Gay film series continues

Task Force is happy four films into series
Matt Cook
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

The film series, "It's a Life, Not Just an Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality," has now shown four films. Nancy Miller, dean of social sciences and co-chair of the Homosexuality Task Force, feels that so far things have gone smoothly.

"From the perspective of the Task Force, things are going well," Miller said. "The films are being well attended." Miller estimated that an audience of 150 to 200 have shown up for each film.

After each film, the audience has been encouraged to discuss what they saw in small groups. Miller thinks that the groups have been very helpful.

"They're all listening carefully to each other," Miller said. "They're responding thoughtfully. I'm amazed at the kinds of things they're talking about. Every group is different."  

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New housing terms and conditions to be added

25 foot smoking rule
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Basketball defeats St. Mary's in MIAA tournament
Rand Arwady
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team, which is ranked third nationally in the most recent NCAA coaches' poll, took one step closer to earning an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III basketball tournament with a 95-48 victory over Saint Mary's Tuesday night in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

The victory was the record setting 19th in a row for the Flying Dutch, and raised their overall record to an impressive 23 wins with only two losses. Hope head coach Brian Morehouse was able to give each player on the roster at least 10 minutes of playing time, and every player had at least one point and one rebound.

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Campus Beat

Campus anchor vandalized with Calvin colors

Public Safety has no suspects

Daniele Koski

On the Tuesday before the Hope vs. Calvin basketball game, the anchor in front of Graves Hall was decorated in non-Hope colors. “It appears that some people hung a sheet or banner with Calvin colors on it [and put] streamers in.”

The anchor vandalized with Calvin colors on it was that has not happened in a while. They didn’t actually paint it,” Lafiata said. The banner was splattered and the streamers were removed from the anchor. Lafata said. The incident was written up in the Public Safety Report as being found Tuesday morning.

“The banner was splattered,” said Lafata. “It wasn’t really a big deal.”

“Find it appalling,” said Rebecca Brown (’02), a regular Dew Crew member. Some students think that retaliation is in order. “Let’s find their landmark and see what we can do to it,” said Lindsey Bosak (’03). “It’s all about putting Calvin back in their place.”

According to Lafata, there will be no investigation since, there was no damage done to the anchor, and there is no category in Public Safety’s system to put it in.

“It was just a practical joke,” Lafata said. “It wasn’t really a big deal.”

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to hold a special event usually ask for the money from Student Council’s Ad Hoc Committee, and it is not unheard of for Student Congress to cosponsor an event.

“We’re always willing to consider it,” Canfield said.

However, Greek groups are not allowed to request Ad Hoc money, so Walker had to take it to a general vote in Student Congress.

Walker said that money should not have been an issue, especially for the first proposal, because of the large amount of money Student Congress has available.

“Tiscally, it was not a taxing amount of money,” Walker said. Walker was disappointed with the vote. “It’s like getting shot down two years in a row,” Walker said. Walker said that he may be a victim of discrimination. He cited article 2.2 of the Hope College Student Congress Appropriations Committee Charter: “The use of this fund, in distribution, allocation, and expenditure shall in no way discriminate on the basis of race, sex, culture, ethnic group, or political orientation.”

“I think [political discrimination] may have played a role,” Walker said.

HOUSING from 1

One of the eight terms that will be in effect next semester bans halogen lamps from all on-campus residences, which is an open dorm room.

An incandescent bulb reaches 250 degrees,” Frost said. “While a halogen light can reach 1,500 degrees. It’s a personal hazard.”

According to Frost, fires have been started on other campuses because of droppers or clothing caught fire from a halogen lamp.

Another rule will not allow non-pano furniture on the decks or patios of cottages and apartments, because the college feels it is an eyesore.

“The City of Holland has called us on a couple occasions about it,” Frost said. “It becomes wet and soggy and in disrepair.”

Frost said that ruined furniture then becomes the college’s responsibility to dispose.

Fire for damaging a window screen will be raised to $100. The fine for damaging a window screen will be raised to $100.

The concert will be held as opposed to light for court on Tuesday, February 13.

He was accused of buying alcohol for Jeffrey Luchies (’03), the student who was driving when Sara Shugars (’03) fell off the trunk of a car and was seriously injured on Sunday, January 13.

According to the Holland Police, Luchies had consumed alcohol that night.

Social work department reaccredited

During its February meeting, the Council on Social Work Education reaffirmed the accreditation of the Hope College Social Work Program.

Initially accredited in 1997, the reaffirmation will last for eight years.

“We are very pleased with the reaffirmation. It indicates that we have met and are continuing to meet a series of rigorous standards designed by leading social work educators and practitioners to ensure that students are adequately prepared for professional practice. Our students are capable and deserve to have their hard work recognized.”

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According to Miller, at least a dozen faculty members stay for the discussions.

“I think that they broaden the conversations, the input and the perspective,” Miller said.

The biggest complaint the Task Force has gotten about the film series was from the American Family Association (AFA) of Michigan, two weeks ago. Gary Glenn, president of AFA-Michigan complained that Hope shouldn’t show the series because of Hope’s Christian mission and that the Task Force did not provide films from the conservative Christian perspective. According to Miller, the AFA has been silent since then.

There has been no other organized resistance to the series, although members of the Task Force have gotten a few email messages from Hope students.

“We’ve turned them right back in the original intentions of the series,” Miller said.

The Task Force has been keeping in mind the goals they set at the beginning of the series, especially the goal to educate and inform students about homosexuality and homosocial issues.

“This is a discussion, not a debate,” Miller said. “We are not trying to change anyone’s mind here.”

The Task Force has received complaints from only two sets of parents.

The Task Force meets after every film to assess how the films are meeting their goals. According to Miller, they are considering possibly adding another film, but have not yet made a final decision.

The next film, “It’s Elementary,” will be on Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m., in Maas Auditorium.

The Anchor

February 21, 2001

Hope student jailed for providing alcohol

According to an article in the Lakeshore Press on Thursday, February 15, Eric Ross (’02) showed up drunk and late for court on Tuesday, February 13.

According to Walker, there will be no court record, he had a blood alcohol level of 0.13 percent.

After spending a night in jail, Ross pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor.

He was sentenced to spend 30 days in jail, but could be released after four if he entered a program for youthful offenders. He was placed on probation for one year.

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Rimers of Eldritch shows at Dewitt

Emily Moelman
Arts Editor

Hope College Theater's most recent show, "The Rimers of Eldritch," by Lanford Wilson will continue playing in the DeWitt Center's main stage Wednesday-Saturday, Feb 21-24. The play is set in a small former mining town in the Middle West in the 1950's. There has been a murder. As the facts surrounding the killing are unveiled in quick overlapping images, the town itself is revealed.

According to director, John Tamini of the Hope theatre faculty, the focus of the play is not the murder or even how to solve it. "The play is about how the characters are revealed through their trying to figure out who the murderer is," said Tamini. "There's very little Norman Rockwell in Eldritch. But Lanford Wilson does give us a literary glimpse into the complexity of the human heart."

The theatre department stresses that "The Rimers of Eldritch" is a mature play with strong content that "The Rimers of Eldritch" is a mature play with strong content and language. "It is not recommended for children."

The play itself moves back and forth through time with a montage of scenes, giving the audience only impressions of what is happening. "It's a play that challenges the audience to really pay attention to what is happening," Tamini said. "It goes fast, and it is convoluted."

The play also deals with issues of Christianity and justice in a scene that flashes back and forth instantaneously from a service in a local church to a murder trial in a county courthouse. "To me, the play is about Christianity gone wrong," said cast member Lauren Toner ('03). "The people of Eldritch claim they're Christians, and you see the way they act and think to yourself. 'I don't want to be like that.' You can learn a lot from the characters about your own faith."

Tameri chose to run 'The Rimmers of Eldritch' because of the theme of operating in small towns. "I am drawn to the idea of a small town or village," Tameri said. "It becomes so important to the people that even if we live in big cities, we have our neighborhoods that become small towns in and of themselves."

Toner agrees that even if an audience member is not from a small town, they will still connect with the play. The play moves back and forth through time with a montage of scenes, giving the audience only impressions of what is happening. "It's a play that challenges the audience to really pay attention to what is happening," Tamini said. "It goes fast, and it is convoluted."

"The Rimers of Eldritch" in the combined courtroom and church scene. "It has issues that are applicable to everyone, no matter where they come from," Toner said. Tameri believes that the staging of "The Rimers of Eldritch" is fitting to its abstract nature. The set designed by Richard Smith of Hope theatre faculty and features whatever the characters say it is at each moment in time. "The staging is simple to follow the fluid quality of the play," Toner said. "The action can't be bogged down with furniture."

Toner encourages Hope students to come see the play. "The play has so much to offer, layers upon layers of depth. Any student can take so much from it," Toner said. "Wilson connected everything so well and it is very interesting."

Tickets are on sale in the theatre lobby ticket office of the DeWitt Center, and cost $7 for adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens and students. The ticket office can be reached at 395-7890.

Nightlife

Common Grounds Coffee House: Tues-Sat.presso, cookies, and coffee. 111 3rd St. SE, Grand Rapids. 651-3900.


Howlin' Moon Saloon: Contemporary country nightclub with line dancing. Thurs-Sat. Live music. 141 26th St. SE. Grand Rapids. 456-6790.

Soul Centre Cafe: Sat. gathering next to CentrePoint Church. Snacks, coffee, and Christian-themed live music $2 suggested donation. 205 28th St., Grand Rapids. 248-8107.

Arts at Hope:

Sac Jivin'Java: Every Wednesday at the Kletz. Coffee and non-coffee drinks with local Hope musicians performing. "The Rimers of Eldritch" in Dewitt Theatre Wed., Feb 23 through Feb 28. All shows at 8 p.m. $4 students/ $5 faculty.

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival: "It's Elementary" on Feb. 28. 7-9 p.m. in Maas.

Taylor Mason, puppeteer, Feb. 23 at 8:30 in Phelps.

Carrie Curtis, magician, Feb. 24 at 8:30 in Phelps.

Concerts:

Opinion

To the Editor:

The Feb. 7 Anchor editorial endorsed Hope College’s efforts to have civil dialogue on homosexuality. While I agreed with the general thrust of the editorial, I did have a problem with one specific claim. After the editorial set forth the pressing need for what Christians might think about the issue of homosexuality, it then said: “One thing seems reasonably certain: the person whoemu m the right to speak first is ‘right’ but simply think about the two and pick one based on personal feelings and other subjective evaluations.” Since this seems obviously false to me, I am wondering whether the editorial writer might have picked a number of ways of expressing his or her idea.

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Students voice opinions on dean of chapel

Megan Krigbaum
Religion Editor

With the prospect of a new dean of chapel, students at Hope have many thoughts on what they want the next dean to bring to the campus and are speaking out on them.

The next dean of chapel should be like Nehemiah, who, when faced with opposition will not compromise or water down the word of God, said Eulynne Jackson ('01).

Other students agree with Jackson on this point, in that they want the dean to be consistent in what he/she says.

"I hope [the new dean] will say what they mean and mean what they say even if it unintentionally offends people," said Kathryn DeHaan ('03).

"This person must be discerning. Things will be black and white -- no gray. Their strength must be dependent on the Lord alone," Jackson said.

Each student talked to sp examine about a dean who truly believes in what he/she preaches to the very core of their heart, and a dean who will live out the things they profess in their daily life.

Every student expressed the desire for a dean of chapel that is not concerned with the thoughts others have about their actions and beliefs.

"I would like a chaplain whose aim is to please God, not necessarily other people -- someone who doesn't compromise God's standards and won't back down because of what society says," said Daniel Van Slett ('03).

"The next dean of chapel will be a man of truth who is not afraid to tell it like it is," Jackson said.

Students believe that the role of the dean of chapel is to be a spiritual leader and guide, who will inspire students to know God better, and who is also, in the words of Laura Hahnfield ('03), "really easy to relate to and can easily relay information to college-age students as a person who has experienced this before."

This person has to continue to build, in confidence, the body of Christ, that has already begun, and bring it to its restoration, said Jill Ver Steeg, senior staff at Hope, who serves as pastorally available to students, faculty and staff. She also hopes that he/she will breathe vision into them and show respect for all people.

"We want a person of vision - the spiritual gift of vision - not only for the advancement of God's vision on Hope's campus but around the world. Ben [Patterson] blessed us with a sense that this isn't only here. We have to have a wide scope vision of the kingdom of God," said Dwight Beal, director of worship and music.

Other chapel staff members also place much emphasis on the importance of prayer.

"I really hope for a person of prayer, [someone] in a relationship with Jesus, as well as a person of integrity, truth, and honesty that reflects this relationship with Jesus," Borsama said.

Everyone is in complete agreement, though, that Hope needs a dean of chapel who loves to laugh and have fun and has joy in their heart.

"The dean of chapel is someone who represents spiritual life on the senior staff at Hope, who serves and is pastorally available to students, faculty and staff as well as the president. I pray for a person with a pastoral heart," Ver Steeg said.
IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL
GLOBE ADDS NEW DIMENSION TO HOPE COMMUNITY

Carrie Arnold
Spotlight editor

Jeffrey Howard ('01) came to college to be challenged. As co-leader of GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Equality), he has tackled more than a typical load of exams and papers. But that's exactly the experience he prefers.

"You don't come to college to sit in your desk and believe everything your teacher is telling you," Howard said.

The current gay and lesbian film series, which has come under fire from such organizations as the Michigan branch of the American Family Association (AFA), was seen by Howard and co-leader Sheri Folta ('01) as a step in the right direction by the Hope College community.

"The movies are based on education, not advocacy," Folta said, also a member of the film series task force. "It's a move in the right direction for us to reach out to students who may be interested in GLOBE.

"I want students to feel comfortable and know our commitment to confidentiality," Folta said. "GLOBE is not a scary thing. It's a place you can turn to."

Looking back, Folta cites GLOBE as a major source of support and understanding during some tough times in her college career.

"GLOBE has some great resources," Folta said. "It was the one place I could turn to, and while that may not seem like much, it meant more to me than anything."

Both Howard and Folta have high aspirations for the future of GLOBE. Each hopes that Hope College recognizes GLOBE as an official student organization in order to help the group reach out to more students.

"The more students that get involved with GLOBE, the more we can help each other and become visible," Howard said. "I would like to see the group grow to a size to support an open forum or do more educational events."

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Carrie Arnold
Spotlight editor

Crazy Uncle Ed

Every family has one.
I'm not talking about a dog or some other furry companion. I'm speaking of that one particularly odd relative. The one that shows up at Thanksgiving dinner in a periscope blue tutu mourning the death of his pet rock. The one who works out the meaning of life, but then forgets to write it down. Oh yes, folks, you know to whom I'm referring: Crazy Uncle Ed.

Ed is tolerated, yes, but not included. Throughout most of the year, we try very hard to forget that Ed exists. He's the only one to whom no Christmas cards are addressed, because we happened to run out of stamps. We forget to mention spontaneous family gatherings because we're madly dashing from dance recitals to basketball games.

We justify this because Ed can't possibly know or care. He can't.

Maybe Ed is sitting at home just waiting for his phone to ring with an invitation from Grandma Edna to come over and join her poker matches.

Maybe Ed knows all too well what he's missing. Maybe Ed has the equivalent of Uncle Ed. By refusing to officially recognize GLOBE, our college has made Uncle Ed out of any student who is not the "accepted" heterosexual. Instead of condemning their sexuality, we should rejoice in the fact that GLOBE members have against all odds, embraced themselves.

I'm not implying here that people in GLOBE are crazy. Just different from the heterosexual majority. Most of the student body knows GLOBE exists, but we have yet to acknowledge their existence on an official level and tell GLOBE that it's part of our family.

Imagine if we were questioning your sexuality at a place like Hope. Would you want the same response you and your fellow students have given to members of GLOBE?

Whether you agree with their sexuality or not is beside the point. We make anyone who doesn't fit in with our personal picture of the world an Uncle Ed. It is, after all, much easier to exclude Ed than question our own personal prejudices.

The current film series is a wonderful first step. A chance to explore without judging. To learn without intolerance. To invite Uncle Ed back into the family. Our next step, as a college community, is to bring GLOBE official acceptance and make it an official student organization. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual students attend the same lectures, live in the same dorms, and eat in the same cafeterias. They aren't different from us. They are us.

So, if you'll excuse me, I have a belated Christmas card to send.
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Calvin’s depth defeats Flying Dutch

Both swim teams finish MIAA Championships in second place

Rand Arwady
Sports Editor

The MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships were held last Thursday through Saturday here in Holland at the Holland Aquatic Center. When all the points were tallied both of Hope head coach John Patnott’s men’s and women’s teams finished in second place. A second place finish means that the men now have finished behind Kalamazoo College for six consecutive years. This year Kalamazoo finished the meet with 618 points compared to 553 for the Flying Dutchmen.

The second place finish for the Flying Dutch did not continue a streak for them. Calvin College instead claimed its first ever women’s title, a tole which had belonged to the Flying Dutch for nine consecutive seasons. The Calvin women finished the meet with 552 points compared to 444 for the Flying Dutch.

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Although the women didn’t win the meet, they did earn a lot of individual honors, winning eight individual gold medals and two relay champions.

Leading the way for the Flying Dutch was VandenBerg who won the 200-yard breaststroke for the fourth consecutive year. Her time of 2:20.54 is not only a national qualifying time but also a MIAA record. She also won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:05.25), and the 300-yard individual medley (2:10.45). VandenBerg was also on the winning 400-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay.

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Both coaches’ MVP honors went to Hope swimmers. VandenBerg was awarded as the most valuable women in the conference, and Boss was the most valuable male in the conference.

It’s an honor to be MVP again this year (he also won it in 1999), and a credit to Coach Patnott’s coaching that both the men’s and women’s MVP’s were Hope swimmers,” VandenBerg said.

Boss was the co-MVP last year, however this year he sat out at the top

“It is a great honor, there were a lot of good swims this past weekend, I am very grateful to have this honor,” Boss said.

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