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 living 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 reach her students 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?

Dykstra resident director questions why her contract will not be renewed for the next school year.

STACY BOGARD
campusbeat editor

After three years as resident director of Dykstra Hall, Holly McKee '95 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 school 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," more McKee on 9

Congress passes final budgets

STACY BOGARD
campusbeat editor

Despite a motion made by Student Congress member Lisa Jute '98 to add further discussion of student organization budgets to the agenda, the budgets were passed by the whole of Congress in an executive session last Wednesday, April 8.

This motion was the final play in a debate that has been ongoing since organizations were able to view their proposed budgets for the coming year. A few organizations wished to voice their concerns over some of the cuts made to portions of their budgets and the possibility of reallocating their funds to meet line items they felt were in need of more money.

"In short, our films' budget was cut by the equivalent of four to five films," said Kevin Randall '98, SAC Traditional Events Assistant Chair and past Associate Director. "We feel like this is one of the more important services we offer to the campus and would like the chance to adjust our budget to compensate for the amount that was cut. We can do it without their permission but would rather follow their rules."

Randall attempted to speak during the meeting after Student Congress President Paul Loomoed '99 more BUDGETS on 11

Van Wylen Library celebrates 10 years on Hope's campus

NICOLE TRAVIS
staff reporter

Ten years ago this month, Gordon Van Wylen, the ninth Hope president and his wife, Margaret, had just cut the ribbon dedicating the newly constructed Van Wylen Library.

The new library was named in their honor for their service to the College from 1972 to 1987, and the new developments in technology over the past ten years have changed the way the library assists students.

"Since the opening of Van Wylen we have had a tremendous increase in library use in every way measurable: circulation, photocopies, interlibrary loan, and head count," said David Jensen, Director of Libraries.

The 8.7 million dollar development measuring 92,000 square feet almost tripled the size of the former Van Zeeren Library.

"It has been interesting to note the changes that have taken place that we had envisioned when the library was designed. In particular, the use of computers and technology," Gordon Van Wylen said.

One year after opening, an automated catalogue system was adopted followed by a section of computers reserved solely for scanning web-based and CD-ROM-based journals.

Other technological improvements that were adapted to improve research also include: FirstSearch, journal citation software, new public catalogue software and use of Project Muse.

"There has been a greater amount of change during the last ten years than there has been in the previous twenty-five," said Joyce Nielsen, Circulation Technician.

These changes have not only increased the library's usefulness, but have also helped the library staff.

"Prior to these developments, everything had to be done by paper and pencil. We would have had three times as many staff members working," Technology is continuing to grow in Van Wylen. A web-based catalogue is being developed and is due next fall.

Anchor photo by Johnathan Muenk

AIRING DIRTY LAUNDRY: "The Clothesline of Intolerance" is an interactive piece of artwork created as a protest to the harassment of students at Hope. Despite protests, the clothesline will remain up until the end of the week.

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BOOK IT: "Van Wylen has made no changes on the outside, but the inside features technology that has kept up with the times."

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April 1998
Death and Taxes
Pauline 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.

The group consists entirely of seniors and participates in service projects in and around campus.

The Hope College Mortar Board is a national honor 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.

The Music Department announced their new junior class of music and contemporary literature students that will continue to carry on the society's motto of "leadership, service and scholarship," next year.

Fike to retire after 30 years

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

"We'll be giving hints on how to help the negative aspects of living in an industrial world and reading literature that deals with the earth and the beauty of nature," said Adriann Knepshield ('99), E.I.G. member and coordinator of the event. "We're trying to inform people and encouraging them to act and conserve."

Pine Grove. Rubb. Curt. Marzuki, paisley d'ave. Dave and sister Eric and Berna. and Qibe. are those set to perform, offering a broad spectrum of music that will appeal to a majority of students. This music ranges from heavy rock 'n' roll to funky jazz. E.I.G. members will offer information about the Earth and saving the environment during the breaks in between each of the performances.

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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.

Fike said, "We saw these at conferences this year and thought it would be worth it to try new things."

Laser runner, bouncy boxing, gladiator joust and an obstacle course will be back from last year. Sand art and frisbee spin art will also be available.

Pin Oak and Contemporary Literature, Victoria thymel..."
Budget Breakdown
Organizations and Comptroller butt heads over 1998-99 student activities fee allocation.

GLYN WILLIAMS editor-in-chief

After weeks of stress, days of hearings, and sleepless nights, the budgets for the 1998-99 school year and organization mailboxes lost week and the reactions were even more mixed than expected.

As a reflection of their discomfort with the budget process and the results of that process, members of the Social Activities Committee questioned to speak prior to when Student Congress as a whole voted on the budget packet.

Although unsuccessful in their pursuist to speak, SAC got the ball rolling on a proposal that is forthcoming as they remain unhappy with both the budget and the budgeting process.

In response to the dissatisfaction SAC has with their budget, members voiced their concerns to the Campus Life Board and lobbied a handful of Student Congress members to help them in their cause.

"That bothered me a lot," said Jessica Nelson ('99), Student Congress president. "They seemed to talk to Congress before we even gave them the budgets and nobody really had any idea what the budgets said and it forced them to have a predisposition about the budgets." According to Nelson, it is inappropriate for groups like SAC to lobby Student Congress members. "SAC has a louder voice than Hispanic Students Organization, for example, because SAC has more members than any other group and it just is not fair," she said.

SAC requested $107,645 of the total $324,000 of allotted Student Activity Fee funds, but were only granted $78,616. "SAC and the college both strive for excellence and we want to do things bigger and better every year and that is hard to do with less and less money every year," said Mary Lucio ('98). SAC director. "We have the mentality like we do, which is to always try and improve and continue to grow and expand, it costs money.

"SAC does things bigger and better than most other groups and I give kudos to them for that," said Nelson. Nelson said the Student Congress Comptroller "However there are things they do that can be done successfully with less money."

Many of the complaints SAC has stem from their perception that the Appropriations Committee did not uphold their charter as closely as they should have," said Green, associate director of SAC.

Just one complaint SAC had was the approval of the $3,500 Student Congress Comptroller requested for film. Although Green and other SAC members believe this to be against Student Congress Charter, it actually is not. Article 3.7 of the Appropriations Committee Charter states, "No member of the Appropriations Committee shall participate in the discussion or voting concerning any proposal directly related to an organization or committee of which member is currently an officer." What about the request for $1,220 to help them in their cause.

"Nobody is there to represent any other group, so nobody should be there to represent them," Nelson said. "It says right there in the charter that it is illegal and it would be a conflict of interest to let people speak."

According to SAC, one of the major line items to cut was the $7,500 budgeted for student films for the upcoming school year. SAC asked for $19,500 to pay for 26 movies next year at $750 a film. Appropriations Committee, was not allowed to speak while Appropriations was discussing SAC's budget. Although Green and other SAC members believe this to be against Student Congress Charter, it actually is not. Article 3.7 of the Appropriations Committee Charter states, "No member of the Appropriations Committee shall participate in the discussion or voting concerning any proposal directly related to an organization or committee of which member is currently an officer." SAC and the college both strive for excellence and we want to do things bigger and better every year and that is hard to do with less and less money every year."—Jessica Nelson ('99) Student Congress Comptroller

1998-99 Budget

Organizations Requested Granted Percentage* Granted/(1997-98)
Social Activities Committee $107,645 $78,616 33.96% $68,604
Appropriations $39,464 $39,464 100% $18,179
The Milestone $35,229 $32,048 91.17% $30,774
WTHS $22,343 $20,063 90.00% $18,156
The Anchor $14,935 $13,971 91.55% $20,625
Student Congress $10,269 $10,109 98.84% $7,252
OPUS $10,090 $8,156 80.45% $11,355
Nykerk $4,782 $6,342 134.10% $4,565
Ice Hockey Club $22,190 $2,050 9.23% $3,192
Black Coalition $4,457 $4,077 91.72% $3,968
Hope's Asian Perspective $3,831 $3,282 85.61% **
Alcohol Issues Matter $3,630 $3,185 87.65% $1,750
Fellowship of Christian Students $3,095 $2,756 89.42% $2,238
Environmental Issues Org. $1,355 $1,285 94.90% $1,023
Women's Issue Organization $1,019 $877 86.03% $1,203
Pull (odd) $776 $776 100% $646
Habitat for Humanity $757 $757 100% $908
Pull (even) $756 $746 98.16% $698
Union of Catholic Students $855 $695 80.27% $547
International Relations Club $1,235 $647 52.26% $1030
Hope Democrats $1,220 $545 44.42% $313
Hope Republicans $52 $52 100% $87
Men's Volleyball $376 $361 95.74% $702
Partners in Promise $240 $240 100% $240
German Club $625 $0 0% **
Hispanic Student Org. $12,011 $0 0% $1,045
Lacrosse $2,892 $0 0% $0

* Percentage of total Student Activities fee

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

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Some students opined that the money budgeted to HSO has been used this year, and the Appropriations Committee should not fund activities again.

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.

"If their membership increases then they can go through Ad Hoc to get money to spend but as it is right now the possibility of not having money to offer to an organization that is not generating any membership or any interest," Nelson said. Nelson also said that some 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.

"If we would have known earlier what we has 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 too, 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 based solely on the fact she is homosexual.

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 other people she loved and trusted and told them of her homosexuality, feeling sure 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 making "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 only way to get the complete truth out to all students and faculty and makes the Chaplain staff take responsibility for some of their actions.

While I was in the midst of this tumultuous situation, the student paused and asked herself a very key question.

"Why would God put you into a life only to be condemned to hell? If this is really a life of sin then why would God keep showing me this life to live?" she asked.

That's a good question. After their first meeting together, the Chaplain staff told the student to go home and pray and told the student that if she continued with the group, she would lose her mind. This is a clear violation of one of the covenants of the school. If these kinds of decisions continue, it makes one question what the purpose of the Chaplain staff is and if perhaps that purpose needs to be altered in some way.

The Chaplain staff was wrong in making a decision that affects many people based solely upon their own limited viewpoint. The Hope College Chaplain staff has made some poor decisions in the past few weeks that do not reflect what is best for the student body of the school. If these kinds of decisions continue, it makes one question what the purpose of the Chaplain staff is and if perhaps that purpose needs to be altered in some way.

The ideals of pluralism have been floating around this campus for many years now. The time has come to make a choice. Are we going to follow pluralism or are we going to follow Christ? Many students and faculty members want us to believe that people who do not believe in Christ can still enjoy the rewards of heaven. Here's a question for you to ponder. If God set up a system where anything goes, logically isn't every kind of religion could inherit the kingdom of heaven, then why would God transform himself into a baby, grow up, and then himself incarnate? God's actions have reasons, reasons that are noticeable. The Ten Commandments were written so that God could give rules for life and could strive to please him. God's new covenant, Jesus Christ, is the set of rules that we are to live by today. When Jesus, God in human form, says that he is the only way, the only truth, and the only light, "I can't see the ambiguity in what people believe is there. Jesus doesn't say, 'I and Buddha, and Vishnu, and Joe-Bob,'" the only way to heaven. He says, "I and Buddha, and Vishnu, and Joe-Bob,"

Student counters recent arguments over pluralism

Dear Editor,

When I was a child, I thought it would be a wonderful idea to start my own club. I hadn't reached the point in life when I needed any rationalizations of such a group of many, many groups. One day, the problem over again. Of course, the first step to building a club is to get members. I don't remember what selection process I used to get members to join this club. This selection process made sure that my sister was not eligible. Furthermore, it was absolutely essential that she knew that I had not invited her to be a member of my club.

My parents didn't realize this whole idea. Soon after I had derived my initial satisfaction from seeing my sister's disarray at not being invited, the first thing she did was to tell my parents. Immediately following that good deed, I decided to let her into the club. And thus, the club was disbanded. I didn't realize then, and my parents didn't realize then, that people have a life to live and pray and act as they should and he apparently answered her. Unfortunately, his answer was not good enough for the Chaplain staff.

I feel that the Bible study group leader was wrong in making a decision that affects many people based solely upon their own limited viewpoint. The Hope College Chaplain staff has made some poor decisions in the past few weeks that do not reflect what is best for the student body of the school. If these kinds of decisions continue, it makes one question what the purpose of the Chaplain staff is and if perhaps that purpose needs to be altered in some way.
Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last week's Comment ("Congress""). It has taken me quite a while to get around to this topic, because it is something I feel strongly enough to bring to the entire Congress before I bring it to the entire student body.

I have been a Student Congress Representative for nearly two years now, and have rarely been as disappointed in student leadership as I am now, and have rarely been as disappointed in the process that I became familiar with this year. It was through this process that I learned about the inner workings of Student Congress and the Student Congress Comptroller for the first time. This was inappropriate because full access to information about the Appropriations Committee was denied to me and members of the Appropriations Committee leaked information about decisions being made. This was inappropriate because I was not informed of the decision-making process. The Appropriations Committee was not given access to budget information.

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Mike Stern Band heats up Dimnent Chapel

LORI JEAN IRVINE
staff reporter

The Mike Stern Band is heading toward Dimnent Chapel this Saturday night, April 18. The Hope College Great Performances Series is privileged to have such a prestigious band bring 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 his band, 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 Holmes, 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 Fine, 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.

“Of course, it wasn’t easy to get them,” McCoy said. “Appreciably, they’re 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 concert.

McCoy, with past Great Performances, has brought in cellists and clowns. 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.”

Young Authors

Three Sisters

Center’s main theater at 8:00 this Thursday in DeWitt Theater.

“The Three Sisters,” opens Thursday night at 8:00, and students will be able to enjoy her talent in music for free with their student identification.

DeGraaf Lecture

Dr. Elizabeth Cross (’88) will be giving a talk, “Why I Like Serialism, or The Investigatory Principles 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 “Chain” and “Columba Poetry Review.”

Top honors voiced

SALLY SMITH
impression 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 competition on April 4 with several accolades. Megan Hicks (’98) earned first place for her respective brackets, Tracy Miller (’01) received a second place, Jill Bennink (’00) and Holly Vaughan (’00) tied for third place in the college sophomore women’s division, and Honorable Mentions were awarded to Meredith Arwady (’00) and Ann Barry (’98).

Three 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 LaGrande, 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 more HONORS on 8

THURSDAY

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.

Bring 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...

Three Sisters

Anton Chekhov’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. It has a focus on family, humanity, and also for the newness of Moscow. It includes Tomie de Paola, Stephen Kellogg, and Katherine Paterson.

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### President

**Kim Richardson (‘00)**

I feel I would be a good president because I feel I can listen to the students. I don’t have a big agenda for what I want to happen next year, but I do think being available for the campus is the most important thing I can do.

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 run 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. I 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.

### Vice-President

**Dana Marolt (‘99)**

I’m 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 me or not, I’ve been there 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 want 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.

### Sophomore Class Rep.

**Matt Bramble (‘01)**

I am running for sophomore representative on Student Congress to voice the ideas and concerns of next year’s sophomore class and the entire student body. I feel that in order to do this as effectively as possible there needs to be direct communication between the student body and the Student Congress members. The student body of Hope College should always know what Student Congress is doing and have direct input into its activities or officers that sit on Student Congress.

The most powerful tool of communication at Hope College is the web site. Presently, Student Congress has a small section of the web site (which has not been updated since last October) that is used to post general information including minutes and agendas. I believe that this site could be expanded to include an area where Hope students may post any comments and concerns they may have. If elected, this would be one of my main goals as sophomore representative and would ensure that Student Congress acts according to the voice of the student body it represents. Thank you for your time and remember to vote.

**Megan C. Brax (‘01)**

I know that everyone trusts warthogs, so I’d like to remind you how Punah from "The Lion King" concludes: “Home is where your rump 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 rump has rested many places, so I am open to new challenges. I’m willing to try slimy worms in 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 empathy my want. I want to appreciate the home we share, it can be a real jungle otherwise.

### Junior Class Rep.

**Steven McBride (‘00)**

My name is Steven McBride. 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 McBride.

### 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.*

### Vice-Presidential Duties

- *Oversees all Congress elections and polls.*
- *Responsible for all Congress publicity.*
- *Keeps records of all Congress sessions.*
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 Religion Department, Dr. Kristen Gray of the Psychology Department and Mark LaChonce ('98).

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"I think that there is an absolute truth," Wilson said. "What matters most is when someone other than God pronounces to have it."

Students who attended the discussion professed numerous types of beliefs, such as Christianity, Muslim, and Atheism.

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After meeting with Nasialiha 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 like 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 off? 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 no longer be 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 Schnieder ('98) wrote a letter to the Chaplain'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," Schnieder 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 can honestly say 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 than a natural, loving relationship."

A few students have stated that her dismissal violates the Hope College Social Harassment Policy that prevents "demurring remarks or actions serving no scholarly, artistic, or educational purpose that are directed at individuals or groups based on their gender or sexual 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.

Both of the McKees were active during their time on campus and that's what makes the events even more of a shock to them.

"McKee continues to voice her concerns on campus, although she knows that she must move on from Hope.

"Job security is a real question for all employees," she said. "Even professors are told a year in advance. I am 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. "I'm just trying to get through the semester just like everyone else."

Despite the confrontation with the Chaplain staff the student stands by her beliefs and holds little harsh feelings toward the staff in general. She does not deny the fact that they have worked well with most Hope College students.

"I give them a lot of credit for how much they are doing and have done," she said. "My Christian faith has not been questioned in all of this at all. The Chaplain staff is not what I need for faith. The only thing that has been questioned is my faith in the Chaplain staff and if it works for everyone else, that's fine. They have touched several people."
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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.

What can you say about a guy who a year ago led the Flying Dutchmen in batting average at .323, led the team in stolen bases, tied for the team lead in homers with 5 and finished second on the team with 25 runs batted in?

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

"He's a captain in all phases of the game," added third baseman Ed Labbe ('99).

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

After losing to Adrian 4-0 April 3, and then struggling to win 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, Ruby was named to the American Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week.

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

"It's nice to know, as pitcher that I can give up a rock 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.

Ruby now stands at 17-0 overall, and sits 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.

"I didn't know what to expect. I knew we had a lot of depth and could see what we had on paper, but I didn't know," Page said. "I'm learning as we go just like the team is. I have to say 'I don't know' a lot because I just don't know everything!"

Page does know is that her team is undefeated and 4-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association heading into the final stretch of the season.

The Flying Dutch posted a pair of impressive 7-2 wins against the University of Washington and the University of Chicago, this weekend.

"Washington, we heard was going to be strong coming in," Page said. "We knew we could be in there because they had defeated Dalhousie.

In order to run this system, the DEC VT20 terminals located on each floor will have to be replaced with computers.

"I think we're headed for journals in electronic format, and that's how we are going to make journals available in the future," Jensen said.

Funding for the library's original construction came from the Campaign for Hope, a fundraising campaign launched in 1985. The campaign received $22.4 million to cover the new library, other campus improvements and enlarge the College's Endowment Fund.

In 1989, the library was recognized with an American Institute of Architects/American Library Association library design award.
King of 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 beanbag 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 Sprat had been named head football coach at UCLA, and Anne Irwin was now the Athletic Director at Notre Dame. Tom Regent couldn’t be reached for comment, he was now doing Public Relations and radio for Rci.

Defiance and St. Mary’s are owned by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. For one thing, the schools aren’t even in Michigan, and secondly, who wants to sit on a bus for that long?

Create an application process for the Dow Center. If one wants to play there, they must complete a full application that shows they are worthy of playing. No trash talking will be permitted, and passing the ball is a must.

Anyone with larger biceps than me will not be allowed to lift at the same time as me. Calvin College will compete in all sports over a weekend period to finally see who the dominant school is in sports. All Hope students are forced to visit the DeVitt Tennis Center. Perhaps the nicest facility on campus, very few students either use or know about the indoor courts. Learn them.

Before I could get to the raises in salary of all the coaches, I was violently shaken from my stupor with a slap from Renner. He accused me of being the black sheep of Hope and sent me on my way.

I shrugged my shoulders, grabbed my golf clubs and headed for nine at Wendy’s. I quickly grabbed my golf clubs and headed for nine at Wendy’s.

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average, and Sarah Paccone (’00) and Heather Roy (’00) lead the team individually at .588 and .538 respectively. Gina Zanzin (’99) also stands at .538.

“We’ve had some very good games in those four shutouts,” Wolters said. “To have one shutout is great, to have four is something really special.”

Hope’s pitching has been led by the tandem of Lisa Larzelere (’99) and Kim Groenhus (’01). Larzelere stands at 6-2, while Groenhus holds a perfect 6-0 record. Each also stands in the top five in wins and ERA in MIAA statistics.

“They really complement each other. Lisa is what we call a junk pitcher. Kim throws a variety and she has more speed.” Wolters said. “It’s been a lot of fun to see them.”

The Flying Dutch have also had no problem scoring runs. The team has outscored opponents by an average of over five runs a game. “A lot of our scores seem lopsided, but it all comes back to our pitching.” Wolters said. “We have a lot of experience playing in tough games.”

Hope has also been ranked in National polls, beginning the season at 18th. Alma, though, has been ranked higher and remains the favorite for the MIAA title (title, with Calvin also hoping to have a say in the final standings.

“It is going to be four games of all out competition.” Wolters said. “The team that can relax and have the most fun will come out on top.”

Our goal is still Nationals. It should be interesting.” Wolters said. “It’s a little hard because teams ahead of us have played more games and that makes it hard to judge where we are.”

The Flying Dutch will square off at Alma on Monday, April 20 in a 3:30 doubleheader, that is a makeup of a April 8 game.

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Michael Zuidema

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