Dew Crew White-Out

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Guest Writer

Hundreds turned out for Stand Up events Feb. 9 in various locations across campus. The idea of Stand Up began fall semester. Dean Richard Frost and administrators wanted to open discussion about racial comments and activities that had occurred on campus. Student Congress and the administrators worked hard to try and come up with a concept that would allow students to be able to express how they feel and to talk about these issues.

The campus needed an event that would attract students’ attention so they could stop and notice what is going on. Student Congress wanted to bring people in to facilitate conversations, not lectures, across campus. Informal conversations occurred in Phelps and Cook dining halls, the Cup and Chaucer and a community forum for spiritual reflection and student response called Hope for Harmony.

When racist posters were placed in Kollen a week before Stand Up conversations were scheduled, they became a blessing in disguise. Stand Up became a much larger event because there was, “A tangible piece of evidence that got students’ attention,” said Katie Sawyer (‘11) president of Student Congress. Conversations are now occurring in the classroom, Klets and dorms where this may not have happened before. Stand Up took on a different role after the posters were placed. Student Congress and an encounter with cultures class, which was quite diverse, had a great learning experience with it. See Stand Up, page 2

Andrew Le reflects on race relations on Hope’s campus

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Our lives are shaped by the people that surround us. Whether good or bad, similar or different, consciously or unconsciously, every interaction we have in a day affects us. Some actions have little repercussions, like arriving five minutes late to class and missing a part of like arriving five minutes late to class and missing a part of

the role it plays in our everyday lives.

Recently I had the privilege of talking to music faculty member Andrew Le. We candidly discussed the issues on campus, the unique perspective he brings to the incident and the importance of remembering God’s love and forgiveness for all. It is a rare and wonderful opportunity to speak to a faculty member as an equal.

In his office, we were not student and teacher, but rather two people trying to come to terms with the traumatic events that had affected us both in similar ways. Although I had never met Andrew Le before, I found him to be refreshing and insightful, exactly what a professor at Hope should be. Le said when he first heard of the events, “I’m really surprised and shocked something like this would happen on this campus, of all places. I’ve always cherished the student body here as being the most open-minded, most accepting and loving group of students I have ever worked with in my life. I really take pride in that fact. I tell people that wherever I go.” This issue stirred up a lot of personal and deep-rooted feelings for Le.

One of the first things Le brought up was his first-hand knowledge of the subject of racism. He said, “[The incident in Kollen] particularly struck a nerve with me because my job before [Hope] was at a very small college in the Deep South. I was the only Asian person [there] for a good hundred square miles...and people didn’t hesitate to let me know that. I was stared at wherever I went, no matter if it was on campus or off campus. You just knew when you get a look that says clearly: ‘I’m afraid of you because you’re different’. I would get heckled at the gas station; my car would get egged when I was driving down the street; some kids once threw beer cans at my head, yelling racial slurs at me. I dealt with this for a year.”

Le also talked about his first experience with racism, when he was about 7 years old. As a kid he loved to swim, and his friend down the street had a swimming pool. One day before school, Le asked the boy if he could come over to swim in his pool. The boy told him he would ask his parents. The next day the boy recounted to Le that his parents didn’t want anyone who was not white swimming in their pool.

While the students may not be receiving college credit, they are able to experience both the social and learning aspects of college. Perton explained that she works to adapt the curriculums of the classes students take so they are able to get the most out of what they are doing.

“They still do the same things as the rest of the college students, just in a different manner,” Perton said. Along with taking classes, Ready for Life students will have job placements within the Holland community when they get further into the program. Perton, looks at her students’ experiences and tries to tap into places that have the potential to turn into a job after a student is finished with Ready for Life. Students are currently working at Freedom Village, thrift stores and helping with maintenance work at a local church.

The program works to empower students in their everyday lives, they are responsible for navigating campus and attending classes on their own, and they have a hand in both choosing and getting into the classes that they want.

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Andrew Le shares stories from his childhood

Confused, Le went to his parents and asked them what the boy had meant. This was Le's first experience with the concept of racism, and he said it opened his eyes to the evil of racism in the world. He cautioned against the thinking that racism is "conquered" or "dead," because it is still a very real force, not only in the Deep South but all over the country. Although he has had various negative experiences associated with racism, he spoke passionately about finding the answer to dealing with these problems in the Bible.

He said, "One of the main tenants of Christianity is not only that we are all created equally in God's image, but that we are all sinners saved by grace. That simply means that I am no more or no less a sinner than you are. The moment we forget that, the moment we forget to see that is the moment that we start to look down on people of other races and cultures."

He gave many examples of Jesus' love and Jesus' call to love all people. Although he is saddened by the incident, he has hope for the future. "I hope that the student body and the faculty can come together and find a peaceful way to rectify this situation," Lee said. "I don't want this kind of incident to foster anymore [ill will] in the community. I just hope we can find a way to learn from this. Ultimately, I just hope that the people responsible for that action come to realize that they need a paradigm shift in their thinking. Even if people thought it was going to be funny, [they need to realize] there's no time or place for that kind of behavior, especially here at Hope."

He spoke highly of Hope's students and faculty, saying again that he was proud to be a professor at the college and proud of his students. Although this incident took place, he is confident that the college and the students will work tirelessly to prevent such things from occurring again.

Le is one example of the emotional resonance acts of discrimination and racism have on a person. These seemingly humorous and inconsequential actions can change the course of a person's life, and it is important to understand the gravity and seriousness of the situation. It is also key to remember that a Christian's highest and most difficult calling is to love and forgive those who wrong them. Embracing these challenging principles, the students and faculty of Hope continue on towards the future with optimism and strength.

Ready for Life program seeks student mentors

Perton said gaining independence is the biggest development she has seen in her students, which she believes is attributed to the inclusion part of the program. "It's because they watch their friends [at Hope] do it here and rise to the same level. It gives them pride and the sense of accomplishment to be doing the same things [as their friends]," Perton said.

Overall, the Ready for Life program has received positive response from the Hope College community. It is beneficial to have on Hope's campus because, as Perton said, "it teaches us that it's OK to have interactions with people who are different than us and helps us learn to really include them in everyday life. By having them in the classroom and having them on campus and in chapel we start to break down walls and build true friendships."

Students who are interested in getting involved with the Ready for Life program are encouraged to become a mentor for the students. "We need mentors," stressed Perton, "because there are six [students] and only one of me and I cannot be everywhere."

"I would like" this program to grow and am always looking for Hope College students to come and walk alongside me and help them." Sophomore Chas Sloan ('13) said that he became a mentor this semester after getting to know some of the Ready for Life students through interactions with them around campus. "It has been very rewarding," said Sloan. "It is something that I look forward to, and it really just brightens my day." Mentors are needed both academically and socially. Specifically, they are needed to both help the Ready for Life students with their homework outside of class and to help them in their classes, assisting them with note-taking and group projects. Socially, mentors are needed to eat lunch, go to chapel and play games with the students.

Through the mentoring aspect of Ready for Life, Sloan noted that he has come to "consider every one of the Ready for Life students to be one of my friends. I see them around campus, and I feel really honored to be somebody who can call them my friends. They have become true friends where there is give and take rather than just give. [Ready for Life] is something that not only benefits me, it is something that I really enjoy."
House passes $60 billion spending cut bill

Matthew Lee Co-National Editor

Early Saturday the U.S. House of Representatives passed a giant government-wide spending bill. The bill reportedly combines $60 billion in Republican spending cuts with additional legislative riders to hamper President Barack Obama in carrying out his recent cuts.

Politico reports that the final vote count was 235-189, and it came to an end early Saturday, ending the all-night session and capping a marathon week of legislation in which literally hundreds of amendments were debated.

The bill’s passage could be a costly move for the Republican party. In order to conclude his freshmen legislators, Politico reports that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, had to move so far right he picked up zero Democratic votes and risked losing what many saw as an opportunity to get a quick win in the Senate at the expense of Obama. Instead, now Senate Democrats and majority leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) will be more united and stronger after Saturday’s margins. Now, as Politico reports, the real questions become: can Reid, Boehner, and Obama pick their way through the coming weeks without falling into a government shutdown?

with speculation of a shutdown, and Saturday’s circumstances are more dangerous than the crisis of any shutdown, even as the political distance between Obama and the new Republican party majority is far greater than what existed between then-President Bill Clinton and the so-called Republican Revolution in 1995.

However, by comparison, the current bill is much more controversial and reflects a greater amount of genuine upheaval. The bill stems from the base of the Republican ranks and demands more spending cuts and reductions in government than anything in 1995.

The $60 billion in reductions to the budget set to be in effect during the last six months of this fiscal year, and they also represent a 14 percent cut to the government services that will only impact Obama’s agenda.

Not all of the Republicans were on board with the bill. According to Reps. Walker Jones of North Carolina, Jeff Flake of Arizona and John Campbell of California—seeking more cuts. Politico also reports that for its part, the appropriations leadership proposes 100 percent on board either.

“I don’t think the chairman of the full committee likes the continuing resolution very much. If he did, he wouldn’t have been required to write it three times,” said Rep. Steven LaFerrante, R-Ohio, in the closing debate.

Many on the committee said that making $32 billion in cuts would have been a far more sensible goal in regards to the makeup of the Senate lawmakers are currently in place. Day recess, but the next few days

LATE NIGHT— Members walk down the steps of the House of Representatives as they work throughout the night on a spending bill, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Feb. 18.

Public unions act cowardly and selfish in Wisconsin’s budget battle

Matthew Lee Co-National Editor

It’s interesting how Democrats are acting now that the roles are reversed. Almost a year ago, Congressional Democrats, with the help of President Barack Obama, fast-tracked a controversial health care bill through Capitol Hill before most legislatures even had time to read the over 2,000-page bill. Now, Republicans in Wisconsin want to fast-track a bill through their state legislature that will supposedly “burden” public union workers so much that teachers have called in sick and caused districts to close school for days, while Democratic legislators have fled the state. Now, that’s not very democratic, is it?

Almost a year ago, Republicans tried everything in their power to stop the health care legislation from reaching Congress, but guess what: they still went to work and did not once write “no” in support of it, right? That’s interesting how the party that relentlessly painted the Republican Party as the “party of no” a year ago now turns and runs for the hills.

Let’s take a look at the facts, because surely such an outrage must be caused by the most horrific legislation to ever go through Wisconsin’s state legislature, right? This piece of legislation is supposedly such an outcry that it has caused protestors to wave signs by the way, they pay almost nothing toward now. Walker also wants their health care premiums to go up 12.6 percent, unions act cowardly and selfish in Wisconsin’s budget battle.

by the time it is projected to face a $3.6 billion budget shortfall over the next two years and an immediate shortfall of $137 million! The National Review reports that while Wisconsin’s average Federal Employees. Yes, public employees may 

PROTESTORS GATHER— Protestors gather outside Wisconsin’s state Capitol in Madison. Protestors from both sides peacefully gathered to make their voice heard on Feb. 19. Chants of “Pass the bill! Pass the bill!” were accompanied by their counterpart’s chant of “Kill the bill! Kill the bill!”

Jennifer C. Whitney
Protests continue to roll throughout Middle East

Amy Alvine

On Feb. 11 President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt stepped down from his position as a result of massive protests across the country. But Egypt was not the only place where demonstrations have taken place. Along with Tunisia, political unrest has recently arose in Libya, Yemen, Jordan, Bahrain, and Iran; the protests are from Egypt, a domino effect of political reform that spread across the Arab world.

On Feb. 20 the death toll in Libya rose to 209 when 25 more people were killed as protesters used an explosives laden car and a tank to attack a military camp in Benghazi. This attack came after a clash between marchers of a funeral procession and Libyan troops. Thousands of mourners had gathered in the streets of Benghazi on Sunday in a funeral procession honoring those killed in protests on Saturday. As the procession passed by the Alfeddi Abu Omar Military Camp, uniformed troops opened fire on the mourners.

In antagonism to break into the camp, protesters drove a tank from a nearby army base and obtained weapons. Despite the violent efforts of security forces to curb the demonstrations, protesters told CNN that these attempts have just left them even more energized. "There are a lot of people getting killed for their freedom, said one protester to a CNN news team. "Our goal is simple: we want Gadhafi [the president of Libya] to leave. We want freedom...we want democracy."

In Yemen, for the 10th consecutive day, hundreds of protesters gathered together in the capital of Sana. Some of them chanted "First Mubarak, then Ali" – they want Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down. Online activist Aalwa Awazid to CNN of this protest that "it's amazing. It's a very peaceful atmosphere."

Despite this more peaceful protest, at least six people were wounded Saturday. In response to the unrest, the Yemeni-run Staba news agency said that Saleh blamed the unrest on foreign agendas and a plot from abroad. The agency also stated that Saleh wanted to see non-violent change in the ballot box. Saleh also announced that he will not be running for re-election in 2013. He has been in power for 32 years. Yemeni parliamentary elections scheduled for April will be postponed to allow more time for discussion about reform.

On Feb. 18 conflicts arose in Jordan with protesters wanting to abolish the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel. In response to the protests, King Abdullah II of Jordan swore a new government into office on Feb. 9. The King told his government via Jordanian news agencies to enact a "real and quick reform. These political reforms will give the newly elected representatives and the public more input in the decision making process; there are hopes that the government will eventually be "formed by parties and on the basis of the clear programs that these parties will present."

In Iran, thousands of security officers swore prominent sites throughout Tehran and other major cities on Sunday, beating protesters and using acts of intimidation to break up the crowds. On Feb. 14 Iran's largest demonstration took place with thousands marching in the streets of Tehran. Another march occurred two days later after the killing of a man killed in the demonstration.

With political unrest throughout the Arab world, political leaders in Yemen, Jordan and Algeria have introduced new policies to encourage political and economic change. Despite these efforts, many protesters across the region still deem these efforts inadequate and continue to call for complete governmental reform.

Collective bargaining has no place in government

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I don't demand fair treatment, wrote Roosevelt. But, he wrote, "I want to emphasize my conviction that militant tactics have no place in the public sector. "A strike of public employees manifests nothing less than an intent on their part to prevent or obstruct the operations of Government."

But get this, though. Since this strike has gained national attention President Obama has issued statements encouraging the public union workers to continue their fight against what he has called an "assault. Not to stop on any toes or anything, but first of all, this is a state issue which renders Obama's input unnecessary, and second, is the federal budget in well enough shape that the state legislature should care about the advice from Obama? The answer is no. Sorry, but the involvement in Wisconsin is up to the legislators in Wisconsin. Obama has no business interfering with their opinion when the federal budget continues to be in shambles.

The fact is, as Fox News reports, Obama is just attempting to rebuff tarnished relations with the unions after some union leaders are upset over his recent proposals to business. Fox News also reports that Obama's recent statements put him at risk of being classified as a partisan after he has been such a strong advocate for setting a new tone in Washington.

As Fox News reports, Congressional Republicans feel that Obama is attempting to "scare" governors who are making efforts to somewhat restrain government.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said in a statement to Fox News, "His political organization is colluding with special interest allies across the country to denigrate reform-minded governors who are making the tough choices that America desperately needs. The president should make it clear to his friends that the people of Wisconsin, and states across America, can handle their own affairs without Washington special-interest money and meddling."

With unemployment at 9 percent, the public has bigger problems than to feel sympathetic for some cowardly public sector employees.
GPS event Circo Aereo comes to Dewitt Theater

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Circo Aereo is a contemporary circus group from Finland. Their shows are exciting and surprising as they combine all forms of artful performance. They will be performing in the DeVitt theater Friday Feb. 25, at 7:30 pm, and Saturday Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the DeVos Fieldhouse ticket office.

Circo Aereo uniquely combines circus performance, music, dance, and theater. They bring together all of these elements to create a circus experience like no other. They have performed in approximately 30 different countries around the world. Because of the versatility of their performances, they have been asked to perform at several different circus, music, dance and theater festivals.

While at Hope, Circo Aereo will be performing the Finnish-French co-production “Espresso”. The performance takes us through the history of the circus. It combines traditional circus art with sidewalk performance and contemporary circus, all based on movement.

The piece has four different artists who create a movement of stories both in the air, and on the ground. They use the arts of juggling, dance, and aerial performance to bring these stories to life.

Circo Aereo are known for artistic exploration in their pieces as well as for a collective input from the entire group which is put into each piece.

Circo Aereo transforms and changes music, props and costumes to fit the fantasy of their Artistic Director Maksim Komaro.

Circo Aereo combines all forms of the performing arts to create a truly unique experience for all of its viewers.

They have astonished and mesmerized audiences all over the world, and it is Hope’s turn to experience their remarkable art of performance. “Espresso” is the groups’ newest piece, which they have performed in places such as Paris, Switzerland and Syria. Helsingin Sanomat of Finland said, “Espresso is like a treasure chest full of the things of which circus is made, filled with beautiful sights, meticuious join efforts, and inventive surprises.”

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Passive Aggressive - The Singles: 2002-2010

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Russ plans to work alongside Young to implement a no water polo zone in VanZyl. “We won’t talk about it and if we have to meet with our respective teams, we’ll meet secretly.”

“Deep down we love these guys and they love us. We need to learn to make sure that our brotherhood comes first before the competition.”

Andrew Young: “My side of the story”

What prompted you to start a water polo team?

Andrey Young: For the past three years, inner tube water polo had never really been on my radar. I liked to focus more on sports such as softball. I recently discovered inner tube water polo and said, “Hey this looks like something that I can enjoy.” And so I decided to form a team.

What didn’t you join Bryant Russ’ team?

AY: I didn’t want to impede on their championship team, so out of my respect for them, I decided to form a second team.

Why did you decide to form a team in secret rather than being open and honest with Bryant about your desire to be on a water polo team?

AY: I did it because I didn’t think they would approve, and I really did not want to stop on their toes. I decided that I would keep them the secret. After all, they are my dear brothers and I cannot let them down.

How has this affected your relationship with your housemates who play for Kleiman’s Pool Party?

AY: I really didn’t mean for there to be any bad feelings. I respect those guys, and I wanted them to win every single night except for the night that we went head to head. I went to many of their games, even sitting on the high dive so I could see the entire game play and was rooting with them for that fact I lost.

What were your thoughts and emotions going into Thursday’s game against Kleiman’s Pool Party?

AY: I knew it was going to be a tough battle because I have so much respect for these guys. They have won the championship the past two years, and they newcomers into the league, I feel like we have a lot of talent on our team and a lot of potential. Playing the game was like a game between the Yankees and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, unfortunately, we didn’t come out on top. But you know what? It was a really great battle and I’m proud of my team and how we played.

What does the friendship between you and your housemates look like now that the game is over?

AY: I’d say that it has blossomed. Before, it was a bunion because it was summer, and now that it’s winter it has closed. And it was during the winter that Bryant found out that we had started a water polo team. Now that we’m both gone, the playing is begining to blossom again.

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Just dance

Karen Patterson
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks from this Friday, a little thing called Dance Marathon will take over Hope’s campus. I am so excited—Dance Marathon is amazing, fantastic, crazy, long, tiring, exciting and rewarding.

For those of you who have been living under a rock during your Hope College experiences, Dance Marathon is the 24-hour fund-raiser that Hope College puts on the Friday and Saturday before Spring Break each year. All funds raised go directly to the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. And it’s seriously the greatest thing ever.

Everybody knows that Dance Marathon means standing on your feet for 24 hours. You wear a white T-shirt while “morals” get yellow shirts (and can leave after eight hours). Some families come and share stories, and at the end everybody stands in a circle and cries. (Yeah, if somebody had tried selling it to me that way, I probably wouldn’t have done it either.) To truly understand and appreciate Dance Marathon, you have to look a little bit below the surface.

First of all, it’s important to consider why we do it and why we do it. I believe there are a lot of reasons, who can’t. Many of us have never had a major health scare—we’re a blessed campus as a whole—but there are so many children who fight each day just to make it to their next birthday. Places like Helen DeVos helps both kids and their families in the fight.

The funds raised for Dance Marathon certainly are significant, but in my three previous marathons, the value of experiences I’ve had with my fellow students as well as the miracle families has far surpassed any money I could ever raise. How often do we intentionally make ourselves uncomfortable or go out of our way to let someone else know that we care for an hour, much less 24 consecutive hours? Dance Marathon is a chance to hit thepause button on our lives and show an incredible group of people that their struggles matter to us. I don’t doubt that you’re busy and don’t get enough sleep—Lord knows that I need a lot more than the six or seven hours I get most nights and should probably quit one of my three jobs. But I can guarantee that if you participate in Dance Marathon and have an open heart and mind, it will be a life-changing experience. I’m not saying that you’ll suddenly switch your career path to become a medical researcher or start volunteering at the hospitals in Grand Rapids. However, seeing 300-plus fellow students dig deep to push through agony and sleep deprivation to get excited for 20 amazing kids and their families after 24 hours on their feet—it’s a powerful experience.

I feel the need for a disclaimer, though. I am a firm believer that everyone should get involved with Dance Marathon. I understand that not everyone is physically able to dance, but please: if you are going to keep all the rules (bring a cell phone, have friends sneak caffeine in, sit down in the bathrooms, etc., do yourself and the miracle families a favor and think long and hard about why you’re participating.

Dance Marathon is a physical and emotional marathon; those who aren’t willing to humble themselves and be a little ridiculous for 24 hours will not help the miracle families, their fellow participants or themselves. It’s about stretching yourself while showing that you care for an incredible group of people who really truly can use our support.

To those already planning on participating, get psyched and start catching up on your sleep—it’s going to be so much fun! And just remember that at the end of the day, it’s really all for the kids. Oh! And don’t forget to get: https://www.helpmakemiracles.org/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Register.start=2011=764.

Lyrically

Soul song

Becca Hawkins
Columnist

You slip on your headphones, move into a world outside of your own. You turn on Pan- dora, hopefully to a “quick mix” of five favorite bands. You beg for new jams to dance to, feel free to, sing to, clean to—whatever it may be. Then you hit the next button. And again, you hit the next button. At some point, an advertisement comes on and you wonder when you will ever find your new soul song.

Then, I urge you to just shut your guitar down, turn off the radio and let the song begin. Sometimes when the singer begins, you are sure this song was made for you. The lyrics speak your sto- ry, and the hairs on your arms start to dance, signaling that you’ve found it: your soul song. I don’t know if I coined the phrase, or if it’s been passed around for decades, and I just haven’t been in on that particular game of telephone, but there’s no better way to describe that song your soul song. Of course, soul songs come in waves. I’ve had a cornucopia of them, ranging from Underoath, to Tracy Chapman, to Mumford & Sons. But one of them has been timeless for me: “I’m Ready” by Jack’s Mannequin.

He sings, “I’m ready, I’m ready, I’m ready, like it’s going out of style, and my heart thuds with him, I’m ready, I’m ready, I’m ready! I feel alive and real and on edge in the best of ways.

But then, the punch: “…all at once I realize/ my life has become a boring pop song and everyone’s singing along.” My life is a boring pop song. Can you picture it? Imagine yourself, my closest friends and complete strangers tuning into my life on the radio. “Oh, I’ve heard this one before,” one says.

“Some old, same ol’,” another responds.

It’s not even the glorified song and dance found in countless brat pack movies, or the hit songs that we listen to a decade later and know every word. No, the boring pop song life is not glamorous or sugarcoted. It’s human.

The common thread that weaves itself through my years of soul songs is a common thread in my life: plain Jane, clear as day, human truth. The last thing I want for myself is an unrealistic life. In fact, most aspects of my life center on originality and the want to be fresh and avant garde. But don’t we all have those days, the boring pop song days? We sleep too late to take a shower; we wear a sweatshirt and jeans; we spot our crush and look the other way; we gossip; we nap; we blend into the crowd.

And then, when we least expect it from ourselves, we’ll stand out. We’ll search Pandora like it’s literally Pandora’s box until we find a new anthem, a new soul song. The hairs on your arms will dance along with you as you live an exciting rock soul life. And when this happens, I hope everyone’s singing along.

Outside looking out

Jubilation parade

Rob Guimond
Guest Columnist

Twisted fate has ruined us with this February heat wave. So, now, I’ll have to write the tumbled column of my predecessors in the same way that they wrote it. And, since this will probably be my last column, I might get a little sentiment.

I want to have a parade. Listen: it’s a natural progression from all this Stand Up business. There’s been so much talk about campus solidarity, and there’s nothing more solid than a parade—everyone is moving in the same direction for a final destination. This isn’t a test; it’s a celebration. I want tabus and batons, jugglers, fire eaters. If you’re good at something, you should be in the parade. And, if you’re not good at anything you should be in the parade and do that because that would be a memorable thing.

My most memorable experience at Hope was the big rain two years ago. It rained all day, and it continued into the night. The streets were partially flooded by day three. It was a beautiful community. I felt like a child when Kelly for “Singin’ in the Rain” in Never Never Land right before the big Christian flood. Pause, reader, and consider that last sentence.

The problem is that people don’t move away much from their cliques. For instance, the 12 people that read this column will say, “Word. I agree.” But they already agreed. Nothing has changed. Those 12 people should grab 12 more people, and those 12, 12, more, and so on, and so on, until the whole campus is involved. And then, we should have parade, so we can all see how brilli- ant at doing stuff everyone is. But that may take public awareness of something other than just short of being in the Pine Grove: realizing the power of our education.

Now, as I’ve had confusing messages in the past, I will make the messages of this column very clear by offsetting them with a colon: Get together. Do stuff. Let’s have a parade. Rob’s serious about the parade. Contact him, if you’re interested. Also, he’s thrown out his anti-self-referenti- ality by making up words and advertising his new blog: http://awalkinthepuddinforsacrag.blogspot.com/
Letters to the Editors

Explicitly prevented

Hope has had the correct response to this act of racism. And likewise, the student body has appropriately acknowledged the severity of an act like this. However, homosexuals on campus are victims of ongoing discrimination. Institutionally, our college has a definable stance regarding the acceptance of homosexuals. Our administration explicitly prevents them from fully partaking in a Hope College experience.

I see a rally that highlights the recent attacks on minorities and the exclusion of homosexuals on campus. However, the latter gets only a fraction of the attention it deserves. Please consider continuing on the need for equality between all walks of life at Hope College. Condole, Respectfully, Dean Hazle ’12

‘Why can’t we all be the people God called us to be?’

My heart felt. I didn’t know how to explain my feelings to others. I was angry. I was sad. I was ashamed. Why was I ashamed, though? I felt like I didn’t do anything to help the situation. I could have done something.

These past days have caused a whirlwind of emotions inside my heart. My best friend was affected by the situation. Seeing him struggle, I struggled. Something needs to be done. This is not an acceptable behavior. This will never be an acceptable behavior. It’s time to take a stand. It’s time to speak up. This is not what God intended for this world. We are all meant to be equal to have equal opportunities in all that we do.

Why can’t we all be the people God called us to be? A people who strive to pursue a life that honors God, a people where there is not one man above another, regardless of race or ethnicity. In Galatians 3:28, it says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Learn about your other brothers and sisters in Christ. Be a true friend—one that takes the time to listen, that is there to help when someone is struggling, and one that learns how to give of their time selflessly. Understand that not everyone’s story is the same. We are all made in Christ’s image. It’s time to take a stand. Be the person that God created you to be. Together, we are one.

Alyssa Barigian ’12

‘A different angle’

Growing up, I never faced any prejudice for my ethnicity. But in my first semester at Hope, I had several encounters with people who ignorantly said things that cut me to the core. Before coming to Hope, I had never given racism much thought—because I saw a different angle. I never really thought about it. But the personal attacks I heard, many I still stand on LGBT issues, the reaction I am left at this point with just a few disappointing. Instead, I thought I might have stumbled on something controversial and exciting with these two stories. Instead, I am left with a lot less newsworthy and somehow more depressing.

In discussions with Hope faculty and students on this topic, the story of Dr. John Hansen, a former Hope professor, came to my attention. I contacted Hanson, and he relayed his explanation of his dismissal from Hope. He reported that in his time at Hope, which ended in 2006, he was denied tenure as a result of coming out as an openly gay member of the faculty. Shortly after hearing this story, I asked President James Bultman about the dismissal.

That’s a question that I simply can’t answer. I’d like to believe it is all part of a more powerful and vindicating. I have had a longstanding commitment that I would never, as an administrator, discuss personnel issues in the public square. I have never and I will not. It’s hurt because people make accusations that are not true, and I feel like I can either defend them or revealing what I think is confidential information, or I can stay true to a principle that says that I won’t discuss personnel issues in the public square.

An administrative policy to not discuss personnel issues is not something uncommon or even unreasonable, but because of this policy, the story is little more than a “he-said, she-said” argument. As I read his story, I would need to accrue at least one party of blantant and intentional deception and this accusation would be based not on facts but on guesswork.

The second story involved a Hope student who made the claim that she had received calls and an email which stated that if she did not participate in LGBT activities her academic scholarships would be revoked.

Whatever the truth is regarding these stories, and regardless of how one stands on LGBT issues, the repeated personal insults I heard, many of which were directed towards President Bultman and the Hope Administration, are indefensible. They result in the formation of hostile environment that inherently lacks the potential for healthy and productive debate, with our hand precisely where it is not.

What I thought was the past is now the present

Coming from an area growing up, I was always the majority or so I thought. People of my race always surrounded me and when I would have history class I felt it was this “This is a white man’s world” and for a second that’s what I began to believe. Never thought I would have a history class where it was just that, a story about HIS past. Stories of discrimination, inequality, and hatred towards African Americans. Don’t get me wrong those stories were profound but I never thought they were needed in today’s NOW.

So I took on an adventure and left all I knew. On a plane, I flew to Michigan not knowing what I would go through. No one knows the silent tears I cry while being there. How I feel left out and how I don’t belong. I remember a saying that goes like this “This is a white man’s world” and for a second that’s what I began to believe. Now that I know racism still exists and not only that but is the midst of where I currently dwell, I feel there is nothing I could do but be a voice for my people and love as Christ tells me to.

Camera Lightbourn ’14

From the inside out

Indefensible

Chris Russ

Campus Co-Editor

On Jan. 28, the Board of Trustees voted to replace the college’s long-standing Institutional Statement on Homosexuality with a new “Position Statement on Homosexuality.” On Nov. 9 last semester, there was an incident of vandalism that included the word “gay” being spray painted across a sidewalk near campus. Please consider commenting on the need for equality between all walks of life at Hope College. Condole, Respectfully, Dean Hazle ’12

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Letters to the Editors

‘Enough is enough’

We are coming together, for in the throes of this social tempest our voices are as loud and as numerous as water droplets in the sea. Hands dark brown to hands light white, we will embrace one another and march together and protest ANY and EVERY instance of racism that happens on this campus.

Enough is enough.

The time to end racism on this campus and community is now. We are all here to learn, to grow in our wisdom and acceptance of others, not to indulge in shameful and revolting acts of ignorance and disgracefulness. Personally, to all the absolutely beautiful, gorgeous, talented, intelligent, glorious people of color who go to this school, sincerely, from the bottom of my heart, I AM SO SORRY. I feel guilty, enraged, ashamed, horrified, and so confused about what has happened. All I can say is that I am proud and so, SO privileged to know all of you that look different from me and speak different tongues and come from different countries and backgrounds.

Like a great serpent reaching a new stage in its life we must shed the rotting, decaying straight jacket of racism and intolerance, of inaction and indifference, that has cloaked this institution for too long, and emerge unhindered, vibrant and actively seeking out a prosperous and peaceful new future in which ignorance is restrained and activism is ignited in the depth of every soul. Change and a sense of community is infecting this campus; it spreads in the touch of a hand, in the words of one friend to another, in the growth of acceptance and the questioning of beliefs we once held to be certain and concrete. No time is better to shed our old flesh that is remnant of a distant past, and take our places as pioneers of justice and acceptance in the community we must all call home. Accomplish this, and all the scars and blemishes of racism and ignorance will fade, becoming mere wisps and small shadows of what Hope once was, and what it is no more.

Emily Dittmar ('14)

“We” and “you”

To whom it may concern,

After witnessing the racial discrimination incident that occurred Jan. 26, engaging in conversations with students who were affected by the incident, and attending meetings regarding the topic, I feel compelled to respond to President Bultman’s statement to the campus. I hope this statement will be a positive contribution to this ongoing conversation and to Hope’s mission to prepare its students “...for lives of leadership and service in a global society.”

“The time is for all of us to SUPPORT our brothers and sisters of color who grace our campus and daily enrich our lives. We love you, care about you, and share your hurt.”

President Bultman

Does this use of the words “we” and “you” imply that we are a white community who welcomes people “of color” so that they can "serve" us with their presence “to enrich our lives”? Why does Hope College strive for cultural diversity? Does it make for a better liberal arts education for its white students? Realizing the absurdity of these questions, one must realize that this type of language reveals an innate unconscious segregation. Those who insist that we should not criticize our administration for doing its best in dealing with this situation fail to realize that it is this mindset that dictates how we respond to these situations, and why Hope College fails to understand true diversity and multicultural-ism.

It understands that everyone is equal in the eyes of God, and that it is beneficial and necessary to live among people who come from different backgrounds with different beliefs.

The problem lies in how this challenge is approached: when we see color and say “diversity”. We fail to consider other types of diversity such as religious, cultural, or geographic origin. Even worse, every “brother or sister of color” is seen as a sufficient representation of the entire minority. Hope will never be able to achieve true unity if it continues to segregate all non-white students into a minority with such language.

I must add that this type of unintentional discrimination goes both ways. As a white member of the Hope community I have been told that I (“you guys”) will never understand. On what basis was this person assuming that I wouldn’t understand? Surely it wasn’t the color of my skin...or was it? I am not a minority based on the color of my skin; however I’ve had experiences that have shaped my beliefs, problem solving skills, tolerance, as well as other aspects that do not relate to skin color.

This also suggests that I have the mindset of all other white members of Hope’s campus, or worse, that all white members of Hope’s Campus share the belief that the poster in question is not offensive but instead “tasteful” (one student’s response to the poster).

While racial discrimination is a critical issue that Hope College should be combating, the solution needs to come from the root of the problem. Instead of highlighting superficial differences our language should be inclusive. If anything good has come out of this incident, it is contained in the revelation of Hope’s misunderstandings about diversity and the pressing need to resolve this problem.

Instead implying that the white majority should console and defend the minority, we should realize that discriminatory acts have the potential to hurt anyone.

Thus we should come together as a community to help and teach each other regardless of the color of our skin.

Joe Habibouche ('12)

‘Whatever happened to...’

We are here to get an education, to work towards making a sound foundation. So why must we have to add unnecessary issues to our lives like our skin color, why can’t we be treated like any other? We can’t ignore these issues and keep letting them manifest, we have to speak out and stand up which is best. We have to let people know that their so called humor is like a tumor, affecting the minds, body, and souls of so many here on campus.

Like the song where is the love says, Whatever happened to the values of humanity? Whatever happened to the fairness and equality? Instead of spreading love we’re spreading animosity, lack of understanding is leading us away from unity. And these lyrics are so true.

We need to take this time to come together and really evaluate the things we say and do.

Until we learn how to respect and accept one another, we will never be Hope’s college students but Hope’s “sisters and brothers of color.

Alecia Ivery

Class of 2013
Defend and depth lead Flying Dutch to victory

James Rogers
Sports Editor

Head women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse always admires a strong defensive effort. The Flying Dutch have been defensive warriors all season, and they know that limiting teams to low point totals will catapult them to great success in both the regular season and during tournament time.

On Wednesday night, the Dutch traveled to Olivet to take on the Comets in an MIAA matchup. Once again, the relentless defense proved to be the catalyst to the Dutch’s 84-43 victory and 24th win of the season. Morehouse has plenty of confidence in his team’s defensive prowess because it is their primary focus during practice.

“Defense is what we do,” Morehouse said. “It takes up a large part of practices. Along with great scouting reports from our assistant coaches, the effort put forth usually leads to a good defensive performance.”

While the defense was intact on Wednesday night, Hope also put up a great scoring display. After facing a 10-6 deficit early in the first half, the Dutch went on a quick 9-3 run to take a 15-13 lead with 10:50 to go in the half. The Dutch were working hard, but a few turnovers and missed shots were the reasons for the somewhat slow start. Olivet called a timeout at 10:50, and this timeout proved to be the turning point of the game. During the break, the players were told to maintain the tenacity.

“Our coaching staff just encouraged the players to stick with their ball handling, and that is the way they did,” Morehouse said. “We were able to get a few loose balls and turn them into transition opportunities and 3-point shots.”

A couple hustle plays and made shots propelled the Dutch after the timeout. Over the next five minutes, the Dutch went on a pivotal 19-2 run. The run was sparked by layups from seniors Carrie Snikkers and Erika Bruinsma, along with a 3-pointer drained by sophomore post guard Liz Ellis. Hope took a commanding lead and never looked back. Starting at the 10:50 mark, they closed the half on a monumental 34-9 run which led to a 49-22 lead at the break.

After Olivet scored the first bucket of the second stanza, Hope delivered another big surge. A 15-2 burst led by Ellis and senior Miranda Delkuper gave the Dutch a 38-point lead with 15:19 remaining. Hope eventually outscored the Comets 33-21 in the second half, giving them the 83-43 triumph. The Flying Dutch shot 56 percent (31 of 55), including 50 percent from beyond the arc (7 of 14).

Hope received contributions from everyone, and the scoring was very well distributed across the team members. While holding a secure lead, Morehouse utilized all of his players. No player was on the floor for more than 18 minutes, and 13 players scored.

Snikkers paced the Dutch with 18 points and seven rebounds in just 16 minutes of play. She shot 7-8 from the field and sank three 3-pointers. Erika Bruinsma also scored in double figures, chipping in 10 points. She also pulled down five rebounds.

The Flying Dutch out-rebounded the Comets 34-29. Freshman Katie Overview and sophomore Meredith Kussmaul each snagged six rebounds. Liz Ellis and Krombeen each pulled in a defensive charge with three steals.

A deep bench and solid balance are two strong components to have going into tournament play. The productive night from Snikkers is also a great sign for the Flying Dutch. Despite minimal injuries in the past, Snikkers has been contributing well, and her positive leadership has been effective.

“The best part of Carrie’s leadership is the part few people see,” Morehouse stated. “It’s taking aside a teammate and encouraging them. She’s done that on a number of occasions this year, especially with some younger players.”

The positive atmosphere will continue to blossom as the Flying Dutch head into both the MIAA and NCAA Tournament.

The victory against Olivet on Wednesday night launched Hope to a 24-1 record overall and a 14-1 record in the MIAA. The Flying Dutch have posted at least 24 wins in 11 straight seasons. They are still locked in a tie in league play with rival Calvin with one game to go in the regular season. With a win at home on Saturday against Albion, the Dutch secured a share of their fourth straight MIAA Championship crown.

Dutch’s games this season, all attendance at eight of the Flying Dutch games this season, all of which were away.

Hope College women’s hoops by the numbers

24 The number of victories in the Flying Dutch have secured during the regular season.
102 The amount of points the Flying Dutch put up against Kalamazoo College Jan. 26. This was also Meredith Kussmaul’s (13) led all Hope scorers; tracking up 14 points against the Hornets.
666 Adds up to be Hope’s worst scoring differential so far this season (1,844 to 1,178).
350 The Flying Dutch also tallied 66 points against Albion College on Feb. 19. Rachel Kutzner’s (11) contributed six points towards the win.

Joy Jasek
Special to The Anchor

She has often been seen reporting on the sidelines of both men and women’s basketball games as a sports broadcaster for ESPN and now she’s taking large strides to achieve her dream. Who is she?

Junior Kaci Kust is a Hope College student who has recently been gaining success in her reporting skills. Kust has recently been featured on ESPN’s website as Hope College’s very own “Campus Connect.” Kust found this opportunity when a friend in the program in an out-of-state college told her about the position. After contacting the producer, Kust was created a story compelling and inspiring enough to be featured on ESPN’s website as Hope College’s very own “Campus Connect.”

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Hope College women’s hoops by the numbers

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102 The amount of points the Flying Dutch put up against Kalamazoo College Jan. 26. This was also Meredith Kussmaul’s (13) led all Hope scorers; tracking up 14 points against the Hornets.
666 Adds up to be Hope’s worst scoring differential so far this season (1,844 to 1,178).
350 The Flying Dutch also tallied 66 points against Albion College on Feb. 19. Rachel Kutzner’s (11) contributed six points towards the win.

Jaci Kust (’12)

Kust went to make it far into the MCHC Playoff’s...
Swim teams place second at MIAA Championships

CHASING THE CHAMPION— Junior Sarah Sohn was a four-time winner over the weekend, capturing the gold medal in the 500-yard freestyle (5:05.19), 400 Individual Medley (3:46.75), 800-yard freestyle relay (7:46.70), and 1,650-yard freestyle (17:26.38). Her 1,650-yard freestyle time established a new MIAA record.

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Both Hope swim teams finished second at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships, which concluded on Saturday night. The men finished with 775 points, falling short of Kalamazoo (815), while the women ended with 679 points, bowing to Calvin (850). “I could not have asked more from them,” said Coach John Patnott.

Both teams kicked off the championships on Thursday with season best performances in all 12 events. Defending champion Josh Grabijas (‘13) dominated the men’s 500-freestyle with a school record (4:36.75), winning the title by three-thousandths of a second.

Successfully defending her title in the 500-free style, Sarah Sohn (‘12) finished with a season best, conditional national qualifying time of (5:05.19). On Friday, Hope captured the gold medal in both the men’s and women’s 400-yard individual medleys.

For the second time, Sohn defended her title (4:36.75), while Jeff Shade (‘12) gave Hope the 400 IM crown for the fifth consecutive year (4:07.42). Claiming victory for the day with a conditional national qualifying time was Hunt in the 100-yard butterfly (50.10) along with Westrate adding the 200-yard freestyle title (1:54.41) to her 50-yard free win earlier.

The 200-yard men’s relay team of Hazekamp, Alexander Perkins (‘14), Hunt, and Frayer had a conditional national qualifying time of (1:32.97) behind a second place finish. Libby Westrate (‘13) established a school record on Thursday by winning the 50-yard freestyle.

Both Grabijas and Sohn had provisional qualifying times for nationals. Winning her third event of the meet, Westrate took gold for the day in the 100-yard freestyle (52.45).

“I am most proud of our team for overcoming adversity and believing in each other,” said co-captain Brian Yount (‘12). “There were many people who counted us out, but we never doubted our chances of winning MIAAs. We could have easily rolled over and quit many times during the season, but our team remained as one and fought through a difficult and long season.”

Looking back on their five months of intense training, including four days a week of 5:30 a.m. practices, both teams can’t help but be proud of their extreme dedication and all they have accomplished.

“I am most proud of the team for always working their hardest and for being there for one another through all the good and really draining times that swim season can bring, such as our two-week Christmas break training,” said Laura Cameron (‘13). “Our team is like a family, and I couldn’t ask for a better one.”

In addition to training for 16 hours a week plus meets, the swimmers and divers of both Hope’s teams have been able to maintain very good GPAs, evidence in their titles as all-MIAA academic teams.

Hope remains the only college who had both their men and women’s teams achieve this honor. “Both teams have a terrific work ethic as well as good attitudes,” Patnott said. “That combination leads to success, and both teams were successful. I am honored to have coached them.”

While the regular season has come to a bittersweet end, training isn’t quite over yet for those individuals with conditional national qualifying times.

The NCAA National Championships are scheduled for March 23-26 in Knoxville, Tenn.