Speakers debate homosexuality

Rev. Dr. Mel White encourages acceptance of homosexuality in his speech on Tuesday, March 16.

**Julie Green**

Spotlight Editor

Hope College is on a frontier, according to Rev. Mel White. It is the first Christian college that he has ever invited to speak at. He has spoken at over 150 colleges in the last six years, but none were Christian. “A college can’t be afraid of any issue. It is where we go to open our minds and hearts,” White said.

White presented his side of Christianity and homosexuality on Tuesday, March 16. As a homosexual, living with long-term mate Gary Nixon, White gave his personal story of being a homosexual and a Christian.

Before he gave his speech, though, White gave a warning to the crowd to listen to the authority. "Do not believe that I know it just because I say it," White said.

Reactions among students and faculty varied. Many expected him to focus more directly on homosexuality on Sunday night.

"Sunday night wasn’t what I expected," said Albert Bell of the History Department. "I expected him to address homosexuality more directly, but within the context of the series I could see what he was doing and I could see a lot of the techniques that he was using to get people to talk." White is the Director of Reconciled Life Ministries in Wheaton, Ill., a group that ministers to the homosexual community as well as others that are "sexually broken." He was a practicing homosexual for five years and then experienced God’s healing when struck with AIDS-like symptoms. Over the next few years, he came out of his homosexuality. He shared his own personal testimony and his healing when stricken with AIDS-like symptoms.

Panel to foster discussion on homosexuality

Student Council voted on Thursday, March 16 to allow the Religious Life Committee (RLC) to hold a panel discussion which would focus more directly on homosexuality.

The question is what kind of students should be included in the membership of the RLC. If Hope is a Christian college, then it should only include Christian students affiliated with Christian organizations. If it is to be a liberal arts college taught in the Christian context, perhaps it should be more encompassing. "Religion is an all-encompassing word," Reynolds said.

Since some of the student religious groups on campus, like the Ministry of Christ People, who no longer exist, and had representation on the RLC the committee decided to change its membership.

The debate began over what students should be allowed to participate on the RLC. It stands currently that no date or speakers have been set for the discussion. The motion, however, says the discussion will take place sometime after Spring Break and before the end of the semester.

"During Spring Break, students will be able to digest everything they’ve seen and heard," Marolt said. "Then they can back up to that and the panel discussion will give them the opportunity to express their views based on the chance to be exposed." According to Canfield, the panel will include students to speakers with a variety of viewpoints on homosexuality.

"The panel will include medical, psychological and religious views," he said. "This is not just a religious issue. I think on campus, we have battled this down to that."
Ore calls for acceptance with personal testimony

ERIN HUBBARD
staff reporter

As the tension on campus concerning homosexuality continued to rise, Tracey Ore ('84) spoke on her personal experience as a lesbian on Thursday, March 11 in the Maas Auditorium.

"I'm not trying to convince you of anything, my goal is that everyone get a better understanding of homosexuality," she said in her talk.

"I'm hoping I can learn something and hopefully you will too," she said in her talk.

The talk of Ore's personal experience lasted for 20 minutes and then the floor opened up for questions. Ore was eager to engage the audience and hear the numerous viewpoints.

Katie Paarlberg ('02) had a chance to speak with Ore afterwards.

"I think that she was an excellent speaker," Paarlberg said. "She was very articulate and got right to the point, presenting her beliefs but she was not accusatory. Afterwards she came and hung out with us. She made herself available for discussion.

Ore feels that dialogue, rather than debate, is the key to talking about homosexuality.

"It felt like a warm place to go," she said.

Opinions among students in attendance varied.

"I think she is right in saying the Bible has been used wrongly as justification in the past, and I totally agree that Christians need to be more loving," said Isaiah Hoogendyk ('01). "But still, there is something called sin and Christians just can't ignore homosexualit-y." Ore is currently researching hate crimes in the U.S. and feels that there is a definite fear of homosexuals. Twenty-one murders were committed last year due to sexual orientation.

Ore expressed her disagreement with many of the ideas presented by Trinh ('00). "Anyone who wanted to get involved was invited to join and the event was not sponsored by a specific student organization.

The students stressed the fact that this was an individual effort.

The group formed a line in the Pine Grove and joined hands before entering the chapel to hear Berger. As they entered, they were approached by Provost Jacob Nyehus and Danne Terpstra, Director of Public Safety, who suggested they remove the shirts.

"We were asked to take off our shirts by the Provost and Terpstra, but many of us kept them on," said Patrick Anderson ('02). "We refused because we didn't feel they were offensive and we were not out to hurt anyone.

Terpstra stressed that his involvement with the speech was to ensure and maintain an orderly environment. He expressed his appreciation of the respect the students gave to Berger.

"I am very impressed with the way they have conducted themselves," he said. "They did what they felt was necessary and didn't cause a disturbance and I was grateful for that.

Amanda Schneider ('99) stated that the administration needs to be more lenient, because it is still involving school when you make class for another class," said Nicole Wild ('02).

Some students felt it important that the administration allow for absences.

"I think that this policy is a good one," said Student Congress member Matt Scogin ('02). "It shows that the administration here recognizes the educational importance of activities such as sporting events, field trips, or performances. Often students learn as much, if not more, through these activities than in a single class. These activities are a valuable part of the college experience, and it is commendable that our administration realizes that.

Also included in the new policy is that the faculty should provide alternatives for activities scheduled outside of class, which are not posted in the class syllabus. In addition, faculty should provide alternative for exams scheduled outside of class meeting times.

"This is something that could work, but there are a lot of technicalities with it," said Comptroller Scott Hes ('00). "It is something which the faculty will have to be very involved with."
KATE FOLKERT

intemination editor

The award came as a total surprise. "They called my husband to make sure I was at the banquet," said Maxine DeBruyn, professor of dance and chair of the department. "You don't know about it until it happens. You hear your name and go.

DeBruyn was recently recognized by the Midwest District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). She received her highest achievement, the "Honor Award" on Friday, Feb. 12.

The award is given in recognition of distinctive, continuous, leadership and professional contributions to the enhancement of health, physical recreation, and dance.

DeBruyn has had numerous appointments within AAHPERD. Currently she is chair of the national and Midwest District investment committee. She is also past president of the Midwest District.

In addition, she has led numerous workshops at the state, district and national level.

"It's a wonderful award," DeBruyn said. "It's nice to be recognized for accomplishment over the years."

A member of the Hope faculty since 1965, there was only one dance class offered when DeBruyn began. Since then, the dance department has grown to a full major with national certification.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity to have a vision and follow through on it," DeBruyn said. "She is quick to point out, however, that it takes more than one person.

"In a venture like this one has to have a good team. You have to be flexible and allow your vision to be incorporated into your own."

The past 25 years of the dance department were commemorated at the annual spring dance concert. Dance 25, this past weekend. There were numerous events for alumni, including a chance for many to perform at the Saturday show. With limited rehearsal time, 36 former students took the stage. This is the most people to ever perform a dance piece on the main stage of the DeVitt Theatre.

"It went extremely well. We took a chance on a structured improv piece to end the Saturday program," DeBruyn said. "We had all levels. All years except Dance 5 were represented in the improv. It was a wonderful way to bring alumni back. We could reminisce beyond words through dance.

"I was willing to engage in dialogue with those who thought her sexual orientation a sin. She pointed out the sin of the Christian community, who she believes focuses too much on homosexuality.

"We must call to task the people who misuse the Christian name, who picket gay funerals with signs saying, 'God hates fags,' those who say they are Christians but don't do the Christian thing," she said.

"I thought that it was cool that she didn't come right out and say [lesbianism is right]," said Ammie Pries ('02).

DeBruyn has had 25 YEARS OF DANCE:

Mario Bergner. "People like Bergner are talking about sex addiction and compulsions," she said. "But can you change your orientation? No, I don't think so."

"It's the kind of feedback that everyone loves to have — both positive and negative," she said. "It's great to know your work has been paid attention to and valued."

"It's a feedback that every-"
An issue to embrace

Mario Bergner and Mel White finally spoke to Hope College within the past week. Anticipation built over the weeks, as the topic of homosexuality and Christianity stirred a large debate in the college community.

The general agreement has been that the discussion on the topic has been a positive aspect to an issue that is often pushed away by members of the community. But let’s hope that the discussion does not end there.

No broad, general consensus was created during the two speeches. Little was resolved, instead more questions stirred a large debate in the college community.

The weeks, as the topic of homosexuality and Christianity almost yearly, and it is an issue that is regularly pushed in our college. The act of "de-pledging" is one of the most looked down upon acts within Greek Life. And yet students still have the feeling that they have to quit just to protect their self-respect and their personal well being. This is wrong and something needs to be done. I am giving a challenge to every person who cares about his or her fellow students to try and make a change. Expose all the horrors of pledging. It only takes one person to take a stand and make a difference. Will that person be you or will you just stand by as one of your friends is continually humiliated, tortured and abused right before your eyes?

Reid Beyerlein (’00)

Erika Bergeson (’99)

Freshman questions contributions of NME

As the excitement of rushing ends, the tension of "New Member Education" or pledging begins.

Many Hope students have decided to embark on this perilous journey of torment and ridicule. They have decided, for a couple weeks, they are going to give up on everything important in their lives: self respect, morals, friends and non-Greek relationships.

This startling fact frightens me and makes me question the support that Hope College has decided to give to the Greek Organizations on campus.

"The mission of Hope College is to offer, with recognized excellence, academically challenging courses in the arts, in the setting of residential, under-graduate, coeducational college, and in the context of the historic richness that is unique Greek Organizations are not following this mission statement while they go through their pledging. Most pledges are getting little to no sleep. They can't even keep their eyes open in their classes or pay attention at all. And when they do have time off they use it to make up on all of the sleep they haven't been getting. This cannot possibly be a positive contributor to the academic well being of the students. As I sit in class and see my friend sitting across the room, sobbing to sleep, I am immediately saddened and alarmed with the thought that I have about what he has been through and what he is having to deal with. And that is just school related problems. I can't even begin to explain the unsettling feeling I get when I see the tears of all of the battered girls. All I can say is, Why do you do this to yourself?

Reid Beyerlein (’00)

Erika Bergeson (’99)

Freshman questions contributions of NME

As the excitement of rushing ends, the tension of "New Member Education" or pledging begins. Many Hope students have decided to embark on this perilous journey of torment and ridicule. They have decided, for a couple weeks, they are going to give up on everything important in their lives: self respect, morals, friends and non-Greek relationships. This startling fact frightens me and makes me question the support that Hope College has decided to give to the Greek Organizations on campus.

"The mission of Hope College is to offer, with recognized excellence, academically challenging courses in the arts, in the setting of residential, under-graduate, coeducational college, and in the context of the historic richness that is unique Greek Organizations are not following this mission statement while they go through their pledging. Most pledges are getting little to no sleep. They can't even keep their eyes open in their classes or pay attention at all. And when they do have time off they use it to make up on all of the sleep they haven't been getting. This cannot possibly be a positive contributor to the academic well being of the students. As I sit in class and see my friend sitting across the room, sobbing to sleep, I am immediately saddened and alarmed with the thought that I have about what he has been through and what he is having to deal with. And that is just school related problems. I can't even begin to explain the unsettling feeling I get when I see the tears of all of the battered girls. All I can say is, Why do you do this to yourself?

Reid Beyerlein (’00)

Erika Bergeson (’99)
March 17, 1999

Student's father urges faculty to present all sides of an issue

To the Editor:

I have sat silently for weeks now with a still small voice and have decided it's time to share my thoughts. I find people who are speaking to my students. I think one point many on campus are missing is that

Patterson not his staff have ever issued one statement that says they're alleged touting homosexual people. To the best of my understanding they merely make a stance on the side of the issue. I'm sure they make a stance on drunkenness, obesity, drugs, stealing, etc.

Outside perspective questions reasons for other viewpoints needed on campus

To the Editor:

Just finished reading the March 10, 1999 issue of the Anchor. I would like to present an outside perspective on a few of the current campus events that were discussed in this issue.

Hope is a private, liberal arts college, which offers an undergraduate education in the context of the Christian faith. The college is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

While I wouldn't agree including a new line for religious beliefs on the application for admission, should Hope be expected to accommodate non-Christian beliefs? Is it not clear to the applicant from another speaker such as Mario Bergner, while present a different voice, that Christian beliefs predominate on the campus?

Hope has suffered a statement whereby they've eliminated the option of religious belief on the application. They merely make a stance on the side of the issue. I find one very vocal group doesn't hate the homosexual only homosexuals. I have related to my roommate offered differing opinions about the campus and give reports on it. All sides of the issue. However, my biggest concern is the views. The fact that many opinions are presented in the classrooms and Faith.

There are countless examples of issues that require critical thinking. To the best of my understanding, however, the act of homosexuality just as I'm not how they fit to keep conservative and liberal, or political viewpoints, they are observer and my students without strong spiritual convictions at all. These students are very vulnerable and they are only hearing one side of most arguments. How can they be expected to make informed decisions when they only hear one narrow-minded view?

I urge the faculty to bring in more fundamentalistic orthodox Christian speakers to talk to their classes about these topics in a timely fashion, so that all of our students hear all sides of the issue.

Sophomore challenges campus community rethinking position of homosexuality and sexuality

To the Editor:

I am sure many people on campus have some opinion to express about the Chaplain's Office series entitled "Setting Love in Order" and the issues surrounding it. In writing this letter I am not eliminating the spirit hostility that usually accompanies these letters, as hostility only worsens the situation. I was present at the gathering when the topic of both homosexuality and transsexuality was discussed, as well as the "tome" sessions during community hour on Tuesday. Iadmire the Chaplain's staff for the latter event, as it demonstrated a step toward reconciliation on their part. However, I was slightly disturbed by the gathering and would like to comment on that aspect of it.

First, I would like to recognize the noticeable effect on the part of the Chaplain's staff at maintaining a non-confrontational atmosphere. They have noticed that their attitude was very different than what I am normally accustomed in Chapel. However, I found more of the traditional attitudes back in place near the end of the message. I believe that we need to look at this issue in a different light, but in order to get there, we must discuss other issues first.

The first and most critical question we need to ask ourselves is that of dogma. Dogma is a serious problem on campus. Hope serves with regard to the church, doctrine and faith! I have spoken with many people on this topic, and find that many different answers as there are people, ranging from a place for discernment in church doctrine to a place where the church asserts its views. The fact that many opinions of our purpose circulate on campus can be both beneficial and detrimental to us as a community. Different opinions and ideas can lead to growth in many ways, but when particular views are placed in positions with a sense of exclusivity, conflict and hostility are the two most common results. I think we have a responsibility to recognize and deal with the potential to serve as an example to other denominations.

When I examine the current situation, I find that I do not possess any dialogue as God would have us do as His people. Even those of us who do belong to the RCA have some responsibility here. I believe that the RCA has a responsibility to serve as an example to other denominations.

In my view on homosexuality, I would then share my Biblical understanding of the situation. I will not judge them as I hope they will judge me. I do not judge them as I hope they will judge me.

Let's stop putting words in peoples mouths. The Chaplain doesn't hate the homosexual only themselves in new ways in order for it to remain in a position befitting its importance.

Therefore, I challenge you to take up this path. I challenge you to read old familiar texts with new eyes, to take the higher road of thinking and commuication with God. I challenge you to leave the comfort of the well-worn old doctrine and re-evaluate it according to both our individual and communal walk with God, that we might live more in the light. I challenge you to remember God's and we need to as Christians do the same. God loved everyone but never the sin.

Pamela Valkema

Jerry Rademaker

Bob茨itz

Gilmore Hall

Opinion

What makes Hope distinctive and special is its unabashed Christian faith. Without it, how is Hope remarkably different than any public university?

Chris Betitz

DeWitt Center

Hope College

Anchor Contacts

Ank: 395-7877
ANCHOR@hope.edu
DeWitt Center
Hope College

Staff member offers support for Chaplain and staff

To the Editor:

I have sat silently for weeks now with a still small voice and have decided it's time to share my thoughts. I find people who are speaking to my students. I think one point many on campus are missing is that

Patterson not his staff have ever issued one statement that says they're alleged touting homosexual people. To the best of my understanding they merely make a stance on the side of the issue. I'm sure they make a stance on drunkenness, obesity, drugs, stealing, etc.

Somewhere along the lines we've taken the "commonsense" view of disagreeing with homosexuality as one of also hating the person. I do not hate homosexuals. I have relatives who are homosexuals and I care for them as much as any other relative I have but if they asked me

My view on homosexuality, I would then share my Biblical understanding of the situation. I will not judge them as I hope they will judge me. I do not judge them as I hope they will judge me.

Let's stop putting words in peoples mouths. The Chaplain doesn't hate the homosexual only themselves in new ways in order for it to remain in a position befitting its importance.

Andrew Nardone (91)

Look at all the Letters to the Editor

"Too many! Not enough stuff on what you want? Then write your own.

Letters should be around 400 words and turned in by 5 p.m. Monday."
To the Editor:

I am very angry and upset by the recent actions of the Student Congress here at Hope College. Their approval and their disappointment with the removal of Mel White has left a sour taste in my mouth and proves me wrong.

I lament the controversy and division that this campus will allow us to embrace. I await the discovery of a passage of the Bible that seems to offend or criticize. We cannot simultaneously accept the forgiveness and saving grace of Christ Jesus while denying His authority as Lord of our lives. This means abiding by the decrees of scripture regarding behavior in all areas.

The issue then, in my mind, is how to react to this clear biblical message. I've heard the phrase, "He who is without sin cast the first stone." (John 8:7) Many times recently, but has anyone looked up the verse to examine its context?

Alcohol Issues Matter member urges student body to end assumptions

To the Editor:

"We are not out to break up your party or ruin your fun. We just want to help you be aware of relevant issues. We are actually fairly fun people who have weekend lives too. We just don't like to see our friends and peers get hurt, or even killed (as a few of us in the group have experienced with alcohol)."

So please, I beg you to put an end to the assumptions about AIM. I respect your mothers. We're just as much a part of this campus as you are. The only difference is that we like to talk about it on Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Otto Room (right, shameless plug, I apologize). But we are, indeed, pretty typical students. I hope that this campus will allow us to help serve its needs without false ideas of what we're about.

Lori Stevens ('99)
Social Coordinator, AIM

Alcohol Issues Matter member urges student body to end assumptions

To the Editor:

We're trying to address a student concern that this campus will allow us to embrace. I await the discovery of a passage of the Bible that seems to offend or criticize. We cannot simultaneously accept the forgiveness and saving grace of Christ Jesus while denying His authority as Lord of our lives. This means abiding by the decrees of scripture regarding behavior in all areas.

The issue then, in my mind, is how to react to this clear biblical message. I've heard the phrase, "He who is without sin cast the first stone." (John 8:7) Many times recently, but has anyone looked up the verse to examine its context?

Alcohol Issues Matter member urges student body to end assumptions

To the Editor:

"We are not out to break up your party or ruin your fun. We just want to help you be aware of relevant issues. We are actually fairly fun people who have weekend lives too. We just don't like to see our friends and peers get hurt, or even killed (as a few of us in the group have experienced with alcohol)."

So please, I beg you to put an end to the assumptions about AIM. I respect your mothers. We're just as much a part of this campus as you are. The only difference is that we like to talk about it on Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Otto Room (right, shameless plug, I apologize). But we are, indeed, pretty typical students. I hope that this campus will allow us to help serve its needs without false ideas of what we're about.

Lori Stevens ('99)
Social Coordinator, AIM
**Guest Column**

Nikelle Johnson

**Yearbooks near fruition**

"Good things come to those who wait" is the way the saying goes. But we have all waited, and waited, and waited some more. It's been long enough. And now we're waiting again? Well, yes. As some of you may have heard, the 1998 Milestones were back. But it was just for a short visit only for two days. Then they went back to our publisher, Walsworth. They arrived on Tuesday, March 23 with little warning. We moved box after box after box from the mail room, with my excitement rising. I couldn't wait much longer to see this thing that had taken so much of my time over the last year and a half. I ripped open a box and grabbed the top book. I stood there with the book in my hand, not even opening it. Just the fact that it was in my hand gave me a feeling that no words can describe. Maybe it was pride, excitement, nervousness, I don't know. And then I opened it. I began to page through... And then page after page. I couldn't believe that it had happened. I spent so much time on this and it was ruined. There were many pages with pictures messed up, printers marks on the top of some pages, random boxes... Remr... How had all this happened? I knew that we had fixed these things on our proofs. Little did I know how crazy that day would be.

We had to make a decision. That afternoon Armanda Black ('99), my Co-Editor in Chief, and I sat down with our advisor and our sales representative from Walsworth. We looked at the number of things that were wrong that we knew we had fixed and talked about how long it would take to have Walsworth reprint the book. We talked about the effect this would have. And we came to a conclusion. It wasn't possible to leave it the way it was, there were just too many things wrong. It is something that is supposed to last forever. So it went back. Twenty years from now when you look at this Milestone you will not think about the one month delay-but you can focus on your memories, brought forth from a quality yearbook.

Walsworth tells us it will be back right after Spring Break. I can't wait. For those of you who can't wait either, there are two copies at the Student Union Desk in DeWitt which we've marked the mistakes in. Please feel free to stop by and look through them. Thank you for your patience.

The Anchor is still accepting guest columns from various student organizations and student groups. Those wishing to run a guest column should contact the Anchor at 395-7877 or e-mail ANCHOR@hope.edu.

---

**Letter to the Editor Guidelines**

The mission of the Anchor opinion page is to provide a forum for members of the college community to engage in intelligent dialogue. The page is open to students, faculty, staff and other members of the related community.

The Anchor reserves the right to edit letters due to space constraints, but the editor will take care to retain the tone and intent of the letter. The Anchor will not publish letters that are personal attacks, in poor taste or potentially libelous. Letters will be selected for publication in one of two ways: either first come, first serve, or as a representative sample when too many letters come in to fit into an issue.

The Anchor-in-Chief has discretion regarding the publishing of anonymous letters. No letter will be published without the writer's identity being known to the Anchor-in-Chief, who will discuss with the writer his/her wish for anonymity.

Anonymity is reserved for those who feel their letter may result in a loss of position or other forms of discrimination, or in cases involving rape victims, whose anonymity is guaranteed. When the Editor receives any letter, it is his/her responsibility to verify by phone or in person the identity of the writer to prevent falsification of any letter writer's identity on the opinion page.

---

**Letter reprinted**

**Editor's Note:** This letter ran in the March 10 issue of the Anchor, but due to editorial error the complete letter did not run. Here is the complete letter:

To the Editor,

I have become very concerned with the atmosphere in which the topic of homosexuality has been brought up. After reading the past two issues of the Anchor, I have come to realize that quickly people are polarizing on one side or the other. By this I mean that people who have both sides believe that homosexuality is not a sin continue to believe so (sometimes even more fervently) while those who feel that it is a sin do the same. Homosexuality is a very delicate subject, which Christians feel very strongly about, and are split on both sides of. What I encourage everyone on this campus to do regardless of what your personal feelings on the issue are, is to sit back and listen to what the "other" has to say. It is easy to assume things about the other side. However, this is a time when more questions need to be asked and fewer answers need to be sought. As Christians, I think we need to seek the "us" instead of the "them." Christ calls us to remember that we are all Christians regardless of where we stand on this issue.

Court Buchanan ('00)
Growing Older, Not Growing Up

Members of Hope College become kids again as they rediscover the world of toys

CARRIE ARNOLD
JULIE GREEN
spotlight editors

Toys: they’re for everyone, not just children, but the very thought of them take a person back to childhood.

Anyone can find amusement in the Sandcastle Toy Store in downtown Holland, from adults to babies, including Hope College students. Even store manager Meg Johnston (’96) McGill enjoys the toys.

"We play, too. When it’s quiet," McGill said. "I love playing with the toys and I love playing with the kids," Sturrus said. "The funny thing with toys is that I’ll buy something and I’ll think ‘they’ll love it and then they won’t.’"

While Sturrus recognizes how much fun toys can be, she also recognizes their potential educational value.

"Kids can’t really tell the difference, but you can make most any toy educational!," Sturrus said. "That’s the beauty of toys—kids don’t know they’re learning!"

One doesn’t need a job with toys to be an expert in the subject, as Doreen Beltz, Gilmore Hall Resident Director, found out. The mother of a daughter, Caleb, 1, she knows all about kids and toys, too.

"If we get two pieces from the McDonald’s set, [Emma] will steal the whole collection," Beltz said. "We’re very careful about what we get into."

The most popular toy at the preschool, according to Sturrus, are Legos. But there are a lot of close runner-ups.

"We have a sand table—they love to play that dress-up clothes and puzzles, are probably their favorite," she said.

These three and four-year-olds aren’t picky for name-brand toys, you see.

"We have a lot of toys that are games that make up," Sturrus said. One inventive example is using shaving cream on a table top and RLC from 1

there are three Student Congress members and one from each of the Fellowship of Catholic students and Union of Catholic Students. In the debate it was discussed that only students from Christian organizations would be allowed participation with the Student Congress members.

This was rejected when the group unanimously decided membership changes that would be proposed to the Administrative Affairs board would be more encompassing. This proposal gives representation to each of the religious organizations on campus.

One member will be from FCS and UCS, excluding Refuge in Spiritual Expression, three members to Student Congress, one to be appointed by the chaplain’s office and one to be decided by the Religion department.

BUILDING CASTLES IN THE SKY: The Sandcastle toy store on Eighth Street in downtown Holland offers many delights for both the young and the young at heart.

"Good toys are still the same—classified. They won’t ever change. They’re the same. They always will be."

—Meg Johnston (’96) McGill

The Sandcastle also has a large assortment of toys made by local artists. "These are huge amounts of Legos. My brother and I used to play with them all the time," Beltz said. "I would use the Monopoly game to make lists of people I was selling stuff to. Mostly I made stuff up."

McGill agrees that most of the best toys are the classics, such as Legos, Playmobiles, Brio track sets and stuffed-out animals. Other proverbial favorites are stuffed animals and dolls. Babies and girls love playing with dress-up clothes and dolls. However, she also likes to keep it up in current trends by going to toy shows and keeping up on all of the new finds. They also have a large assortment of toys made by local artists. "They will only sell the best," McGill said.

However, Beltz found that the most fun came in using her toys for other than their intended purposes.

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it," Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"I’ll hear [Emma] talk about something in her toys, and I’ll say, ‘You’re the one who’s five, not your toys.’"

"I don’t think toys are of the same quality. Ours used to last through 6 kids. Now some of the plastic stuff doesn’t last a week," Beltz said. "But you can still find the good stuff." McGill agrees.

"Good toys are still the same—the classics. They won’t ever change. They’re the same. They always will be."

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.

"They are hugely impacted by commercials on TV. They watch more than I did," she said.

In order to counter this growing trend, Beltz has devised some solutions.

"At Christmas, we open one present a day for a week," Beltz said. "This helps them enjoy what they have more."

"Sometimes, after they get a lot of new stuff, I’ll put a box of their old toys away in the closet for six months, and then let them rediscover it." Beltz said. "A lot of times, they use the toys for a completely different purpose than they used to."

Even though Beltz is concerned about materialism, she is still optimistic about children’s usage of toys.
March 17, 1999

**A Sun Came**

**Sufjan Stevens releases solo album**

**BEN DOWNIE**

Staff reporter

Sufjan Stevens (’98), who has just released his first solo album, called "A Sun Came," has won the composition of 18 songs, ranging from acoustic ballads and spoken pieces to heavier pop rock. Instrumentally, the album is tuned with the recorder, oboe, piano, and a variety of recorders, all of which Stevens plays.

"I started playing the recorder in second grade," he said. "Then I learned the piano from my mom and everybody does," Stevens said. "Then I learned the piano from ear by listening to my sister play Bach tunes."

And the list goes on. "In middle school I learned the violin, and my aunt tricked me into learning the clarinet, I was just like a tramp," Stevens said. "Then I figured I'd try the oboe. Stevens said he made the album mad, but I ended up going back to Interlochen and really learning how to play it well."

It wasn't until college that Sufjan first picked up the guitar. And with the guitar came the band, and finally, the dreams. Stevens played all of these instruments on the album, too. However, the large variation of instrumentation isn't what gave him problems once recording began.

"I spent more time doing the vocals than all of the music put together," Stevens said. The majority of songs on the album, in fact, are their original songs on Stevens's acoustic guitar last summer. After first writing the music, he then wrestled with lyrics. While the music is the hardest for me to do, and it's the least important," he said. "Sometimes I find it very difficult to place a concept, a political view, or a religious message over something so abstract that begins May 2 and runs through October 3. However, this is not his only motivation. For Michel, the best part of preparing for this exhibit was working with another culture. "I've enjoyed reaching out beyond my own world and being able to show my work to another culture," Michel said. "My work has a lot to do with traditions and other cultures, anyway."

**S. STEVENS**

**MEREDITH CARE staff reporter**

For art professor Delbert Michel, two years of planning and organizing will culminate in an art exhibit that runs May 2 and runs through October 3. However, this is not his only exhibition. Michel's art will be on display at the vensteveld Alsbroek in the Netherlands, at the Galerie and Skulpturenpark.

Planning for the exhibit began two years ago when internationally known Dutch sculptor Cyril Luxenberg visited Hope's campus and displayed some of his works. Luxenberg and Michel began trading works, books, and photos, and Luxenberg showed some of Michel's work to different galleries in the Netherlands.

"I didn't realize how much work would go into an exhibition like this," Michel said. "I've learned a lot."

One year ago, Michel visited the Galerie and Skulpturenpark and was offered the opportunity to display his paintings there. Some of Luxenberg's sculptures will be displayed outdoors at the Galerie and Skulpturenpark at the same time as Michel's paintings, making the theme of the exhibition to be art from "The Two Hollands." Michel said he spent about a year in the Netherlands as a task. The largest painting, which is 8 by 14 feet in size, is in three panels, and there are 25 other large-scale works, as well as a collection of smaller paintings. The 38 paintings were all shipped on Feb. 24 in three plywood crates weighing hundreds of pounds each. The crates were custom made for Michel by the college maintenance department.

Michiel is planning on going to the Netherlands in April to finalize the setting of his works, and will be there for the opening of the exhibit on May 2.

"For Michel, the best part of preparing for this exhibit was working with another culture," Michel said. "I've enjoyed reaching out beyond my own world and being able to show my work to another culture," Michel said. "My work has a lot to do with traditions and other cultures, anyway."

**ERIN HUBBARD**

Staff reporter

The student-directed play "Marisol" is a fresh and honest attempt to look at fast-paced society and the underclass's ignorance.

The play is student-directed and produced by David Fleming (’99). "I've been interested in the Theatre Forum and receiving class credit as well. However, this is not his only motivation. For Michel, the best part of preparing for this exhibit was working with another culture. "I've enjoyed reaching out beyond my own world and being able to show my work to another culture," Michel said. "My work has a lot to do with traditions and other cultures, anyway."

The set is simple and dark, consisting of only three different platforms. They are varying heights and surround one side of a square pit. This pit or boxing ring is where most of the action takes place.

The play was performed Tuesday night and will be performed tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are $2 at the door, and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

After the show a discussion will be held to talk about the many themes of the play. The discussion will consist of Fleming and the cast, the audience and a guest speaker, Boyd Wilson of the religion department will be the joining the panel. Fleming encourages students to come to the play.

"I think everyone will come out with something to think about from this play," he said. "It makes you by making you see what you can normally chose not to see."
BERGNER from 1 encouraged his audience to look to Jesus for the healing of their own sexuality.

Bergner’s visit has stirred some controversy among the community.

“I have been surprised that there has been a definite and angry reaction. I have been surprised at there has been a definite and angry reaction,” said Ben Patterson, Dean of Chapel. “I have been very pleased with the behavior of the students. That has been very good.”

While Bergner’s speech on Sunday night did not directly address homosexuality, some students felt that he was indeed suggesting it is something that needs to be cured.

“He didn’t draw any conclusions, but set the speech up so that the audience could draw its own conclusions and this is what I found most disturbing,” said Jil Pierson ’00. “I felt it was disturbing how he set things up and perpetuated the climate. He did not directly attack homosexuals on Sunday, but if you listened closely you could understand what he was getting at.”

Others commended Bergner for his convictions.

“As a Christian, and I realize that the term means many things, I thought the message that everyone can be healed was a powerful one and I am glad that I could hear it and that students could hear it as well,” said Marc Baer of the History Department.

Several students also felt his personal testimony to be inspirational. “I think he had some good points,” said Jennifer Polsgrove ’01. “I think that people who are upset with the chapel program are just looking for things to be wrong. The information he presented was relevant to all people.”

Many agreed with Baer and felt the message was an important one. “I think he was graceful with his teaching as anyone I have heard on the subject,” said Emily Ralering ’99. “I trust that God has worked through his life and experiences to teach others. I agree with his position.”

Others expressed their concerns with the information and viewpoints he presented.

“I found a lot of what he said to be at odds with facts,” said Deirdre Johnston of the Communications Department. “I found a lot of his discussion of male and female sexuality, as well as the nature of sexuality, to be stereotypical. The characterization of women was truly offensive.”

Sunday’s service focused on broken sexuality and Bergner encouraged the audience to seek healing. At the end of his message he invited those who desired healing to stay and requested that those who opposed him leave.

“It was bordered by the way he suggested people leave at nine,” Bell said. “I was there to see what was presented and was not there in favor or opposition to him.”
Spring in Winter

It is the middle of March, students are preparing for their trips south for Spring Break and spring sports teams have been practicing since the coldest month of the year.

In the coldest month of winter, in the midst of the snow fall, and drippy noses from colds, our Hope athletes have been preparing for the last of the sports, spring. There are no flowers, yet, there is sunshine and there is bitter cold air. Every time we step outside we are reminded there is bitter cold air. Every time we head for the last of the sports practice. We’ve all seen the Dutch attack the Dow Center and in Florida and Arizona while the matter the conditions, to compete.

Dow, and everyone that plays with intramurals and spring sports teams have been preparing for their turn. Ohio last week and returned with swim team traveled to Oxford, Ohio to compete, and there we are these athletes give up their spring break for team trips where they season that is taking place at Hope.

Kari Jackson (’99) in her first ever National appearance finished fifth on the one meter diving board. On the three meter board she only managed a 16 place. Head Coach John Patnott commented that her performance was, “very mature”. Patnott attributed some of the team’s success to mental readiness. “You have to go in there believing that you’ll compete well,” Patnott said.

In all Hope performed better than expected. All of the Hope swimmers exceeded their seeding, in the relays. Relays are a key to scoring well at nationals, they are worth double the points of the individual events. Despite the fact all of the Hope relays exceeded their seeding, Patnott doesn’t really see it as a surprise to other teams. “Overall most teams expect Hope to do well in the relays, it’s just a history we’ve had,” Patnott said.

The team and Patnott are calling the meet a success. “I think there’s a few individual goals that go unfulfilled, but as a team this is a higher place than I expected us to have,” Patnott said. The Hope College women’s swim team will only lose Jackson to graduation. No other seniors graduate.

Swimmers pack for Nationals

Men’s swim team prepares for NCAA Division III Championships

ANDREW KLECZEK staff reporter

Five members of the Hope College men’s swim team will be competing this week in the National tournament in Minneapolis, Minn. Between March 18 to 20 Hope Coaches.

Josh Boss (’02), one of the swimmers traveling to Nationals is seeded first in both the 100 and 200 Breaststroke.

Despite the fact Boss is favored to win both of these events Head Coach John Patnott still remains optimistic in his outlook.

“First place seeding doesn’t mean anything, you have to do it when you get there,” Patnott said.

Boss is also down playing his first place seeding.

“I just look at it as another race,” said Boss.

Also competing in individual events are Chris Dattels (’02), Jared Lippert (’00), and Joshua Ficke (’01). Tom Bouwens (’00) is also making the trip as a member of the relay teams.

Dattels will be competing in the 100 Breaststroke. He is seeded 13th and 24th respectively.

Team Co-Captain Jared Lippert will be competing in the 100 Butterfly, where he is seeded 50th. Patnott referred to the 100 Butterfly as, “one of the fastest events in the meet.”

Ficke will be taking on the 50 Freestyle, a sprinting event, where he is seeded 16th.

Hope is also sending a relay team that is seeded third in the 400 Medley. Patnott wants that the relay team will have to look out for Kenyon College, Wisconsin-Stevens' Point and Denison in that event. He also points out that the relays depend on each swimmer. Relays count for twice the points as individual events.

“All four people need to perform well,” Patnott said. Coach Patnott sees some keys to the team placing well at the meet.

“We’ll do the place in the top 10 if all four relays place well we can,” Patnott said. He also stresses the importance of getting off to a good start.

“If you can have good performances on the first day it keeps you rolling through the meet,” Patnott said.

The team hopes their hard work will pay off this week.

“We trained hard all season, and I think we’re all prepared mentally and physically,” Dattels said.
Spring sports underway as winter comes to end

Rewind to ’98 season

- MIAA Champions
- Third Championship in Five years
- School Record 25 Victories
- NCAA Division III Tournament
- MIAA most valuable player Mike McAulaw (’98)
- Five Players Named to All-MIAA First Team

Butterfly finish with tournament loss

Women's Basketball season best performances

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Player</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Assists</th>
<th>Rebounds</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lisa Hoekstra</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vs. Alma on December 9, All-MIAA First Team</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Player</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Assists</th>
<th>Rebounds</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Becky Sutton</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vs. Calvin on February 25, All-MIAA Honorable Mention</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Player</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Assists</th>
<th>Rebounds</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kristin Koenigsknecht</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vs. Adrian on December 12, All-MIAA Second Team</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Player</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Assists</th>
<th>Rebounds</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Renee Carlson</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vs. Aquinas on November 24, All-MIAA First Team</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Women's Tennis Results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Home</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Horn</td>
<td>Alma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Charles</td>
<td>Baldwin-Wallace</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Some players are citing team unity as a key to success or failure in how their season will go.

"We're going to work as a team," said Sarah Paccone ('00).

"I think the season was a success, but we could have done better," said Lisa Hoekstra ('00).

"I think we'll be very competitive with both of them (Calvin and Alma)," said Wolfers.

"We have the talent to win," said Sarah Paccone ('00).

"I think this team has an excellent chance of going far," said Gina Zarin ('99).

"We need to continue making improvements," said Scott.

"I'm anxious for next season to begin," said Morehouse. "We graduate four seniors but return a good core.

"Next year we need to continue our growth," said Morehouse.

Sports

March 17, 1999

Men's tennis starts season with strong performances

The men's tennis team has started their season off with an impressive 3-1 record.

Coach Dave Gormly said, "We didn't play extremely well, but at the critical times in the third sets, we played well enough to win."

Indeed, Paul Lillie ('00), Chad Bollinger ('99), and Kevin Ginigras ('01) each had to go three sets to pull our victories.

"They definitely had a homecourt advantage with their indoor courts," said Lillie. "Hope's top singles player lost, but Gormly said we still have to adjust to the different conditions.

"I think the most important thing is to continue working on our consistency," added Gormly.

During their upcoming Spring trip, March 19 through 25, Hope will play some of the teams that played in the NCAA tournament last year.

"For us to make it to the NCAA tournament by losing to Maritella, Ohio and Mary Washington," said Fritz. "We would like 9 wins coming back, and we expect to play well.""