American Family Association of Michigan criticizes series
Matt Cook
Campus Beat Editor

After being postponed from the fall semester, the film series, "It's a Life Not Just an Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality," began last Tuesday.

Alfredo Gonzalez, assistant professor and co-chair of the Task Force on Homosexuality, is pleased with how the first showing was conducted.

"The first showing, from my perspective, is an excellent indication of the maturity and thoughtfulness of our students on what clearly is a very difficult topic," Gonzalez said. "We were pleased that following the films, many stayed behind and engaged one another in conversation about what they had seen in the film."

According to Gonzalez, the after-film discussions included a variety of viewpoints, from those in support of gay rights, to conservative Christians.

"It is my hope to have in the discussion circles people who have a variety of perspectives," Gonzalez said. "I think that we learn best when we are challenged to better understand our own positions."

Before showing the films, the Task Force came up with a list of goals they wanted to achieve with the film series.

Gonzalez felt that two of these goals were especially focused on during the first film: to promote honest, informed and safe dialogue, both during and after the film series; and to make available to the Hope community the positions of the helping professions as well as multiple biblical and Christian perspectives.

"I think Hope has a responsibility to prepare students who are moving into the helping professions," Gonzalez said. "To make sure our students know the breadth and depth of the issues, because they are going to encounter them as professionals."

Sexual assault case closed
No charges are pressed
Matt Cook
Campus Beat Editor

The Holland Police have called off an investigation of the alleged off-campus sexual assault of a female student that was reported to Public Safety on Saturday January 13 at 7 p.m.

"It's closed now," said Jeff Welthouse, the Holland Police detective sergeant in charge of the investigation. "The investigation was completed. The prosecutor's decision was that there was no crime committed where they would issue a warrant."

According to Richard Frost, Hope College dean of students, Hope is not currently conducting a separate investigation of the incident.

"The college has yet to receive anything from the police," Frost said. "It would be hard for us to pursue anything without that information."

Painting helps out charity

Money goes to Bible translation
Danielle Koski
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At the end of Ben Patterson's time at Hope College as the Dean of Chapel, he was presented with a painting by Joel Tanis (*89) of The Gathering, holding his Bible up with the crowd joining him, and reciting the following litany: "This is my Bible. It is the word of God. I am what it says I am. I have what it says I have. Devil, I'm armed. And you should consider me dangerous."

The painting was made into a print and signed by the painter and is currently on sale. The profits are going to help fund the Wycliff Bible Translators.

"We had a heart to support the more PRINT on 2

Res-life approves new policies
Includes no smoking within 25 ft., and no outside furniture
Matt Cook
Campus Beat Editor

The Residential Life Board has approved nine additions to the Hope College Handbook of Selected Policies; and to make available to the Hope community the positions of the helping professions as well as multiple biblical and Christian perspectives. The new policies are currently being considered by the Campus Life board, which must approve them in order for them to be official.

The most major of these changes, from the meeting's minutes, are: the addition of halogen lamps and toaster ovens to the list of appliances banned from campus residences; furniture would no longer be allowed outside campus residences; unless it is patio furniture; the age of a young guest that can stay with resident of the opposite gender would be raised to 18; smoking would be prohibited within 25 feet of the campus; and a new policy regarding wearing face coverings.

Committee decides qualifications for Patterson replacement
Matt Cook
Campus Beat Editor

The committee to hire a new dean of the Chapel, chaired by James Bultman, Hope College president, has met and decided on the qualifications for a new chaplain. They have also sent out an advertisement requesting applicants.

According to the ad, which can be found on the Human Resources website, the committee is looking for someone with "the mind of a scholar, the heart of a pastor, and the courage of a leader."

"We want someone who is able to lead a group of people. We would like someone who can have a vision for the spiritual life on campus, and someone who is a good communicator," Bultman said. "We want someone who can provide leadership so that all of us have some ownership of that dimension of campus life."

Expectations include a commitment to outstanding professional performance, and a mature understanding of, and commitment to, the Christian faith.

Also, an earned doctorate is strongly preferred, but not required. Ben Patterson, former dean of the Chapel, did not have a doctorate.

"We would look for that [in] anyone applying for a dean's position," Bultman said. "This is a scholarly dimension to being a dean, whether it is dean of the Chapel, or whatever."

Theologically, the new dean must, or be willing to, be ordained in the Reformed Church.
Films from 1
of the historic Christian faith is sponsoring what amounts to a "gay film festival," promoting the political and social agenda of homosexual activists without a single film that presents the icon for a holy, Judeo-Christian view of homosexual behavior," Glenn wrote in an e-mail to Gonzales. He went on to accuse Hope of outright promotion and advocacy of the homosexual political and social agenda, and recommend two AFCA members resign. The Hope Task Force on Homosexuality responded with a written statement:
"They are challenging us to have a holistic, honest attempt to have a campus dialogue on a controversial issue centered by those unfamiliar with the biblical goals of the series," the statement said.

Policy from 1
foot of a residence hall, and the fire for damaging a window screen would be raised to $100. Karl Osburn, assistant dean of residential life, and a member of the committee came up with the changes. They submitted them to the committee to be approved at the meeting.

Wesner was not available for comment.

Elizabeth Tyndell, '04, a member of the Residential Life Committee, and Student Congress representatives said that the smoking rule was suggested to Wesner by an other member of the committee. That member had seen a similar rule applied effectively at Michigan State University.

"She wanted to take that policy and apply it at Hope," Tyndell said. According to Tyndell, the reason for the rule was that the entrances to campus residences are regularly filled with smoke and the smell of smoke.

Census smokers who have heard about the policy are upset.

"What do you do if it's raining? What do you do if it's snowing?" said Leilani Toering (04). "They say cigarettes are bad for your health, but they relieve stress and some kids need them." Smokers said the policy would force them to go to more of them smoking in their room and would contribute to campus littering.

"There would be a huge pile of cigarette butts, a campus mess," said Justin Mast (04).

According to Tyndell, Wesner suggested the outside furniture policy.

"She thought that having regular upholstered furniture in front was exactly the kind of image Hope should show," Tyndell said.

G. Williams

Popular Phelps employee retirees

Andrew Kleczek

For 22 years, Harriet Bultman served the Hope College community by her work at Phelps Dining Hall. She retired from the position in 2001. Students probably best recognize Bultman as the greeter/card checker, a position she held for 15 years.

Prior to that she served as lead cook for seven years, but a hip injury made it difficult for her to continue that work. A decision Bultman had been considering and scrutinizing over some time.

"I've been thinking about...Christmas vacation I made up my mind," said Bultman. "I'll miss the kids very much, but not getting up at five in the morning for...Bultman's ability to connect and make personal relationships with students may be her greatest asset according to Bob Van Heukelom, director of dining services.

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Jazz concert in Dimnent

Emily Moellman

Hope College Jazz Ensembles will be performing on Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

The concert will include the talents of the concert, both performance groups, Jazz Chamber Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble. Jazz Chamber Ensemble consists of five and Jazz Ensemble consists of eight members.

The performance will showcase two guest musicians, vibraphonist Jim Cooper and jazz vocalist Kirsten Ward. Cooper, originally from Chicago and now residing in the Saugatuck area, is an independent musician working with ensembles and bands in the Holland area. Ward is a professor at Hope who teaches clarinet. This is the first performance of the ensemble as a jazz vocalist. Coyle assures that Latin jazz music's recent popularity.

The concert on Thursday is free and open to all students, faculty, and public. For information, contact Brian Coyle at ext. 7635.

Andrew Klecic

Pick-up valentines

Ah, Valentine's Day, that beloved day, that day which - to the true romantics - stands above all others without equal. It is the most sacred of all secular holidays. This day holds true value for all; some people do. Although you may enjoy finding that perfect gift that says just how you love your sweetheart, are you using this material gift as a way of expressing something you cannot express verbally? Why do we feel the need to purchase something material to symbolize all the emotions of the heart? Picking a monetary value over love is a mistake. We all know that love is the one thing in the world that can't be explained; or defined. Then why do we feel we need to give our loved ones material objects to signify it?

So let's say a person has a special someone on Valentine's Day when you're not attacked by going out with your friends, spending time with your family, or treating yourself better than usual. These are usually unsuccessful, no matter how positive your attitude may be. Valentine's Day is hard to escape. Restaurants are always packed full, grocery stores sell special boxes of chocolate and bouquets of red roses, and television airs Valentine's Day specials.

When you do have a special someone on Valentine's Day, the holiday can turn into an added cause of stress in your life. There are too many expectations to deal with. When buying a gift or planning an event, you try to figure out how and what the other person will do for you so that you don't make him or her uncomfortable by doing too much or too little. How much do you spend, where do you go and what about reservations, will she like this, will he like that, what if this says I care too much or not enough? This kind of worrying takes the fun out of the holiday. There is too much weight put on what you do together or what you give each other and how it might effect your futures together in a non-material way, then it might seem that Valentine's Day was not such a bad holiday. This person has used Valentine's Day as a positive way to express how much he or she loves his or her significant other. That was the purpose of Valentine's Day in the beginning before capitalism got to it, right? It was simply a special day set aside out of the year to tell your loved one how much you really care.

If this is all so, then my question is: why isn't everyday Valentine's Day? Don't our loved ones deserve to know how much they are loved every day of the year? We really need a holiday as an excuse to tell our loved ones how much we care. Valentine's Day is an unnecessary holiday that causes more grief than love for those with special someone's and those without. It is a worthless holiday.
Opinion

For the past two years, there have been voices on campus that have declared that Hope College's treatment of homosexuality has been repressive. There have been calls for the college to be more open and since times change, there is again a source of criticism that is focused on the Administration of Hope College's treatment of the topic of homosexuality. The American Family Association, in a recent press release, attacked Hope College's statement on gay and lesbian film series, primarily because of the non-inclusion of Christian perspectives on homosexuality.

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Standing up

There comes a point when it seems that we cannot do anything right. Every child experiences this at a young age. "No, honey, you're tying your shoes the wrong way." That's how you spell dinosaur," "Don't go the wrong way," "That's not how societal rights and wrongs that are called stereotyping and certain up the slide, come down it." As if not obeyed, the rule-breaker is looked down upon. And then there is the inevitable recognition that sometimes we have to express ourselves and our views and ideas that may conflict with what others in the world hold as truth.

Some decide that it doesn't matter what society thinks and go with their gut instinct. Others shout their mouths and disagree in silence. Still others try to do both, not upset the water too much and try to please both sides. Hope College is struggling with this today. We are in the middle of conservative western Michigan, and we are a liberal arts college where the mission statement includes educating "in the context of the historic Christian faith." So who are we to cater to?

For months, there has been discussion at Hope among students, faculty, and administration about having a film series intended to educate students about homosexuality. The series was attempted in the first semester of this year, but then was restricted to only students in specific courses due to much concern and fear within the Hope community. Now, finally, the film series is open to all faculty and students on-campus. As soon as the series was announced, the American Family Association (AFA) of Michigan condemned Hope for having the series, claiming that it "includes outright promotion and advocacy of the homosexual political and social agenda." The press release by the AFA is mostly concerned that the "Christian or traditional values standpoint" on homosexuality is not represented by the series. Faculty and students who have planned the series entitled it's "A Life. Not Just An Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality." It worked exceedingly hard to choose films that would help students form their own opinions about homosexuality. This is where the AFA objects. This organization does not want students to look at homosexuality from many perspectives, only from what they deem the "Christian perspective," but I know not all Christians hold the same perspective on homosexuality.

Hope is in a very precarious position at this time. Trying to please every organization and every individual is impossible. As a liberal arts college, Hope must show students the full scope of each discussion and not only one side. I realize the importance of good relations with the community and all of our benefactors, but sometimes, the right can seem wrong to others and it is our responsibility to step up and say that we will not be compromised.

Donk thinks that there are many possible reasons that grades are getting higher, for example the fact that the students are different, or that the teaching enhancement workshops professors attend are changing the way they teach.

"If I set a clear objective, then the students that deserve A's will get them. If important standards are being lowered to help students to better, then this needs to be explored. Here we see a difference in grades, is there anything that parallels that?" Donk said.

There is some concern among students that the overall raising of grades will affect students applying to graduate and professional schools. "If schools aren't able to look at students' GPAs and use it to judge [applicants] they will only look at test scores and recommendations," said Louis Canfield ('01), student congress president and member of the Academic Affairs Board. Canfield is currently applying to law schools. Canfield believes that this situation must be looked at on a departmental basis and that the increased amount of grades may not be because of the all departments. He also calls attention to the fact that there have been recent modifications made to the core General Education classes and that perhaps it is these classes that are having the biggest influence on grades.

"Today we're so much more interested in the way we piece things together and their knowledge. Because of society, abandoning grades all together would be very difficult. It may prove to be good for students, but outside pressures would make it very difficult," Donk said.

"Right now, the Academic Affairs Board has just begun looking at this matter. We hope to discuss it in the future," Penning said.

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Fun for Cheap

Being college students, we’re all pretty tight on cash. While watching the squirrels frolicking in the Pine Grove is typically the highlight of Holland nightlife, sometimes you just need to break out and do something different. Since I am something of an entertainment expert, I thought I would pass on some ideas I have accumulated during my years at Hope. These will fill the void in your wallet.

Get your roommate’s old home entertainment tape. Go camping in your very own dorm room. Take your bedspread and drape it over the coffee table. Sleep under there. Fumigate the room with bug spray. Don’t shower for several days. Scour the Pine Grove for firewood and light kindling on the floor. Tell your roommate you’re trying to capture the full experience. You and your friends are contestants on “Survivor.” The challenge for the day is to capture a squirrel, and kill it. If anyone wants dinner, it’s that or Philps (and we all know which one they’re going to pick).

Miss the warm salt air of the ocean? Head over the Lake Michigan, and play one of those relaxation tapes with ocean waves on it. Lay on the frozen sand and try and get a suntan. When people complain it’s cold, tell them a game of beach volleyball will warm them right up, and offer them some more sunblock.

Spring Break cost too much? Well, if you can’t go to Cancun, bring Cancun to Michigan. Split a few coconuts and place the halves strategically on your body, and make “grass skirts” out of newspaper. Turn up the thermostat (who cares about propane prices?). Go bobbing for guavas. Fill the bathtub with water and dissolve a lot of salt in it to go swimming.

Author’s note: If you get caught doing any of the above, tell the police you’re from Calvin.

“Every weekend!”
—Quincy T. Matt ('02)

“DeGraaf Cottage booty parties.”
—Emily White ('02)

“Easter Weekend. We had Philips Mall, minus the RA, all to ourselves.”
—Josh Egedy ('03)

“The women’s retreat weekend. I liked when we did the drama thing.”
—Sarah Hokenson ('02)

“The women’s retreat because we were a part of history. That’s the first women’s retreat Hope has ever had.”
—Bethany Buege ('02)
Feb 7

Anchor

Classified

Mr. Unless you didn't know, I've kept your tab for years. Your accrued account is nearing $600 dollars. I'd like a lot of comic books, please. -A

Warboss Nick- Another glorious smashing. But at least I hit the Wolves with a lascannon-shaped newspaper.

GW- Hurry the heck up with the Immolator. Although, the parts code was so complex, I understand the delay...

Free Mumia!

February 14th- It's actually national condom day. proclaimed by the American Social Health Association. Celebrate with a water balloon fight.

Notice- If you've found a wallet, return it please.

Kitty- I was in love with you in 7th grade.

Fizban's Cloak- The quest continues, and the ogre horde is in the midst of a thorough smashing. Too bad they wouldn't help us out.

Vanderprov- We need more exercise outings, lots of ice, and more short shorts to distract our opponents.

Jane- I'm glad you're getting the Ank, although probably a month late, so I hope you're having a happy middle of March. It made me smile, and also made me bleed when it cut my finger with its edges. -Andrew

Want to post your own classified? E-mail the Anchor at Anchor@hope.edu, with a message for friends, family, your dog (love you Apples), or a political statement about a wrongly incarcerated prisoner. By the by, does anybody ever wonder who Mumia is?

Chewbacca's Son, Lumpy- Why don't you walk around grunting and pantomiming for 25 minutes before anyone says a word of English? Sounds like it'll sell to me.

Goonies- Sorry, it was an assignment. I had to penetrate the mist that was never meant to be questioned in such a way. I'll make it up with a Truffle Shuffle sometime.

Meijer Girl- Your lights hurt my eyes at night, so strong that I can only focus on the pink lemonade gumballs in the machine by the door.

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Hope College women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse has been named the national coach of the month for January by the national newsletter Division III News. Morehouse has coached the Flying Dutch to a school record 14-game winning streak, an 18-2 overall record, and a perfect 10-0 in the MIAA conference. Hope also has moved up to eighth in the new D3hoops.com national women’s basketball poll.

“I don’t look at it as an honor for me individually,” said Morehouse. “It’s a great honor for the women’s basketball program, and a tribute to the hard work the assistant coaches and players have put in.”

Morehouse, who graduated from Hope in 1991, is very familiar with the Hope basketball program, having served in the men’s program for a number of years. He was the men’s junior varsity coach for two years.

Morehouse has been head coach of the women’s team since the 1996-97 season. Over these years, he has led Hope to an impressive 60-37 (71% record), including winning the MIAA regular season crown last year. Morehouse views the trust among his players as a key to the team’s success.

“The players have a very high level of trust toward each other, and it shows in the way they are playing,” coach said.

The women on the team are especially pleased with their coaches attention to more than their basketball skills.

“I really take an interest in his players, and he cares for you off the court,” said two-year starter Amanda Kerkstra (‘03) school basketball with her feelings toward her coach.

“Not only is he a wonderful coach, but a wonderful person. Coach Mo has really been there for me as a father figure.”

The Flying Dutch will attempt to stay perfect in the MIAA when they travel to Saint Mary’s Wednesday night. The key game for Hope, is when they host Alma.

Alma comes into the game with a 9-1 MIAA record, and as the only team that can still contend with Hope for the MIAA title.

“I expect it to be a hard-fought game,” said Morehouse about the Alma game. “Both teams have dominant post players. We need to control the pace of play and try to slow down Alma’s Shelly Uffig.”

Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Dow Center.

Marathon match ends 500-233

Rand Arwady
Sports Editor

Last Saturday afternoon in the Dow Center, as the women’s basketball team was winning its 14th straight game, another less known, but just as impressive game was going on.

Senior Josh Tibe (‘01) and Dan Lannin (‘01) were playing a friendly game of racquetball. However, this wasn’t just your usual game of racquetball to 15 points, instead these two reserved the court for eight hours.

“We got a funny look from the guy behind the counter, wondering what we were gonna do in there for 8 hours,” said Lannin.

The match was a 6 hour, 15 minute marathon, with the match to 500 points being the victor.

“We’ve done some stupid stuff before, Lannin said, “but we didn’t do this to bring awareness to any cause. We did it because racquetball is normally expensive, but here it’s free.”

In racquetball you are only able to score a point when you are serving. Due to this fact Tibe estimated over 1,000 total serves in the match.

When it was all said and done, the final score was Dan Lannin 500, Josh Tibe 233.

“I just dominated him,” Lannin said, “there wasn’t really much of a competition unfortunately, but he’s still a good person.”

“I never led, and I continued to get further and further behind,” said Tibe.

“Tibe, it hurt emotionally and physically, but was fun,” B oth players took short water breaks during the match, and ate one granola bar a piece. Sadly, the match was only viewed by a total of ten people, and at no point were there more than four spectators. In the end it was just Josh and Dan.

“I thought Tibe would hold up better than me because he’s thinner, but he didn’t,” Lannin said, “I thought that was kinda odd.”

Although this was a very one-sided match in favor of Lannin, he was still able to find a strength in Tibe’s game.

“He sweats a lot. If he had any advantage in the game, it would be that he sweat more than me,” Lannin said.

The duo used the pep band, who was playing at the women’s game for inspiration.

“Pep band would play, and we’d stop and dance,” Lannin said.

“They thought we were playing for us, but they weren’t.”

After this gripping display of athleticism, the guys now look toward the next goal they plan to achieve.

“We hope to have a twelve hour Playstation marathon sometime soon,” Lannin said. “We’d just play ‘Bust a Move 2’, it’s a game where you shoot bubbles into the earth. It would be nice because we’d just sit and eat the whole time.”

Sports

FROM THE STANDS

Books or Basketball?

With Valentine’s Day coming up next Wednesday, there is only one thing on my mind, and trust me it’s not where I should take my girlfriend to dinner. If actually had a girlfriend that might be something I would care about, but since I don’t I find myself confronted with a true Valentine’s love conundrum, sports or basketball. I’ve made my choice after agonizing for a few minutes. It wasn’t easy (RIGHT!), and it wasn’t made without some calls home, attempting to sway myself back down the right path.

If you are among the handful of students who hasn’t already heard me complain this week, I’ll let you in on my little problem.

I take two night classes a week with Prof. Rob Pecock on Monday and Tuesday. He’s a nice guy for someone who doesn’t play basketball, and they are perfect classes for me for two reasons. 1.) They both start at 7 pm, so chances are I won’t sleep through either of them, and 2.) Basketball games aren’t on Wednesday night, so I don’t have to worry about missing any home games for my beloved Flying Dutchmen.

Monday night, I was sitting in class when Pecock let us all in on the registrar’s dirty little secret. When we come back for classes on Wednesday night, Pecock will be traveling. Monday schedule. So Monday will fall on Wednesday Valentine’s Day, in class, no prob for this single guy. But wait! What else is that night? The Hope-Calvin basketball game at Hope! OH NO!

I talked to Prof. Pecock after class and asked him if he realized what he’s just done! I even asked him what his wife will think of him not taking her out to dinner on Valentine’s Day. He replied: “Every day is Valentine’s Day for my wife.” I know I was in trouble.

I have a plan however. I’m going to the game because I really need to be there for you, all the Hope College students who want to read my story in the Anchor.

What I’m doing is paying my friend Amanda $20 to attend my PR class, not  pretending to be (mission impossible, but instead, to videotape the class for my viewing pleasure in the future. I will also be taping the basketball game off the TV for all you poor unfortunate students who are being forced to go to your “Monday” class that night and miss the game. I will keep it available in my room (Doruba 208) for you. Just call me any time of the night (until the morning, when I’m smart enough to schedule classes) and you can pick it up.

As for you, my hard-core fellow Dew Crew members, and for you casual fans who just come out of the bushes for the Hope-Calvin game. I am asking you to please get extra emotional this year. Our team REALLY needs to win this game and get out of this slump it’s in. So let’s go step further for this game, whatever that means more face paint or yelling has. Whatever it takes.

And I’m also inviting everyone back to my room after the game to celebrate the victory. I will be serving heart shaped cookies, and all the Fago Red pop you can drink. If you’re lucky I’ll even throw in the tape from my PR class that night and we can all sit together and listen to what I missed.

Besides, isn’t leaning the reason we all came to college?