Groups ask for policy change on homosexuality

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Before students left for spring break, two groups submitted petitions to the Hope College Board of Trustees asking for the removal of the “Hope College Institutional Statement on Homosexuality,” which was created in 1995 and ratified by Hope’s Board of Trustees Executive Committee in 2001 (see box on page 2).

One group consists of various alumni including Dr. Donald Lubbers (’53), former president of Grand Valley State University, Bill DePree, a two-time United States ambassador, and Bruce van Voost (’54) a former foreign affairs correspondent at Newsweek and Time magazines and a Pulitzer prize nominee.

The second petition was submitted by members of “Hope is Ready,” a group dedicated to open dialogue on sexuality on Hope’s campus. The group plans to continue to collect signatures until April 29.

Karis Granberg-Michaelson (’79) of Hope is Ready said the RCA’s 2009 General Synod Council helped contribute to the group’s decision to petition for the removal of the policy.

The 2009 General Synod said there is “no consensus in the church regarding the antecedents of sexual orientation among humans, no consensus about whether same-sex unions can be faithful expressions of covenantal commitment, and no consensus about what ecclesiastical roles are appropriate for those who engage in homosexual practices.”

The grounds that there is a clear lack of consensus on this issue in the RCA, we [Hope is Ready] firmly oppose that Hope College imposes a single position onto the entire community through institutional policy,” said Granberg-Michaelson. “We believe in the capacity of the Hope community to engage this issue in a sincere and searching way. Hope is Ready believes the Institutional Statement on Homosexuality is damaging to student life and harmful to many members of the Hope community.”

Stephanie Dykema (’10), another member of Hope is Ready, said, “If the executive committee feels the need to replace this policy with something, I would encourage them to replace it with a statement that, in the least, ensures protection against discrimination and violence for LGBTQ students … It is time that students support fellow students and friends to truly create the community that Hope is said to have. I believe in Hope’s potential for that community, and removing this policy would be a great next step to get there.”

Along with removal of the Institutional Statement on Homosexuality, the initial group of alumni also petitioned for the creation of an advisory board at Hope similar to that which another RCA affiliated college, Central College in Pella, Iowa, created. The alumni’s petition states that Central College “has designed a model of shared review and accountability for decision making in such controversial and complex situations.”

The petitioning alumni suggest that an advisory board at Hope include representatives of the administration, Board of Trustees, faculty and students and that the board should advise the President in specific cases regarding issues of academic freedom.

The alumni’s petition states, “While the president always retains authority for the ultimate decisions, we believe there would be obvious advantages for the President and the spirit of academic freedom at Hope College.”

According to Hope President James Bultman, both petitions have been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees the first week of May. Bultman will withhold comments until after the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, but he refers those with questions to a letter written by Joel Bouwens, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, which can be found on this page.

Another group called “Holland is Ready” has written its own petition and is currently accepting signatures in hope of submitting the petition to Hope’s Board of Trustees as well.

Part of the petition reads, “For some members of Holland is Ready, GLBT inclusion is an issue of civil rights. For others it is a position grounded in life-long Christian faith and Biblical study. For others still, support of this petition comes from an understanding of modern psychology, the personal experience of being gay, or the experience of loving a GLBT family member or friend. For all of us, however, this petition comes from a desire to help make Holland a safer, more welcoming community for all people regardless of their sexual orientation.”

The group plans to collect signatures until April 22.

Even with differing opinions regarding homosexuality, members of Hope’s community said the issue is important to address and have a shared desire to ensure the welcoming...
Hope’s new Quidditch club soars

This Week at Hope

Wednesday April 7
Men’s Lacrosse Hosts Saginaw Valley at Van Andel Stadium at 7 p.m.

Thursday April 8
“Behind the Uniform: A Student Project”
Two short plays by Steve Gilroy and Simon Stephens. DeVitt Main Theatre, 8 p.m. Admission $2

Friday April 9
“Mr. Attraction” Dating Coach Ryan Clausen 8:30 p.m. in The Anchor

In Brief

IDT DANCE TO PERFORM

IDT is scheduled to present its annual concert at Hope College on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, at 8 p.m. at the Knickerbocker.

IDT, formerly InSync Dance Theatre, is an affiliate of the department of dance. The company is led by artistic directors Rosanne Marie Mork (Barton-DeVries) and Amanda Smith-Heynen of the Hope dance faculty.

Tickets for the performances are $7 for regular admission, $5 for students and senior citizens, and free for children age 13 and under, and are on sale at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Chris Russ Your Woman

A fictional sport has come to life on both a global scale and on Hope College’s campus. Quidditch, a game taken directly from the pages of J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter novels, is now being played at over 200 colleges and universities worldwide.

Four Hope students, Cory Lakatos (’12), Emily Fleming (’12), Caitlin Roth (’12) and Anne Jamieson (’12) formed the Hope College Quidditch League this year, and the organization has been made an official Hope club.

The game is depicted in the Harry Potter books and films as consisting of participants who ride through the air on broomsticks attempting to score points by throwing the main ball or “quaffle” through the goal hoops.

Another key aspect of the game involves the capture of the “snitch,” a small object that roams the playing field. The capture of the snitch both ends the game and scores the team that captured the object a large amount of points.

When asked to describe how the sport is adapted for play at Hope, Jamieson described it as, “the muggle version of the magic sport.”

Muggle is a term coined in the novels to describe people who are not magic. She said that the sport followed the same basic principles, except that the flying was replaced by running while holding onto a broomstick with one hand.

“The Intercollegiate Quidditch Association holds an annual World Cup event that in 2009, was streamed live online. Hope’s team was formed after Jamieson and Roth, inspired to learn more about the game after watching the 2009 Quidditch World Cup game, noticed that on the IQA’s website, Hope was listed as a participant.

Lakatos and Fleming had signed up with the organization to receive a rulebook and thus were listed on the site. These four members then got together to form the current organization.

The club has met three times the scrimmage and will meet again to play on April 10 at 2 p.m. in the Pine Grove. Jamieson stated the group has averaged an attendance of about 15-20 people at the scrimmages but added that they’ve had as many as 30 show up.

Lakatos said, “There are a lot of Harry Potter fans here at Hope, so the people who have been attending scrimmages and meetings have been quite excited. They’re really getting into it, but not to the point where the competitive spirit becomes overwhelming.”

According to the group founders, the club got off to a quick start. According to Lakatos, “Within 12 hours of starting the club’s Facebook group, it had over 100 members.”

A possible cause of the club’s popularity could be the welcoming policy of its founders.

Lakatos said, “This club has a room for all sorts. If you’re a fan of the books, this is your club. If you’re looking to do something oddball and fun, this is your club. If you’re a sports person, this is your club. If you’re not really a sports person (I’m not), that’s OK too. You don’t have to be an athlete to play, and if playing’s not for you, we’d love to have you come and watch.”

Groups seek change

Petition, from page 1

The exploration of this issue has the potential to … but my hope is that every person on this campus is genuinely loved, cared for, and respected, and all the nature of the communities of Hope and Holland.

Jordan Walters (’12) said, “The exploration of this issue while willing to investigate their hearts.”

Don Van Hoven, one of the signers of the alumni petition, also said, “This is not about the meaning of certain scriptural texts. It is about the meaning of how we regard and care for people. It is the meaning of compassion.”

Hope College Institutional Statement on Homosexuality

Hope College, like its founding denomination, the Reformed Church in America, distinguishes between homosexual orientation and homosexual behavior or practice. Not all people who have a homosexual orientation engage in homosexual behavior or practice.

The College does not condone the commission of homosexual acts. Neither does it condone organizations or activities that suggest by their manner of presenting themselves that they have that aim in view. Specifically, the College will not provide recognition or financial or logistical support for organizations or groups whose purposes include the advocacy or moral legitimization of homosexual behavior.

The College does not support fair and kind treatment for people who have a homosexual orientation. It likewise supports the scholarly examination and discussion of all the issues surrounding the phenomenon of homosexuality. The College affirms the right of students and faculty to propound and defend ideas that may be at variance with the institutional position of the College. Persons expressing such views are expected to take care not to attribute those views to the College either by direct statement or by implication.

John Jacobson, President
August 16, 1995
President signs historic health care bill into law

Months of debate end with reconciliation vote; some states’ attorney generals planning to bring suit

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President Barack Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law on March 23.
Before President Obama signed the health care bill into law, he said, “It is fitting that Congress passed this historic legislation, this week. For we mark the turning of spring, we also mark a new season in America. In a few moments, when I sign this bill, all of the over-heated rhetoric over reform will finally confront the reality of reform.”

Although the health care bill was signed into law, the bill is still facing some challenges. On March 21, the Senate version of the health care legislation passed the House of Representatives by a slim vote of 219-212. This happened after Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., agreed to drop his objection to tax payer funding for abortion in the bill as long as Obama would sign an executive order to restrict such funding. This would basically be an executive order to confirm that federal funding would not be used for abortion purposes.

This new law is considered to be the most expensive social legislation enacted in decades. With this new law estimated to cost the country $1 trillion, the law mandates individuals to purchase health insurance by 2014, for employers to provide their employees with health insurance (or else be penalized) and for an exchange to be established to allow individuals to select from government-approved health insurers.

It also augments federal funding for Medicaid, fills in the cost gap for many prescription drug policyholders and gives uninsured Americans expanded subsidies to pay for coverage.

The law will go into full effect in 2014. However, the president stressed that certain aspects of the law (i.e. tax credits, the requirement of insurance companies to sell policies to individuals with a pre-existing condition, and allowing adults to stay on their parents’ insurance until the age of 26) will take effect this year. Eventually, Obama and Democrats say, the new law will provide health care coverage for over 32 million uninsured Americans.

Republicans have not been thrilled about this new legislation. In regard to the new health care law, House of Representatives leader Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, said, “This is a somber day for American people. By signing this bill President Obama is abandoning our founding principle that government governs best when it governs closest to the people.”

On March 23, Republicans renewed their vow to repeal the measure with the new slogan, “repeal and replace.” This opposition is reflected by more than a dozen state attorneys general, including Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, that have filed lawsuits saying that the new law is unconstitutional.

On March 31, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed an executive order setting up a council to oversee the changes the bill will bring forth in the state. Granholm also said that the government would also pick up the entire cost for the new people enrolled until 2017 and also would pay for at least 90 percent of their cost after 2017.

Along with health care coverage, the new legislation also includes provisions that put the federal government back in charge of the student loan program.

“This reform of the federal student loan programs will save taxpayers $68 billion over the next decade. And with this legislation, we’re putting that money to use achieving a goal I set for America. By the end of this decade, we will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world,” Obama said.

The new law will strip banks of their ability to issue federal student loans in favor of direct government lending and would no longer let private banks to get fees for acting as the “middleman” in federal student loans.

Also, the government would use the savings to boost Pell grants and to make it easier for some workers to repay their student loan. This would affect about half of undergraduates that receive federal student aid and about 8.5 million students who are going to school with help of Pell grants.

Health care reform spurs activism from both sides

As the health care reform bill moved its way through Congress and onto the president’s desk, activists from both sides of the debate came out to voice their opinions. (Above left) Opponents of reform protest decisions made by attorney generals of 33 states to challenge the legitimacy of health care reform on constitutional grounds. (Above right) an opponent of reform takes to the streets to characterize the health care bill as a socialist measure.

Administration looks to expand domestic offshore oil drilling

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President Obama announced March 31 that his administration plans on opening domestic coastlines for drilling. The plan will open areas in the Atlantic coastline, the Gulf of Mexico and the coast of Northern Alaska for oil exploration.

While this position may draw fire from the environmental base of Obama supporters, this plan is much more calculated than it initially appears. The Obama administration does expect a significant increase in offshore drilling, while also including provisions that protect environment-sensitive areas from oil exploration.

This plan would also help to decrease dependence on oil imports, although how much oil can be gained from these areas is yet to be determined. Perhaps the biggest impact this announcement will have is on the future of a climate bill. Many representatives in the affected areas had been pushing Obama to draft a climate bill that focuses on domestic production of energy through oil drilling, natural gas and nuclear energy. Obama has expressed considering a broader range of energy options, specifically nuclear energy, since the BP oil spill.

This move is also not an indication that Obama is abandoning exploration of alternative sources such as solar, wind or biofuels. During his offshore drilling announcement, Obama indicated that this was part of an overall plan to reduce dependence on oil imports. Specifically, Obama mentioned looking to fuel military vehicles with biofuels and replacing existing federal vehicles with hybrid models.

The plan has already drawn fire from many different angles. While some coastal representatives were supportive of the measure, others worried that the environmental risks posed by oil exploration were unnecessary and too dangerous.

Republicans were quick to criticize the plan as not enough to lessen dependence on oil imports. This could be attributed to the protections put forward in the Obama administration’s plan; specifically, the banning of oil drilling in areas where former President George W. Bush lobbied for drilling.

However, this proposition can hardly be viewed as partisan. Obama’s plan does incorporate a number of provisions for offshore drilling that the Bush administration was unsuccessful in implementing before the end of Bush’s second term. Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., compounded this point when she said, “(Obama is) sending as clear a signal as possible that he is willing to compromise in a way that will bring forth a great energy and climate bill, and he wants Republicans to be a part of it.”

It remains to be seen whether this plan is a concerted effort toward domestic oil production or simply preparation for the upcoming climate bill debate.
Russia rocked by subway terrorist bombings

Meghan McKee
Guest Writer

The worst violence in almost six years rocked Moscow March 29 as two female suicide bombers attacked the Lubyanka and Park Kultury subway stations around 8 a.m. The Lubyanka station lies under the Federal Security Service (FSB), a KGB successor. It is suspected that Lubyanka was chosen as retaliation for the deaths of militant leaders by the FSB.

We should not confuse the attacks with a crime..."April 7, 2010

Suggested usage options for Plenta, its new 128 fl. joke, explaining possible alternative — Starbucks, in an April Fools毛泽东

I want every Indian child, girl, and boy to be so touched by the light of every individual who I guess they dropped over 2000 to staffers at a topl ess bondage theme nightclub right here in Hollywood. And what's the Republicans’ big right issue now? Right! — Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno"

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Music is good for the soul. I experienced the powerful soothing-
ifying affect of music this weekend while attending Ingrid Michael-
sen and Mat Kearney’s co-headline concert in Chicago’s Riviera
Theater.
Michael sen’s and Kearney’s music appeals to both the young and
the old. The audience con-
stituted a wide variety of peo-
ple. High school students and couples of all ages packed a small
venue on Friday night.
Indie-pop singer-songwrite-
er Ingrid Michael sen took the
stage first, entertaining the audi-
ence with music from three of her albums, “Girls and Boys,” “Be
My Baby,” and “Everybody.”
She performed songs, “Swing open your chest
and let it in; just let the love,
love, love begin.”
In 2009, Michael sen opened for Jason Mraz. A year later, she
began her own tour of the United States and Europe. Michael sen’s
songs have been featured in popular television shows, such as “Grey’s Anatom-
y” and “One Tree Hill.”
Michael sen has collaborated with many popular artists, in-
cluding Sarah McLachlan, Sinead O’Connor, and Fitzsimmons (who visited Hope
College last fall) and Joshua Ra-
man.
After an adaptation of Brit-
ney Spears’ “Toxic,” Michael sen
and her band left the stage. She
began plucking her guitar and
laughing. “I’m really sorry for
the Top 40 list, including
“Nothing Left to Lose,” “Undeniable” and “Breathe In Breathe Out.”
Mat Kearney’s most recent
album, “City of Black & White”
was released in 2009. Kearney
describes the album as a “feel
good” album on his website,
explains, “I knew that I wanted
the whole record to feel good
when I put it on. I wanted the
sounds and rhythms to de
something of your body, I want-
ed the songs to come to life when
I played them live.”
For the record, I was bopping
and swaying, moving and groov-
ing for the entire concert. I’d say
that Kearney accomplished his
goal.
As an encore, Michael sen and Kearney took the stage together
for a duet. They performed Death Cab For Cutie’s “I Will Follow You Into the Dark.”
Believe me when I say that
music is good for the soul. If
you don’t agree, I invite you to
listen to Ingrid Michael sen and
Mat Kearney. Maybe then you’ll
change your mind.

Student production ‘Behind the Uniform’ opens April 8 in DeWitt Main Theatre
Annelise Belmonte
Arts Editor
Opening this week is a student-directed and performed show
called “Behind the Uniform” about the lives of those in the Afghanistan and
Iraq conflicts and the families and relations left behind.
The show actually consists of two short plays chosen by student
directors Jeri Frederickson (’10) and Sarah Gosses (’10) to
complement each other. The title of the two pieces of the performed
side-by-side was brainstormed by the cast and voted on.
The first show, “Motherland,” by Steve Gilroy, is primarily
a monologue show, featuring various women’s stories and experiences with their loved
ones who are in the Army. Some of the stories are tragic, others
are humorous and a lot of them involve music.
A lot of the characters in the play are actually based on real
life testimonies and people. For example, Kalie Fox (’11) plays
Elise, a mother whose daughter was lost in the conflict. “I found
pictures of her online. And she was talking about the things she
was talking about in the play,” Fox said. In one scene, her character
receives her dead daughter’s belongings in boxes and can’t even
look at them.
Cast member Brittany Schultz
(’10) says, “Since it’s really about you...and it gives you a sense of whom it
affects. They really had children
die and it’s just amazing.”
The politics of war aren’t the
focus of “Behind the Uniform”
as much as the women themselves and what they’ve actually gone
through.
Gilroy, who was the original writer and director of
“Motherland,” compiled almost 20 hours of interviews to create
the show. He says of the interviewees in the
original process of compiling a script, “The women we’ve
worked with have let us into their homes and their lives and we’re
incredibly grateful for their generosity and enthusiasm. We
view these women as collaborators not subjects, and the text of the play is comprised
entirely of words spoken by them.”
He continued in his director’s
notes, “These stories are not just relevant to the women communities but resonate far
beyond.”
“Obviously it’s not just an
American issue,” Schultz says.
So many people don’t realize the
there are also British soldiers there...and it’s interesting to see
what other countries think of this war.”
The show after intermission,
“Canopy of Stars” by Simon Stephens, also centers around a
British family.
The play follows a British
soldier as he fights to justify
his involvement in the war and
sacrifices his personal relationships with his family.
At first, we see him waiting in a bunker with another soldier as
they wait for another battle. Next, we see a raid where a
soldier is injured, and then there’s a startling juxtaposition
to what his life is like at home.
Since most of the characters
come from different locales in
England, the cast worked with
the directors to find examples
online and listen to the specific
traits of people who come from those regions.
The examples ranged from
young to old to help differentiate between
what speech patterns might be used for a more experienced or more
“hip” person. The cast weren’t
supposed to completely mimic the
dialect or even the real-life
character, but get a flavor for it
and make it their own.
“Behind the Uniform” will be
playing in the DeWitt Main Theatre
April 8-10 at 8 p.m. with a
matinee at 2 p.m. on April 10.
Tickets will be $2 at the door.
Features

Campus Census 2010: You count

Ayanfe Oloade & Brennigan Gilson
Features Editors

You’ve heard about the U.S. Census, and you might think it’s a lot of government mumbo jumbo. Why do they need to know if I stay here or I live somewhere else anyway? Well, the census that was mailed to residents has already been collected, but on April 7, Hope students who haven’t returned a form must attend a meeting to fill out the census form. And as with any act of your life, you should act definitively and with understanding. It’s not a bunch of mumbo jumbo. In fact, the questions you answer help determine where $400 billion of federal funding will go: hospitals, bridges, roads, schools, senior centers, emergency services and public works projects.

The information you give the government also helps determine how many seats in the House of Representatives your state will occupy. And many people will use the data from the form to rescue victims, support causes, determine different markets and place individuals in an accurate job pool.

What you put down on this form does matter to our nation, and it should matter to you too.

Census Chronology

1790
• The nation's first census. 650 federal marshals go house-to-house unannounced, writing down the name of the head of the household and counting the other residents. The census costs $45,000, takes 18 months and counts 3.9 million people.

1810
• First inquiries on U.S. manufacturing capabilities are made. At the time, the need to export agricultural products and import manufactured goods had entangled the U.S. in some skirmishes of the Napoleonic Wars.

1840
• Congress requests new information on social matters such as "idiocy" and mental illness. Many questions on commerce and industry are added, lengthening the form to 80 questions.

1850
• Significant census reforms are made. Federal government utilizes scientific and financial resources to discuss what should be asked, how the information should be collected and how it should be reported. First time detailed information about all members of a household is collected.

1860
• Data from the 1860 census is used during the Civil War to measure relative military strength and manufacturing abilities of the Union and Confederacy.

1890
• Major innovations are made to the "science of statistics" as the Census Bureau introduces mechanical tabulators. Never again is the census hand tabulated.

1910
• Entry into World War I (1917) has agencies and policymakers turning to the Census Bureau for industrial statistics to plan the war effort.

1930
• Onset of the Great Depression prompts the Census Bureau to make inquiries about unemployment, migration and income.
Listen up, Hope College!

Fill out your census form so that YOU COUNT! As a college community, we will be taking part in the 2010 census. The residential directors and the resident assistants will be instrumental in making sure this process takes place on campus smoothly. Last week, Dr. John Jobson sent out information from student development regarding Hope students’ participation in the decennial census. In his letter to the campus, he mentions a few things that everyone should note about how the census will take place on campus:

- If you live in a Hope College-owned or controlled living unit, you must attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 7, to fill out the census form and return it to your RD/RA (your RD/RA will provide additional information regarding the exact time and location of your meeting).

- If you live off-campus, census materials should have already been delivered or will soon be delivered in the mail. Please fill out and return them as soon as possible (a postage-paid envelope is included with the census materials).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college students have always been hard to count. Historically, this tends to happen because people believe that college students are counted on their parents’ questionnaire. This is not true, because college students who live away from home will receive their own separate questionnaire, the Census Bureau says.

By participating in the census, you’re making a statement about what resources your community needs going forward. If you care about this community, participating in the census is a way to show that. According to the Census Bureau, “It is your community’s voice in the government.”

1940 • With the aid of modern sampling techniques, the Census Bureau creates the first “long form” that is sent to only a subset of the population.

1950 • First electronic digital computer tabulates figures 1,000 to 1 million times faster than previous equipment.

1970 • People of Hispanic or Spanish descent asked to identify themselves as such.

1980 • After the 1980 count, the Census Bureau faces 54 lawsuits, many by civil rights groups, charging it with improper and unconstitutional methods of counting.

2000 • First time professional advertising campaign ($167 million) is used to promote the count.

*Chronology from Washington Post

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A sense of Hope

Over spring break, I had an opportunity to travel to Bloomington-Normal to watch the women’s basketball Final Four and national championship games. The Shirk Center, while certainly a nice facility, is no DeVos Fieldhouse. However, both Friday night and Saturday afternoon, it was difficult to determine the difference. The Shirk Center seats 2,900 and approximately three-quarters of those seats were filled with Hope fans for the championship game against Washington University on Saturday afternoon. Easily half of the facility was filled with fans wearing orange and blue for the Friday night game against Rochester as well. Friday night, one incredulous reporter asked coach Brian Morehouse if there was anybody left in Holland or if the entire town had accompanied the team to Illinois.

To say in the least, it felt like a home game, as cheers of “Let’s go Hope!” and “Fire up, Dutch!” filled the crowd and players up. While the outcome of the game was not what Hope fans and players were hoping for, it was an unforgettable experience.

As I was driving home after the final game with my dad, we discussed how unique it is that Holland and Hope fans have had the experience that I could not have foreseen. I believe a large part of this is due to my freshman year, Hope has felt like home to me; I have experienced since the beginning of sophomore year. Many may be alumns or have children who are alumns. Even so, they have no obligation to Hope College.

This sense of generosity is another aspect of what makes Hope feel like home. Those who know me know that I have no love for my hometown. When I try to explain it to people, I tell them it’s about the same size as Grand Rapids but has nothing going on. Perhaps, though, it’s not the lack of activities that is the problem. Maybe it’s the lack of community. Obviously, every city and town has its problems, and Holland and Grand Rapids are not excluded, but the support that I have seen amazes me.

Since so many students at Hope are from the area, they may not even be aware of the support if it’s something they’ve grown up with. However, for me, it has been a unique part of my Hope experience that I could not have foreseen beforehand. For some people, Holland will always be the house they grew up in or wherever their family is living. For others it will be where they move to after graduation and settle down. While these are both true for me, Hope will always hold a special place in my heart as a home I can come back to and support.

Karen is excited to be staying “home” in Holland for the summer. Warm weather, the beach just a few miles away and no classes — it’s gonna be great!
Grace & Peace

Grace Olson Columnist

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Voices of Hope College

Grace Olson "Breaking the fast"

I have read with interest Hope’s Institutional Policy on Homosexuality and the petition to have it removed. From my perspective the petition appears to be a well-reasoned one. I think the position (or lack thereof) taken by the RCA and the authors of the petition in the about a lack of consensus concerning the issue certainly weakens the position taken by the college.

If the “witness of Scripture is firm in rejecting the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior”, all I can say is it can’t be too firm or we would have a non-issue.

When beliefs are pitted against one another, and there is no definitive data to prove that one belief is correct (or more correct than another), it becomes incumbent on interested parties to put forth arguments why one’s belief should prevail over another’s belief.

I believe the petition makes a strong argument why removal of the policy is in Hope’s best interests. If Hope wants to retain the policy, I think it is incumbent on the college to make the case why it is better for Hope to retain the policy. Using the argument that the witness of Scripture is firm is not an adequate argument since, as stated, its firmness is in dispute.

I would submit that removal of the policy creates a climate that is more likely to foster tolerance.

I would submit as well that fostering tolerance increases the probability of more harmonious relationships between parties of conflicting positions. Racial, ethnic, political and religious intolerance seem to be cornerstones in our world of today. Any actions to reduce intolerance should be welcomed ones.

For a college to take a position that it will be tolerant of how one thinks and feels about sexuality, but intolerant of how one sexually behaves, even though that behavior really does not adversely affect others, suggests the college has the wisdom to determine exactly which behaviors are “morally bankrupt.” From my perspective such a position is quite presumptuous.

I know I would not like to be the one called upon to defend this position, especially if my real defense ultimately boiled down to “this is how I feel about things.”

I would hope the Board seriously considers the petition and ultimately overturns the policy. If not, then I would hope the college would engage in “truth in marketing.” One can make the case that Hope should be able to determine which behaviors it will and will not abide provided they do not violate any laws in doing so.

But by acquiescing to that position on an issue such as this one, one is affirming that it is permissible to constrain tolerance. I find this disconcerting and one of the authors of the petition and those who have signed it must feel the same.

John R. Knapp, PhD
Class of 1966

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Spring break trips get teams rolling

Six athletic teams spend spring break competing across the country

James Nichols
Assistant Sports Editor

**Baseball**

The Flying Dutchmen traveled to Winter Haven, Fla., to compete in 10 games over seven days during spring break.

Finishing the break with a 7-3 record, the baseball team started its season off strong.

Hope dropped its first two games on March 19 to UW-Whitewater, 5-3 and 6-5.

The Flying Dutchmen then came on strong, winning their next six games by a combined score of 47-20.

Hope shut out Denison (Ohio) 9-0 on March 20. March 22 saw a doubleheader between Hope and Western Connecticut, resulting in wins by the Flying Dutchmen, a 7-2 victory and a 9-0 shutout thrown by Danny Smiley (’12).

The Flying Dutchmen swept another doubleheader the next day. This time they beat lawers (Wis.) 7-2 in their first game and 9-7 in the second.

Hope’s third doubleheader in three days resulted in a split. The Flying Dutchmen were 1-2 in Iowa in the first game 10-9 but were outscored in the second game, losing 13-15.

The final game of the trip ended with a bang. Hope emerged in a game that saw 31 total runs, barely winning 16-15 over Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)

**Track & Field**

The Flying Dutchmen got second place finishes in both the Flying Dutchmen and the Emory Invitational, which scored 143 points.

The Flying Dutchmen finished an event in second place all went to Hope in the javelin throw event with a total of 18:39.10. One other Flying Dutchman, returning from spring break.

The Flying Dutchmen went a perfect 3-0 at the GLCA Tournament at Kenyon and Denison, Ohio.

**Men’s Tennis**

The men’s tennis team traveled to Hilton Head, S.C., for their annual spring break trip. This year, the Flying Dutchmen went 3-2 during the trip.

Bobby Cawood (’13) secured the only two wins the Flying Dutchmen would get on March 22.

He defeated Dan Vollman 8-4, 6-1 as number two singles and, alongside captain John Gardner (’11) as number one singles, triumphed over Peter Dunn and Dan Vollman winning 6-3, 6-2.

The Flying Dutchmen lost to Carleton (Minn.) 7-2 that day.

The next day was once again unsuccessful for Hope, losing 8-1 to DePauw (Ind.).

Cawood had the sole victory for the Flying Dutchmen at number two singles.

Basically edging out Allegheny (Pa). 5-4 on March 25, the Flying Dutchmen got the ball rolling for the next 24 hours.

The Flying Dutchmen didn’t lose a single match in two games on March 26.

Their first unfortunate opponent was Elmhurst (Ill.), which they easily disposed of 9-0. After a break, they went back out and swept another team from Ill. losing 6-2, 6-3.

This time, the culprit was Principia.

None of the Hope players or teams lost a single set in either match.

The closest anybody came was Cawood who had to go to a tie-breaker to settle the first set of his match against Elmhurst, eventually winning 7-6.

**Women’s Tennis**

The women’s tennis team also traveled to Hilton Head, S.C., during spring break.

Unlike the men’s team, the women came back to Holland with a losing record, winning one of four games.

The Flying Dutch got off to a mediocre start, losing 6-3 to Carleton (Minn.) on March 22.

Casey Baxter (’13) at number five singles, was the only Hope singles player to get a victory, winning 6-2, 6-3.

Number two doubles Kayla Ziegler (’13) and Nicole Spagnuolo (’11) won 8-6. Number three doubles Marissa Kooyers (’10) and Leah LaRage (’13) also won by a score of 8-4.

**Softball**

The Flying Dutch were shut out 8-0 by Union (N.Y.) on March 22.

Regaining themselves, they defeated MIT (Mass.) 5-4 later that day.

Hope once again split games on March 23, first losing 7-0 to Emory and then winning 7-1 against Vassar (Vassar) 7-1.

The Flying Dutch then carried their momentum into the second game, defeating Grinnell (Iowa) 5-4.

**In Brief**

FLYING DUTCH PERFECT 3-0 AT GLCA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The women’s tennis team went a perfect 3-0 at the GLCA tournament in Oberlin, Ohio, this past weekend. Hope shut out Wooster 9-0 on Friday. Saturday, the Flying Dutch edged out Kenyon 5-4. They finished up the tournament Sunday, routing host Oberlin 8-1.

BASEBALL TEAM 5-1 SINCE SPRING BREAK TRIP

The Flying Dutchmen have won five of six games since spring break, taking their overall record to 12-4 this season.

The Flying Dutchmen soared past Olivet on March 27 with a combined score of 32-15 in the two games of a doubleheader. The Flying Dutchmen then won two more games 7-2 and 7-1 against the Comets on March 29.

Hope then split a doubleheader with Calvin on April 1, winning 10-9 in the first game and losing 7-4 in the second.

The Flying Dutchmen’s second doubleheader against Calvin on Monday ended with two Hope victories, 7-1 and 6-2.

SOFTBALL TEAM SLUMPS AFTER SPRING BREAK

The softball team is 1-3 since returning from spring break.

The Flying Dutch lost both games on March 27, first by a score of 12-8 against Illinois College, then by a score of 3-2 against St. Norbert, Wis.

Hope dropped the first game of its doubleheader against Carthage 2-1 on March 30, but came back with a 11-5 victory in the second leg of the match-up.
Women’s basketball finishes second in the nation

SportS Editor
Bethany Stripp

Karen Patterson

On March 20 in Bloomington Normal, Ill., the Hope College women’s basketball team finished one of the most successful seasons in the school’s history. Finishing the 2009-10 season with a 32-2 record, the team made its 12th appearance in the NCAA Division III tournament, with this year marking the fifth consecutive trip to the postseason.

“After a solid win over Rochester in the Final Four on March 19, the team looked to topple Washington University in St. Louis for a third national title. However, after 40 minutes of play, the Wash-U Bears came out on top with a final score of 65-59. Both Friday’s Final Four and Saturday’s championship game had hundreds of Hope fans in attendance, making the Shirk Center feel more like DeVos Fieldhouse.

“We’ve led the nation in attendance the last three years,” coach Brian Morehouse said after Friday’s semi-final victory.

“We don’t necessarily get every student, but we have a loyal following.”

That loyal following was vocal in their support as the team battled with Wash-U Saturday afternoon. The Flying Dutch started off slow, shooting for 32 percent in the first half. However, strong shooting in the paint and accurate free throw shots near the end of the game gave the Wash-U Bears an edge that the Flying Dutch couldn’t quite overcome.

“I am very proud of my team,” Morehouse said after the game. “Losing in this game does not define your career or you as a person, and it does not define this team. We didn’t shoot the ball real well in the first half, but we came storming back in the second.”

“They made big free throws going down the stretch, and I thought we were going to catch them at the buzzer, but they just played a little bit better than us today.”

For captains Philana Greene (’10) and Jenny Cowen (’10), the championship game marked the end of an illustrious collegiate career: three MIAA titles and conference tournament championships, three trips to the Elite Eight, a Final Four and championship game appearance and a four-year record of 114-9.

“If I’m a senior, that’s how I want to go out,” Morehouse said. “I thought they both played great and set the tone for Hope College. There were a lot of people following their lead, and you don’t want to go out with regrets.”

For both Cowen and Greene, the loss was bittersweet.

“I think for both of us, we can live with not winning this one,” Cowen said after the championship game. “The team we had, the people around us; it makes this feel like the season of our lives.”

For Greene, it was not just the experience of playing basketball, but the everyday things like practice that made playing for the Flying Dutch an unforgettable experience.

“This year we got through certain games not because of talent or how we played, but because we trusted each other and loved each other and kept that bond,” Greene said. “I am so proud of this team for playing until the buzzer sounded and not quitting, even when we knew it was out of reach. The title would have been great, but to go away with these 23 people surrounding me that I love so much means more than any trophy, ring or banner.”

Carrie Snikkers named Division III player of the year

Bethany Stripp

In Carrie Snikkers’ (’11) three years as a Hope College women’s basketball player, she has built up an impressive list of individual basketball honors: MIAA player of the week, MIAA most valuable player for 2008-2009 and two-time first-team All-American.

During Final Four weekend, Snikkers received yet another recognition NCAA Division III State Farm/WBCA player of the year.

The award, presented to one player in all three NCAA divisions, in addition to one NAIA, one junior college/community college and one high school player, is chosen by vote from players named to the eight All-Region teams. Snikkers is the first women’s basketball player from Hope to receive this honor.

Snikkers posted high numbers this season. She averaged 14.4 points per game and scored in the double digits 21 different times, including five games in which she scored 20 or more points. She also made an impact on the glass, pulling down 10.3 rebounds per game. Eight different times throughout the season, three of which occurred during the NCAA tournament, Snikkers both scored and grabbed rebounds in the double digits.

She also led the team in blocked shots, denying her opponents’ “I different times to give her both the single season and career record, even though she still has another season left in her basketball career.

“She’s improved each year she’s been at Hope,” coach Brian Morehouse said.

These figures are remarkable in light of the fact that Snikkers played in only 26 games this season.

A mid-season stress fracture in her foot sidelined Snikkers for eight games at the end of December and through most of January.

“I thought she really put her trust in the coaches, medical staff and teammates when she was out with her foot injury,” Morehouse said.

“By making team first, she allowed it to heal and was ready for the tournament. Our success as a team and her quality play led to her player of the year selection.”