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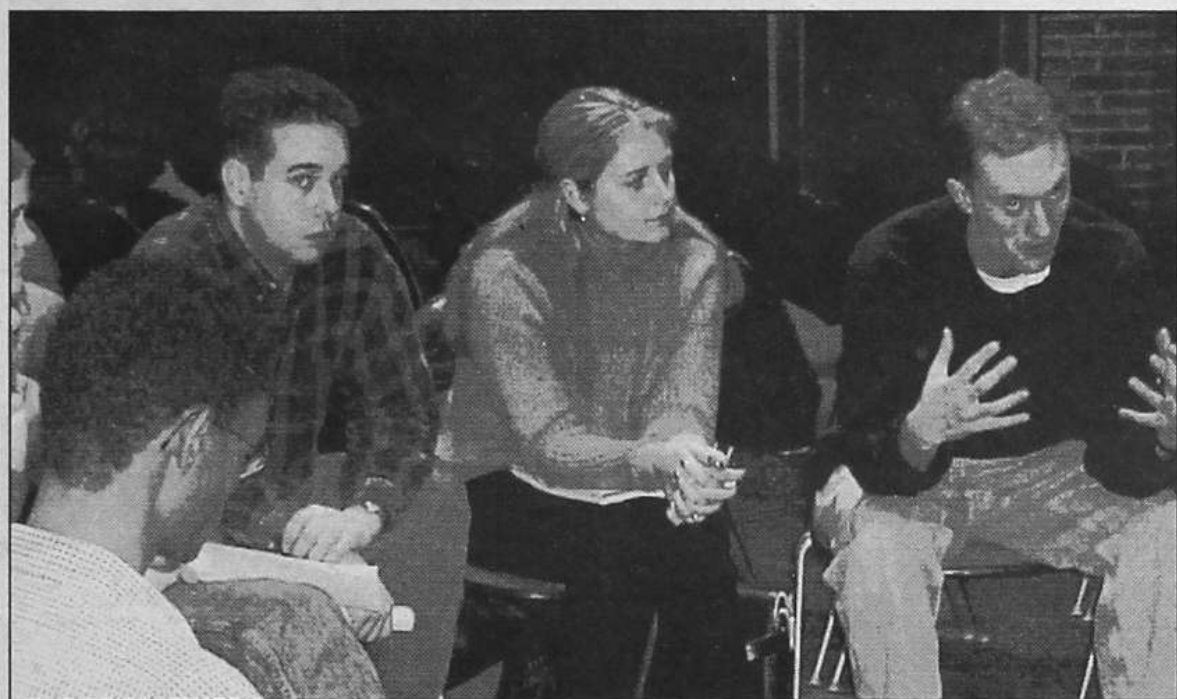
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DIALOGUE: Eric Shaeffer ('01), Jill Spalding ('01), and Brad Chassee ('01) participate in a discussion after viewing the film "Out of the Past," part of "It's a Life, Not Just an Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality."

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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Student Congress votes against AIDS concert

Congress members uncomfortable with condom distribution

Matt Cook
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

Student Congress has voted against cosponsoring an AIDS awareness event with the Knickerbocker fraternity.

Mitchell Walker ('02), a member of Student Congress and the Knickerbockers, brought two proposals before Student Congress at their meeting last Thursday concerning the AIDS Reality Concert, an event held by the Knickerbockers.

According to Walker, the Knickerbockers held the same concert last year. They sought support from the Interfraternity Council, but did not get any. As a result, very few students knew about the event or attended it. Walker hoped for more support this time.

"This year, I figured I could go through Student Congress, so that maybe people would want to get more involved," Walker said.

The first proposal was for Student

Congress to allocate \$600 to pay for the Hope Faculty Jazz Chamber Ensemble to perform in the concert. It lost by one vote.

The second proposal was for \$150 for advertising, and a \$1000 donation to the MacKauley Health Center, the organization in charge of informing students at the event. It lost by five votes.

The MacKauley Health Center, which offers its services free of charge, will distribute condoms and other contraceptives at the event.

Canfield said that the contraceptives were the main concern of Student Congress members.

"A lot of members were uncomfortable with that," Canfield said. "And so was I."

Canfield said that Student Congress would not only have been donating money to the event, they would have been cosponsoring it, and they did not want to endorse the free contraceptives.

"If it wasn't for this main issue, [the proposals] would have gotten larger support," Canfield said.

Student organizations that want

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New housing terms and conditions to be added

25 foot smoking rule passed on to administrative affairs

Matt Cook
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

There will be eight additions or changes to Hope's housing terms

and conditions next semester. They will appear in the Handbook of Selected College Policies, 2001-2002.

According to Richard Frost, dean of students, these terms did not have to be approved by the Campus Life Board or the Residential Life Board. They were all reviewed and discussed by the boards, but the fi-

nal decision was made by Frost and Kelly Burris Wesener, assistant dean of residential life.

"The college has invested in us the responsibility with improving the physical environments of the residential buildings," Frost said.

Frost and Wesener sought input on the changes from different

sources, including the state fire marshal, local ordinances and the Hope maintenance and grounds staff.

One change that was being considered would have required that anyone smoking must be 25 feet from a residence hall. However, after an unfavorable reception by the

Campus Life Board, Frost sent it to the Administrative Affairs Board for consideration.

"From the discussion, it really seemed that this needed to be a campuswide question, not just a Residential Life question," Frost said.

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Women win first round

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.

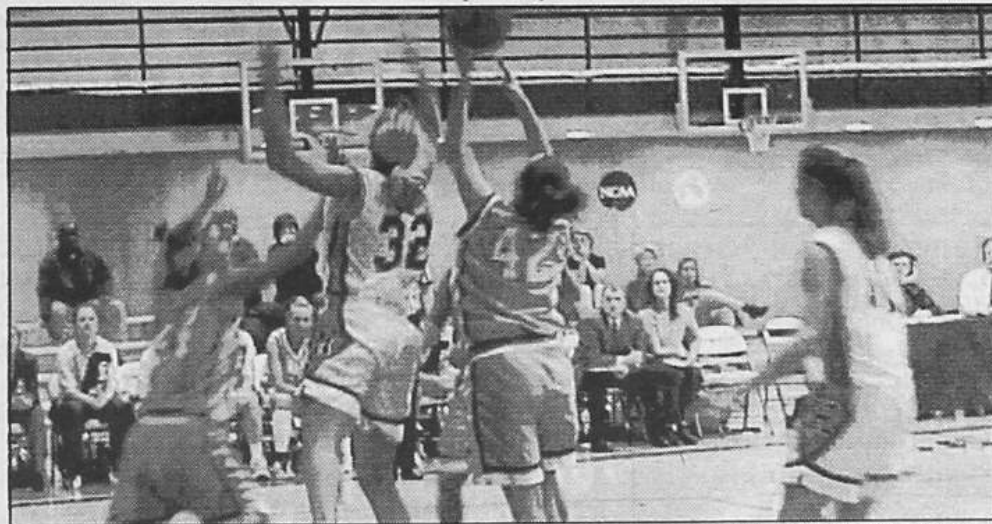
The victory was the record setting 19th in a row for the Flying Dutch, and raised their overall record to an impressive 23 wins with

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.

In Tuesday nights game, Laura Geurink ('04) led the way for Hope with 21 points in only 18 minutes of play. Amanda Kerkstra ('03) finished the game with 12 points. This raised Kerkstra to 402 points for the season, only two points short of the Hope single season record.

Kristen Koenigsnecht ('01) became the sixth player in Hope College women's

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ANCHOR PHOTO BY ANDREW KLECZEK

LOOSE BALL: Laura Poppema ('02) struggles to rebound one of her shots in Tuesday night's basketball game against St. Mary's.

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Campus anchor vandalized with Calvin colors

Public Safety has no suspects

Danielle Koski
STAFF REPORTER

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 burgundy and yellow [on the anchor]," said Mike Lafata, Public Safety Patrol Sergeant.

"I think it is kind of funny," said Brandon Vavpre ('02). "It hasn't

majorly upset my world. [It's] just good natured ribbing between rival schools."

According to Lafata, in past history the anchor has been painted in Calvin colors before the rivalry game but that has not happened in a while.

"They didn't actually paint it," Lafata said. "No damages were done."

The banner was untied 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.

"I 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 ('01). "It is 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."



ANCHOR PHOTO BY MATT COOK

THE VICTIM: All signs of Calvin's colors have been removed from the Anchor in front of Graves Hall.



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ANDREW KLECZEK

MUSIC NIGHT: Members of the Hope College Wind Symphony perform in a concert yesterday night in Dimnent Chapel. The title of the concert was "Composers React." Each piece represented a composer's reaction to some outside event. Pieces included reactions to slavery and the Bible, by composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Dmitri Shostakovich, Frank Ticheli, David Maslanka, and Gordon Jacob.

CONGRESS from 1

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.

"Fiscally, 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.

Walker said the several members of the Student Congress executive board are also members of Hope Republicans, and hold a political viewpoint very different from his own.

The concert will be held as planned on Tuesday, March 6, from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Kletz.

There will be live music. The MacKauley Health Center will offer free information about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, free contraceptives, and confidential counseling and AIDS testing.

HOUSING from 1

One of the eight terms that will be in effect next semester bans halogen lamps from all on-campus residences and toaster ovens from residence halls.

"An incandescent bulb reaches 250 degrees," Frost said. "While a halogen light can reach 1300 degrees. It's a personal hazard."

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

Another rule will not allow non-patio 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.

The fine for damaging a window screen will be raised to \$100. The college will be using higher gauge steel next year.

Also, the sentence in the Handbook under Aerials, Antennae and Cable TV (page 9) which states "It is against the law to splice or tamper in any way with cable television lines or in any other manner intercept cable television signals," will be added to section 7.0 of Student Behavior Policies and the housing terms and conditions.

Frost is willing to accept input on these terms and conditions.

"I thought they made sense," Frost said. "If students have questions about that, they can ask. It's not a closed process, but one that has some opens."

Campus Briefs

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.

He was accused of buying alcohol for Jeffry 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.

Ross was supposed to be arraigned on the misdemeanor charge at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, but he didn't arrive in court until 1 p.m. According to court records, he had a blood-alcohol level 0.13 percent.

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

He was sentenced to 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.

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 standard 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,"

said James Piers, director of the social work program.

The Council on Social Work Education is the accrediting agency for undergraduate and graduate social work programs throughout the country.

About 45 students are majoring in Hope's social work program at any given time.

The program's emphases include social welfare policies and services; human behavior in the social environment; social work practice; and social research.

A final and central component is a yearlong placement in a social service agency.

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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 to 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 homosexual 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.

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Rimers of Eldritch shows at Dewitt

Emily Moellman

ARTS EDITOR

Hope College Theater's most recent show "The Rimers of Eldritch" by Lanford Wilson will continue playing in the DeWitt Center 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 unraveled in quick overlapping images, the town itself is revealed.

According to director John Tammi 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 Tammi. "There's very little Norman Rockwell in Eldritch. But Lanford Wilson does give us a literary glimpse into the heartland which is both rich and complex. His voice is true and the truth is not always pleasant."

The theatre department stresses 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," Tammi 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."

Tammi chose to run "The Rimers of Eldritch" because of his own fascination with small towns.

"I am drawn to the idea of a small town or village," Tammi said. "Everyone can relate to small towns. 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.



ANCHOR PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN TAMMI

PRAISE THE LORD! The actors in "Rimers of Eldritch" in the combined courtroom and church scene.

"It has issues that are applicable to everyone, no matter where they are from," Toner said.

Tammi 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 it becomes whatever the characters say it is at each moment in time.

"The staging is simple to follow the fluid quality of the play," Tammi 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.

VWS brings two poets to Hope

Beth Lomasney

STAFF WRITER

The Visiting Writers Series will feature two poets on Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre. Both Allison

Joseph and Van Jordan will read in honor of Women's Week and Black History Month.

Allison Joseph is the author of three collections of poetry: "What Keeps Us Here", "Soul Train", and "In Every Seam". Her work frequently examines her identity as both a woman and a racial minority, revealing uniquely personal experiences.

"I can only write from the point of view I have...I cannot escape who I am, and I wouldn't want to," Joseph said in an interview with Sara E. Lamers ('01).

Joseph cannot ignore her love of language.

"I write because I love language so much," Joseph said. "I like poetry best of all, because of its use of rhythm, and its ability to move me emotionally as a reader."

"What Keeps Us Here" was the winner of Ampersand Press' 1992 Women Poets Series Competition, and was also awarded the John C. Zacharis First Book Award from "Ploughshares" and Emerson College.

Joseph has also been the recipient of the 1996 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship in Poetry and the 1997 Literary Award from the Illinois Arts Council.

Her poems have appeared in "Ploughshares", "Callaloo", "Parnassus", "The Southern Review", and "The Kenyon Review". Joseph is a graduate of Kenyon



A. JOSEPH



V. JORDAN

College and Indiana University, and she currently teaches at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Van Jordan's poetry collection "Rise" will be published by Tia Churcha Press next month.

Jordan's work particularly honors the African American experience, connecting personal experiences as an African American with history from the past. Each piece incorporates musical sound, meshing elements of jazz, blues and gospel.

In an interview with Dana Lamers ('01), Jordan shared his belief that the only way to bridge the chasm of communication barriers is through poetry. In this own way, Jordan breaks down every wall.

"I want everyone to understand me," Jordan said in his interview to Lamers. "Not communicating is easy; that's not a craft. It's difficult

to be heard and felt."

"Rise" was a semi-finalist in the 1999 Discovery/Nation Poetry Awards and received the Hughes, Diop, Knight Award by the Gwendolyn Brooks Center.

In 1995 he was awarded a DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Literary Fellowship. His works have appeared in "Seneca Review", "Brilliant Corners", and "Arkansas Review", as well as the collection "Beyond the Frontier: Anthology of Poetry for the New Millennium".

Jordan received a BA from Wittenberg University, an MA from Howard University and the MFA from Warren Wilson.

Admission to the reading is free and the public is welcome. For more information about the Visiting Writers Series contact Hope's English department at 395-7620.

only from chaos can a shining
star be born.

-nietzsche

WHAT'S Up? ↑

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Uncommon Grounds Coffee House: poetry readings and book signings. Call ahead for dates. Located in downtown Saugatuck.

Diversions: Sun., Mon., Wed., and Fri.: karaoke. 10 Fountain NW, Grand Rapids. 451-3800.

The Grotto: Thurs.: College night. 2510 Burton SE. 956-9790.

Howlin' Moon Saloon: Contemporary country nightclub with line-dancing. Thurs.-Sat.: Live music. 141 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids. 956-9790.

Soul Centre Cafe: Sat. gathering next to CentrePoint Church. Snacks, coffee, and Christian-themed live music. \$2 suggested donation. 2035 28th St., Grand Rapids. 248-8307.

Arts at Hope:

Sac Jivin'Java: Every Wednesday at the Kletz. Coffee and non-coffee drinks with local Hope musicians performing.

Play "The Rimers of Eldritch" in Dewitt Theatre Weds., Feb. 21 through Feb. 28. All shows at 8 p.m. \$4 students/ \$5 Faculty.

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

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

Christopher Carter, magician. Feb. 24 at 8:30 in Phelps.

Concerts:

2-21 Buckcherry. St. Andrews Hall. Detroit.

2-22 Knee Deep Shag. Rick's. East Lansing.

2-24 Domestic Problems. Intersection. Grand Rapids.

2-27 Orgy. Clutch Cargos. Pontiac.

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Our voice

Astute readers of the Anchor may notice that amidst the hubub of Student Development rulings, protests, gay and lesbian films, and Student Congress balking at the distribution of condoms at an AIDS awareness event, there are two articles about the search for a new Dean of Chapel for Hope's campus. And although the other news is ringing a lot of bells in campus discussion, consideration of what constitutes the right chaplain for Hope College is something extremely important for Hope to be discussing. Regardless of one's opinions on Chapel at Hope College, the Dean of Chapel is the person who the college invests with the duty of looking over the religious life of the Hope College Christian community, and anyone who undertakes such a responsibility should be someone who fits the needs and wants of the college community.

Unfortunately, there are thousands of different students, faculty and staff members that form the Hope community, and probably the same number of opinions on what the ideal Dean of Chapel should be.

Some may feel that the Dean of Chapel should be a compromiser, someone able to preach God's word while accepting the difficulties associated with the Christian message and how it meshes with persons of other faiths on campus. Others may feel that the new Chaplain should be resolute, firm in convictions and beliefs on issues, and not bend to pressure to be meet the varied expectations that come with the office. Some feel that the new chaplain should be female. Others feel that the new chaplain should be male. Some think that the new chaplain should be traditional on values such as abortion and homosexuality, while others think that a perfect new chaplain would be liberal on those very same issues. And the list goes on.

It is not important that each and every one of us on the Hope College campus get exactly the Dean of Chapel we have in our mind, the person that meets each of our expectations fully. What is important is that the person chosen to be the new Dean first and foremost cares about Hope College. It's as simple as that: the best chaplain is one who invests his or her self in the college community, and who honestly and openly is concerned with every single person who makes up that community. This caring should extend to all people, from those who attend chapel each week or sing in the gospel choir, to those who have never attended a chapel service or are devout followers of other religions.

We at the Anchor encourage those people involved in the selection process for a new chaplain to proceed carefully, thoughtfully, prayerfully, and most of all, with an eye for those applicants who genuinely care about Hope College. We also encourage the student body to express their opinions about the selection process. It seems that the more people are talking about this process, the better - it is a choice that will affect the lives of many students in some way or another. By seeking a new Dean of Chapel who has a strong level of caring and concern for the college community, each and every one of those students affected will be reached in a positive and supporting manner.

Your voice

Professor questions recent editorial on homosexuality

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 out some options for what Christians might think about the issue of homosexuality, it then said: "One thing seems reasonably certain: one cannot know which stance 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 misleading way of expressing his or her idea.

One reason that I suspect that

this cannot be what the editorial writer meant to say is that it undercuts the point of the editorial. The idea that the issue of homosexuality is purely subjective makes the time and effort that has gone into planning a film series and campus discussion of it look like a pointless waste of time. What would be the point of Hope College spending time on this issue if thinking about it cannot, if done well enough and for long enough, get us closer to the truth than our gut-level initial responses would?

I think that what the editorial writer may have meant was this: The issue of homosexuality generates lots of emotional reactions — for some fear, for others compassion, or anger, or shame. That makes it a difficult issue to think well about. So we shouldn't think we've got an opinion worth ex-

pressing on this issue unless we have put considerable time and effort into becoming informed. And we need to listen hard to those with differing views and sort through which of our emotional responses are appropriate. It is important not to come to premature conclusions. Even when we think we've thought long and hard enough about it to have an intelligent opinion, we need to have both intellectual humility and Christian humility about the matter. And we need to keep in mind that "it is not just an issue" — that real people are involved here. If that's what the editorial writer meant by picking a position based on personal feeling, I agree, but that is a long way from "subjective evaluation."

Carol Simon
Professor of Philosophy

Smoking limits objectionable, to be protested

To the Editor:

Recently, it came to the attention of Student Congress that nine new regulations affecting students would take effect on campus. Among these regulations is the proclamation that no student shall smoke within twenty-five feet of a residence hall. The general consensus among students was that this policy should not be enacted. These new policies themselves are not what we intend to protest, but rather the manner in which Student Development implemented them. We feel that the opinion of the student body is marginalized and the pledges by Dean Frost and Kelly Burris Wesener to consider student opinion are not sincere. In the minutes of the Campus Life Board meeting in which this topic is discussed, Dean Frost wrote that these new modifications to the housing terms and conditions "are not open for modification." This means that no matter what any board might say or approve, these changes will take effect as

they are. In the next phrase he says that Student Development "certainly welcomes feedback or insights on how this could be done more effectively." What is the point of feedback if there is no intention of changing the policies? There is none.

The recommendation about smoking was not received favorably by the Residential Life Committee and the Campus Life Board. As a result this it was agreed that the Administrative Affairs Board should have a look at the issue. This is a moot point, however, because since conditions are "not open for modification," Student Development still does not have to abide by the decision of the Administrative Affairs Board. Specifically, we are distraught by the ninth recommendation to require smokers to be 25 feet away from residence halls. In the minutes, Dean Frost states that these new housing policies are non-negotiable because they are "directives from the College based upon [the City of Holland's] rental practices, ordinances, and policies." This is not true. No Holland ordi-

nance exists that requires smokers to smoke 25 feet away from a residence hall. Smoking is an unhealthy habit and certain risks are associated with this behavior, but it is a legal activity. In this case, Dean Frost and Kelly Burris Wesener seem to have forgotten that smokers are not cattle; they are people just like the rest of us and they should not be forced to stand in the rain, snow, sleet, ice and all other kinds of inclement weather to smoke.

We feel that the Student body needs a chance for its opinion to be heard. Student Development needs to be held accountable for their duplicity and hypocrisy. In response to these actions, a protest will be held on Monday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. on the DeWitt patio. This will be a peaceful assembly and we will be exercising our right to smoke. We encourage all students who disapprove of Student Development's handling of this situation to attend.

Jim Plasman ('03)
Student Congress Member

Student responds to Patterson quote, Gathering painting

To the Editor:

"Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!" (Psalm 137:9) This is the Word of the Lord.

"This is my Bible. It is the word of God." It is the one my dad gave me the day after I conceded to belief in Christ. This is one of the darker corners of it, admittedly; one that I have often blankly stared at when "reading" the Bible before progressing to blankly stare at Psalm 138. Of course, it doesn't matter that this contradicts the teachings of Jesus to "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Luke, 6:27). Or perhaps this is what matters, and it is Psalm 137 that we should ignore. Perhaps we can just re-interpret either history or the text and come up with some meanings that do not contradict one another.

Perhaps, too, we can say David was wrong. It is the word of God. God is not wrong. It is against the nature of God to be wrong. How do I know this? Cartesian principles of logic? Biblical foundation? Or simple faith... if God exists, God must be all good and powerful. It is not all good and powerful to be wrong. If a being is wrong—that is, if a being contradicts itself in speech or other physical factors—it is imperfect, and thus not God. These are not difficult principles.

If a being, in "His Holy Word," tells us to dash our enemy's babies against the rocks, and forgive our enemies, this being is wrong. You cannot kill your enemy's children and "do good" to them at the same time. Perhaps, it is time to say David is wrong. "I am what it says I am, I have what it says I have." I am a baby-dasher. I am a vengeful, hateful, murderer. And I do onto others as I would have them do onto me. Of course, I want to live up to

Biblical standards... when my enemies come to dash my children's heads on the rocks, I won't hold it against them. I will try to love them, and forgive them, and bless them; when they have more babies, I will lovingly and forgivingly and "blessingly" dash these children of God against the rocks. I will live happily in this contradiction, because I am what it says I am. I do not have to defend myself. God spoke through David, so David cannot be wrong.

"Devil, I'm armed." I will not slay you with a sword of steel. I will not burn you with purgatorial fires. I will not expose the blackness of your heart to God's painfully sacred redemption. I will simply confound the devil with my book; he will be so confused that he'll have no means of stealing my soul. I might even dash a couple of his kids against the rocks.

Charlie White ('01)

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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 name of the Lord," said Ettienne 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.

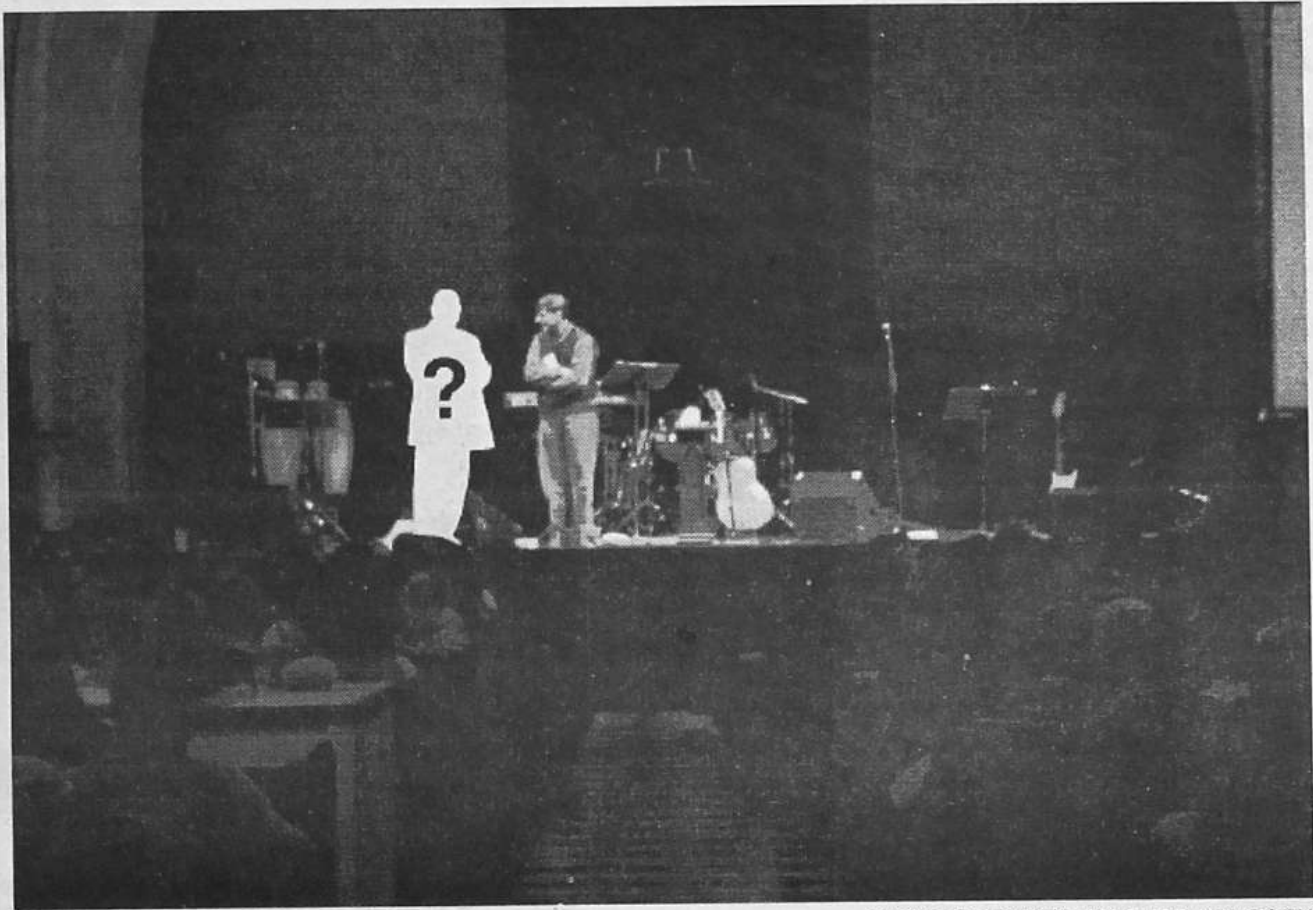
Each student talked to spoke about need for a dean who truly believes in what he/she preaches to the very core of their heart, and a dean who will live out the things they profess in their daily life.

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 preach to glorify [his/herself] but preaches to glorify God. [The dean] should be 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,



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and who is also, in the words of Laura Hahnfeld ('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 it's restoration and who is also able to speak the Gospel with boldness, authority, and encourage-

ment to the saints," Jackson said.

"Something big is about to happen at Hope. The new dean has to be dead to the world and start pushing the Kingdom," said Dane Splinter ('02).

Chaplain staff looks forward to new dean

Megan Krigbaum
RELIGION EDITOR

The qualifications for the future Dean of Chapel have been decided, and applicants for the position are beginning to surface. Although the person chosen to fill this role at Hope College will not start the job until July 1, people on campus are already starting to think about what type of person they want in this position. The chaplain staff will work most directly with this person, and clearly have opinions about

who should be the dean, as well as what this person might be able to bring to the Hope community.

the person must have to be considered for the position.

"I hope that this person will adhere to the authority of scripture, believe that the word of God is the rule, and submit to the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the son of God and the way to salvation," said Paul Boersma, chaplain.

Barb Osburn, director of outreach in the chaplain's Office, hopes that the new dean will be fervent in his/her beliefs and that

this is "that they have passion in what they promise to do."

"I hope that this person is a lover of Jesus Christ, who devotes their life to furthering the kingdom of God here on earth," said Jill Ver Steeg, chaplain.

"We are here to educate our minds for a lifetime in what God wants us to do, and the choices we make, and the way we become a doctor or a lawyer," Osburn said.

Other chapel staff want a dean who will love students, faculty, and staff. They also hope 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.

Some of the 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," Boersma 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.

Seen & Heard

What do you hope the next Dean of Chapel will bring to the campus?



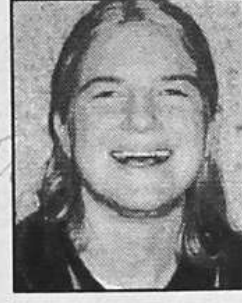
"Unity."
--Josh Bochniak ('02)



"Integrity and a commitment to the Bible as the Truth and a love and passion for the Lord."
--Clare Messink ('03)



"Unity."
--Matt Evaritt ('03)



"Love."
--Megan Daniels ('03)



"Grace."
--Jesse Bolinder ('03)

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 hurdled 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 to challenge you, and for you to take away what you can."

Thus far, Folta is pleased with both the content of the films and the dialogue afterwards. For her, it is especially gratifying that this new channel of information has not divided the campus like it did two years ago. Howard

also finds the films and discussions informative, since he is better able to see the other side.

Both Folta and Howard are committed to clearing up misconceptions about gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, which they view as one of the many functions of GLOBE. And while GLOBE may provide support for gay, lesbian, bisexual students, and those questioning their sexuality, it is not primarily a support group.

"We hope to relieve the stress of our members, but it's a very social atmosphere," Howard said. "We talk about what's going on on-campus. We've gone to a club before."

GLOBE also engages in more

educational activities, such as running a booth at the upcoming Women's Week, and hosting a variety of outside speakers offering both information and advice. One of their most recent speakers was a teacher who was fired after the Christian school he taught at discovered his son was gay.

They also have a large alumni support network, and graduates in the area frequently attending meetings.

"The most frustrating thing is that there are a lot of interested students, but they don't know what GLOBE is about," Howard said. "They think if they attend a meeting, everyone will find out."

Folta, too, sees the misconceptions about GLOBE as a detriment not only to the group, but also to all students at Hope who may be interested in GLOBE.

"I want students to feel comfortable and know our commitment to confidentiality," Folta said.

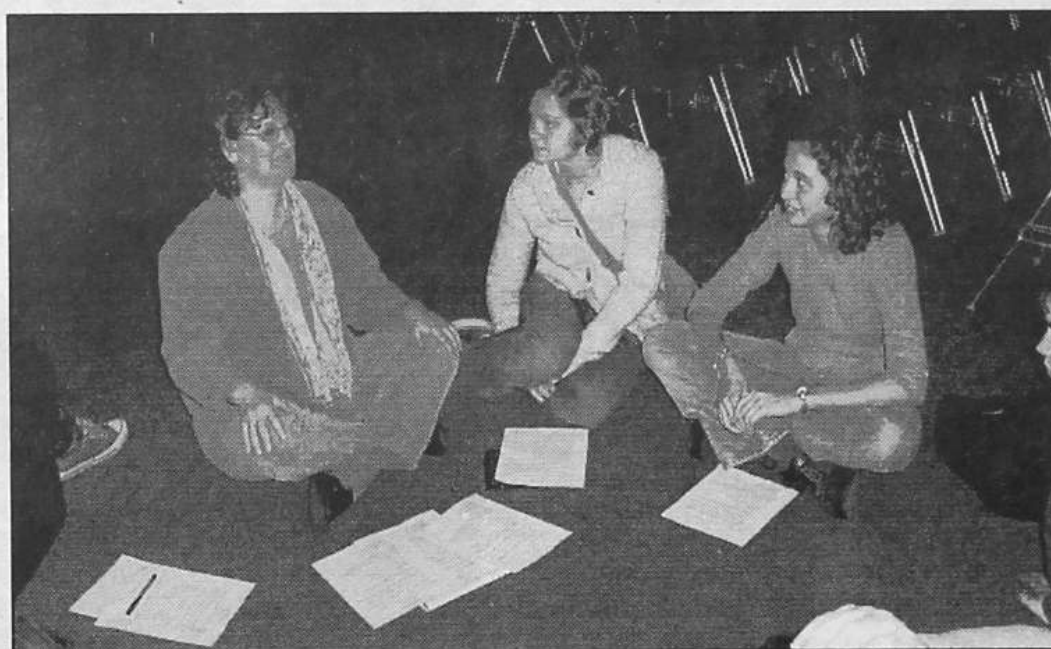
"GLOBE is not a scary thing. It's a place you can turn to."

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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LOOKING DEEPER: Psychology professor Jane Dickie engages in a discussion with Kelsey Lillmars ('04) and Lindsey Woodall ('01) after the film "Out of the Past," on Thursday, February 15. This film was a part of the series "It's a Life, Not Just an Issue: A Lens for Understanding Homosexuality," sponsored by the Task Force on Homosexuality.

Carrie Arnold



Spotlight editor

NUTS AND BOLTS

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 periwinkle blue tux 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 can he?

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.

Hope, too, has the equivalent of Uncle Ed. By refusing to officially recognize GLOBE, our college has made Uncle Eds 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 a part of Hope's family.

Imagine if you 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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Oink oink- Drop by VV sometime, and I'll give you big hello.

Tip of the day- Don't try and squeeze a forty pound butt into thirty-pound-butt-capacity pants.

I miss you- the colors of morning are way to bright.

Guided Relaxation- Each day in the counseling center at 4:30 p.m. Stop in to rid yourself of the stress you accumulate as a student.

Fizban's Cloak- No progress lately, but the cloak is within our grasp--we're just a sneaky plan and a squashed halfling away.

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?

Vanderprov



Saturday, February 24th-- 8:00 p.m. in Wichers Auditorium. Bring your siblings to an improvisational comedy outing, and bring mittens.

Are you busting at the seams to get new art for your dorm room walls? Then go to the: Dance Marathon Art Auction



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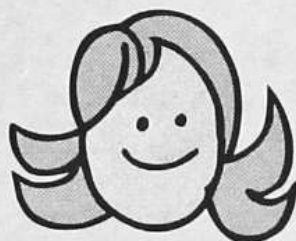
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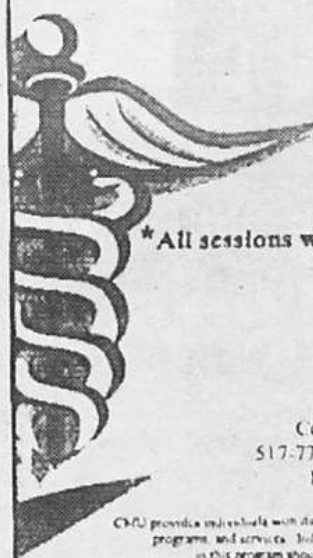
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Calvin's depth defeats Flying Dutch

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 title 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.

"Calvin was about twice our size, giving them depth that was not conquerable for a team our size," said Betsy Vandenberg ('01). "It was the positive attitude and determination of our team that allowed us to win the dual meet against [Calvin]."

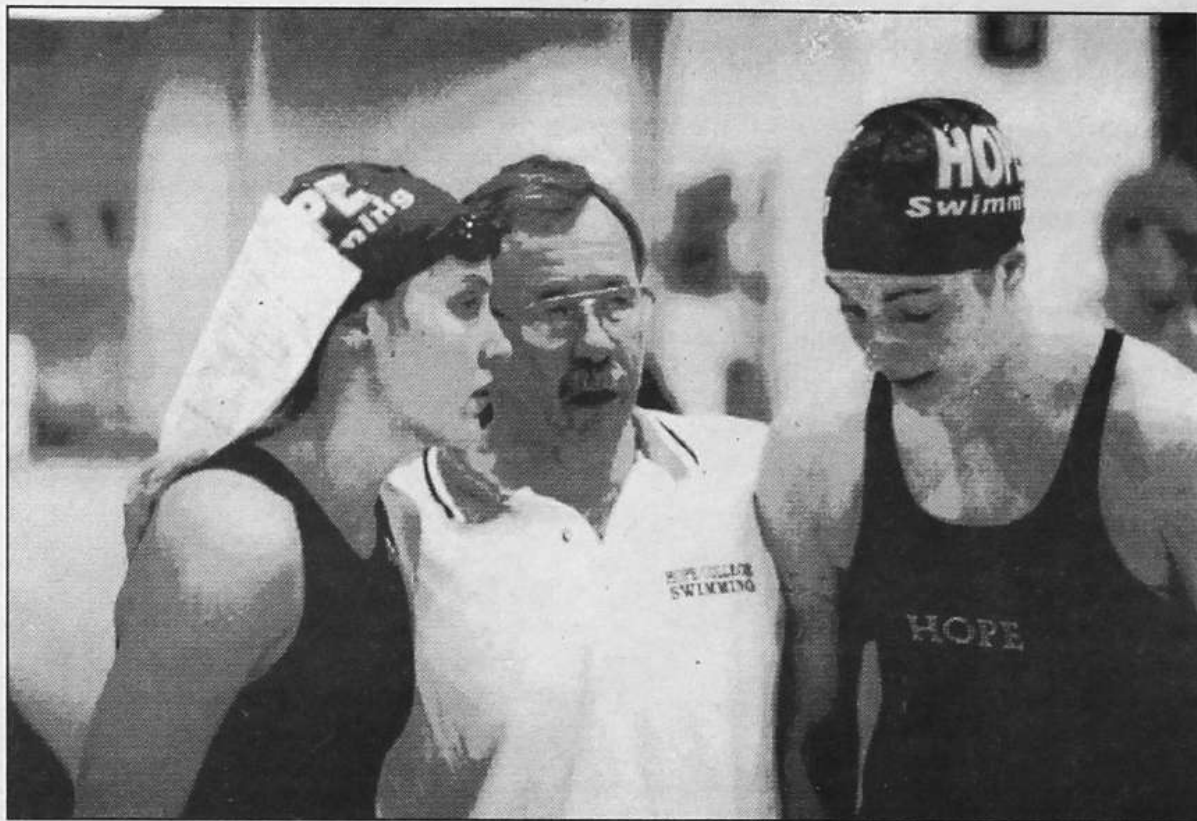
Although the women didn't win the meet, they did earn a lot of individual honors, winning eight individual gold medals and two relay champions.

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 200-yard individual medley (2:10.45).

Vandenberg was also on the winning 400-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay. Joining her on the winning 400-yard medley relay team were Audrey Arnold ('04), Michelle Smith ('04), and Laura Smith ('02). With Vandenberg on the winning 800-yard freestyle relay team were Arnold, Smith, and Betsy's younger sister Erin Vandenberg ('03).

Smith, who is only a freshman, swept the distance freestyle events. She won gold in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.79), 500-yard freestyle (5:05.87), and the 1,650 yard freestyle (17:30.57). As mentioned above she was also a member of both winning relay teams.

Hope Freshmen diver Hannah Rapson ('04) swept the diving by



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VOICE OF WISDOM: Hope swim coach John Patnott keeps sisters Erin ('03) and Betsy ('01), Vandenberg (L-R) focused at the MIAA Championships.

winning both the three-meter and the one-meter gold medal.

"Getting second at Leagues just gives the team something to aim for next year," Vandenberg said. "Which looks pretty good considering we're only losing one senior (Vandenberg)."

On the men's side of the meet for Hope, there were four individual winners, and The Flying Dutchmen captured four of the five relays.

Josh Boss ('02) showed why he is one of the best Division III swimmers by winning the 200-yard breaststroke (2:02.04) for a third consecutive year, and also winning the 100-yard breaststroke (55.91).

"My performances were where they needed to be, said Boss. "I had a mini-taper in order to swim fast enough for our relays to make it in to Nationals with A cuts. We did that, so all went well."

In the freestyle sprints it was all Tim DeHaan ('03), who won both the 50-yard freestyle (20.95), and the 100-yard freestyle (45.88).

Hope also won both backstroke events as Ian Kobes ('03) won the 100-yard backstroke (52.35) and the 200-yard backstroke (1:54.01). Brian Slagh ('02) won the 200-yard freestyle (1:41.68) for the Flying Dutchmen.

Hope swimmers on both winning 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays were Slagh, Chris Hamstra ('04), Scott Vroegindewey ('01), and DeHaan.

The winning 200-yard medley relay team consisted of Kobes, Boss, Chris Dattels ('01), and DeHaan. On the winning 400-yard medley relay team it was the same lineup except for Slagh taking DeHaan's spot in the freestyle.

Both coaches' MVP honors went

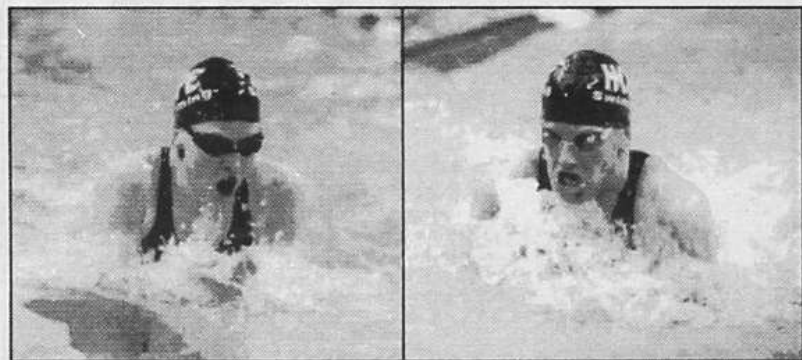
to Hope swimmers: Vandenberg was awarded as the most valuable women in the conference, and Boss was the most valuable male in the conference.

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

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

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

The NCAA Championships will take place Thursday through Saturday on March 8-10 for the women, and on March 15-17 for the men. Both meets will be held in Buffalo, N.Y.



B. Vandenberg

Boss

Basketball from 1

history to score more than 1,000 points in her career. Koenigsnecht scored six points in the game, raising her total to 1,004.

The Hope women also set a MIAA tournament record by converting 34 of their 39 free-throw attempts.

The Flying Dutch will host Calvin (13-12) on Thursday in the semi-final game of the MIAA tournament. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. in

the Dow Center. By winning on Thursday and Saturday in the MIAA Championship game, the Flying Dutch would earn the automatic bid to the tournament.

If a loss were to occur in either of the next two games, Hope would very likely still earn an at-large bid into the tournament with their impressive record. Last years Hope team won the regular season, but lost in the MIAA

Championship game to Calvin finishing the year with a 21-5 record. The NCAA committee then made the unusual decision to not give Hope the at-large bid into the tournament. Instead the committee chose a team from outside the Great Lakes region, and gave them the bid. This years team is currently ranked number one in the Great Lakes region.

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