Life 101, and everyone I knew had enrolled in it as both a professor and a student.

Orientation weekend began this education for me. I had come from a school where I knew just about everyone, to a place where I knew no one. All of a sudden, my network of friends had moved on, as had I. And I had to start over again. By myself.

So, without any help, I began to forge new friendships, someone identifying me with the people I wanted to be; the people I wanted to be around out of the masses of other confused freshmen at orientation. I learned how to meet people. That weekend.

As the year progressed, of course, I met so many great people. Within just one week, I had become fast friends with a select group of people with whom I have no doubt, I will remain friends with for the rest of my life. I learned with these friends that maintaining our bond takes effort, but that it’s rewards are infinite. Some of my most treasured memories are in those quick moments where we all laugh over the same joke or after a game of full kontakt basketball.

I also began to question what I wanted out of life. Was the life I had imagined for myself important to me? The things that had seemed so important to me in high school suddenly didn’t matter. At the same time. I also found new things that had gained an unexpected meaning.

Through my friends and my experiences, I learned about how I am as a person. In my eyes, this is more important than any education I will receive out of a textbook or from a lecture. I finally realized that putting up a paper until the last minute wasn’t really the best idea. Grasping material in class now presented me with an actual effort. I found myself really valuing my opinion on a variety of subjects.

I was forced to go beyond the bounds of the person I was and grow into the person I am today. That’s the education I have obtained so far at college. And this education continues throughout our lives. We change in some way every day of our lives. I’m still figuring out who I am. I’ll be pondering that question until the day I die.
The changing face of varsity athletics at Hope

Josh Boss helps the Dutchmen compete for title

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“People understood it was time to not have it anymore,” former wrestling coach, and current Chairman of the Kinesiology Department George Kraft said.

Hope was one of the last MIAA schools to drop wrestling as a sport.

“The last year we had wrestling we had two league teams,” Kraft said.

In the last years, Olivet, the only MIAA school that still has wrestling, dominated the league. Hope was one of the last private liberal arts school in Michigan to offer wrestling.

The decision to drop it had nothing to do with Title IX, according to Kraft. For the MIAA we have a spot, at least four teams within the league must sponsor it.

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BULLS-EYE: At one time Hope had an Archery team that competed as a women’s sport in the MIAA.

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