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Dance Marathon raises record amount

Anjey Dykhuis
Senior Staff Reporter

Last weekend, the fifth annual Dance Marathon was held in the Dow Center. Over 500 students, faculty and staff participated in the event, sponsored by Hope to benefit the DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. When planning for Dance Marathon first began in 1999, the charity expected to receive less than $5,000. However, the first marathon, held in 2000, raised over $23,000. This year, participants exceeded their previous record by over $21,000, bringing in $88,284.25. Dance Marathon has raised over $250,000 in the past five years to benefit DeVos Hospital’s miracle children.

New dean of chapel excited to begin service

Becky Lathrop
Senior Staff Reporter

After almost a year of reviewing applications and conducting multiple phone and email interviews, Hope has named a new Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel. The Rev. Trygve Johnson has been chosen to take the position when he arrives on campus in Jan. 2005. Johnson is currently living in Scotland with his wife, Kristen, while he completes his doctoral studies at the University of St. Andrews. The search committee, created last March and consisting of five faculty members, four members of the administration, three students, and one Board of Trustees member, recommended him for the position.

The members of the committee were looking for three basic qualities, as determined by President James Bultman. The person chosen for the position was to have “the mind of a scholar, the heart of a pastor and the courage of a leader.”

According to committee members, Johnson fulfilled all three requirements, and did so better than any of the other candidates. Though Johnson was the only candidate who was actually brought to campus, a number of other candidates were seriously considered. It was important to the search committee that the chosen individual be very strong as a scholar.

The originally large pool of applicants was quickly narrowed down when individuals without a Ph.D. were ruled out. As the pool was narrowed down further, it became evident to those involved that Johnson possessed all of the sought-after qualities to an extent above and beyond the other candidates. This led the committee to invite him to campus.

After Johnson’s first visit in November, which consisted mainly of meeting with faculty and staff, as well as preaching at the Gathering more CHAPEL on 2, he was brought to campus, a number of times, as determined by President Bultman.

Mission trips send Hope students across nation, world

Jordan Wolfsen
Senior Staff Reporter

Despite the snowy weather indicating otherwise, spring break has almost arrived. For some, this means lounging around at a pool or beach, forgetting the stress and worry of college life floating away with the tide. For others, spring break will mean something a little different.

In a few days, more than two dozen mission-trip groups will take off from Hope, traveling to locations in the U.S. and abroad, including Mexico and Latin America.

“The students are given an opportunity to see and partner with different ministries,” said Barth Osburn, Campus Ministries Outreach Director. “They are able to work alongside people who have devoted their lives to ministry and even learn something from these people.”

Students will be participating in a variety of ministries, working in places as diverse as Rayshere Christian Ministries in California and New Life Fellowship in New York City.

Some students will be serving closer to home, in the Holland area, and working closely with the community in which they live.

“I thought it would be fun. It would be nice to get to know the community better,” said Joe Schuasama (’04) when asked about why he chose the Holland “trip.”

Habitat for Humanity also offers mission trips for students on campus, and during this spring break, more than 50 students are traveling to domestic and international locations where they will help construct homes for the needy.

Two such trips are the excursions to Jamaica led by Steven Smith, professor of kinesiology, and a trip to Mexico led by Robin Klay, professor of economics.

For students, this is a wonderful experience to encounter different people or, in some cases, a whole other culture. Students on these trips will come face-to-face with poverty and get a chance to learn from those who have dedicated their lives to ministering there.

The mission trips are also a wonderful way to make new friends, as students often do not know their travel companions.

“These trips are a great opportunity to meet more people who are not normally sets just on a college campus,” Osburn said.

There are still spots available on the trips. For more information or to sign up, visit the Keppel House or the campus ministries website at www.hope.edu/go29.

Fall registration

The Hope Registrar’s office recently released its 2004-05 schedule. For students with 12 or more credits, registration will be online March 30 until April 1. Other students will register in person in Maas Auditorium April 5 and 6. Before registering, students must meet with their advisors to obtain a registration PIN or authorizing signature.

For more information, see www.hope.edu/admin/Registrar/faculty/FAQ_200408.html.
how Dance Marathon has helped their families. Performances featured a cappella group Chapter 6, Paul Rabaut ('04), Chris Bryan ('04), Sacred Dance, Dutch dancers, a lip sync competition, a football tournament and many other diversions.

Dancers stayed at the marathon for the full 24 hours, supported by volunteers who worked nine-hour shifts. They were allowed to sit only for the full 24 hours, supported by nament and many other diversions. The majority of these comments were about the music and the atmosphere. Some also mentioned the food provided by local restaurants and the support from friends and family.

"After 24 hrs, I was so tired, but when it came down to it and the parents came and thanked us, seeing how much it really meant to them made it all worth it," said Meredith Hall ('07). Sarah Franks ('07) added, "To see how much we were able to affect the lives of the miracle children and their families made all of the soreness and sleepiness seem less important."

In closing, a video of the night's events was played and winners of the various competitions were announced. Delta Phi, a campus sorority, raised the most for Dance Marathon; over $14,000 came from the efforts of the Delphi women. Along with Diana Brelclaw, Dance Marathon's faculty advisor, Layne Shofar ('04), Amy Bogart ('04), Audrey Nauta ('04) and Megan Niergarth ('04) formed the Executive Board that made the 2004 Dance Marathon a reality.

Representatives from the Emersonians, the Fraternal Society, Girl's Volleyball, IVE League, Japan Club, Kappa Delta Chi, Kolleen, Alpha Gamma Phi, BSU, the Centurians, Circle K, the Cosmos, the DelPias, the Dories, Dykstra, Mortor Board, Pom Poms, SAC, Sacred Dance, the SIBs, the Sigmas, Student Congress and VanWleck all contributed as well.

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About 30 minutes before the end of the marathon, an inspirational video of the children was shown. Afterwards, the dancers and morals formed a large circle and the families went around and thanked everyone who was there.

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Siblings Weekend brings smiles

Jodi VanDyke ('06) and her 8-year-old cousin enjoy making crafts. Many students invited their siblings to campus for a weekend of fun planned by SAC Feb. 27-29. Events included a "drive-in" movie, bowling and ice skating.

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and a chapel service, the feedback was generally very positive. However, the committee felt that the first visit did not include enough student interaction.

Johnson was invited to back campus in January. During this visit, a heavy emphasis was placed on meeting with students. At the conclusion of this second visit, students were given the chance to voice their opinions about Johnson through an online survey.

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When Johnson arrives on campus next year and takes his place as dean of the chapel, his responsibilities will include the oversight of campus ministries, preaching at the morning chapel services and the Sunday night Gathering, and basically "giving leadership to the spiritual development of students," said Boersma. "He will enhance the campus ministries office by bringing gifts that the members of the office don't have right now."

Having served as an intern at Hope from 1996 to 1998, Johnson is familiar with the Hope community and is excited to be a part of the campus ministries once again. "To be able to come back to campus and serve in a leadership capacity in the area of Campus Ministries is a dream come true," Johnson said.

Johnson is also thrilled to see the positive impact Hope has had on students and the community. "I am excited to be a part of the community that has proven to be so successful in reaching students," Johnson said.

For example, education on the campus-wide sexual assault prevention program is proving to be effective, with several incidents being avoided due to the program's implementation. "I encourage you to respond to Hope's administration with a letter to the editor. How do you feel about the way rape is dealt with on Hope's campus? How do you feel about the administrators' responses? Sexual assault can only be ended in an open environment, one in which communication is encouraged between students, staff, faculty and administration.

An administrative perspective

Since there has been little dialogue between students and administrators about sexual assault, this week I am printing the responses of male Hope administrators to the following question: In a sentence or two, please tell us what you are doing to end rape on Hope's campus.

"To do so in two sentences is hard. I actively confront behaviors which demonstrate violence towards women, respond formally and informally to situations where there is an allegation of assault or fear, support initiatives that speak out against assault towards women and regularly work with a wide circle of people to create as safe, respectful and welcoming a community as possible for women." — Derek Emerson, Arts Coordinator.

"I assist campus programs in promoting the educational presentations they organize. In addition, we are deliberate in highlighting both women and men in our publications as people for their achievements." — Greg Nye, Director of News Media Services.

"I fully support the efforts of the many departments and organizations who are diligently working to educate the college community on this issue." — Tom Renner, Associate Vice President for Public and Community Relations.

"We can do things to demonstrate our personal abhorrence with rape and use my position to support various initiatives. For example, informing the students of the issues, development and implementation of policies that demonstrate any form of sexual assault is unacceptable and has serious consequences, college programs and people that provide counseling and support for both victims and perpetrators, promote programs that will reduce the abuse of alcohol and pornography within our community, and the dissemination of accurate information on ways to prevent sexual assault/rape from occurring."

"Clearly we need to better educate our community on all aspects of sexual assault so that we can prevent it and communicate, educate and articulate in helping with its prevention. This is not just an administrative problem to solve, it's a community problem and we need to support each other in attacking it on several fronts." — James Boelkens, Provost.

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Students re-energize mid-marathon with a group dance.

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Student Congress increases activity fee

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Student Congress Agenda, March 2

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II. Invocation
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of the Agenda
V. Approval of the Minutes
VI. Introductory Remarks
A. President
B. Vice President
C. Comptroller
D. Student Activities
E. Vice President for Student Affairs
F. Treasurer
G. Student Activities
H. SGA President
I. SGA Vice President
J. SGA Executive Officer
K. SGA Secretary
L. SGA Treasurer
M. SGA Assistant Treasurer

Same-sex marriage debate swoops over America

Bush's proposed amendment to the constitution causes controversy

Jenny Cencer
From Betsy Werns

On Feb. 26, President George W. Bush called for an amendment to the constitution to ban gay marriage in response to more than 3,000 gay and lesbian couples unofficially marrying in the city of San Francisco.

Bush stated that an amendment is necessary to prevent judges from altering the definition of the term, "most essential values."

"World-wide the buzzing topic is allowing homosexual couples to marry. Religious leaders have become concerned for the sanctity of the heterosexual marriage sacrament.

Rev. Rob Schenck, president of the National Clergy Council, expressed his support for President Bush's amendment on NBC news.

"I believe that the president's actions stem from his sincere concern over the dangers of abandoning the true and clear definition of one-man, one-woman monogamous family unit," Schenck said.

"It is the complement of male and female, physically, bio-chemically, psycho-sociologically, that makes marriage unique. These elements cannot be duplicated in same-sex relationships. Judges and justices ill-informed, and perhaps even exercised by partisan political correctness of their own making, should not be allowed to meddle with something so important to social stability, child development and the continuation of a species."

Schenck concludes, "Billions of billions of human beings over millennia of time and in virtually every culture couldn't be all wrong. We need this amendment to protect the sanctity of marriage and we need it now."

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal, disagrees with Bush and believes marriage rights for homosexuals in America.

"A proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that President George W. Bush announced his support this week would take away critical rights and protections from hundreds of thousands of families nationwide. Our Constitution belongs to every American and we need to keep it that way," Cathcart said.

"The president is supposed to be the leader of our entire nation, but he is turning his back on that duty by supporting an attempt at such extreme discrimination. Straight or gay, this is deeply troubling for a lot of people, and we're going to stand with them and fight this at every turn," Cathcart said.

Although arguments are promi- nently made in the United States, several regions have continued to pursue legalization of gay marriages.

A county commissioner of the state of Oregon's most populous area announced their decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on March 3. Oregon is one of the 13 states that has not instituted laws defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

Mayor Jason West of New Palmet, New York was arraigned on misdeemeanor charges on March 3 for performing same-sex marriages the previous week.

"The issue before us today is one of civil rights, human rights," said West.

"Marriage is the act of making public what is written in two people's hearts."

"I always find it interesting when people present the argument that marriage has been preserved and kept sacred. Martin said I look at reality TV shows today, Bushman Shepers and her overright marriageODES the divorce rates and do not see the additional families, the supplementary families. I think it is a simple issue: why wouldn't we grant LGBT people this right? It is a right that should be theirs to begin with. And who does it hurt? Nobody. But it does hurt people if an amendment to a constitution is made. I can't even believe that we are debating changing the Constitution over this. It infuriates me. Right now the way things are set up, if a person's partner becomes ill and ends up in the hospital their partner may not even be granted visitation rights—that is just ridiculous."

Also on March 3, Senate Republic- an leaders declared their intention to pursue a constitutional amendment banning gay marriages despite opposing Democratic view- points that the proposal is, "divisive, unnecessary and a distraction from more pressing issues," said Carl Hulse, a writer for New York Times.

"The Senate panel plans another hearing later this month to review potential language of an amendment, and any floor vote is still months away. The issue is certain to figure in the campaign for Congress as well as the White House this year."

In San Francisco on March 5, gay and lesbian couples began to pursue an alternative ceremony to the American Civil Liberties Union. Six same-sex couples have also begun the process of suing the state for the right to marry.

On March 9, the Michigan House of Representatives defeated House Joint Resolution. If passed, the resolution would have limited marriage to one woman and one man in the state constitution.

Although Michigan law already prevents gay couples from legal marriage, this legislation would have provided specific measures in the constitution. The resolution was eight votes short of the 73 needed for admission into law. The measure had been discharged from a committee two weeks ago following less than an hour of public testi- mony.

"I am greatly relieved that this repressive, repressive and divisive marriage has been defeated," said Chris Swope, executive director of Michigan Equality.

"Everyone who is on the conservative or lib- eral, should be outraged that a pro- posed amendment to our State Con- stitution was allowed so little time to be discussed publicly. This is bad government and the authors and backers of this legislation should be held to account for their lack of re- spect for the Constitution." Swope summed up by saying, "I'm not sure the backers of this legislation are aware of how many people who are not LGBT are offended by the mean-spiritedness of this type of political football," said Swope. "Today was a victory for all Michiganders who love fair- ness."

MI denies amendment to state constitution

Yesterday, the Michigan House of Repre- sentatives denied the amendment to the state constitution that stated limitation of marriage between one man and woman.

Michigan law prohibits same-sex marriage, however it is not stated within the constitu- tion. This amendment was eight votes short of the 73 required to pass.

"Students being reasonable with their re- quests will help to ensure that each group gets its necessary funding," Brieve said.

Supporters of Bush's amendment argue that same-sex marriages, stating that marriage is an institution between specifically a man and a woman, marriage is not practiced by same-sex couples cannot provide the best environment for raising children, gay relationships are immoral according to religious leaders and it will threaten the institution of marriage.

Due to national debate, the topic of gay marriage has been on the hot seat in Hope's campus. "Lately gay marriage has become a popular topic," said Bailey Mar- tin, a senior at Hope College.

"A proposed amendment to the constitution was allowed so little time to be discussed publicly. This is bad government and the authors and backers of this legislation should be held to account for their lack of respect for the Constitution."
**DeVos Miracle Network helps Hope family cope**

This article spotlights one DeVos Miracle Child in order to help students who did not participate in Dance Marathon understand who the charity helps.

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—Andy Nakajima, professor of Japanese

[Image of Noelle and Emma]

Ana Diaz (‘06), on the right, and Sayaka Nakatsuji (‘06), Noelle’s morale, take a quick break for the camera at Dance Marathon last Friday night.

Andy to increase Noelle’s body weight. In order for Noelle to undergo the last surgery, she must reach a minimum of 30 pounds. Currently, Noelle weighs 20 pounds.

Unfortunately, Noelle has a little appetite. She tires easily and becomes short of breath in any energy-requiring activity. “To reach 30 pounds is the goal of the Nakajima family; obtaining this goal has been a challenge,” said Andy.

“When we are weak, we are strong.” This is the Bible verse that Andy said brings him and Emma comfort through the challenge of raising Noelle.

“Noelle has taught us the deeper meaning of life. I learned to focus on God’s grace in the midst of uncertainty and frailty of life,” Andy said.

Andy and Emma find joy in watching Noelle complete the simplest tasks in life. Despite Noelle’s poor heart condition, her mental development is that of the average two-year-old. She can color with crayons, “sing” to music and play with her big sister Lea.

The Nakajima family spends time together in activities which encourage Noelle’s mental development and overlook her physical limitation. On weekends they may go to the park, read a children’s book or rest at home.

Without the care of DeVos Children’s Hospital, Noelle wouldn’t be healthy enough to partake in these family activities.

DeVos Children’s Hospital is one of the 170 Children’s Miracle Network hospitals caring for the special needs of sick children. Noelle received treatment at DeVos Children’s Hospital two weeks ago. She was given a CT scan and echocardiogram to check the condition of her heart and lungs.

Emma mentioned the family’s gratitude towards Noelle’s cardiologist, Dr. Lacina, and her surgeon, Dr. Neirotti.

“The doctors, nurses and staff at DeVos Children’s Hospital have been so caring, compassionate and understanding not only of Noelle’s needs, but also of those of our family. We’re so thankful that DeVos Children’s Hospital is so close by and that they were able to treat Noelle,” said Emma.

Through DeVos Children’s Hospital, the Children’s Miracle Network helps raise money for children much like Noelle. Children’s Miracle Network is an “international non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children’s hospitals throughout North America.”

Each year, billions of dollars are donated. One hundred percent of these funds raised are used to benefit the local Children’s Miracle Network hospital. The money isn’t used for corporate headquarters to pay for salaries or office supplies.

All children are treated at these hospitals, regardless of a family’s ability to pay. DeVos Children’s Hospital is grateful for these charitable offerings because it doesn’t receive federal funding. Instead, DeVos is a hospital of charitable care that relies on the support of the community.

One day, a Hope student consulted Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzales about the meaning of life. Gonzales suggested that he spend a day in DeVos Children’s Hospital. He took this advice and walked out of the hospital with a total conversion experience. DeVos relies on people like this particular Hope student. It relies on the willingness of each individual to have compassion for the sufferings of each child, much like Noelle.

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Music Library closed from Friday - Sunday, March 21
Student-run play ‘Tape’ deals with sticky issues

Neil Simons

We may be through with the past, but the past ain’t through with us. This is one theme that the film “Magnolia” throws out to us, and this is also one theme that is beginning to develop among the cast and crew of the upcoming student production “Tape,” a 2000 play written by Stephen Belber. Perhaps one of the most powerful aspects of any individual’s personality is the past that it built on, whether it is a history that haunts or a history that is built on, and this is also one theme that is one theme that is unavoidable aspect of our sentient that “Tape” delves into.

This production, which is fully student run, focuses on the lives of three characters who meet in a hotel room ten years after their high school graduation. These three individuals are forced to deal with the resurfacing of deep wounds and buried emotions.

“Rape is an issue—a circumstance between the characters when they were in high school. It deals with the molding of the relationships since, how time has affected them, and the role the past has played,” said Megan Jewell (’04), director. “This is a very serious production, though it does have its comedic moments.”

Some of the issues that do arise involve a suspected rape and drug use, bringing along with it profane language that further intensifies each scene. What surfaces from the script of “Tape” is a work, that as Jewell describes, “can only be summed up with one word—tension. Like every play, it’s about communication between the characters, and now that communication can be misinterpreted.”

The cast has commended that the issues presented are relevant to anyone’s life, even if the specific subject matter is not. What makes it such a sobering production is “the teamwork that truly makes this a student production,” Jewell said.

Not only is the teamwork between the entire cast and crew fundamental in making this piece come together, but the fact that the actors are able to weave their own lives experiences into their roles helps make this a very modern play. One reason this piece was chosen was because it had the ability to challenge audiences.

The cast has been preparing for the production since January. February. This will be Jewell’s first full-length production as director of the upcoming student production, “Tape.” It will run at 8 p.m. on March 26 and 27 in the DeWitt Studio Theatre.

Patrick Kearney (’04) plays Vince (left) opposite Jeff Kurtze’s (’05) Jon in a scene from the student directed play, “Tape.” It will run at 8 p.m. on March 26 and 27 in the DeWitt Studio Theatre. Admission is $2.

Groups spread Hope music far and wide this break

Symphonette and Choir tour

Maureen Yonowitz

In a few days, many students will head off to various parts of the continent for spring break music trips. At the same time, members of the Symphonette and Choir will be undertaking a mission of their own: to bring the music of Hope College to areas beyond the local Holland community as they embark on their annual spring tours.

The Chapel Choir, conducted by Brad Richmond, associate professor of music and choral director, will take to the east for a string of New York performances as well as one in Massachusetts.

“I hope to get to know the members of the choir much better,” said Camaron Veyles (’07), a tenor in the Chapel Choir. “I also hope to grow as a musician. Most of all, however, I hope to produce beautiful music for the various audiences we perform for and be well worth the time they spend listening to us.”

Upon its return, the Chapel Choir will perform a home concert featuring the pieces performed while on tour. This concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church on 13th Street.

The Symphonette, conducted by Richard Piippo, associate professor of music, will remain in the Midwest, performing in places such as Kalamazoo, Wisconsin and Illinois. The tour will culminate in a trip to see a performance by the Chicago Symphony.

“It is a good sense of accomplishment to share our gifts in other places and to feel like we are known outside of Western Michigan,” said Kristin Zwart (’05), a member of the Symphonette.

Symphonette members prepare all year for this tour because they take a culmination of their best pieces with them.

“The music that we are playing is so awesome, and some of it is more difficult than other pieces,” said Alicia Pashby (’07), an oboe player for the Symphonette. “One of the pieces we are doing is the ‘Dance Bachannalle’ by Saint-Saens. This piece has a very involved oboe part, including a cadenza at the beginning, so I have worked a lot outside of class on the part to perfect it.”

Richmond comments that one of the most important aspects of the tour is the experience itself, as it is evidenced by the Hope alumni who share their own tour stories with the current students in these groups.

“They often say to me they can’t remember much about their college experience, but they do remember the tour,” Richmond said. “The discipline and character built within the context of Chapel Choir formed the way they developed as people.”

Classical guitarist Paul Galbraith brings unique sound to the Knickerbocker

Scottish performer visits

Neil Simons

Whether they are well known or yet unknown, the wide variety of musical performances the arts at Hope bring to campus provides something for everyone. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26 in the Knickerbocker Theatre, classical guitarist Paul Galbraith will present a traditional repertoire on a truly unique instrument.

Galbraith plays a specially designed eight-string guitar that is used in a special position. According to Galbraith’s official website, his “unique playing position was first revealed at the Edinburgh Festival in 1989. His guitar (designed in collaboration with the late Luther David Rubin) is supported by a metal endpin, similar to that of a cello, that rests on a wooden resonance box. The instrument has two extra strings, one high, one low. Both the guitar’s extraordinary design and Galbraith’s playing style are considered groundbreaking development in the history of the instrument, increasing its range to an unprecedented extent.”

This style of guitar is now known as the “Galbraith” guitar because it was originally designed to give Galbraith more flexibility and precision when transcribing Brahms pieces to the classical guitar. The new design offers a much greater acoustic range and a much higher quality of sound, which not only enhances each piece, but also gives greater freedom to an already complex and intricate repertoire.

Galbraith’s repertoire spans from world-folk to classical, and includes pieces by Debussy and Ravel. He has recorded and released the complete Bach violin sonatas and Partitas, which earned him a 1998 Grammy nomination.

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Taking an active role in current events will help Hope

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The article published in the Feb. 18 Anchor about the "Hope bubble" was very interesting. The editor had that I was not one of the students chosen to answer those 10 questions because chances are I would have gotten the wrong answers. I feel that these questions were totally arbitrary, and that would have been pretty embarrassing. The scores weren't that much better all around, so I probably asked the questions that were lone alone, which is the sad thing.

We have heard all of the "Hope bubble." We talk about it to our partners, and friends who go to other schools. I think that it is many other campuses experience as well. When it comes down to the fact that we are the only people who make friends, and try to fix it instead of taking the easy way out. And next time you see Anchor staff members, why don't you congratulate them for all their hard work?

—Allison Rapaport (‘05)

Being honest on issues of diversity on Hope's campus

To the editor:
The letter to the editor on diversity on Feb. 18 made many strong points about Hope College and its lack of diversity. Along with the statistical proof that Hope is lacking in diversity, you don't have to look further than the campus itself to discover that Hope's campus is not one that stresses being ethnically educated.

On Sunday afternoon, a friend of mine observed several Hope students on campus dancing around a tree while yelling the stereotypical yell of Native Americans. I would like to say that I was shocked upon hearing this. I also would like to say that this is going to affect the way I look at Hope students and prospective students. I am not here to help create a true Hope's campus does not provide a multicultural experience or anything close to it. This isn't to downplay the efforts of any organizations that strive for diversity on this campus. I am not asking that Hope's campus be perfect; how you may be wondering, can Hope be so lacking in diversity?

Let's be honest, the problem is found in the very foundations of this college. For haven't seen, our mascot is the Flying DUTCHMEN! How can Hope College hope to diversify, not only its student body, but the Hope College experience as a whole, if a majority student cannot fully embrace the mascot of this school? To go on in being honest about diversity at Hope: We just completed Black History Month, and other than the annual "diverse movie night" offered by the dining halls, the month went by with no recognition.

And finally, a topic that is very tough to many people, the issue of Christian culture here at Hope. Before I begin, I must first say that I do not think badly of what the student ministry is attempting to accomplish here. However, I must say that, after a while, the Gathering and chapel just don't speak to all minorities. I am not blaming the campus. After all, many of them have probably grown up with similar backgrounds. Thus, the theology taught on Hope's campus continues to relate to its majority students. I am not asking that Hope see themselves as the new minority students. I am not asking that Hope see themselves as the new minority students. However, it is going to affect the way I look at Hope's campus.

Recognizing all these things, it's no wonder Hope has so little diversity. The honest truth is this Hope does not appeal to many minority students. Until this excellent institution is willing to reexamine its foundations, it will continue to lack diversity.

—Ben Sanders (‘05)

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Opinion

Your voice

Weekly Anchor rape column should be Hope-specific

To the editor:
Eat a fetus, save a life. Got your attention? Good. As a member of the football team (an all-male organization), I was outraged that we were not singled out as rapists, too. I'm sure people on other all-male teams and organizations that have parties would agree: they want to be labeled as rapists, too! And why wouldn't they? Look at all the attention a rapist gets: your name is put on a sexual offenders list, you get to have a hearing in front of a special Hope College board, and if criminal charges are not brought, you at least get to meet with a counselor.

Why target only this parties as bastions of rape and sexual assault? Other groups throw parties with alcohol, horny guys and loud music, but only the "ob-so-lucky" frat boys are being labeled as rapists. Parties are designed as social events to meet new people and make friends; they are not designed to trick girls into entering potentially dangerous situations.

There is a serious flaw in the logic of the article. Waalkes uses vague cultural generalizations that exclaim a nationwide occurrence. Hope College is a small conservative Christian campus, which differs from most other college campuses. The lack of specific Hope College examples rob the article of credibility. It is easy to draw the conclusion that on some (even most) conservative Christian campus, which differs from most other college campuses, there are problems with sexual assault at parties, but there is no evidence in the article to support the claim that fraternity parties at Hope create an unsafe environment. The writer is not even trying to say that sexual assault does not occur on this campus, because quite frankly, it does, but to make false guesses the party boys for rapists seems a bit unfair. A more appropriate title for Waalkes' article would have been "Frat Boys Rape Chicks," because at least this tells the reader the article is about. Instead of being informative about realistic ways to reduce sexual assault, the article is a vehicle for Waalkes to bash fraternities, disguised as a serious conversation about rape. Students should take a moment to remember that national occurrences do not always apply to Hope College and its bubble. The goal of this letter is not to belittle or downplay the seriousness of rape and sexual assault. It is, rather, my goal to open up the possibilities that poorly planned parties and fraternal parties can turn into dangerous situations for women.

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Editor's voice

Stop being lazy, get involved

Two weekends ago, I attended an Associated Collegiate Press convention with six other members of the Anchor's staff. We drove to Minneapolis and back in order to spend two days in seminars learning how to better run Hope's newspaper and improve our methods to render this semester's Anchor the best ever. Upon our return, I found that we had received several letters to the editor criticizing the Anchor for typos, misspelled quotes and "victimized students for their ignorance." The Anchor was also accused of not planning any events based on national or local events. However, looking back through recent Anchors, I find that last spring, an editorial on the State of the Union address was published, as well as two opinion-editorials and at least six articles attempting to answer these questions. In a current events feature and other stories on current events issues. In this very issue, readers can find a section on gay marriage. While the Anchor does try to include current events in its pages, it is still very much the campus paper of a small, liberal arts school. The Anchor does not have the room or the staff to cover every event in Holland, every event in the world. The purpose of this paper is to keep students and the Holland community informed of events happening here at Hope and of issues that directly affect college students. Throughout campus, there are Holland Sentinel stands and access to the Grand Rapids Press, the New York Times and various other papers online. I appreciate the contribution of even the poorest print media. Production of the Anchor takes place with only six people coming in on Tuesday nights, often staying through the early morning hours in order to put out a paper for this campus' benefit. With only six people taking on the jobs of what should be at the very least ten or eleven, mistakes are bound to happen.

Instead of jumping on the staff of any campus organization, then, why doesn't this campus get involved? If you see a typo, instead of criticizing us, why don't you get involved and see what you can do to help make it better? Setting down and writing an e-mail pointing out every mistake that can be found is lazy; getting involved to help fix it is a better idea entirely.

I urge any and all students to come to this campus to get involved with this paper and help make it the best it can be. The Anchor will always welcome new staff and constructive critiques, but this staff cannot continue attempting to serve this community without your support. I will say it again. If you have something to criticize, get up and try to fix it instead of taking the easy way out. And next time you see Anchor staff members, why don't you congratulate them for all their hard work?

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Hope denied reappearances in NCAA tournament

Andy Borozan
Sports Editor

A bittersweet capping off the season for both the men and women teams last week as both teams fell in the semi-finals of the MIAA tournament.

The women's 23-4 record and 11th straight appearance in the conference semi-finals were not enough to vault the women into the opening year. After handling Olivet in the 72-53, the tournament round of the 11 straight appearance in the conference, the Dutchmen fell behind the #7 Jackson Community College in January.

The game was decided in the second half, as the Dutchmen turned into a 30-23 halftime lead. 31. A neck-in-neck game at first witnessed sizzling 46% from the floor on the year and also led the team with 170 rebounds. "We are looking forward to next year already. Individually, we want to get better by spending time in the weight room and in practice," Phillips said. "We need to reach our expectations for next year as well. The MIAA's championship was great but we need to look at making a tournament run next year." Phillips' outstanding performance this year earned him the MIAA's most valuable player award. The team will eye another conference crown next year as it only loses two seniors in Matt Taylor and Jason Moerjer.

The Dutchmen are looking forward to next year as well. "We will prove them wrong. This year, rumors have been going around the MIAA that Hope will no longer automatically qualify for nationals, which was the reason why the 2003 defending champs, Muskegon Hawks, were not present in Arizona. Also, details were released that a club from the Northeast region will be hosting the 2005 tournament. It is possible that Robert Morris University, Pa., or possibly Indiana University of Pennsylvania will be the honorable host. That decision will not be made until late in the fall." Robert Morris won the 2002 Atlantic tournament and has appeared at both the 2003 and 2004 nationals with a #15 rank.

This year was the first presence of the UJP Indians in the national tournament as it made the most of it taking fourth place and beating Hope in the process. The Dutchmen finish the campaign with a 24-6-2 record.

Calvin defeats Georgia for first-ever national title

Brad Vanderberg
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, a team from the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference are national champions.

After losing to the Dutchmen 6-2 in the MCHC championship game two weeks ago in Jackson, the second ranked Calvin Knights were looking to make it a season to compete in the desert by storm sweeping the tournament clean and capturing its first national title in its history in defeating the University of Georgia in a 5-0 decision in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Last season, the Knights took third in the Division Three National Tournament at Muskegon and also finished third in 1993 at the Albany, New York tournament.

The championship hopes for the #6 ranked Dutchmen were killed in a 5-2 loss to Indiana University of Pennsylvania early in the semis. Having escaped Florida Gulf Coast the day before with a 2-1 victory, the Dutchmen fell behind the #7 Jackson Community College in the MIAA tournament. The Dutchmen rallied to tie the game in the third at 2-2 with goals by freshmen Chris Strauss ('07) and Jeff Guy ('07). With time running down in the period, the #3 ranked Indians scored to break the tie. In desperation, coach Chris Van Timmeren pulled goalie Ben Von Eitzen ('04) to try to get the equalizer. But that strategy didn't work as the Indians piled up in two empty-net goals.

The Dutchmen hit the diamond in Indiana; take three of four

Justin Sobania
Staff Reporter

The Flying Dutchmen have begun the journey of defending their conference championship winning three of four games over the weekend in Indiana. The season opener for the Dutchman was a dramatic win over Hope defeating DePauw in both games on Friday, 5-5 in the first game and then 6-5 in the second game. The second double header took place the next day against Franklin. The Dutchmen split the games down the middle taking the first game 2-1, and losing the second to Franklin 5-0.

This season will be the eleventh with Coach Stu Fritz at the helm of the Dutchmen. During his tenure here, Fritz has led the baseball team to six MIAA championships and a record of 196-156-2. With fourteen letter winners from last year returning to help build the team, the eleven fresh newcomers will have plenty of experience to help build from. With the season already off to a phenomenal 3-1 start, the spring should be an exciting time for the Dutchmen.

This year, rumors have been going around the MIAA that Hope has lost their core players from last year and did not reload," said infielder Mike VanderVelde ('07). "We will prove them wrong. Coach Fritz and the staff have been working hard to prepare us to be successful in the league this year. We will surprise a lot of teams."

Upcoming baseball games:
Spring Trip- Ft. Myers, Florida
March 13-19

Tennis

Tennis women's results:
Hope 6, Grand Valley 3

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Women: March 15-18
Hilton Head, S.C.
Men: March 13-19
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Swimming

Division Three Nationals
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Softball

Yesterday's game at University of Chicago will be rescheduled for March 29.