Hope gets $7.5 million donation for sports facility

Devos foundation anchors project that will take twice as much

Matt Cook
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

For the first time since 1930, Hope’s men’s basketball team will be able to play home games in an on-campus facility. Jim Bultman, Hope College president, announced at a press conference on Monday, March 26, that the college had received a gift of $7.5 million from the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, which is intended to be an "anchor" donation toward the construction of a spectator facility for Hope and the Holland community. It is the largest single donation for a capital project in Hope College history.

According to Bultman, the college contacted the DeVoses and sold them of the need for such a facility, and received a favorable response. "They wanted to help Hope and they wanted to help the community," Bultman said. The money, however, is not enough to build the facility. Bultman estimated that it would take about twice that figure. Bultman hopes that most of the remaining money will come from the Holland community.

"People in the community will have to see the value in this facility," Bultman said. "Others will have to see the value in [the facility]." Bultman hopes that the construction of the facility will create a sense of urgency.

Hope and the Holland community.

Bultman estimated that it would take about two years to build the facility.

Multicultural Life office conducts diversity survey

91 percent of students think racial diversity is important

Megan Krigbaum
INFOCUS EDITOR

Results of the diversity survey distributed in February amongst faculty and staff, are currently being evaluated by the Office of Multicultural Life and will ideally be presented at the April 19 provost faculty and staff luncheon. The faculty and staff survey was preceded by a similar survey that was given to students in the fall. This data from this survey has already been compiled and those results were presented to the Board of Trustees.

Currently, a website containing findings of this survey is under construction and should be available in the near future.

"Both the student surveys and the faculty and staff surveys were record breakers because we had a 50 percent response within 24 hours," said D. Wesley Poythress, assistant dean of multicultural life and liaison to the president for minority participation.

The survey was conducted by sending invitations for participation to 1500 randomly selected students via e-mail with a link to the survey. A total of 878 of these students responded to the survey.

"There were three main sets of findings from the survey: the importance of a diverse campus, Hope’s mission to increase minority participation, and the racial gap," Poythress said.

Ninety-one percent of students identified the importance of having a racially diverse campus community. Most students also agreed that having a racially diverse faculty and staff was important as well. The student survey also showed that students seem to understand and support Hope’s mission for increase in minority participation.

Minority participation is defined in the “Comprehensive Plan to Improve Minority Participation” that was composed by the office of multicultural life as: “enabling Hope to be a fully welcoming and embracing environment to students, faculty and staff.”

More DIVERSITY on 2

Maya Angelou tickets sold out

Students complain about tickets sold to community

Matt Cook
CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

1,050 tickets were available for Hope College students on Monday, March 28 for Maya Angelou’s visit to the college. By the end of the day, all the tickets had been claimed. 180 tickets were also sold to members of the community for $5.

Angelou will be speaking on April 16 at 7 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel as part of the Hope College Student Speaker Series, sponsored by Student Congress.

Amy Avery (’02), chair of the Student Congress Speaker Series Task Force, feels that preparations for Angelou’s arrival are going well.

"The next couple of weeks will be kind of busy, but we’re really happy with the way things are moving along."

Angelou will also hold a question and answer session at the Johnson Center on Monday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. Angelou will also be interviewed by the day’s student congress speaker series after her presentation.

Additionally, the Nimbus Student Leadership Council is sponsoring a screening of "The Color Purple" at the Johnson Center on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. The screening will begin with a brief introduction by Nimbus member and Angelou’s assistant Jennifer Strong. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the Nimbus desk in the Johnson Center.

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Hope baseball scores 30 runs in single game

Team scores 15 runs in fifth inning and hits six homers

Rand Arnday
SPORTS EDITOR

The bats of head coach Stu Fritz’ Hope College baseball team were cracking last Saturday in a way never previously accomplished by any Flying Dutchmen baseball team in modern history.

Hope went up against Orchard Lake St. Mary’s three times last weekend, finishing the weekend with one win and two losses. Over Friday, Orchard Lake St. Mary’s defeated Hope 6-1, and they also beat Hope in the second game of the doubleheader on Saturday, 3-2. However, the one win by the Flying Dutchmen will be talked about for years to come.

Hope crossed home plate an unprecedented 30 times in the victory, surprising Orchard Lake St. Mary’s with the 30-6 victory. The 30 runs for Hope surpassed the previous single game record of 21 runs, which was set by Hope in 1988 against Olivet, and again in 2000.

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Hope reviews applicants

Matt Cook
Campus Beat Editor

Hope’s search for a replacement for Jack Nyenhuis, provost, and Ben Patterson, former dean of the Chapel, is continuing. According to Jim Bultman, Hope College president, both searches are currently at the same point.

“I think it is going well,” Bultman said. “We have had many applicants.”

Currently, the respective search committees are checking references and checking people in the pool. The next step is interviews, first with the search committees and then with the college community in general.

According to Bultman, there have been applicants for both positions from both inside and outside of Hope College. Although he wishes it could be done sooner, Bultman is still keeping the target date for filling both positions at July 1, 2001.

“Things never go as fast as you want them,” Bultman said. The provost is the chief academic administrator of the college.

According to Hope’s job advertisement, they are looking for someone who is “an inspirational leader, an effective oral and written communicator, and passionate about fostering inclusive interactions within the campus community.”

For dean of the Chapel, Hope is looking for someone ordained, or willing to be ordained, in the Reformed Church in America, who “possess a commitment to outstanding professional performance and a mature understanding of and commitment to the Christian faith” and has “the mind of a scholar, heart of a pastor, and the courage of a leader.”

Campus Brief

Students form Gay Straight Alliance, seek official approval

A student group named the Gay Straight Alliance for Awareness is currently in the process of seeking recognition as an official student organization.

According to Diana Breclaw, director of student activities, the group’s constitution was approved by the Extra-Curricular Activities board and passed on to the Campus Life board. Although the Campus Life board discussed it at their meeting Tuesday morning, the decision will not be voted on until April 17.

“There was no decision made today because it is an issue that needs discussing,” Breclaw said.

John Velding, associate professor of education and chair of the Campus Life board, was not available for comment.

However, she said that Student Congress was obligated to sell some tickets to the community. “The thing that people aren’t realizing is that when we received funding from groups like the president’s office, it was under the condition that we would provide some tickets for the community,” Avery said.

Student Congress could not pay Angelou’s $25,000 fee alone, so it received help from various campus organizations. Avery hopes to get that support again for future speakers.

“We can’t burn this bridge right now,” Avery said.

Student Congress still doesn’t know what Angelou will be talking about in her speech. “It’s still up for grabs,” Avery said. “She probably will be talking about her writing, but that hasn’t been officially found out yet.”

Avery also is not sure what Angelou will be doing in addition to her speech. “There is talk of a possible reception because [Angelou] is getting an honorary degree,” Avery said. “But nothing is set in stone yet.”

Angelou is a poet and writer whose books include “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” and “Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ‘Fore I Die.” Her books have been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award. She has also written screenplays, plays, and acted on stage, screen and television. She has been nominated for a Tony Award and an Emmy Award.

In 1992, she was invited to compose and recite a poem to celebrate President Clinton’s Inauguration, and was named Essence’s Woman of the Year.

“We are really excited and there’s a lot of student interest and things going to be great,” Avery said.
DeVos concert to feature variety of talent

Emily Moellman
April 4, 2001

At the annual Musical Showcase at DeVos Hall on Monday, April 9, the audience will hear everything from the perspective of the ensemble to the chamber orchestra. The concert will feature a solo work by a member of the DeVos Chamber Players, as well as a piece by a guest artist.

The concert will feature a variety of talent, including a solo work by a member of the DeVos Chamber Players, as well as a piece by a guest artist. The repertoire will include works by contemporary composers such as John Adams, Philip Glass, and Morton Subotnick. The concert will conclude with a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with the DeVos Chamber Players, conducted by the famous conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Additional events scheduled for the week include a performance by the DeVos Chamber Players at the Grand Rapids Symphony's opening night, and a concert by the DeVos Chamber Players at the DeVos Performance Hall, featuring the works of contemporary composers such as John Adams, Philip Glass, and Morton Subotnick. The concert will conclude with a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with the DeVos Chamber Players, conducted by the famous conductor Daniel Barenboim.
To the Editor:

I cannot stand by and let the condom issue die without addressing it from a factual standpoint. There are three important issues at hand. First of all the Student Congress money allocated to the Knechtlocker Fraternity to sponsor the AIDS Reality Concert (March 6) went to pay for the representatives from the McAuley Health Center. This was contingent on the fact that no contraceptives were distributed at the event. Had they not been able to distribute condoms, as one representative told me they do at Calvin College as well as other small private colleges in Michigan, the center would have provided the condoms. Therefore, no student money would have been directly spent on contraceptives.

Secondly, we must get past the myth that the distribution or promotion of contraceptives increases sexual activity instead of safety. Abstinence is not a reality for everyone, a fact that makes disease prevention quite necessary. The promotion and distribution of condoms is a very effective way to do this. The effectiveness of such measures are made apparent by The Kaiser HIV/AIDS report which states, "Senegal has an HIV infection rate of only 1% among adults...Condom promotion by the government has resulted in an 11-fold increase in usage from 70,000 in 1988 to eight million in 1997" (www.zpg.org).

Finally, an institution like Hope College would be remiss, not to take advantage of a situation like this from anyone outside. Consider a safety issue of a different sort, such as the wearing of seatbelts. Everyone knows that if a seatbelt is used correctly it will prevent, in most cases, serious injury or death. If everyone knows this, why do many people fail to do this regularly? In other words, why does an individual spend millions of dollars of our tax money every year promoting the use of safety belts, if it is not used? Hope College is quite ready to tell us what is wrong. Health and safety seem like the same reasons we should be spending our money to promote sexual responsibility in our community.

Perhaps, we should be looking more at issues of safety and awareness that Hope College instead of seeking to judge and condemn those around us. We should be examining the policies and activities that lead Hope away from building an active, mature, and responsible community rather than eliminating those practices. Student Congress and the administration did at the AIDS Reality Concert.

Rachael Kathleen Gauda ('02)
Student Congress elections important, enriching

Say this adds up to a considerable amount of work. It is important that those of you who eventually choose to run for this or any other position understand that they are much more than "resume builders." To do an adequate job, considerable dedication and time commitment are required.

All of these positions are very rewarding. Those who occupy them are generally respected, and have greater opportunities for shaping Hope College than any other students on campus. I encourage you to consider running for president, vice president, or class representative of Student Congress and we wish you all the best as we conclude the academic year.

Louis Canfield ('01)
Student Congress President

To Student Congress:

To the Editor:

In one month, the 2000-2001 Student Congress will come to an end. Our 35 members have accumulated many good things, ranging from the upcoming Maya Angelou event to the establishment of an annual Spring Concert Series. It has been a privilege for me to work with them and wish the faculty and administration. So, I approach the upcoming transition with a bit of sadness, but also with optimism for the future of Student Congress. That future depends upon the willingness of dedicated students of the student body to fill important leadership positions. On April 19 and 20, next year’s Student Congress president, vice president, and class representatives will be elected. Any freshman, sophomore, or junior is eligible to run for the top two positions; any member of those three classes is eligible to run for class representative of his or her particular class. While I encourage all of you to consider pursuing these positions, I want to take a moment to let you know what is required of the president in particular. According to the Student Congress Constitution, the president is the “chief executive officer of the Student body,” “Chief Officer of the Student Congress,” and is responsible for preparing the weekly agenda, chairing executive meetings, attending a variety of policies, appointing student members of the campus governance committees, appointing task force chairs, managing the Student Congress budget, advising the Board of Trustees, etc. Needless to say, this adds up to a considerable amount of work. It is important that those of you who eventually choose to run for this or any other position understand that they are much more than "resume builders." To do an adequate job, considerable dedication and time commitment are required.

To Student Congress:

Student wants more benches on campus

Sitting alone in my Hope College-owned off-campus house, I sit and ponder my existence at Hope over the last 4 years. Though I’ve paid more money to Hope than my life is currently worth, I’ve gotten so much more back in return. I want to give Hope something back before I leave. Unfortunately, I am not rich and I don’t have a multi-million dollar donation in my pocket. Sorry, I guess we can’t have two basketball stadiums. I also can’t produce another piece of performance sculpture that anyone would want to see. Now, what do I have to offer? An idea, and that idea is for Hope College to invent some of its money into the purchase of benches for around the Pine Grove walkways. I have compiled a list of reasons why benches would benefit Hope’s campus.

1. Provide a good opportunity for me to make friends. Having a place to sit and put feet up will increase the quantity of my friend by at least 20%, making the count rise from 1 to at least 1.2 friends.

2. Unite students and faculty members. Faculty members may eventually emerge out of their offices during lunchtime (where rooms have the major drawback of them being turkey salad sandwiches and drink fliers). To interact with their younger human counterparts whose parents pay their salaries.

3. Provide a natural outdoor teaching environment: Professors could teach in comfort while students sit on the grass.

4. Be a logical place to relocate smokers. As Hope’s new policy to ward smoking is very unfriendly to smokers certain benches can be equipped with smoking stations to accommodate smoking students and faculty. Smoking stations would cut down on smoker litter too. Note: These stations must be at least 25 feet from buildings.

5. Finally solve Hope’s homophobia controversy. No, just kidding. Although everyone will be able to sit a seat.

6. Be an admissions selling point/ provide great photo opportunities. Seeing students enjoying the weather and talking on benches would give the impression of a friendly campus where students and faculty enjoy discussing important issues in a tolerant and loving environment.

7. Provide a natural medium for intellectual discourse. Benches would be a place where a diversity of students from differing Dutch and other European backgrounds could discuss issues like teen pregnancy, sports, war, world politics, science, etc.

8. Simply be a good idea. How can you argue with rhetoric like that? My professor learned me how to argue when I told her I’ve seen benches work in other places, places like Wheaton College, Centennial Park, and Russia- all thriving places except for Eastern Europe. Please, if someone from the administration is out there, please listen. It’s the little touches of love that make Hope’s campus great. Think about our future, and our children’s butts.

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ADA opposes tooth decay film series

Grove film series attacked by special-interest organization, gingivitis.

Fatt Baker, Campus Beat Editor

The American Dental Association (ADA) of Michigan issued a statement, Thursday, strongly opposing Grove College's decision to show the film series "It's Just Plaque: A Lens for Understanding Tooth Decay." It is shocking to note that a college whose mission statement pledges to "attack the bacteria that live between your teeth in the context of the historic Christian faith" is sponsoring what amounts to a cavities film festival, promoting the political and social agenda of non-brushing activists. They don't offer a single film that shows the historic Judeo-Christian view of dental health. "Gum Disease has Feelings Too," for instance, attacked by special-interest organization, is well known as a very special episode of Full House. Some members of the Grove College community believe that Mr. Bubbles' appointment to the Board of Trustees was not because of his acting prowess.

Mr. Bubbles, though not a Grove alum, is well known for his career in the entertainment industry. He has starred in numerous commercials, as well as a very special episode of Full House. Some members of the Grove College community believe that Mr. Bubbles' appointment to the Board of Trustees was not because of his acting prowess. "If Bubbles is here for one reason, he's rich, and he'll be expected to give a lot of that money to the college," said Dr. Isaac, Professor of Dental Health. "He's not even intelligent enough to speak at meetings. He wears a silky purple shirt to keep him from crapping all over, for goodness sake."

This criticism is met with strong opposition from the administration and the Board of Trustees, who still support Mr. Bubbles as an appropriate addition to the Board. "When I look deep into Mr. Bubbles' brown eyes, I see flickers of intelligence and humanity," said Bultmanis. "Although Grope doesn't believe in evolution, Mr. Bubbles is more man than ape."

Mr. Bubbles has already attended one of the board meetings. He voted on candidates for the new chaplain, supported a raise in student fees, and savagely bit one of his fellow board members. He is also helping the Board of Trustees in contemplation of the future of this college. "He is exactly what we are looking for as a guiding force for the future of this college."

Poetry death toll still rising

Fatt Baker, Campus Beat Editor

Several Grove college students lost their lives this week as a result of the second annual Poetry Attack, sponsored by Grope's poetry writing classes. Although the numbers are still being counted, Public Safety estimates the losses at over 1,000 students. "If only they had heeded our warning and not posted signs in unauthorized areas, these calamities could have been avoided," said Robert Snow, dean of students. "But no, they wanted to expand out precious little minds, and brighten our days. Now look what happened. God help us all."

Zack Bidl, professor of English and head instigator of the Poetry Attack, was unrepentant. "Fools," Bidl said. "Soon, my minions and I will conquer the world and our reign of poetry will begin."

The first incidents occurred Monday morning, when unsuspecting Grope students tried to eat pages of poetry that had been placed on their trays in Shmelps Cafeteria. A rare poison contained in the ink seeped into their blood streams and proceeded to eat their bodies out from the inside, causing severe tremors, vomiting, paralysis and a painful death.

Later on Monday, poems placed on the walls of Flubbs Hall caused just enough stress for the first floor ceiling to cave in, squashing 3 classrooms full of students like so many insects. Bodies are still being dragged out of the rubble, although there is little hope for the possibility of survivors.

On Tuesday, a vehicle went out of control as a result of a poem being placed on its windshield, obstructing the driver's vision. The vehicle struck a passing train, derailing it and sending it hurtling through the DuPlee art building. The train, which was transporting flammable gas, exploded in a fiery mushroom cloud, instantly vaporizing over one hundred art majors and leaving dozens more to die slowly and painfully from their burns.

Grope College canceled all classes on Wednesday as a day of mourning for the lost students. "These incidents show the horrific dangers that can result from uncensored freedom of speech," said Jimbo Bultmanis, Grope College President. "I pledge that from this day forth, all poetry must and will remain in the textbook. I only hope that the poetry students behind this will reflect on the pain they have wrought. I hope the mangled burning bodies and their victim's screams of agony will haunt them waking and sleeping, for the rest of their lives. Hell is not tortured enough for their pitiful souls."

However, Bultmanis admitted that some good did come out of the Poetry Attack. "I was pleased to see 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening' posted on my office door," Bidl said. "I just love Robert Frost. Also, we will no longer have to worry about the housing shortage."

Smart-looking ape to serve on Grope Board

Adam Less, Editor in Chief

In an unremarkable decision last Wednesday, the Grove College administration elected an intelligent-looking chimp to the Board of Trustees. "Mr. Bubbles [the chimp] is a blessing from God," said Jimbo Bultmanis, president of Grove College. "He is exactly what we are looking for as a guiding force for the future of this college."

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Grophe student disappointed in wait for Rush

Bob Mantra
Staff writer

Fraternities and sororities have already made their selections, but until recently, one student, Craig Strakta (‘96), was still waiting around the DeSpitz Center for Rush. “I’ve been here ever since I first heard they were coming, but man it’s been a long time,” Strakta said.

Decked out in the band’s paraphernalia, the die-hard fan has been heard they were coming, but man day. “I really hope I can get Neil Pert’s autograph. He’s the real brains behind their lyrics,” said Matt Cook.

Currently, Craig is downing his sorrows in chocolate milk at Schnelops Cafeteria.

NO-SHOWS: Alex Lilesen, Neil Pert and Geddy Lee, members of the Canadian progressive rock trio, Rush, will not be appearing on campus.

Fatt Baker
Campus Fest Editor
In his last sermon before departing for a new post in California, Zen Flatterston, former dean of the Chapel, called for a revival among the Grove College student body. “We have come a long way to-” Flatterston is knowledgeable of the complete history of Rush.

“My favorite song is ‘The Spirit of Radio.’ They played it when I was in Grand Rapids back in 96,” Strakta said.

The trio from Toronto, Canada is considering Flatterston’s charge in his search for a new Dean of the Chapel. “I’m looking for someone with good communication and leadership skills, as well as a deep personal relationship with blues tinged swamp-rock as their Lord and saviour,” Bultmanis said.

“Whether a student is born on the bayou or born in Grand Rapids, there’s something for everyone in their music.”

“No dice for Minervian frat

Levin’s CLoak to perform at D&D Reality Concert

Fizban’s Cloak to perform at D&D Reality Concert

Adam Less
Reporter at Large

A Dungeons and Dragons Re-ality concert supported by the Minervan Fraternity will be held on April 22, but no multi-sided dice will be distributed. Lewis Honeycutt (‘02), a member of the Minervan Fraternity originally approached Student Parliament with a request that they help pay for entertainment and advertising of the concert. Student Parliament voted against the proposal, citing the Minervan’s plan to freely distribute multisided dice at the event.

“This campus needs to wake up and realize that Dungeons and Dragons goes on at Grove College,” said Honeycutt. "If a bunch of my friends and I encountered a poison troll, my fighter wielding his two-handed sword of +2 fire slaying would be unable to roll for hit point damage without a ten-sided die. He would run the risk of disease or even death, if left unprotected in the encounter.”

Honeycutt stated that students may face similar situations, and it is only fair that they have free access to multi-sided dice.

“An encounter with the Wild Beastmen of Tor’lack or a hoard of Necromancer-controlled skeleton warri-r-a-ers wouldn’t be fun at all if they couldn’t roll their 20-sided dice,” said Honeycutt. The concert was intended to distribute information about Dungeons and Dragons to the campus, including Dungeons Masters’ Guides and Forgotten Realms quest-packs.

“It’s a shame that Student Parliament wouldn’t fund us because of the dice,” said Teddy Pinkerton (‘02), member of the Minervan fraternity. “I’d like to cast my Tasha’s Uncontrollable Laughter on them, and then hit them with my Staff of Mog-horan.”

Members of Student Parliament stood by their decision to withhold funding from the event, and explained that the distribution of multi-sided dice leads to more playing of the game.

“If people want to play Dungeons and Dragons, I don’t want my money going to support it,” said Tammi Peterson (‘04), a member of Student Parliament. “What kind of message would that send, that Student Parliament says you should just go out and adventure in the Mohalian Waste-lands with anyone? Role-playing games should be conducted only between a husband and wife, the way God intended it.”

The Minervan Fraternity still plans to hold the event, despite being prohibited from distributing colored dice. The concert will be presented in conjunction with discussions of Dungeons and Dragons issues, like “Are Djinns allowable in my ice-planet game world?” and “Ogre Magic too powerful or an opportunity for a good encounter?” The band, Fizban’s Cloak, will be headlining the concert, a group composed of Minervan fraternity members and named after the single greatest quest ever.
There has been a strong concern on Grope College campus for many years to work on the lack of diversity on campus. However, head of Multi-cultural life Bebe Presley, has come up with a solution.

"In order to make Grope College a more diverse place, we are not only asking, but demanding that Grope College force their students to stop using the clear "white" Nalgene water bottles, and instead look into using the red, green, and blue bottles when drinking their water during class."

This statement by Presley received support from the administration.

"I think it's a great plan," said Jimbo Bultmanis, president of Grope College. "I don't know if a lot of students realize that the more exotic races of Nalgene bottles are just as double-indestructible as their plain, milky-white counterparts."

The student body at Grope surprisingly accepted Mr. Presley's demands, and minority water containers are on the rise at Grope College.

"My roommate just switched to a red bottle," said Mr. Lakert ('03). "At first I was put off, but now I've accepted it."

This is the first time at Grope College that an attempt to make our campus more diverse has actually worked. All the e-mails I have been receiving show positive feedback from the Grope College community.

A similar attempt by Presley last year received less than positive response from the student body when he asked Grope students to begin using alternative brands to Nalgene.

CLEAR, YELLOW, RED, BLUE, GREY: Nalgene bottles have long been a concern to the Grope College Community. Recently, the campus has called for Nalgene bottle users to be more tolerant of other colors of Nalgene bottles such as blue and yellow.

Campus-wide email sent for Sacramento incident

On Sunday, April 1 in Sacramento, California a strange looking man was seen walking through the streets late at night. A campus-wide e-mail was sent to warn Grope students of the incident. At this time it appears that the man was simply a homeless man walking around biding his time, and that he has no connection to Grope College.

Grope College didn't want to take any chances, prompting Robert Snow, dean of students to send the e-mail.

"At this time it doesn't look like this man has any connection to Grope College, but we sent the e-mail just to be safe," said Snow. The e-mail also asked students to pray not only for this situation, but for the Grope College community as well.

Due to the events in Sacramento, public safety is warning students to exercise good judgment.

"Students should remember to walk together in groups at night and take the hoopette van whenever possible," said public safety officer Mark Labomba.

This was the twenty-fourth campus wide e-mail sent to Grope College students this semester by Snow, warning students of situations that might be connected to the college. Situations elsewhere this semester that earned campus wide e-mails ranged from the bombing in Baghdad to the irregular appearance of cats in a small town seven miles west of Boise.

"I've really gotten used to the e-mails that warn me to be safer at night," said Karl Suddens ('03). "I now carry a .44 magnum loaded with yellow-coated air-porcising bullets—now that's safety."

Martin comments on street safety

In an unprecedented display of gallantry, John Martin, Director of Administrative Administration, decided to make a statement to the Ranchor.

"I thought it was time you kiddies knew what I really thought," Martin said.

Martin's comments ranged from the importance of holding hands while crossing the street to the proper temperature of chocolate chip cookies.

"They should be warm, just from the oven," Martin said. "I like it when the chocolate is all ooey-gooey and melty. It gets all over your hands and then you have to lick them."

However, Martin thinks that this temperature is far too hot for the delicate hands of college students, and therefore forbids the consumption of the aforementioned cookies above room temperature.

"College-aged adults just aren't ready for this kind of thing without adult supervision," Martin said.

One thing, however, that Martin does not think college students are too young for is lederhosen.

"I like the way the leather rubs me under the arms," Martin said. "Wearing lederhosen and yodeling would bring an aspect of Northern European culture to Grope's campus that we are sadly lacking."

Martin has plans to start a yodeling class and a Sauerkraut Sampling Club. Oktoberfest, however, is strictly banned.

"Grope just can't accept people and cultures as they are. We need to make sure that they all fit within strictly defined cultural and religious rules," Martin said.

To protest the banning of Oktoberfest, seven students sat on the patio of DeWitt Center and drank vats of warm beer and danced the polka. Martin fears a campus-wide uprising on similar issues, such the proper toaster setting when making Pop Tarts.

"If everyone thought just like me, life at Grope would be much more congenial," Martin said. "Grope has survived with such little diversity for 150 years, and I think our survival will be ensured once we stamp out such deviant thoughts as eating Pop Tarts cold."

When the Ranchor was informed of Martin's decisions, several fainted and had to be rushed to the Health Clinic, where they were given blue pills for their injuries.

"What the hell?" asked one Ranchor staffer. "I mean, for this long, he never says anything, and now we know the inner workings of the man's mind. I'm just blown away! I have to make sure my roommate beats his Pop Tarts to the right temperature."

When asked what prompted him to speak out, Martin declined to comment.

Rare statue of pure evil reported missing

An ancient statue thought to be the embodiment of concentrated evil was reported missing yesterday by Dr. Hildebrand Pell.

"I'm not sure what happened. I swear I set it down right here on the counter where this scourch mark on the same size and shape of the statue's base is," Pell said. "I mean, it's nine feet tall. How can you misplace something like that?"

Public Safety was alerted about the missing item at 7:06 pm. There was no sign of forced entry. The statue was discovered by Mr. Lier X. Agerate in his back yard while digging a new well a year ago. He donated it to Grope College to be studied.

"Why anyone would steal such a thing of evil is beyond me," Pell said. "And our research was progressing very nicely, despite the fact that several students have gone missing since it was donated."

Students Ness Starmen ('03), Paula Twoson ('01) and Jeff Andonis ('01) have mysteriously left Grope College over the last year without leaving a forwarding address.

"What boggles me is that some-one could conceal something that big," said Captain Strong of Public Safety.

The statue has not yet been identified, but Pell believes that he has discovered a lead.

"We have determined that the statue is composed mostly of pure gold. We were working on deciphering the runes when we found these runes tell of who made this statue," Pell said. "It also seems to have some kind of effect on insani- The statue is in the lab.

In a possibly related story, the perpetual darkness and swirling black clouds over Pear have moved and are currently hanging over Schmelp. If you have any information about the break-ins please call Public Safety.

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Jesus arrested

Fanielle Coughsky
QUARTERSTAFF WRITER

According to Sergeant Labomba of Public Safety, Jesus of Nazareth was brought in for questioning this week.

“We had a report that there was a strange man wandering around on campus and because of a continuing investigation he was brought in for questioning,” said Labomba.

Durfee denies all allegations that his latest songs are anti-Christ-like. “I think that the record company is being unfair to me,” said Durfee. “I don’t understand how cursing out an an-godly institution like the Rancher is un-christ-like. I mean I don’t know where the hell they get off,” said Durfee.

The songs in question were by a phone call Durfee made to the Rancher earlier this year.

“There has been some speculation as to the involvement of alcohol or hallucinogens in the phone call,” said a random Public Safety officer. “This is not the sort of thing we would usually expect from a Hope Alumnus.”

Despite these allegations, Durfee maintains that the only thing he was high on while making the phone call was Jesus.

The administration also felt the complete lack of any sort of excitement on Tuesday.

“We didn’t pass any anti-smoking policies or motion to lock the doors any earlier,” said Dean Snow. “Basically we were just really bored. I almost considered playing a game of frisbee golf, but luckily I changed my mind.”

“I had a lot to do,” said a random Public Safety officer. “I yelled at some kid to get off the Dimwitt roof, but it turned he was really standing on the porch. It was funny.”

With nothing to do, some people looked back upon fond memories.

“Monday was a great day,” said Richard Shelpo (’02). “I went to biology lecture and played some Yatzee. It’s too bad that Tuesday wasn’t so hot.”

Among the things I could have had fun on Tuesday, but didn’t were: concerts, basketball games, tree climbing, sheep husbandry, terrorist bombings, physical assaults, drinking contests, games of red rover, bazzards, killer bee attacks, atomic blasts, presidential elections, mass suicides, knitting circles, bank robberies, drinking contests, virus outbreaks, naked drum circles, archery award ceremonies, three ring circuses, movie screenings, computer crashes, ancient Celtic rituals, excursions, Sprite commercials, alien abductions, boat shows and lion maulings.

In short, nothing happened.

Nothing happened on Tuesday, nobody surprised
Staff diversity training considers privilege

Megan Krigbaum

April 4, 2001

The greatest thing about the upcoming event is the opportunity to hear every group in the music department, "Coyle said. "It is quite a diverse program with a variety of sounds represented in it as well."
Beauty is more than skin deep

Hope women find success in scholarship pageants

Carrie Arnold
Staff Writer

When Sarah Wilkinson ('04) heard the winner of the 2001 Michigan Honey Queen Pageant announced, she gave the woman next to her a congratulatory hug.

"It was a big shock to learn I had won," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson, who won a $1,000 scholarship along with the chance to compete for the title of American Honey Queen, started competing in pageants after receiving a letter in the mail from the Miss Teen Michigan pageant commending her for her scholarship and community service.

"I just decided to do it for fun," Wilkinson said. "I'm not a big pageant person, but it was pretty neat for a young girl."

She competed in Miss Teen Michigan in 1996, and was the 2000 Miss Dowagiac (MI). Wilkinson in 1996, and was the 2000 winner of the American Honey Queen Pageant this past October.

Technically classified as a scholarship pageant, the Miss America Foundation gives out more than $500 million in scholarships each year. The pageant began as a way to promote tourism in different cities around the country, and thus had a higher emphasis on the swimsuit and evening gown competition.

As time passed, the emphasis shifted to include intelligence along with physical appearance. Because of this, the talent and interview portions of the pageant now comprise 70% of a participant's total score, with the evening gown and swimsuit competitors encompassing the remaining 30%. Each woman must also develop a social platform in which she has interest. Kurtze, who is involved with CAARE at Hope, advocates the prevention of sexual assault and harassment.

"It's much more about brains than beauty," Kurtze said. "There is a high value placed on competition. It's more than pretty dresses and 15 seconds in a swimsuit.

Both women have found pageants to be far more strenuous than they initially appear.

"I was watched from 1 pm until 6 pm," Wilkinson said. "They keep you going and I'm only myself."

"I was watched from 1 pm until 10 pm by various judges," Wilkinson said. "The worst part was that I didn't know who the judges were."

As part of the competition, Wilkinson auctioned honey to various beekeepers, participated in an interview session, and performed a five minute presentation about honey, in which she provoked Winnie the Pooh for mistreating honey bees.

Kurtze considers the interview sections to be the most difficult aspect of pageants. Developing as many interests and activities as possible allows more aspects of the participant to be portrayed.

"You have 10 minutes to make seven judges feel they know you," Kurtze said. "It takes a certain amount of mental stamina to put yourself in front of seven people and say 'judge me.'"

For Kurtze, it is important that pageant participants be able to connect with other people.

"Anyone can talk to a mayor or two and cut a ribbon, but Joe in the community needs to feel connected as well," Kurtze said. "You need to be a well-rounded individual - not only intelligent and talented, but also have a lot of personality and be able to connect with other people.

Travelling to the Miss America competition allowed Kurtze to see pageants from the other side.

You have this mental picture of a grand auditorium," Kurtze said. "In reality, people are sitting on folding chairs.

Over the past few years, Kurtze has noticed a difference in the way pageants are run. When she competed for Miss Indiana five years ago, she found the competition to be nearly cutthroat. Now, however, the atmosphere is much more supportive.

"It's competitive because the focus is a title," Kurtze said. "But you're not being compared to each other since you've had different life experiences. The judges are looking for who is the most prepared at this time to be Miss America."

With an increasing number of scholarship pageants, the focus of the competition has been shifting in recent years, although many stereotypes about pageant participants still remain. Kurtze warns future participants to be prepared to defend their involvement in pageants.

"These are just a high caliber of women who are active in the community, who care about their platform," Kurtze said. "My intent is to do a lot of good."

Both Kurtze and Wilkinson advise any prospective pageant participants just to be themselves.

"It's hard to cater to judges a presentation of yourself," Kurtze said. "Some of the best Miss Americas have had the most personality. Our current Miss America is just a normal person with a great sense of humor."

BUSY AS A BEE: Sarah Wilkinson ('04) was crowned the 2001 Michigan Honey Queen on March 8. She earned a $1,000 scholarship and a chance to compete at the American Honey Queen Pageant in Savannah, GA in June. Wilkinson first heard about the pageant when she worked for a beekeeper.

BUSY AS A BEE: Sarah Wilkinson ('04)

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Spotlight

The Anchor

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Are you going to hear Maya Angelou speak? Why or why not?

"No, because I couldn't get tickets, and I also have to work."
-Wendy Best ('04)

"I'm not going because I'm not going to be here, if I were, I probably wouldn't have been able to get tickets anyway."
-Jessica Neeb ('04)

"Yes, of course. I wouldn't miss such an influential speaker.
-Steve Alles ('01)

"No, because I don't have a ticket, and I wish I had one." -Shelby Nesson ('02)

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Men’s swimming places fourth at Nationals

Rand Arwady
Sports Editor

Hope swimmers Josh Boss ('02) and Betsy VandenBerg ('01) dominated the breaststroke events as the Division III National Championships in Buffalo, N.Y. over the weekends of March 8-10 for the women, and March 15-17 for the men.

In the women’s meet it was VandenBerg winning the 200-yard breaststroke for the second consecutive year, and placing second in the 100-yard breaststroke. The women finished the meet in fourteenth place overall.

In the men’s meet, Boss took over the breaststroke where VandenBerg left off. He captured his third consecutive 200-yard breaststroke national championship, and recaptured the 100-yard breaststroke which he lost last year after winning the event as a freshman.

Boss’ great performances along with impressive swims by six other Hope swimmers helped head coach John Patnott’s Flying Dutchmen finish the championship meet fourth in the nation out of 51 teams. Last year’s team finished nationals fifth overall.

The Flying Dutchmen finished the meet with 10 All-American performances, five in individual events and five in relays.

Josh Boss (

Hope was also credited with six Honorable Mention All-American performances, all coming for individual events. You gain All-American honors for finishing in the top eight places, and Honorable Mention All-American honors for ninth to sixteenth place.

Boss was voted the NCAA Division III swimmer of the year for his two national championships in the breaststroke, and his participation on three All-America relay teams. In the 200-yard breaststroke Boss shattered his own meet record of 2:00.53 which he set in 1999 as a freshman.

His time of 1:58.90 put him far ahead of Senior Brett Holcomb of Kenyon (2:03.07).

Boss’ time of 54.70 in the 100-yard breaststroke was one-hundredth of a second off his Division III record which he set his freshman year. Boss defeated Senior Jen Taylor of Wheaton (IL) (55.99).

Other swimmers with All-America performances were Tim DeHaan ('03), sixth in the 50-yard freestyle (21.00) and eighth in the 100-yard freestyle (47.06). Brian Slagh ('03), seventh in the 200-yard freestyle (1:42.28).

Hope earned many of their 257 team points in the relays. The Flying Dutchmen were second in the 400-yard medley relay (3:22.68), third in the 200-yard medley relay (1:32.26), third in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:04.92), fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:23.91), and fifth in the 800-yard freestyle relay (6:53.46). The relay teams consisted of a variation of Boss, DeHaan, Slagh, Ian Kobes ('03), Chris Dattels ('01), Scott Vroegindewey ('01), and Chris Humstra ('04). Dattels and Kobes each earned honorable mention All-American honors twice in the backstroke.

Dattels finished 11th in the 100 (52.19) and 12th in the 200 (1:54.17). Kobes was 14th in the 200 (1:54.47) and 16th in the 100 (53.33).

In twenty seasons as head coach of Hope College swimming, Patnott has coached Hope swimmers (men and women) to 28 national championships, with a total of 100 winners and divers in the men’s and women’s programs achieving All-American honors.

LIKE A FISH: Josh Boss ('02) swims in a meet this past season. Boss was voted the NCAA Division III swimmer of the year.

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In 1998 against Kalamazoo, both of those games 21-1 victories.

In the victory, The Flying Dutchmen scored 13 runs in the fifth and final inning, and finished the game with 21 hits. Hope also sent six balls over the fence for home runs.

Kyle Blackport ('03) had two home runs, both in the eight-run second inning. Kyle Maas ('03) homered was his third on the season. Others with home runs in the game were Justin Kribs ('04), Kenny Papas ('03), and Casey Glass ('03).

The teams record sits at 8-10 going into MIAA play. The team travels to Olivet this weekend. Games are scheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.