Hope gets $7.5 million donation for sports facility

DeVos foundation anchors project that will take twice as much

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. $7.5 million, 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 [the facility]," Bultman said. "Others will be able to play home games in an on-campus facility. Jim Bultman, CAMPUS BEAT EDITOR

Multicultural Life office conducts diversity survey

91 percent of students think racial diversity is important

Megan Krigbaum

Results of the diversity survey distributed in February amongst faculty and staff were currently being evaluated by the Office of Multicultural Life and ideally will 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. The data from this survey has already been compiled and those results were presented to the Board of Trustees. Currently, a website containing the 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 pieces because we had a 50 percent response within 24 hours," said D. Wesley Poythress, assistant dean of multicultural life and human resources. 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 for students, faculty, and staff to be stewards of diversity." 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 seemed 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 for students, faculty, and staff to be stewards of diversity."

Hope baseball scores 30 runs in single game

Team scores 15 runs in fifth inning and hits six homers

Rand Arwady

The Win

The win of head coach Shu Feltz' Hope College baseball team was cracking last Saturday in a way never previously accomplished by any Flying Dutchman 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.

On 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 1968 against Olivet, and again.
Campus Beat

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 Breelaw, 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,” Breelaw 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 $55,000 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.

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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.”

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Students are complaining that Student Congress should not have made tickets available to the community, because it took seats away from students.

Kate Bode-Lang (’02) went to the ticket office at 3:00 p.m. on the day they were released, but they were gone by then. She saw a sign that was updated and contacted Richard Frost, dean of students, and Student Congress about it, and was told that the remaining tickets were being saved for the community. Bode-Lang had been under the impression that the tickets that went to the community were going to be ones left over after all students who wanted tickets got them.

“I was disappointed not just because it’s a big name but because she’s a good speaker,” Avery said.

According to Avery, they first planned on selling more tickets, but cut back due to student demand.

These tickets were gone by then. She was upset about it, and was really excited and there’s a lot of student interest and things are going to be great,” Avery said.

This gift builds on earlier community-based initiatives, including the most recent efforts of the Area Center Authority and the Civic Center Task Force,” Bultman said. “It stimulates the process which has both exciting and realistic potential.”

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Last year, Hope College agreed to donate $1 million towards the construction of an Area Center in Holland, which Hope would be allowed to use for some basketball games. However, the proposal was voted down by the City of Holland.

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Contemporary Motions Dance Company will celebrate their 15th anniversary year with a weekend of performances at Hope College on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, at 8 pm in the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Contemporary Motions is the resident professional dance company of Hope College and is directed by John Rivera, professor of dance. The company has returned for its annual spring residency and performances.

According to Rivera, also the company’s founder, the concerts will present exciting performances featuring many surprises. The company will present a special program with performances featuring veterans Alicia Díaz, Elizabeth Gormly Moraes, and Fernando Rivera and the young company members Erica Jacobs, Tammy Furhman, Wendy Munteanu, and Nicholas Toben. The works of their own for the anniversary year, and unveils the gifts of all young groups, and small ensembles. The Opera Workshop will next perform in Graves this weekend and unveil the gifts of all young groups and small ensembles. The 24 concerts perform within the pageantry of piano concerts and the lights come up on another part of the stage lights to feature the Symphonette. The concert will feature a wide variety of talent.

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DeVos concert to feature variety of talent

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At the annual Musical Showcase at DeVos Hall on Monday, April 9, audience members will hear everything from the percussion ensemble to the opera workshop. The evening of the performances will also feature a variety of talent. The concert will open the second half of the concert.

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WHAT’S UP?

Nightlife:


Howlin’ Moon Saloon: Contemporary country nightclub with live music. 141 28th St. SE. Grand Rapids. 956-9790.

Seal Centre Cafe: Sat. gathering next to Centrepoint Church. Snacks, coffee, and Christian-themed live music. $2 suggested donation. 2035 28th St., Grand Rapids. 248-8307.

Arts at Hope:
Sae, Jivin Java: Every Wednesday at the Kletz. Coffee House and coffee-coffee drinks with local Hope musicians performing.

Mystery Party: Fri. 4/6 in Phillips. Free. Pick up your ticket at the SUD.

Playing in Graves this weekend. 7, 9, 10, and 12 pm on Sat. 3 pm on Sunday. $3.

Contemporary Motions. Fri. and Sat. at 8 pm at the Knickerbocker Theatre. $7 for adults and $4 for students and senior citizens.

Spring Fling: April 27. Features local performers at a picnic in the pine grove.

Concerts:
4-15 Tantric. Magic Bar Ferndale.
4-16 David Gray. Maru Centre. Indianapolis.
4-21 Collective Soul. H.O.B. Chicago.
Condom distribution policy questioned

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 Knickerbocker Fraternity to sponsor the AIDS Reality Concert (March 6) went to pay for the representatives from the Maclay Health Center. This was contingent on the fact that no contraceptives were distributed at the event. Had they 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 contraception.

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, "Sengela 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 such an opportunity to promote health and safety. I think that it is an oversimplification of the situation to assume that we are mature, independent, and intelligent enough to make the decision to use contraceptives on our own. This means that we have to teach ourselves and each other. 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 on a regular basis? In short, individuals that spend millions of dollars of OUR tax money each year promoting the use of safety belts, if it is necessary, haven't already readily seen how it's done? 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 at Hope College instead of seeking to judge and condemn those around us. We should be examining the policies and activities that help lead Hope away from building an active, mature, and responsible community rather than eliminating those activities. As Student Congress and the administration did at the AIDS Reality Concert.

Rachel Kathleen Guda ('02)

Student Congress elections important, enriching

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 with 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 this student body to fill important leadership positions. On April 19 and next year’s Student Congress president, vice president, and class representatives will be elected. Any freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior is eligible to run for the top two positions; any member of those three classes is eligible to run for any class representative or her or his 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 representative of the student body," "chief officer of the Student Congress," and is responsible for preparing the weekly agenda, chairing meetings, and overseeing a variety of policies, appointing student members of the campus governance committees, appointing task force chairpersons, maintaining the Student Congress budget, advising the Board of Trustees, etc. Needless to say, this adds up to a considerable amount of work. So it is important that those of you who eventually choose to run for this or any other position understand that they are part of a challenging leadership position.

All of these positions are very rewarding. Those who occupy them are generally respected, and have greater opportunities for shaping Hope College from any other student on campus. I encourage you to consider running for president, vice president, or class representative. I am confident that Student Congress and we will all do the best we all can to conclude the academic year.

Louis Canfield ('01)
Student Congress President

Student wants more benches on campus

To the Editor:

Sitting alone in my Hope College-owned off-campus house, I sit and ponder my existence at Hope over the last 4 years. I'm not quite so much more back in return. I want to give Hope something back before I leave. Unfortunately, I am not rich. 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 colorful sculptures that anyone would want to see. Now, what do I have in my ideal, and that idea is for Hope College to invest some of its student money 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 College: Benches on Hope’s campus would:

1. Provide a good opportunity for me to make friends. Having a place to sit and make friends and to take a break from studying. It is a very good place to just chill. Having a place to sit and make friends is something the Anchor is a product of student effort and is funded through the students of Hope College, funding which comes through the Royal College Student Congress Appropriations Committee. Letters to the editor are encouraged, though due to space limitations the Anchor reserves the right to edit. The opinions expressed in the sections entitled "Our voice" and "Your voice" are not necessarily those of the editor or staff. Stories from the Hope College Office of Community Relations and the Hope College Foundation are not copyrighted. Please do not reprint or reproduce stories from the Anchor without permission. The Anchor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertising.

4. Be a logical place to relocate smokers–As Hope’s new policy to ban 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 homossexual controversy–Nope, just kidding. Although everyone will be all right.

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 both intellectual discourse–Benches would be a place where the diversity of students from differing Dutch and other European backgrounds could discuss issues like teen pregnancy.

8. Simply be a good idea–How can you argue with rhetoric like that? My professor learned me how to argue with rhetoric. At this point? My professor learned me how to argue with rhetoric. At this point?

Abby Rogers, and Danielle Koski
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ADA opposes tooth decay film series

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

Fatt Baker
CAMPUS FEET EDITOR

The American Dental Association (ADA) of Michigan issued a statement, Thursday, strongly opposing Grope College’s decision to show the film series “It’s Not Just Plaque,” “Gingivitis: A Lens for Understanding Tooth Decay.”

“It is shocking 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 ‘cavity film festival,’ promoting the political and social agenda of non-brushing activists. They don’t offer a single film that shows the historic Jewish-Christian view of dental behavior,” wrote Larry Lenn, ADA-Michigan president.

Movies in the film series include “A Day in the Life of a Cavity,” “Gum Disease has Feelings Too,” “Three Times a Day Keeps Evil Elude,” “Wisdom Teeth: Not Always Healthy,” “A Day in the Life of a Cavity,” and “Plaque Arrives.”

“While some of the films in the series may be helpful to the first floor, they are not enough for their pitiable souls,” said Bultmanis, president of Grope College.

“Mr. Bubbles is here for one reason,” said Bultmanis. “He’s not even in the poetry attack, but he’ll be expected to give a presentation of control as a result of a poem being shown. 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.

“I see flickers in 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. He is exactly what we are looking for as a guiding force for the future of this college.”

Mr. Bubbles, though not a Grope 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 Grope College community believe that Mr. Bubbles’ appointment to the Board of Trustees was not because of his acting prowess.

Mr. 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 Rhame Thickey, Professor of Simian Psychology. “He’s not even intelligent enough to speak at meetings. He wears a diaper to keep him from crapping all over, for goodness sake.”

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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 intramural co-ed indoor soccer team - the Pinstripers - with their weakness in the midfield.

“That monkey just keeps going and going and going long,” Board member and teammate Roger Finkenstein. “It makes me forget he gave me rabies.”

Poetry death toll still rising

Fatt Baker
CAMPUS FEET EDITOR

Several Grope college students lost their lives this week as a result of the second annual Poetry Attack, sponsored by Grope’s poetry classes.

Although the numbers are still being counted, Public Safety estimates the losses at over 1,000 students.

“All they had been 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 Biffel, professor of English and head instigator of the Poetry Attack, was unrepentant.

“Fools,” Biffel said. “Soon, my minions and I will conquer the world and our reign of poetry will begin.”

The first incident occurred Monday morning, when unsuspecting Grope students tried to eat pages of poetry that had been placed on their trays in Shemla’s 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 Flubbers 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, destroying the driver’s vision.

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.

Grobe 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 torture enough for their pitiable souls.”

However, Bultmanis admitted that some good did come out of the Poetry Attack.

“I was pleased to see ‘Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening’ posted on my office door,” Bultmanis said. “I just love Robert Frost. Also, we no longer have to worry about the housing shortage.”

Smart-looking ape to serve on Grope Board

Adam Less
EDITOR IN CHEF

In an unanimous decision last Wednesday, the Grope College administration elected an intelligent-looking chimp to the Board of Trustees.

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Grove student disappointed in wait for Rush

Bob Mantra
Story editor

Fraternities and sororities have already made their selections, but until recently, one student, Craig Straka ('04), was still waiting around the DeSpitt Center for Rush.

"I've been here ever since I first heard they were coming, but man, it's been a long time," Straka said.

Decked out in the band's paraphernalia, the die-hard fan has been around the DeSpitt Center for Rush. Bob Mantra phernalia, the die-hard fan has been hind their lyrics. I mean, Geddy Lee and Alex Lifeson are cool, too, but Neil Bultmanis. "I feel sorry for that young man. He had high hopes for Rush. Maybe we'll try to book them for a GSP concert after Golden Earring."

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

Bob Mantra

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The Ranchor is totally made up, in case you couldn't figure that out. These things never happened, though we think they should. All opinions represented in Ranchor stories represent that of the story's author.

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

Adrian Less
Editor in Chief

A Dungeons and Dragons Reality concert sponsored by the Minervan Fraternity will be held on April 22, but no multi-sided dice will be distributed.

Lewis Honeycutt ('01), 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 mult sided dice at the event.

"This campus needs to wake up and realize that Dungeons and Dragons goes on at Grope 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 Beavers of Ter/lack or a hoard of Necromancer-controlled skeleton warriors wouldn't be fun at all if they couldn't roll their dice," said Honeycutt.

The concert was intended to distribute information about Dungeons and Dragons to the campus, including Dungeon 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 Fireball and Mog-horran."

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 Mohalihan Wastelands 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 Magi: too powerful or an opportunity for a good encounter?"

The band, Fizban's Cloak, will be headlining the concert, a group composed of Minervian fraternity members and named after the single greatest quest ever.
April 4, 2001

**The Ranchor**

**Gropo calls for diversity in Nalgenes**

Bland Yourwady

There has been a strong concern on Gropo College campus for many years to work on the lack of diversity on campus. However, head of Multi-cultural life Bexie Presley has come up with a solution.

"In order to make Gropo College a more diverse place, we are not only asking, but demanding that Gropo 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 Bulimans, president of Gropo 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 Gropo surprisingly accepted Mr. Presley's demands, and minority water containers are on the rise at Gropo College.

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

This is the first time at Gropo College that an attempt to make our campus more diverse has actually worked.

Bland Yourwady

**Campus-wide email sent for Sacramento incident**

Bland Yourwady

On Sunday, April 1 in Sacramento, California a stranger looking man was seen walking through the streets late at night.

A campus-wide e-mail was sent to warn Gropo 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 Gropo College.

Gropo 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 Gropo 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 Gropo College community as well.

Due to the events in Sacramento, public safety is warning students to practice good judgement.

"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 Gropo College students this semester by Snow, warning students of situations that might be connected to the college.

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**Martin comments on street safety**

Fairy Ronalds

In an unprecedented display of gallorialsness, 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 oozy-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 Gropo'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.

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

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**Rare statue of pure evil reported missing**

Bob Mantra

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 scrunch mark on the same size and shape of the statue's base."

"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. Lie Y. Agrote in his back yard while digging a new well a year ago. He donated it to Gropo College to be studied.

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

Students Nessa Starnen ('02) and Paula Yvon ('01) have mysteriously left Gropo College over the last year without leaving a forwarding address.

"What boggles me is that several students have gone missing since it was donated."

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 roommates know that this is the right thing to do."

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

**Ranchor chips ahoy!**

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**Christian record label stripped for potty mouth**

Mad Deilia  PROTHONY MANAGER

Leviticus Records shocked the music world on Monday, April 2 when it announced that it would no longer support the recording career of Dave Durfee ('00), a Grope College alum.

"We believe that we have made the right decision on this issue," said Leviticus spokesman Herbert York. "We asked Dave's earlier music a lot, but lately we have been having creative differences about appropriate lyrics."

College officials have been supportive of the record companies decision.

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**Nothing happened on Tuesday, nobody surprised**

Un-eventful day will fade from memories by lunch

Mad Deilia  PROTHONY MANAGER

Nothing at all happened at Grope College this Tuesday. It was expected that something might happen, but this was wrong. "I'd do some homework and watched a piece of grass grow," said Donald Neep ('01). "At two o'clock it was three centimeters high."

"Mary Oberlain ('03) said that she just sat around in her dorm room and watched bad talk shows. Her roommate joined her for two hours and then left to count the bricks on the Dinmaw building.

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 of sausages, 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.

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**Jesus arrested**

Faniele Coughsky  QUORTEMAN WRITER

According to Sergeant Lahombina 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 Lahombina. "It turns out the man was Jesus."

The continuing investigation is not involving a darker skinned, middle-aged man who allegedly attacked a female on campus earlier this month, according to Lahombina.

"They believed I was the suspect because of my darker complexion and the fact I was wearing raggedy clothing," said Jesus. "Some people reported me wandering around the campus."

According to Jesus, he had been wandering the campus looking for people to talk to. He doesn't believe he was doing anything wrong.

"I have been arrested before, but this time it is nothing." Jesus.

Jesus was brought in for questioning this week.

"After questioning, Jesus was released," said Lahombina. "We made a mistake, we'll admit it. Jesus was understanding about the mistake: "I forgive them [for questioning me], but I would like to see if the attitude on Hope's campus change towards people of different ethnicities," said Jesus. "I would tell people not to be scared of people of different skin color and of those who buy their clothing at Goodwill instead of the Gap. Just be open to the differences in people."

**Spleen & Bird**

Do you think Star Trek Voyager is as good as the Next Generation?

"I like the Next Generation. I'll never forget when Q made the Enterprise crew act out Robinhood." -Mocky Bear ('02)

"The prime directive tells me that I must watch Babylon 5. I have lived my life around the prime directive. I also eat live fish." -Elton Trevalis ('01)

"Neither of them could be as good as the original. Captain Kirk looks much better in a uniform than Janeway." -Abe "Wonker" Dixon ('04)

"At night I like to dress up as a member of the Borg continuum and tell: Seven of Nine that she must be assimilated." -Herbert Berman ('01)

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Staff diversity training considers privilege

Megan Krigbaum / The Anchor

During winter break, staff members at Hope participated in a daylong staff diversity training session. The facilitator for the session was Carlos Cortes, a professor of history from the University of California, Riverside. He is a well-known speaker and author on the subject of diversity, especially in the media.

"The diversity training was a piece of advice given to us that we should take it seriously and take it all the way," Poythress said. Although attendance was not mandatory, all staff were strongly encouraged to participate. Kysha Frazier, career counselor, found that the training "provided awareness of the larger issues in society, and more specifically to the president for minority participation. Poythress described the training as an opportunity for staff to look at the changing face of reality by causing individuals to look at the world and society from a different perspective."

"Rather than being a 'guilt trip' for participants, it was the opposite of that by providing a new way of looking at diversity," Poythress said. At the end of the training session, 56 percent of the European American students surveyed agreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "I don't feel that there was discrimination by faculty and staff."

"To be honest, this is not, in reality, a phenomenon that European Americans and people of color vary in their responses to some of the statements. It's perception and experience," Poythress said. Hope's student population is approximately 95 percent European American and five percent people of color. Faculty and staff were not invited to participate in their survey, but were directly sent the survey via e-mail with the expectation of completion.

"We are currently looking at the data from the faculty and staff and are trying to pull together the information," Poythress said. The questions on the faculty and staff survey were similar to those of the students, but were slightly altered because of the difference in population. Faculty and staff questions were more specific in breaking down the topic of diversity, as well as in identification-type employer/employee questions, such as part-time or full-time and years of employment, whereas the student survey only used graduating class and race as identification points.

"From the preliminary review of the data, I'm optimistic about the feedback. However, I do realize that there is work for us to do," Poythress said. Poythress commented that colleges and universities around the country are going through a similar process of surveying students, faculty and staff about diversity.

"What we aren't unique. We're late getting on the topic, but we're moving at a pretty good pace with regards to dealing with the issue. We've caught up and are moving ahead, and passing some colleges. Some have not even surveyed their student body or entire faculty and staff. This is the first time that we have done this," Poythress said. Poythress expressed difficulty in presenting the gathered data to the entire campus. Although Poythress realizes the importance of communicating the survey results, a proper forum has not yet been realized. The possibility of presenting at chapel has been suggested, but would provide too limited an audience rather than reach the entire campus. The website will help to inform more students of the findings.

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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 $1000 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 first heard about the Michigan Honey Queen pageant when she worked for a beekeeper.

"I thought it would be fun to do and represent the beekeeper, and to have a chance to earn some scholarship money," Wilkinson said.

To prepare for the Michigan Honey Queen pageant, Wilkinson researched all aspects of honey, bees, and beekeeping, and interviewed numerous beekeepers. She will be traveling to Savannah, GA in January 2002 to compete for the title of American Honey Queen.

Although Jodi Kurtze ('01) has won nine pageants since she starting competing at the age of 18, she does not see herself as a beauty queen.

"It's a job, a year of service," Kurtze said. "You need to be a well-rounded individual."

As runner-up for Miss Indiana, Wilkinson traveled to the Miss America pageant this past October.

Technically classified as a scholarship pageant, the Miss America Foundation gives out more than $300 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 competitions 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 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 prosecuted Winnie the Pooh for mistreating honey bees.

Kurtze considers the interview sectors 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 pageant participants be able to connect with other people.

"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."

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.

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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 at 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 men 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 freshmen. 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 31 teams. Last year's team finished nationals in sixth place.

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

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 freshmen year. Boss defeated Senior Jen Taylor of Wheaton (1.2) (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 Slaght ('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 off a variation of Boss, DeHaan, Slagh, Ian Kobes ('03), Chris Dattels ('01), Scott Vroegindewey ('01), and Chris Hamstra ('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 swimmers and divers in the men's and women's programs achieving All-American honors.

Applications to be OA's are available at the student Union Desk, located in the heart of DeWitt.

There's still time to be part of the fun!

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

Baseball from 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) homerun was his third on the season. Others with homers in the game were Justin Kribs ('04), Kenny Papas ('03), and Casey Glass ('03). The teams record sits at 6-1-0 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.

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