Homosexual Bible study leader dismissed

GLYN WILLIAMS editor-in-chief

A Hope College sophomore, who wishes to remain anonymous, was recently dismissed as a Lighthouse Bible study leader because she is a homosexual, sources say.

"According to their policy I was not feeling the life exactly how the scripture was stated and I was not following it 100 percent," she said.

According to the student, upon the Chaplain staff’s realization that she is a practicing homosexual she met with her Bible group leader and Dolores Nasrallah of the chaplain staff to discuss the matter.

Nasrallah was unable to be reached for comment and the Chaplain staff decided to discuss the matter any further.

The student originally informed her fellow Bible study leaders of her sexual orientation at a meeting they had. According to the student she began to feel physically uncomfortable at the group study and she ended up "coming out to them." She said she received positive feedback and felt that the group reacted in an appropriate manner.

"I did not leave feeling like I should not have said (anything)," she said. "I felt much more comfortable with the people in group and after the meeting I was consumed with hugs."

According to the student, however, one of the Bible group leaders went to Nasrallah to inform her of the student’s sexual orientation.

"I was told that if I repeated and submitted to the scripture then I would be okay to lead the group," she said. "I just couldn’t do that because I do not think I am sinning and living this horrible life."

Career Fair?

Mike Stern Band to come to Dimnent

Meet the candidates for next year’s Student Congress. Elections, page 7.

Jazz sounds of Mike Stern

Women’s tennis remains undefeated. Sports, page 11.

STACY BOGARD campusbeat editor

Three years as resident director of Dykstra Hall, Holly McKee (’93) is now looking for a job, involuntarily.

McKee was notified on December 3, 1997 by Julie Goebel, Director of Residential Life, that her contract would not be renewed for the 1998-99 year.

According to McKee, the reasons given to her at that time were that she had been a resident director in Dykstra for three years and that if she were to stay a fourth year, the Office of Residential Life would be searching to fill three full-time resident director positions for the 1999-2000 school year.

Neither Goebel, nor Richard Frost, Dean of Students, would comment on McKee’s situation since it is a personnel issue.

"It is confidential business, and we cannot do that with any employee’s contract," Frost said.

The full time positions were first implemented during the 1993-94 school year and currently exist in Kollen, Cook and Dykstra Halls. These individuals are also Residential Life Coordinators who are responsible for some administrative tasks such as sitting on judicial boards and coordinating resident assistant training.

"A master’s degree is required for a full time director, while part time positions require a bachelor’s degree and many of them also have jobs off-campus," McKee said.

Another difference between positions is the limit placed on the length of time spent in the position. "Full time is advertised as having a 2-3 year position," McKee said.

Congress passes final budgets

NICOLE TRAVIS staff reporter

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Paulisse awarded Goldwater Scholarship

Kevin Paulisse ('99) was one of 316 college sophomores and juniors to receive a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship. Selected from among 1,186 faculty-nominated mathematics, science, and engineering students nationwide, Paulisse will receive up to $7500 per year. This is to help cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Paulisse qualified as a chemistry and mathematics double major. He has conducted research with Dr. William M. Bodeau, professor of chemistry, and participated in other related activities. He works in the chemistry department as a teaching assistant and homework grader. He participates in 1999 Mortar Board members selected

Mortar Board recently announced their new junior class members that will continue to carry on the society's motto of "leadership, service and scholarship," next year.

The group consists entirely of seniors and participates in service projects in and around campus. Mortar Board is an honorary national home society that holds traditional events throughout the year including the "Wearing of the Blue," a breakfast for freshmen and sophomores on the Dean's list, and they also count the ballots for the Hope Professor of the Year award.

Noteworthy members for the class of 1999 in no particular order are:

- Angela Barnes, Katherine Sawinkel, Krista Brewer, Todd Ogden, Caroline Olds, Adam Haveman, Emily Horton, Craig Kopas, Sherry Koo, Erin Kurek, Keri Law, Kelly Martin, Miroslava Fiková, Angela Barnes, Katherine Sawinkel, Miranda Metzler, Teresa Musielman, Andy Norden, Lisa Ogden, Caroline Olds, Adam Paarlberg, Matthew Reynolds, Jason Roberts, Mary Kathryn Scribner, Karin Stevens, Shanna TenClay, Jennifer Thompson, Rebecca Timm, Gwen Velthof, Megan Wempen, Todd Weadick, Heather Wesp, Elizabeth Yared, Andrew Zwyguizen.

NO, IT'S NOT E.R.: Hope Democrats presented a talk with Doug Ross, a Democratic candidate for governor of Michigan on Monday, April 13. Ross encouraged the crowd to take pride in the fact that they are the future of America.

Fike to retire after 30 years

ANDREW LOTZ, staff reporter

This May, Dr. Francis Fike is retiring after a thirty-year position in the Hope College English department.

Fike graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from Duke University and went on to Union Theological Seminary. After becoming ordained as a minister in the Methodist Church, Fike's long-standing interest in poetry and writing led him to apply for and receive a Creative Writing Fellowship in Poetry from Stanford University.

Earning both his master's and doctorate degrees from Stanford, Fike went on to hold teaching appointments at both Stanford and Cornell University. In 1968, Fike was offered a position as a member of the English faculty at Hope College. Fike was happy about the position at Hope College because of its religious affiliation and his desire to integrate his faith and teaching.

"I feel at home at Hope as a committed Christian," Fike said. "[Hope is] a place where one could have theological ideas without being thought subservient or something.

In his years at Hope, Fike has taught such courses as Christianity and Contemporary Literature, Victorian Literature, Romantic Literature, and Poetry Writing. Fike was also critical to the development of Hope's senior seminar program, which he has always held a special affinity for teaching.

In all his courses, Fike raises questions of religion in conjunction with literature. While being careful on how he conducts such conversations, he does not hesitate to question religious influence or content of the course material.

"Clauses shouldn't be places of prophecy," Fike said. "But we should be able to bring up and discuss more FIKE on 8"

Jam in the Grove for Earth Day

KAREN PIRCH & STACY BOGDAR staff reporter & campusbeat editor

Hope's Environmental Issues Group (E.I.G.) is currently finalizing plans for this year's Earth Jam to be held this Saturday, April 18 in the Pine Grove.

Music, a variety of bands, will play from noon to six p.m. during this annual event that is planned to coincide with the national celebration of Earth Day, April 22.

The day is a time to honor the Earth and its well-being, and will be celebrated nationally on Wednesday, April 22.

The Environmental Issues Group feels that Earth Jam is a wonderful way for students to celebrate Earth Day and gain more environmental awareness. "This will get us out awareness about Earth Day and remind students that it's just around the corner," said Beth Wexman this year.

The annual Social Activities Committee-sponsored Spring Fling event will feature more than in past years. There will be a few new additions and more than in past years.

"Hopefully this will cut down on the negative aspects of living in an industrial world and reading literature that deals with the earth and the beauty of nature," said Adriann Knesphold ('99), E.I.G. member and coordinator of the event.

"We're trying to inform people and encouraging them to act and conserve.

This is the first time that E.I.G. has incorporated literature into the event. This is the biggest event and activity that E.I.G. holds throughout the year. If inclement weather arises, the concert will take place in the Kletz.
Budget Breakdown

Organizations and Comptroller butt heads over 1998-99 student activities fee allocation.

GLYN WILLIAMS
editor-in-chief

April 15, 1998

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—Jessica Nelson ('99) Student Congress Comptroller

"That bothered me a lot," said Jessica Nelson ('99), Student Congress director. "When you have the mentality like we do, which is always to try and improve and continue to grow and expand, it costs money." The lack of funding forces SAC to do things bigger and better every year and that is hard to do with less and less money every year," said Mary Lucia ('98), SAC director. "When we try to talk to Congress before I even gave them the budgets and nobody really had any idea what the budgets said at all. Congress members heard complaints about the budget before they knew what the budgets said and that forced them to have a predisposition about the budgets."

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—Percentage of total Student Activities fee

** Did not request funds for 1997-98 school year

The Hispanic Student Organization was not funded any money for the sole reason they are currently inactive and only 1-4 people in their organization, said Nelson. "If their membership increases then they can go through Ad Hoc to get money to spend but as it is right now there is no reason to give money to an organization that is not generating any membership or any interest," Nelson said. Nelson also said that none of the money budgeted to HSO has been used this year and the Appropriations Committee should not fund activities again.

According to acting HSO President Aime Roldan ('01), however, the reason money was not used is because up until a month before the budget hearings she was unaware that HSO had an office or even had money to spend. "We would have known earlier what we have then we could have planned," Roldan said. "If you don't know there is something then you can't plan." Even though they were granted no money from Appropriations, HSO has no hard feelings. "For other freshmen coming in it would be good to have something for them to do, but I do understand," Roldan said. "I just wish they would have thought a little bit about the students coming in next year."
Wrong Move

It has come to the Anchor's attention that a Bible study leader was dismissed recently by the Chaplain staff solely on the basis of her sexual orientation. According to the student, she told other Bible group leaders that she is homosexual and despite their immediately positive reaction, one of the members went to the Chaplain staff and told them the truth.

This is a clear violation of one of the covenants of the Lighthouse Bible study and is disgusting wrong. The student opened up to people she loved and trusted and told them a very important aspect of her life feeling safe that they would tell no one of their conversation. The betrayal of her trust is almost more significant than the dismissal itself.

By telling the Bible group leader she must leave because she is homosexual, the Chaplain staff broke the law. They clearly violated the Sexual Harassment Policy of Hope College by “denouncing remarks or actions that serve no scholarly purpose based on her sexual orientation.”

Unfortunately, no action can be taken against the Chaplain staff because the student involved does not wish to press charges. This is regretful, as pressing charges offers perhaps the student the knowledge that she is not alone. This is a clear violation of one of the covenants of the Lighthouse Bible study and is disgusting wrong. The student paused and asked herself a very key question. “Why would God put you into a life only to be condemned to hell?”

Dear Editor,

When I was in the middle of this tumultuous situation, the student paused and asked herself a very important question: I just saw every adult around me joining and forming organizations for this: I just saw everyone in the room... but I am not entirely sure. I can already hear the arguments and counterpoints people will raise to this letter. I realize there is nothing I can do to stop them, so all I have left to do is to try to present the challenge, to be done in love. I invite, no, beg you to join me.

Charles White ('01)
Student expresses concern with how Congress meeting was run

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last week's event. I have taken part in meetings and taken positions on the topics of the past weeks. I am a member of the Appropriations Committee (SAC) and have been since the end of my freshman year. During the first semester of my junior year, I served as SAC's Associate Director, their chief financial officer. It was through this position that I became familiar with the Appropriations Committee and the process through which they allocate the Student Activity Fee (SAF) to the student organizations.

As a  member of the Appropriations Committee, I have had the opportunity to serve on several budget-related committees. This role has given me a unique perspective on the budgetary process and the importance of ensuring that students' voices are heard.

In the spring of every year, student organizations submit budget proposals, and go through a series of budget hearings so the Appropriations Committee can make the best decisions possible. This committee has the responsibility to cut and adjust the budget to reflect the interests of the students. It was through this process that I learned the value of student representation and the importance of listening to students' concerns.

The Appropriations Committee meets on April 2, a motion was passed that would not allow any comments from student organizations before a major decision (budgets) was made on their behalf. Therefore, the issue was no longer about the SAC budget, it was about the fact that Student Congress was not willing to hear the concerns of the students. Before a decision was made, there was a deep impact on the students.

I felt like the next step was to explain what had happened to the students. After much work, and approximately 300 signatures later, copies of the petition were signed by the student organization members at the meeting. On Monday, April 8, a motion was made to reopen the issue in the hope that our right to speak would be restored. The motion was defeated and the budgets were passed.

Now I appeal to the students of Hope College. Ask yourself why you have a Student Congress. If you were to ask me, I would tell you that Congress is an organization that represents the concerns of the constituency, the students. We will appeal our budget and go through the proper procedure. In the next year, I propose that you do the work.
Mike Stern Band heats up Dimnent Chapel

LORI JEAN IRVINE
staff reporter

The Mike Stern Band is heating toward Dimnent Chapel this Saturday night, April 18. The Hope College Great Performances Series is privileged to have such a prestigious band bringing in the latest sounds from the jazz world.

“They’re a really hot sound,” said Valerie McCoy, the coordinator of the arts at Hope College and also of the Great Performances Series.

Originally, Larry Goldings, an organ keyboardist, had been scheduled for a concert this Saturday. But a new itinerary prevented him from coming to Hope.

“He picked up a European tour,” McCoy said. “He booked four different engagements. It’s not something that’s normally done.

So, unexpectedly, McCoy had to find someone to take the place of the Larry Goldings concert. The Mike Stern Band was suggested to McCoy by Brian Coyle, jazz instructor and assistant music professor at Hope.

Mike Stern, lead guitarist, is joined in his band by fellow renowned artists, all of whom have worked with big name artists and well known influences.

“The drummer, Richie Moses, played in Spyro Gyra, composing and performing with them,” McCoy said.

Lincoln Goines, the bassist, has an extensive record of world touring with reputed artists. Bob Malach, a freelance saxophonist, has been performing with The Mike Stern Band for over a decade. His career has involved performances with numerous artists, such as Jackson Five, Madonna and Stevie Wonder. Together they create a sound that mixes jazz and rock.

“(Stern) has been called the Jimmy Hendrix of jazz guitar,” McCoy said.

Stern’s background ranges from a heavy jazz influence to a strong classic rock sound. Playing as a sideman, Stern worked with such groups as Blood, Sweat & Tears, Billy Cobham, Miles Davis, Jaco Pastorius, Joe Henderson and many more.

“Mike Stern, lead guitarist, is known for his clean, bright sound,” McCoy said. “He has a very big name in jazz right now, and very big in their own right.”

McCoy said. “Fortunately, they had an open date for the end of one of their tours. I just hooked onto the end.”

McCoy, with past Great Performances, has brought in cellists and crooners. She is free to choose from a broad range of musicians, and this time, she liked the idea of having the Mike Stern Band.

“I always try to bring in different types of jazz,” McCoy said. “It’s exciting to bring in groups of this notoriety. There’s no way the students aren’t going to enjoy it. It’s going to be a hot concert.”

THURSDAY

Young Authors

Over 600 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will arrive tomorrow at Hope to spend the morning with Kathryn Lasky, an award-winning author. The students, who have all written and illustrated their own books, are taking part in the 25th annual Young Authors’ Conference, and they’ll have about 80 Hope education students as guides for the day.

Lasky, with credentials like the Parent’s Choice Award and National Jewish Book Award, continues a long tradition of well-known authors, including Tomie de Paola, Stephen Kellogg, and Katherine Paterson.

In the evening, Lasky will be signing her books in the evening at Pooh’s Corner on 8th Street.

Three Sisters

Anton Chekov’s play, “The Three Sisters,” opens this Thursday in DeWitt Center’s main theater at 8:00 p.m. and runs through Saturday. It will be performed again April 24 and 25.

The story, set nearly 100 years ago, follows three Russian sisters who are longing for the old days and also for the newness of Moscow. It has a focus on family, humanity, and the comedy and tragedy found in both of those parts of life.

John Tummi of Hope’s theater department will direct a cast of seven. Fifteen Hope students are a part of the show, and acting in the lead roles are Olga Motornaya, Maria Cipolone, and Whitney Young. Tickets are $7.00 (general admission) and $4.00 for students.

SALSA SMITs

interim co-editor

At a competition held by the National Association of Teachers of Singing, it wasn’t only the students who received the honors.

Hope’s voice students came away from the Michigan Chapter’s contest April 4 with several accolades. Megan Hicks (‘98) earned first place for her respective brackets, Tracey Miller (‘01) received a second place, Jill Bennink (‘00) and Holly Vaughn (‘00) tied for third place in the college sophomore women’s division, and Honourable Mentions were awarded to Meredith Arwady (‘00) and Ann Barry (‘98).

These outstanding voices also spoke, giving credit to the teachers that had brought them to the competition and sharing the award with them.

“NATS is for teachers as well as students. At the awards, they announce your name and your teacher’s. It’s an honor for you and your teacher,” said Arwady, who has been taught by Professor Margaret Kennedy-Dygas and also by former professor Joyce Morrison.

“My teachers gave me a deeper understanding of voices and of what voices can do and they expand your repertoire,” Arwady said.

Other professors who attended the competition were Linda Dykstra, Elizabeth LaGrand, and Stuart Sharp.

All of the professors of NATS not only select the students that will compete and coach them through it, but they also participate as judges of other Michigan students.

“The teachers get to meet a lot of other students and hear what other voice teachers are doing with their students,” Barry said.

Teachers are not allowed to judge or accompany their own students, but they still apply their instruction skills to the judging.

“As a teacher, you have to be able to listen carefully to every tone and give more HONORS on 8

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* ARTIST ON THE PIANO

Internationally known and accomplished in piano performance, pianist Len Sims is going to include Hope’s Artist Piano Series in her repertoire. She has performed alongside the Israel Philharmonic and the Denver Chamber Orchestra, as well as performing on her own in several prestigious competitions. She is currently an assistant professor at Western Michigan University.

HOPE’S ARTIST PIANO SERIES

Hope brings her to Dimnent Chapel at 8:00 p.m., and students will be able to enjoy her talent in music for free with their student identification.

and Friday...

DeGraaf Lecture

Dr. Elizabeth Cross (‘88) will be giving a talk, “Why I Like Serialism, or The Investigative Po-"tions of a Medieval, Early American, and Late 20th Century Writer,” as the speaker for the 1998 Clarence DeGraaf Lecture.

The event will be on Friday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m. in Cook Auditorium of the DePree Art Center. The public is invited. Admission is free.

The lecture will be based on Cross’s work, which combines medieval manuscripts, music, art, the avant-garde, post-modern theory, and her own creative writing.

Cross is the recipient of The Gertrude Stein Award for Innovative Writing. Her publication credits include journals such as “Chaim” and “Columba Poetry Review.”

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* Weekday issues of the Intermmission page are not available on campus.

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  * Read back issues of the Intermmission page. Old Mondays are especially amusing.
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Right now, I am very involved, so I have experienced a lot of what this campus has to offer. I am a member of the Kappa Chi sorority and feel that Greek Life is one of the most important aspects of campus life. I also ran track and am the sports editor of the Milestone. Since I am heavily involved in campus events, I have had the chance to listen to concerns.

I think giving the students a voice is the most important thing I can do as president of the student body. I know that things can change and as Student Congress President, I can make those changes that you want to see made. Realize that being president is a big job and I am willing to balance my schedule and devote my time to Student Congress. When the time comes to cast your vote, remember that you can have a voice. I want to work for you.

I am running for Student Congress President because I believe that students need to be taken seriously. For the last three years I have consistently fought to have the students’ concerns become the administration’s concerns. Throughout my career on Congress I have sought ways to improve students’ lives. Whether it was having an open forum for you to come and talk about Hope’s terrible parking situation, or bringing in speakers like Joe Clark, or trying to make the Appropriations process more fair for all groups, I have always been there for you.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, you’re going to have an opportunity to vote. Whether you know it or not, I’ve been here for you for the last three years. Now it’s time for you to be there for yourself. If you want to have a voice in what happens at Hope, if you want the power to have your beliefs heard by the administration, you have to and vote. If you have experienced people acting as your voice, then you should vote for my running mate, Matt Fretz (’99) for Vice President, and myself, Dana Marolt, for President.

I know that everyone trusts warthogs, so I’d like to remind you how Pumba from “The Lion King” concludes: “Home is where your camp rests.” Personally, nothing could be closer to the truth. My image of home is not only changes the way I view myself, but the way I view the world.

My camp has rested many places, so I am open to new challenges. I’m willing to try slimy worms or search through elephant graveyards. Although I’ve only been here seven months, Hope has become my home and given me a family and a comfortable environment. This environment influences both my outgoing nature and humorous attitude, the best qualities I can offer. I want to represent the sophomore class so I can listen and empathize with my fellow students. I want people to appreciate this home we share: it can be a real jungle otherwise.

My name is Steven Mc Bride. I’m running for Junior Class rep. for the ‘98-’99 school year on Student Congress. For the people who don’t know me, I’m very active on Hope’s campus. I’m a member of Student Congress and the Appropriations Committee. Also, I’m the President of Black Coalition and a member of SAC, UCS, WTHS, Gospel Choir, and the Christian Fraternity.

As the Junior Class rep., one of my goals would be to get the voice and opinion of the junior class out there on the table. I know how it can feel to have your opinion or voice blocked out. We can make this happen; feel free to come and talk with me. I’m all business about getting your voices out there, because I want to tell it how it is, not how it might be, and how we can make it better.

If your voices are not getting out there, then we are not doing our job and that makes us look bad. So if you want someone who is going to get your voice and opinion out there and take care of business for the junior class, vote for me: Steven Mc Bride.

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**Presidential Duties**

- Chief representative of the student body.
- Chief officer of the Congress.
- Responsible for the weekly agenda.
- Presides over all Congress sessions.
- Designates student representatives for all task forces and governance boards.

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- Oversees all Congress elections and polls.
- Responsible for all Congress publicity.
- Keeps records of all Congress sessions.
Debate brings religious differences to light

SARA LAMERS
staff reporter

The debate on pluralism and religious differences on Hope’s campus continued to generate a variety of viewpoints at an open forum held on Tuesday, April 14.

The discussion was organized by Amanda Schneider (’99) and was mediated by Dr. Boyd Wilson of the Psychology Department, Dr. Kristen Gray of the Psychology Department and Mark LaChance (’98).

“Yes there is a great need for us as students and faculty to start talking openly about the issues of our differences,” Schneider said.

“The discussion focused on a number of issues, ranging from the existence of an absolute truth to the desire for tolerance of differing beliefs.”

“I think there is an absolute truth,” Wilson said. “What makes many controversies is when someone other than God pronounces to have it.”

“Religion is something that is very private. I respect the Chaplin’s staff and other Christians and their beliefs. At the same time I would also expect the same respect of my own beliefs.”

“I want to be supported in who I am and I want to know that regardless of who I am, I can grow in my education,” said Rob Temple.

Before this forum, discussion on the topic of pluralism and other religious differences had generally focused on the topic of pluralism and other religious differences had generally been limited to letters to the Editor in the Anchor and messages from the chapel and Gatherting services.

Schneider hopes that this will only be a beginning to further discussion.

“Overall I think things went well,” Schneider said. “It was great to have so many different opinions presented. From here I hope that discussion can continue because the silence on this campus has been stifling.”

“It’s healthy to have this discussion out in the open,” said Joel Tanis.

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word produced, to hear that they produce the maximum possible sound,” Dykstra said. The pieces that college level students were judged on included a piece from an American composer, and one of their own choosing. Performing students can learn to refine and improve from the experience and knowledge that comes from having experienced teachers as their judges.

The experience was rewarding. It’s always good to perform in front of an audience, though it’s different in front of judges,” Barry said. “Everyone receives positive and negative feedback.”

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“Coherence those [religious] issues,” Fike’s own writing has been influenced by writers who recognize religious hope. Your Winters, a poet who Fike has studied with, is a poet whose work has been an inspiration to Fike’s own. Fike also cites Flannery O’Connor as one of his most respected writers, of whom he admires for being “a Christian who isn’t so uptight about propaganda literature.”

As for his own writing, Fike has plenty of it. He has been published in many publications, and is also the author of three books of poetry: Underbrush (1986). In the Same River (1989), and his most recent book of poetry After the Serpent’s Heart (1997), all of which are available in the Hope-Geneva book store.

After retiring, Fike doesn’t plan to slow down at all. He intends to do more writing for both publication and for himself. Plans are underway for a book of personal reminiscences to share with his family. Fike also has an ambition to write hymns, adding to the few he’s written so far. As for more current plans for his retirement, Fike will be conducting a morning poetry reading at Hope Reformed Church on Sunday, May 10.

Even after his retirement from Hope, Fike’s life will continue its integration with the two factors that led him to Hope College in the first place: writing and religion.

The picnic will begin at 12 p.m. Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m., and the blow-up games will be open from 1.5 p.m. If bad weather should occur, the events will take place indoors around campus.

“Everyone hope for a nice day,” Green said.
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After meeting with Nasariah and her Bible study leader for two and half hours, the student was asked to return in one week and to "pray and think about what to do.

"The next week we talked about it again and we ended up talking about scripture issues," the student said. "I feel like I am living the life that God gave me and I feel I did not make a choice about this. This is the life God gave me to live and I will live it the way God wanted me to live. Why would God put you in a life only to be condemned and cut out? If this is really a life of sin then why would God keep showing me this is the life to live?"

A week after returning from Spring Break the student was forced to tell her Bible group that she would not return as their leader and the group has not met since that time. When she quit as group leader she did not tell her group that she was homosexual.  
"I only told them that there were differences between me and the Chaplain staff and that I could no longer lead the Bible study," she said.  

In response to the issue, student activist Amanda Schneider ('98) wrote a letter to the Chapman's staff expressing her discomfort over the issue and then met with members of the staff to discuss the matter.  

"Although I fundamentally disagree with what they had to say I do understand where they are coming from," Schneider said. "Their intent was not to be discriminatory and people that run those groups teach scripture and, well, according to scripture it is not all right to be a Christian and be a homosexual and I guess that's where they stand."  

According to the student involved, however, what the scripture does say about homosexuality is not as set in stone as some might think.  

Having done extensive research on the subject, she honestly says she came across nothing in the original text regarding homosexuality.  

"A lot of it is based off interpretation," she said. "What the Bible does say about it is used more as gang rape situations of a natural, loving relationship."  

A few students have stated that her dismissal violates the Hope College Sexual Harassment Policy that prevents "demurring remarks or actions serving no aratic, or educational purpose that are directed at individuals or groups based on real or perceived personal identity or orientation."  

However, the policy is only deemed to have been violated if the victim wishes to press charges, which the student does not want.  

"It's to the point now where I just want to put it behind me," she said.  

Job security is a real question for all employees," she said. "Even professors are told a year in advance. I'm also concerned about the students, the process, and how this will look to other people."

The McKees are currently trying to figure out where they will go after Holly's contract ends on May 31. They have until June 15 to move out of Dykstra.  

"It's hard because within the profession of student affairs, conferences are in the spring and they were occurring the week before the baby was due," McKee said. "I did a phone interview the day after getting back from the hospital."

The McKees encourage students to stop by.  
"My heart is here," McKee said.

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Friday  
April 17  
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12:00 - 1:30 outside of Lubbers  
1:30 - 4:30 Between Kolken and the Delta Phi Cottage  
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Ruby powers strong Dutchmen attack

**PAUL LOODEEN**

staff reporter

Chad Ruby ('98) has done a little bit of everything for the Hope College baseball team.

"You can see a guy who a year ago led the Flying Dutchmen in batting average at .423, lead the team in stolen bases, tied for the lead in home runs with 5 and finished second on the team with 23 runs batted in," said Matt Fretz ('99), Student Congress Parliamentarian.

"He was also named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-Region team. Head coach Stu Fritz couldn't find too many bad things to say about Ruby who man third base for the team."

"He is a good third baseman as anyone else in the country," Fretz said following Hope's 9-8 win over Calvin on March 30.

"Chad definitely deserves to be a captain. He comes to every game ready to play and expecting to win," said pitcher Adam Labbe ('99).

"He is a captain in all phases of the game," added third baseman Ed Gall ('01)."

After losing to Adrian 1-0 April 3, and then struggling to win a win in the first game of a doubleheader with Adrian the that went eight innings the following day, Ruby exploded in the second game with three straight home runs, leading the team to a 12-8 win. For his performance he was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week.

Ruby's on the field leadership gives the rest of the team confidence.

"It is nice to know, as pitcher that I can give up a rocket to third and (Ruby) will come up with it," Labbe said.

"I wouldn't want to pitch against him because he hits bombs," Gall said.

Currently Ruby is hitting .333, with 10 home runs after a two-run shot Tuesday night at Elmhurst, 13 runs batted in and a .962 fielding percentage. Despite Ruby's efforts, the Flying Dutchmen fell 15-4.

Hope now stands at 17-4 overall, and six in first place at 8-1 in the MIAA, two games ahead of second place Albion.

At age 26 Ruby may have missed a chance at better ball but the experience he brings to the team is invaluable.

"Just watching him I can learn for the future," Gall said.

**Down the alley**

Hope tennis remains undefeated overall

**MIKE ZUIDEMA**

sports editor

With the Hope College women's tennis team record at 17-0, head coach Karen Page could be seen as performing wonders.

"The first-year coach claims that she didn't have a clue coming in," said Matt Fretz ('99).

"I think we know that we have to be ready and play our kind of tennis. In the MIAA we feel confident that yes we can," Page said.

"We're probably surprising to some teams because our depth helps us be so successful," Page said.

"This team camaraderie and support is phenomenal. All ten get together and support each other through thick and thin, and that has got to be why we're so successful," Page said.

"We never talk about what's ahead but this weekend is a biggie, it decides who goes to National," Page said.

"The tenth anniversary of the Van Wylen Library is something that Hope will continue to celebrate throughout the rest of the year," Jensen said.

"We're pleased to share this celebration with the entire College community," Jensen said.

"In addition to the open house we are planning events that will be tied to the conclusion of the season," Jensen said.

"The festival was appropriate as the tenth anniversary all year long."
King for a Day

A strange thing happened to me as I was driving home from the anchor after yet another late hour session with the paper. I was cruising the strip (Columbia Avenue) when I suddenly blacked out. When I awoke, I was no longer in my car or dead. I was sitting in a fairly large boardroom chair at a desk with a nameplate: It read "Michael Zuidema, God of Hope College Athletics."

I quickly called the Dow Center, only to find that Ray Smith had named head football coach at UCLA, and Anne Irwin was now the Athletic Director at Notre Dame. Tom Renert couldn't be reached for comment, he was now doing Public Relations and radio for the Chicago Cubs.

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The Flying Dutch's doubleheader with Adrian was scheduled for Tuesday, but rain postponed the matches to this afternoon.

"Albion is always a scappy team that hangs around and keeps a game close. We fully expect that to be the same," said head coach Karla Wolters. "We expect a tough meeting.

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