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Peace Corps presents an after-college option

Anjey Dykhuis
Correspondent

Joining the army can be a two-year commitment filled with grueling exercise, hard work, and sometimes significant changes in scenery that hold potential danger. However, it can also be a rewarding experience, look good on a resume, and help students get through grad school. These circumstances are not exclusive to the army, though. The Peace Corps also offers these opportunities to anyone. But the positive notes are not the only shared consequences of joining the Peace Corps or army or another federal agency. Depending on where a Peace Corps volunteer is stationed, their situation can be just as dangerous or unknown as a soldier seeing action.

Although Hope College is not a large college compared to some public schools, it has sent many students to the Peace Corps, since the Corps' founding in 1961, not including this year's applicants. Peace Corps volunteers go to any of 70 countries around the world including the U.S. The countries let Peace Corps know what they need volunteers for and the Corps provides them.

And they're not just volunteers—aирfare is covered and a monthly stipend covers housing, food, and incidentals. Volunteers receive basic health insurance and $6075 at the end of 27 months of service. Every placement is in one of six categories: health education, business, community development, environmental education, agriculture. Besides fulfilling a desire to help others, the Peace Corps offers other benefits to volunteers. Often the expectations of a person are much higher than at an entry-level position out of college for after he or she gets out of the Peace Corps. On many occasions, people come back with fluency in another language—even some countries are English-speaking.

And the Peace Corps gets people into a hands-on experience with international work. If someone wants to continue in an international line of work, he may make some valuable contacts during his time in the Peace Corps. Even more benefits can come out through the relationships that form alongside students, even children gathered in the Pine Grove for the peace vigil on Sunday evening.

Students respond to war

Debate on campus over right, wrong and politics

Katie Taylor
Sports Staff Reporter

Colorful sidewalk chalk messages around campus this week reflect the wide range of feelings on war held by Hope students. If you look down as you head to class, on one slab of cement one will see “Support Our Country.” Walk a few more feet and one will see a call to attend a peace vigil. These chalk writings have two very different messages, but then again, opinions on war are conflicting. The expressions in pastel-colored sidewalk chalk show that not only do students disagree on the subject, but they feel strongly enough either way to make it known.

For example, there are four students of four who want to make their opinions known, two in support of the war and two against. Two are Republicans, one is a Democrat, and one isn’t affiliated with any political party. Though they have these differences, interviews with each student make it clear that they share at least one thing in common: a passion for their country’s current situation in Iraq.

Laura Shaw (’06) seemed reluctant at first to talk about the war. She sat with her arms folded and her legs tucked closely to her body. Her eyes were distant as her mind undeniably drifted to Iraq—where she has two friends fighting. Gabriel Wise (’06) and Tom Grover (’03). Shaw said knowing these soldiers is part of the reason why she opposes the war.

“I don’t think they should be risking their own lives or be made to kill other innocent people,” Shaw explained.

In her opinion, President George W. Bush is going about things the wrong way. Shaw, a Democrat, admitted to being “really pissed off” when she learned of the Bush administration’s decision because doing so was playing right into Saddam Hussein’s plan. She bases her reasoning more on the reasoning...

Alongside students, even children gathered in the Pine Grove for the peace vigil on Sunday evening.

April Fool’s! It’s the Rancher!

Virtual reality debate

Kurt Koehler
Correspondent

Grand Theft Auto 3, Doom, Mortal Kombat, Resident Evil, Quake. These video games are the “poster children” for violent video games, and the debate that has arisen over whether violent video games influence real violent acts. That debate arrived at Hope College on March 25 in the form of a debate between Miami attorney Jack Thompson and Rolling Stone editor David Kushner.

Thompson argued that violent video games are a contributing factor in some “copycat” violent acts that appear to be based on certain games. He has represented the families of victims of such crimes in court against the video game industry, dedicating himself to putting “a milestone around the necks of people that know the harm the game adults products to children.”

I’ve got two parents in Ohio who’s daughter is dead, they believe and I believe, because that game trained a boy to kill somebody with a baseball bat, which it did, with no history of this type of violence,” Thompson said.

“I can be argued, and this is all that we would have to show to a more GAMES on 2
Subjectivity and objectivity

Over spring break, I visited two of the law schools I was accepted to this fall, ending my four-month search for law school admission. This puts me in a unique position to comment on recent controversies surrounding that process. The case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court concerning admission standards at the University of Michigan law school raises important questions. One is how important is diversity in an educational setting and how far should a school go to achieve it?

Advocates for U-M's practices say diversity is certainly a key element of any quality education setting and that it must be taken into account in the admission process. Opponents argue that admission to any school should be decided based on merit alone. Both sides have valid points. Diversity is important in any learning setting, and especially one based primarily on the Socratic method. At the same time, the quest for diversity may not become discriminatory by employing quotas and other systems placing more importance on it than other more important indicators of an applicant's qualifications. To do so, many say, would introduce subjectivity into the admissions process.

However, this controversy obscures the real issue. That is, what is merit anyway? Most would cite GPAs and LSAT scores as examples of merit. The problem with this is that GPAs mean different things depending on the college they were earned at and even on what departments an institution the students were earned in. That leaves the LSAT, which is just a one-time measure of ability in certain areas, and may have lower abnormality. Both of these measures are unquestionably subjective in nature. Personal statements are also cited as examples of merit but amount to just one example of a student's writing abilities. Certainly, some measures are more subjective than others. The GPA and LSAT scores may be less subjective than a student's home state, faith, or race, but that doesn't remove their subjectivity. The fact is that U-M's admissions system is not the only one that uses subjective measures. A true objective admissions system will not be achieved without new uniform yet accurate standards for measuring ability and merit.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

For the past two weeks, Coalition forces have been fighting in Iraq, targeting Baghdad and Saddam's elite Republican Guard.

Days 1-11 — These days mainly contained high amounts of air campaigns over Iraq with Coalition forces testing their weapons and moving to where the Iraqi forces are located. Several border towns are taken by Coalition forces, including Um Qass. Several eastern Iraqi oil wells are set on fire.

Day 12-13 — A van of Iraqi women and children is shot, killing seven inside, for failing to stop at a checkpoint. This was followed by a mass shooting at the night. This event followed a car-bombing that killed 4 U.S. soldiers prompting increased checkpoint security. Coalition forces are but 50 miles from Baghdad. 8,000 precision bombs have been dropped by Coalition forces in the past 13 days. 3,000 U.S. Marines have been fired in the past one week. Although, Geraldine Rivera and Peter Arnett are let go from their newspaper companies for divulging troop locations and degrading Coalition strategies, respectively. Arnett was quickly hired by CNN. Al Jazeera and Russia Today are being careful to avoid commenting. Both have been accused of being pro Hussein issues. The airstrike did not pass the above. secrecy in the conflict against the inroads. Street fighting takes place between Coalition forces and the Iraqi forces. The Coalition forces are holding 8,000 Iraqi prisoners of war and have suffered 37 casualties as of tonight. They crossed the Tigris river early this morning and are advancing towards Baghdad.

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between Peace Corps workers and the people of the community. Schools, children, and buildings have all been named after volunteers throughout various countries.

Also, a benefit of joining the Peace Corps is it's a great place to be during a time when the job market is less than stellar. Everything is paid for. You have no financial obligations, said Scott Roskelley, public affairs officer at Hope Democrats. "A little bit of money on a place where people come home with a new perspective about the world, about what things are and are not important in life, and about the United States."

The downside? For every benefit, there is a downside. That is, for every month a worker is gone, they must be away from their families, friends, and often, comfort zones. Cultures vary greatly from country to country, especially going from the U.S. to a Third World country. Workers must balance the sacrifice with the comfort for their desire to help others.

"You're at risk the moment you get out of bed in the morning. The Peace Corps workers are being hit on safety, monitors the situation in every country, and typically runs toward being overall (in the eyes of many) successful programs, moving volunteers, war victims, volunteering, etc. A person's greatest defense is his or her integration into U.S. society," Roskelley said.

Currently Hope is home to eight of the newest Peace Corps applicants (03) has already received his assignment and is ready to leave for Mauritania, in West Africa. "I look forward to continuing to use my French experience and after spending time in Mali last year, I will be very happy to get back to Africa for a longer period of time," Guernsey said. "I hope that my work in the Peace Corps will benefit everyone and I think people I work with to help them to have a means to some way make life better and a bit easier for them. I myself as a way to provide a means, or a resource, to help the people I work with to connect to goals they had not realized or not been able to reach before."

Directions on how to apply for a position with the Peace Corps can be found on its website www.peacecorps.gov. But in brief, they are application, interviews, nomination, physical and personal screening, and placement. Peace Corps hopefuls should certainly consider Peace Corps as an after college option. With a liberal arts background like Hope provides and a love for recreation and a unique opportunity, the Peace Corps can find a place for anyone."
Contemporary Motions performs this weekend

Katie Taylor  Sstle \\
Contemporary Motions, Hope's resident professional dance company, has been busy planning its return to the Knickerbocker Stage. At 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, the group will bring back the magic of their dancing to loyal fans and hopefully attract new ones. "This is history in your backyard," said Julio Rivera, the company's artistic director. "It is a world coming to you, presented with great enthusiasm and dedication. Come let us dance fly you to a world where the imagination only used to go."

This year's program proudly re-introduces old favorites and revised works, as well as world and company premieres. The show has been rehearsed and prepared in both Holland and New York City, where Contemporary Motions is based. Though this season's production includes dances that will be familiar to those who have attended a performance in the past, each one has been given new voice through either transposing new choreographers or recent additions to the company. For example, veteran member Alicia Diaz will dance again this year in "La Orilla," a duet with Matthew Thornton. However, the work now boasts a fresh opening piece done in an aquatic environment. Rivera also has a new adaptation to his work, "Forever Without End... As It Was." The dance now has a different ending and title, "Origin Cycle."

Other returning pieces include "Ghost Birds," "Ethere," "Cold," and "Yukininu." "Ghost Birds" features a female trio that includes a 2001 Hope graduate, Kelly Buwalda. Diaz's solo "Yukininu" was first performed at Hope during the company's 15th anniversary season and has been called "haunting and riveting." However acclaimed these veteran works may be, perhaps the excitement for this season's show lies in the debuts of fresh dances. Contemporary Motions is presenting the choreographic work of Erica Nelson. She will perform solo to music that she composed in collaboration with her husband, Yorel Lashley.

In the twelve years that Contemporary Motions has been in residency at Hope, the company has built a solid reputation as appealing to fans of modern dance, jazz and classical ballet. "Contemporary Motions is part of the dance explosion in West Michigan, part of the vision of the dance department at Hope College," Rivera said. However, as a company out of New York City, the group has reached far beyond audiences in the Holland area. They have been presented all throughout the United States as well as Canada. This coming year, the company will perform in Mexico and Puerto Rico through Hope's exchange program.

Rivera is not only the artistic director, but also founded Contemporary Motions in 1996. His work is heavily influenced by the Horton modern dance technique, which has been described as "uniquely American." Even so, Rivera has further developed Horton's techniques by enhancing it with his own ideas and experiences. It is predicted by fans of the dance performance that one day, this style will be known as the Rivera contemporary dance technique.

Rivera's company is composed of four to six accomplished dancers. Over the years, these dancers, representing Contemporary Motions, have been invited to perform at many prestigious festivals and exposions. But this Friday, Hope will have the pleasure of welcoming the dancers of Contemporary Motions back to Eighth Street. Tickets will be for sale at the door at a cost of $7 for regular adult admission and $5 for students, seniors and children.

Senior art projects ahead

Maureen Yorovitz  Arts Editor

"Twenty-five cent portraits: three weeks to homelessness" is the title and Hope's annual senior art show is the event. The exhibit, located in DePree Gallery, will be open to the public on Friday with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The show will continue to run through May 4.

From the creation of the artwork itself to its hanging on the DePree Gallery walls, the senior art show is completely run by the students. One thing all the student artists must do is write an artist's statement. "We decided to do our (artists' statements) on junky pieces of cardboard to go with our theme," said Travis Beagle ('03). "It's more of a venue for discussion about it....kind of like a critique—a joint decision," said Arianna Baker ('03), one of the show's student jurors.

Art such as this, along with other creative art forms, may be seen at the senior art show, opening Friday.

Conductor-less Chamber Orchestra wraps up the season

Glenn Lester  Staff Reporter

Take 16 world-class musicians, subtract the conductor, and let simmer in Dimnent Chapel: An instant Great Performance from the conductor, and let simmer in Dimnent Chamber: An instant Great Performance from the conductor. The sixteen-piece orchestra plays Beethoven's string quartet in B-flat major, Op. 130.

"They're one of the best chamber orchestras in Sweden and in the world," Derek Emerson, Arts Coordinator said. "They're one of the best chamber orchestras in Sweden and in the world," Emerson said.

"With a larger orchestra, they'll have to do the Beethoven a little differently," Emerson said.

Camerata Sweden has recorded 10 CDs, and both their performances and recordings receive good reviews, according to Emerson. The New York Times has written about the group, saying, "There's elegance, bravura, triumphant collaboration."

Hope College usually can't afford a large ensemble such as Camerata Sweden, according to Emerson. Hope is working with the Fontana Arts Society of Kalamazoo to bring the chamber orchestra to West Michigan. Camerata Sweden will perform a different program in Kalamazoo on the day before the Hope performance.

"It's a unique thing to get a group like this in," Emerson said. "I think the program will have a little bit for everyone."

Additional information about Camerata Sweden may be obtained online by visiting www.13.calypso.net/lanamsuken or the Great Performance Series Web site at www.hope.edu/arts.

Camerata Sweden is year's final GPS event

Julio Rivera, assistant professor of dance, performs in the Contemporary Motions piece "Cold." This weekend's performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday at The Knick.

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Slogans alone cannot fix the divide in America

"Drop Bush, Not Bombs," "Peace is Earned and Defended: Support Our Troops," "No War in Iraq."

In the past months, these slogans and more like them have spoken for both sides of the fence in this argument. I am tired of it; I don't want to hear it anymore.

Since America has been at war in Iraq, conversations about the situation have fallen short of being meaningful. Both camps could go on for hours with people who share the same viewpoint, but when it comes to arguing war/no war with the other camp, not much happens.

The past few weeks, I have noticed a disturbing trend involving discussions about the war or politics in general. Discussions have been limited to simply reciting the slogans and garbage that has been shoved down our throats and completely discounting any other person's opinion. I will admit to being just as guilty as anyone else of this charge, it is just human nature. But now is the time to stop.

The war has created a divide in America, and this divide will never be healed without proper discussion with all parties involved. Unless we will be willing to speak our minds and listen while others speak theirs, no progress will come. This means the simple slogan shouting must stop. I will be the first to make a promise to correct this problem. To paraphrase a good friend, "I will continue to talk about the war, but my conversations will be meaningful." I will do more than repeat over and over that there should be "No War." I will support my decisions and opinions with facts. This is the only way that we can really go anywhere as a country.

Nothing hurts more than seeing this college community and, indeed, the entire nation being divided in such a time of turmoil. I would like to challenge the college community to make the same pledge I have, to have meaningful conversation to perhaps increase the understanding all around.

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A season to remember

**Women’s basketball makes Elite Eight**

Tyler Danek

The Hope College women’s basketball team has been red hot in the past several seasons. Coach Brian Morehouse’s Flying Dutch have been to the playoffs five out of the last seven years and this season was no exception.

This season’s senior laden lineup had an incredible season and NCAA post season. The 2003 team used a school record 28-win season to build momentum for the playoffs.

The Flying Dutch lineup featured six seniors that have dominated the conference. The graduating class of Flying Dutch play the senior leadership was obvious as the season marked the end of the road for a four-year streak. Although the seniors could not leave on a winning note, their achievements cannot be overshadowed. Including the three straight NCAA tournament appearances, the seniors ended their four years with an outstanding 113-12 overall record.

The seniors that have dominated the conference.

No. Players Year Ht. Pos. Hometown High School (Coach)
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4  Megan Noll  Fr. 5-8 G Lake Orion, Mich. Lake Orion (Steve Roberts)
5  *Kelly Taylor  Fr. 5-8 G Holland, Mich. Holland (Steve Taylor)
12  Bria Ebels  Fr. 5-8 G Lake Orion, Mich. Lake Orion (Steve Roberts)
15  *Kathi Grotendhuis  Sr. 5-6 G Harrison, Mich. Harrison (Peter Mantyla)
21  Ashley Fieawman  So. 5-5 G Muskegon, Mich. Muskegon (Steve Roberts)
22  *Amy Baltmanis  Sr. 5-8 G Paw Paw, Mich. Paw Paw (Rick Mitchell)
23  Jennifer Layne  Fr. 5-10 G Comstock, Mich. Comstock (Steve Morford)
32  *Melissa Cebert  Sr. 5-8 G Holland, Mich. Holland (Mark Werley)
33  Linda Ebels  Fr. 6-1 F Falmouth, Mich. Falmouth (Dan Woehl)
34  *Kathi Grotendhuis  Sr. 5-10 F Zeeland, Mich. Zeeland (Carl Loveng)
35  Colleen Corey  Sr. 5-10 F Jenison, Mich. Jenison (Dave Chmowski)
41  Amanda Kerkstra  Sr. 6-1 C Grandville, Mich. Grandville (John Kraner)
42  *Lauren Jensen  Sr. 5-10 F Grandville, Mich. Grandville (John Kraner)
44  Gracie Kamps  So. 6-0 C Hudsonville, Mich. Hudsonville (Ken Kott)
45  *Adelyn Vilmann  So. 5-11 F Houghton, Mich. Houghton (Julie Fillip)

**RETURNING LETTERWINNER**

**What does it mean?**

**The positions**

- G — guard
- F — forward
- C — center

**RETURNING LETTERWINNER**

**VARSITY**

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

Brian Morehouse

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Amanda Kerkstra

**ALL-MIAA FIRST TEAM**

Amy Baltmanis ('03)

Amanda Kerkstra ('03)

**ALL-MIAA SECOND TEAM**

Colleen Corey ('03)

**COACHES’ HONORABLE MENTION**

Kathi Grotendhuis

2002-03 Players of the Week Honor Roll

Week #2 - Amy Baltmanis ('03)

Week #5 - Katie Nienhuis ('03)

Week #8 - Shelly Ufflig, Alma and Amanda Kerkstra ('03)

Week #14 - Amanda Kerkstra ('03)

Week #15 - Amanda Kerkstra ('03)

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A season to remember

Women’s basketball makes Elite Eight

Flying Dutch charged into the post season. As the playoffs began Hope College was rolling after beating conference rival Alma College in the championship of the league tournament. The win was the third victory over Alma on the season, and bad Hope anxiously awaiting the playoffs.

Playing games as far away as Pennsylvania, the Flying Dutch played well in the NCAA tournament winning their first three games. Playing out of state against nationally ranked opponents was a tough challenge for Hope.

In the Elite Eight, sectional championship game of the tournament, the Flying Dutch season was ended with a tough loss to Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The season marked the end of the road for the six seniors: Amy Baltmanis, Colleen Corey, Melissa DeBoer, Kathi Grotendhuis, Amanda Kerkstra, and Katie Nienhuis.

Although the seniors could not leave on a winning note, their achievements cannot be overshadowed. Including the three straight appearances in the post season, the seniors ended their four years with an outstanding 113-12 overall record.

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A long, exciting ride

What a ride it has been.

We knew the second our previous basketball season ended that, with hard work in the off-season, our team had all the components to be extremely successful. With that in mind, we set our sights high, with a trio of significant team goals. And what were those three goals? To finish No. 1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), win the MIAA tournament, and finish No. 1 in the NCAA DIII tournament. We knew if we did not reach those goals we would be disappointed with ourselves. Fortunately our hard work in the off-season paid off—and we achieved all three.

Yes, our season was a wonderful success and something we'll all remember for life, especially the six seniors as we head into graduation time. The journey with the team throughout the season was filled with many great memories. Yeah, the season ended a little earlier than we had hoped, but that loss can't—and won't—detract from all the great memories that the 15 of us walk away with from a great year.

Beyond the good stuff that happened on the court, I feel that many of the best memories we'll take away from this will come from other great moments together. These kind of memories started early in my career here at Hope, when the team was fortunate enough to go on a basketball mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico. Not only did our friendships grow, so did our spiritual relationships with God and each other.

This season, we made two trips early on, to Iowa and Florida, and they helped to increase our team morale. It was great stuff—from the bus trips, to celebrating together after the games, to running the gauntlet and just taking turns keeping an eye on "Sterk." These are the kind of moments that many people wouldn't know about but that distinguish this team from any other I've played on. The chemistry was—and remains—unbelievable. The bond this team has is so strong that it was even evident to the fans at our games.

So, when it's all said and done, we may not have any more basketball to play together, especially for six of us this year, but we'll always have the friendships and memories. Yes, what a ride it's been.

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Van Wieren speaks about the team at the pre-tournament pep rally.

Glenn Van Wieren leads

20 years of coaching brings much joy

Dave Yetter

Sports Editor

Coach Glenn Van Wieren never imagined that he would end up coaching at the same school that he played for during his college years. "Those are dreams that you think can never come true," said Van Wieren, when asked about taking the job at Hope.

Fourteen MIAA Championships and sixteen Division III tournaments later, Van Wieren is still going strong and still loves the sport that he played when he was in school.

Glen Van Wieren finished his college career in 1964 among the top scorers in Hope basketball history and also as one of the most outstanding athletes that the school had ever seen. He was a four-year letterman in basketball and baseball and received three letters in cross country for a total of 11. He was also named to the MIAA All-Conference team all four years that he played.

After graduating college, Van Wieren taught and coached at Grand Haven High School until he jumped on at Hope as an assistant under his old coach Russ DeVette. DeVette had previously held the record for wins at Hope with 329 until Van Wieren broke that record. "It's a honor to play for an awesome coach and then become an assistant under that same coach who taught you the game," says Van Wieren about DeVette.

Van Wieren took over head coaching duties in 1977 and has never looked back. He has coached two teams (1983-84 and 1994-95) that have gone undefeated through the regular season, and his team finished second in the nation in 1996 and went to the quarterfinals in 1997. He was also named Coach of the Year in 1995 by the Basketball Times and by two other basketball coaching associations.

Although the 2002-2003 Flying Dutchmen were defeated in the first round of the tournament, Van Wieren was pleased with the team's 23-5 record and happy that the team reached its preseason goals. Hope has now had a winning team for the last 24 years and has won 15 or more games every year for the last 22 years. "This year, we wanted to win the league championship and the league tournament," Van Wieren said. "We also wanted to get into the NCAA tournament and have a chance to compete for a national championship. We accomplished all of our goals and I couldn't be more proud of our guys."

While at Hope, Van Wieren has coached more than basketball. A different time in his career, he has coached soccer, cross country, and baseball. While coaching has many rewards, Van Wieren, seems to get the most enjoyment out of just being with the kids. "I enjoy most about coaching is the people," Van Wieren said.

"Interacting with the players every day and getting to know the kids is the most special part for me. When asked how much longer he plans to coach at Hope, Van Wieren, who captured his 500th career win this year, making him the basketball coach with the most wins in school history, remains optimistic about the years to come. "I'd like to coach as long as I feel like I'm effective. I enjoy what I do and hope to coach for long time to come."

Van Wieren speaks about the team at the pre-tournament pep rally.
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‘Mi Amigo Jésus’ featured artist

Critically acclaimed rock band in religious concert series

Danbee Krlkees

Next in the schedule of big names at Dope College, the critically acclaimed, internationally known, platinum-album-selling band Mi Amigo Jesus will be performing at Dope’s own Dimmat Chapel. The main attraction of Mi Amigo Jesus is their lead singer and guitarist, Jesus Vasquez, best known for his hit sales “Take this Cup,” “It is finished,” “I Am Alive,” and his crucifixion and resurrection, which helped propel his career from virtual nothingness and despite to stardom. “We are so happy we were able to get Jesus here, I mean, he’s such a big name and all. It’s just amazing he agreed to come, but he said to me, ‘I don’t turn away from any one,’ so you see what a great guy he is as well as a great musician,” said Bernrie Jtruck (’05), the head of the Student Activities Committee that is bringing Jesus to campus.

Jesus is hitting Dope College on Saturday as one of many stops on his international tour for his brand new album “Don’t Build Your House in a Wadi.” For big fans, tickets are also available to the concert at Van Hannel Arena on Sunday. His band features such noted performers as St. Paul on drums, the Ethiopean Eunuch on bass, and Mary Magdalene and her daughter on back-ups. “I’ve got all these things that we’ve got the plan for Jesus to come,” said Dope student Joey Stalin (’08). “He’s my favorite singer, ever. The guy just says get your on, you can listen to his stuff all day and all night long. I can’t believe that 2,000 years ago, kids just like me were rockin’ to the big J.”

Tickets are available from the Ticketmaster, whose office is located in President Jimbo Balbutians’ garden. For students, tickets are 15 drachmas and for the public, tickets are 30 drachmas. The concert will take place in Dimwit Chapel at 9 p.m./10 p.m. and will also be broadcast on MacTV pay-per-view. There will be an after-party concert for students interested in meeting Jesus for an additional 45 drachmas. There are 15 spaces available for the 3 hour gathering. “The after-party is going to be a great chance for Jesus to really show off some new stuff and see how the public reacts. He tries to make his main body of fans fall into our age range, the teenagers and the twenties, so he’s really excited about meeting Dope students,” lazeres said.

Meanwhile, campus is frenzied preparing for Jesus’ arrival. All throughout the palm grove students were ringing down branches to lay before him as he rides in on his famous donkey, which belonged to Balam.

“I’m so excited to see Jesus. I’m his biggest fan. This is going to be the best night ever for Dope College,” said Giorgio Boosh (’02). “Jesus is really a great guy just never gets old, you can listen to him for over two millenia, and they’re still going strong. Although popular taste in music has changed, Mi Amigo Jesus has an eternal appeal.”

“I can’t wait for Jesus to come,” said Dope student Joey Stalin (’08). “He’s my favorite singer, ever. The guy just says get your on, you can listen to his stuff all day and all night long. I can’t believe that 2,000 years ago, kids just like me were rockin’ to the big J.”

Campus Boxers

Dope merges with Kalvin

Citing the rapidly increasing cost of running a college, long-time rivals Dope and Kalvin are planning to merge. The merger, the result of a successful hostile takeover bid by Dope College President Jimbo Balbutians, will result in the newly formed Dopevn Kollege.

Squeezing the difference in distance Dopevn will be located in Hudsonville, Michigan, roughly half way between the Dope and Kalvin campuses. The new athletic nickname for the school will be the flying Flemish knights of doom. Tuition for the school will be set at $10,000,000.00 per student.

Largest burger ever fried at Dope

Covering the length and width of seven football fields the burger brings new meaning to the word “supper” and for many student-aspiring chefs, a great chance for Jesus to really be the flying Flemish knights of doom. Tuition for the school will be set at $10,000,000.00 per student.

Giant cow terrorizes Liturgical Dance Marathon

Chet Champson

Woodward Fancier

Many Dope students like milk, but not during this year’s Liturgical Dance Marathon.

“Everything was going smoothly until, the giant cow came to life,” said a random pub-lic safety officer.

The cow was supposed to be the mascot for this year’s Liturgical Dance Marathon, where a group of Dope students attempt to dance the entire Bible in a 48-hour period.

“We were in the middle of dancing the names of Jebodiah’s sons when a giant moo-sound came from outside of Felps,” said Jessica VanVandervan (’06). According to authorities, the students responsible for the attack of the cow were Jim Vandyke (’03) and Peter Normand (’04). The two Dope students brought the cow to life with an elaborate ceremony involving Saran Wrap, a vegetable sacrifice and an army of garden gnomes. It is speculated that the students were attempting to preemptively end the Marathon, which they found boring.

“We think they started the ceremony sometime around the beginning of Numbers,” said Richard Snow, Mean of Students. “The spectacles got bored with watching the students dance the long lists of genealogy. After they went out for some fresh air they were shocked by the large amount of lambs on Dimwit Patio.”

Vandyke said the gnomes were used for little more than moral support. They claimed that two of the gnomes, Zantar and Hossiboff, were the brains of the operation. The cow had plenty of time to terrorize the students and squish on Dope campus more PREEMPTIVE on 10/30.
President to protect Dope

Gallstaff
Sponsor of story

There will be a new name in law enforcement at Dope College next year. Following a press conference on Friday, Dope College president Jimbo Bultmanis announced that he will be taking campus security into his own hands starting next fall to thwart a predicted increase in campus crime due to the revocation of Public Safety’s police powers at the end of the summer.

“I always had a childhood dream of being a police man, but it never happened,” Bultmanis said, “and now with Public Safety losing their powers, I finally can live out my dream under the guise of Bultmanism, crime fighting college president.”

Bultmanis will be seen next fall in orange and blue tights, bounding from building tops on campus looking for criminal acts to foil. He plans on putting an end to evildoers with an array of high-tech gadgetry.

“Of course, we will need to raise tuition by another four percent to afford my utility belt filled with things like Bultman-arrays and my sleek new crime fighting vehicles, but that is a small price to pay for the continued safety of Dope,” Bultmanis said.

The Dope knight will not be taking up the quest for a safer college alone. He will be joined by his trusty sidekick, Dick, the boy wonder. Together they will form the “Administrative duo.”

According to Bob Rex, director of Private Relations, crime is expected to fall with this change in the security force.

“It is true that we are losing virtually all the protection that Public Safety ever offered us, but campus felons will think twice with the new brand of vigilante justice being served by our president and protector,” Rex said.

Student reaction to the announcement has varied greatly.

“I will feel much safer with Bultmanisman around, watching over us from high above the walls of Dope,” said Joe Carcass (‘09). “I will get such a warm feeling when I see the Bult-signal shining like a beacon into the dark night for the first time.”

Some students are not as positive as Coddle about the situation though.

“How is Bultmanism going to protect us exactly? I mean, he doesn’t even have any superpowers,” said Bob Negative (‘04).

Dope College President Jimbo Bultmanis personally thanked Copeland, Andy Summers and Sting for their excellent work.

“At least it wasn’t so bad that we had to use ‘Every Breath You Take,’” said Sting.

The Police deal with approximately thirteen incidents such as what happened last Friday per year.

“Music is a powerful thing. Sometimes it gets out of control and people need a little classic rock to bring them back to their senses,” said The Police’s guitarist, Andy Summers.

The Christian Concert Series has fallen under and extensive review by Dope’s Task Force on Issues of Christian Concerts. Further concerts have been postponed until further notice.

PROTECTIN’ IT: President Jimbo Bultmanis, under his alter-ego of Bultmanisman, patrols a Dope College weenie roast in the Oak Grove.

Concert leads to riot

Police stop vandalism in its tracks

Bob Mantra
STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENT SPECIALIST

What began as a night of Christian music by the acclaimed Christian punk group “The Good Skamurian,” left three injured and almost $20 worth of damage to DimWitt Chapel last Friday. The evening started out on a good note, as the band opened their set with the Grammy-nominated hit “Jesus Loves You Loves Me Yeah!” As the night wore on, the energy refused to diminish. Things took a nasty turn after they performed the fan-favorite “David Schooled Goliathe” and an audience member voiced the desire to hear a certain Lynyrd Skynyrd song. The reaction of the fans was immediate. They began booing and making slightly disparaging comments about the offender’s mother.

Luckily, Dope College had taken preemptive security measures in anticipation of such an occurrence. The several students who were selected to be Event Staff immediately joined in the growing riot. The Public Safety officers present at the concert were unable to calm the crowd. The Police were called in after a number of pewers were flipped and the communion bread was set on fire.

It did not take The Police long to bring peace back to DimWitt. After only “Roxanne” and “Message in a Bottle,” the crowd had become docile. The Police continued with “Don’t Stand so Close to Me” and “Spirits in the Material World,” then sent everyone home.

“We got there in the nick of time,” commented The Police’s drummer, Stuart Copeland. “Any later and who knows what could have happened.”

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“Of course, we will need to make arrangements that would have to be made for Jim Jim’s stay, just to be prepared if he is selected by the Task Force.”

The decision is far from being made, but the Task Force has promised a final decision by the end of the month.

Chimp swings into Chaplain candidacy

Gallstaff
Sponsor of story

This May will see a big change in the Chapel program at Dope College. As of May 6, the Mean of the Chapel, Bob Fuschua, will be leaving his post to pursue a full-time teaching position at the Easter School of Godliness.

Fuschua is hugely popular among the Chapel-going students.

“I remember when Bob (Fuschua) first started here,” said Brian Johnson (‘02), “my friends and I were really excited to hear him, and I don’t know how Dope is going to replace such a wonderful chaplain.”

A last minute task force has been assembled just for this purpose, to find a satisfactory replacement for Fuschua. The group is called the “Dope College Task Force on Issues of Replacing the Distinguishing Mean of the Chapel,” and is headed by Dope College Amatuerovest, Alf Gonzo.

“We have a very difficult job ahead of us,” said Gonzo, “replacing Mr. Fuschua will not be an easy task. But I think we will be able to make a good choice with all of the candidates that have applied for the job.”

So far there are 25 applicants being reviewed by the Task Force. Chaplains from all around the country comprise the list of applicants.

Even at this early date, some speculate that the Task Force strongly favors Jim the chimpanzee.

“We are definitely considering Jim Jim for the position, as he would fit perfectly into our new plan to increase diversity on Dope’s campus,” Gonzo said.

Some students are excited yet concerned about Jim Jim’s possible coming to Dope.

“I have heard that Jim Jim’s sermons can be very powerful and moving, but I have heard other things too,” said Hans Viveliek (‘04), “I have heard that sometimes he gets angry at people sitting in the first couple rows and starts to screech and show his teeth, and that he has the reputation of flinging poo, and I just don’t have the time to change poo stained clothes between Chapel and my next class.”

Dope College president Jimbo Bultmanis is not as concerned about Jim Jim’s raucous reputation as some others are.

“Despite what some of his critics have said, Jim Jim is truly a monkey of God, and would serve excellently as the Mean of Chapel.”

Bultmanis said.

The Housing department is currently looking into any special arrangements that would have to be made for Jim Jim’s stay, just to be prepared if he is selected by the Task Force.

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Minervan fraternity accuses new frat of taking members

National group blamed for low number of pledges

Chet Champson

Winston-Salem Journal

Despite the success of last year’s preppie fall rush, the Minervan Fraternity is hurting for membership.

“We were ready for a great year,” said Lewis Honeycutt (‘01), Minervan fraternity president. “Despite numerous busts by the party patrol we managed to get strung out on Mountain Dew and battle the forces of evil almost every night. We had no idea that this year’s rush could go so badly.”

The Minervan Fraternity members only pledged two more pledges this year compared to the previous year. A rubber car tire, pet of Fred Mosely (’04), fraternity secretary and Hall-Oncer. The Minervans claim that they have more pledges if it wasn’t for the Sophies, the new national fraternity and role-playing party.

“The college had no right to approve a national fraternity against the will of the rest of the Greek community,” said Teddy Pinkerton (’02), fraternity member and dungeon master. “All of our potential new members went over to the national fraternity just because they play Third Edition. I’m so angry I could cast spirit rack on their president and torture him with eight hours of cantrips.”

In a formal letter to the Campus Life Board, the Minervans claimed that the new fraternity would disrupt Greek activities and was obviously a ploy by the administration to prevent a rival D&D group.

“President Bultmanis is just angry because he’s not allowed to play Dungeons and Dragons with us anymore,” Pinkerton said. “His Halfling psionicist wouldn’t have set off that fireball in the middle of camp, requiring his Halfling psionicist wouldn’t have set off that fireball in the middle of camp, requiring...”

Jimbo Bultmanis, Dope College President, refused to comment on Minervan allegations, but did say that the Sophies were a bunch of “slanderous role-playing regimen master. “All of our potential new members were a bunch of ‘dungeons and dragons players were ready for a change. The Minervans are still using First and Second Edition. I mean, those rules are so middle school.”

To complicate matters, there have been other ideas for role-playing slogans such as, “You roll dice like a Halfling,” and “The Minervans regained Fizban’s Cloak of Feather Fall, what have the Sophies done?”, were written on the Sophian house sometime Monday night. The Minervans claim that any group of Dungeons and Dragons players could be responsible for the writing and that it wouldn’t be fair to assume that they were responsible. “The Minervan Fraternity would never commit that kind of vandalism. What the college doesn’t understand is that our organization is a very important part of the college history,” Honeycutt said. “Our members have been keeping Dope safe from Ogres and Giants since the late seventies. The Sophians have no respect for tradition. They can thank you just give a +5 holy avenger to any Paladin, but they still have to EARN that sword.”

“We would like to assure the Dope community that we are trying our best to be a responsible new group on campus,” Lori said. “The allegation that we freely give our powerful vorpal swords is just as absurd as the allegation that we had to cast a level 13 compulsion spell for our group to be accepted here.”

Name of Reefer cottage “outdated”

Bob Mantra

Student Commissioner

An issue that has been on the back burner for years has finally been dealt with. Dope College’s Bored of Trustees voted on Tuesday in favor of renaming Reefer Cottage.

“The cottage, located on 541st Street, was named for the late Dope Alumni John Reefer (‘42) who donated several thousand dollars to the college, a business tycoon, was honored by having his name applied to a new residence in 1955. Reefer Cottage next year, but planning on applying to live in Reever Cottage next year, but changed his mind after the decision to rename it was announced. “One’s idea was good as the other, though, I mean, there’s nothing special about a house called ‘Reever,’ now is there?”

There has been no consensus as to what the new name will be.

“Actually, we’re hoping someone will donate a whole slew of money, so we can name the cottage after person. Unless their name is Joe Opium or something silly like that,” Mysterious Figure number 1, Head of the Bored of Trustees, “I mean, it’s so outdated anyway.”

“It’s a good name,” said TJ Hershelshliemer (’04). "TJ was just because the winds, the streets, this is a great thing to do for them. They really need this,” said Pieter Vandenbroucke (’94).

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Just because they’re not fully evolved doesn’t mean we shouldn’t help them, too.

— Dr. Mooka Padilla, chair of the Cleanliness department

Dance College sponsors gorilla wash

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Jumpkicks banned in IM Slamball

Officials cite a number of deaths

Bob Mantra
Embedded Journalist

After much controversy, the directors of Dope College’s Intramural sports unanimously decided to ban the use of jumpkicks in Intramural Slamball. This move came after the fourth jumpkick-related death since the sport was introduced last semester.

Victor Agaguemozokota (’06), was the latest victim of the now-illegal jumpkick. Several other students witnessed the event over the weekend. Paramedics arrived on the scene within minutes and pronounced Victor dead at 11:56 pm. They also treated a bystander who had fainted at the site of the body.

“It was just a regular game. Nothing special about it. Not a grudge match, not a cage match. Not the finals,” said witness Ryan Seville (’05). “I didn’t know the human body could take that form before being broken. It’s too bad really. I mean, it happened on a weekend.”

“I just can’t believe they let it get this far,” said April Rvdre (’04). “Slamball is such an Xtreme sport. I’m surprised they haven’t toned it down further.”

While Intramural Slamball might be dangerous, it is safer than professional Slamball. Other illegal moves that are legal in professional Slamball include the use of foreign objects, power bombs and the dreaded “Clyde Maneuver.”

Not all students share the view that Slamball is excessively violent. “Slamball is all about tactics. How are you going to evade your opponent? How are you going to stop your opponent?” Seville said. “The jumpkick was my signature move that I used all the time. Banning it almost ruins Slamball for me. Slamball is my second favorite IM-sport, second only to IM War.”

Incense fire ignites Colleen

Chet Champson
Wandering Ranger

Jeremy Beeman (’06) barely escaped with his life after his room in Colleen caught on fire last Thursday.

The Holland fire chief determined that the fire was caused by a stick of incense that was burning on the dresser.

“It was really scary,” Beeman said. “I woke up because I was having trouble breathing from all the smoke. I noticed that my whole room was up in flames and the fire alarm was going off. I don’t even remember fleeing my room.”

According to police, the fire started around 10:30 p.m., half an hour after Beeman lit a stick of incense.

“This is exactly why we do not allow students to burn incense,” said Nelly Wesser-Berce, Assistant Dean of Something about Housing. “This has been the first instance of this since we lost VanRaalte hall to an incense fire in 1980.”

“I knew it was against college policy,” Beeman said. “I just didn’t think that incense could start a fire. I just wanted my room to stop smelling like my roommates’ dirty socks.”

According to Beeman’s statement, he lit the incense at 10:00 p.m. At 10:05 Beeman and one of his friends said that they joked about starting incense fires. Following this, Beeman and his friend tried to use the incense to light a stack of old, dry Ranchors. They were unsuccessful. At 10:30 Beeman said he spread gasoline all over the carpet and dropped the incense but his attempts again failed. At 10:28 Beeman gave up and climbed into bed.

Officers speculate that when Beeman got in his bed, he knocked his TV on the floor, and the result was an incense fire in 1980.”

Despite the fact that only four incense fires have been reported since Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden, Dope will be holding Incense Awareness week next week. Some of the speeches scheduled are, “Sandalwood and Satan both start with S” and “I miss my eyebrows.”

Offensive ad run in Ranchor

Students upset over portrayal of clowns

Galstaff
Sorcerer or user

There has been much uproar in the campus community over an advertisement that ran in the campus community over the weekend. The advertisement features a large clown community at Dope.

“I have an uncle that was a clown, and he didn’t wear big shoes. This advertisement makes the assumption that all clowns have big feet, and that just isn’t true,” said a random student (’06). “The assumption is offensive.”

Other students feel that there is nothing wrong with the advertisement.

“It was clearly all in jest,” said Nigel Winston (’04). “It made me laugh thinking of those big, oversized shoes. Well played clowns!”

Because of the conflicting opinions, Dope has started a series of talks aimed to increase clown awareness on campus.

The College is also investigating the publication policy of the Ranchor, also citing a similar situation last semester involving a picture of a cat clinging to a tree branch with the text, “Hang in there!”

Weather Report

With the Dope College Theater Department’s presentation of “The Allan Parsons Project,” the College has incurred the wrath of the Lord. Here is what you can expect from the weather in the coming week.

Wednesday: It’s raining men!

Thursday: A swarm of locusts will overtake campus.

Friday: A deluge of frogs.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 72.

Sunday: Let’s put it this way, if your first born is missing, don’t be surprised...

Monday: Richard Simmons will take over the broadcast on all the TVs on campus.

Tuesday: All water on campus will turn to blood.

Don’t bother! Don’t bother! Don’t bother!

Mean & Nerd

What do you think next year’s tuition raise should be applied to?

“A high-speed mass transit system through the middle of campus.” —Billy Borkus (’04)

“Whatsoever my flawless administrators think it should be used for. I’m not here to think, just to do as I’m told.” —Nancy Mombu (’01)

“Mudwrestling every Thursday in the Klutz.” —Borgo the Destroyer (’04)

“A big foam finger that says #1 Dope student for all students.” —Wendell T. Jenkins III (’01)

“A Task Force on Issues of Reducing Our Tuition for the Next Year.” —Archibald “Big Poppa” Tudor (’02)
Dutchmen to 500th victory

Van Wieren holds the basketball net to be cut at the pep rally.

Van Wieren uses valuable seconds during a time out to make plans.

Junior varsity basketball team was coached by Van Wieren.
Men's season ends early in tournament

Erin Riley
Senior Staff Reporter

The year was certainly one to remember and one to be proud of. Though disappointed by their 84-77 loss to the Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans at the NCAA National Division III tournament, simply playing there had accomplished a goal the team set for themselves during off-season training. "We had hopes to go farther but overall it was a very successful season, one that was a lot of fun," said returning letter winner Greg Immink, ('05).

After capturing the conference title and winning the conference tournament, the Dutchmen ended their season with an impressive 23-5 record scattered with All-MIAA team selections, a MVP, and a milestone victory for Hope's Coach Van Wieren.

"We had a great year. We set a lot of high goals, we fulfilled a lot of them, and getting coach's 500th win was one of them," said Hope's captain, Chad Carlson, ('03). Under Coach Van Wieren, the Flying Dutchmen stand in its 24th consecutive winning season with a record of 500-173. "Our coaches are great guys to play for. They would do anything for us players, on and off the court," said Andy Phillips, ('06).

The team knew that expectations were high, and the goals were higher. With teammates constantly raising the bar for one another, they entered the season ready to win and planning to take it all. "Seniors were great at showing us what was needed at each practice in order to win," said Phillips. "As for the future we are not going to lower the bar at all, we'd like to progress farther."

The team was a strong force with a core group of six seniors leading the pack. Next year the shoes will be big ones to fill, but plenty of men are ready to step up to the challenge.

"They [the seniors] brought intensity to every practice. As returning players we need to keep up that example," said Phillips. The remaining players have already begun to focus on training for the next season. During the summer, they will participate in Holland recreational ball competing against semi-pro competition as well as teams from Cornerstone, Calvin, and Grand Valley. "It's a never-ending thing, playing a college sport," said Immink. "We're looking forward to next year and are excited to have the opportunity to get out there and compete again."

Don Overbeek ('03) dunks the ball to the dismay of Calvin players.

Greg Immink ('05) goes for a shot against a Calvin defender.

Above: Chad Carlson ('03) looks for an opening. Right: Mike Vanhekken (06) prepares to pass the ball to a fellow teammate.

All-MIAA Teams

First Team
Don Overbeek ('03)

Second Team
Chad Carlson ('03)
Jeff Carlton ('06)
Greg Immink ('05)

Most Valuable Player
Don Overbeek ('03)

VARITY

No. Players Year Ht. Wt. Pos. Hometown High School (Coach)
4 Matt Taylor Jr. 5-10 173 G Pinckney, Mich. Pinckney (Terry Trumbull)
10 *Dane Griffith (Harvey)
12 Jack Klander So. 6-0 165 G Hopkins, Mich. Hopkins (Mike Ryderson)
14 *Greg Immink So. 5-11 175 G Hudsonville, Mich. Hudsonville (Kevin Wolma)
20 Jeff Carlson Fr. 6-4 170 G Holland, Mich. Holland (Mark Werley)
22 *Charlie Kleinheksel Sr. 6-2 180 G Zeeland, Mich. Zeeland (Mickey Cochran)
24 Chad Carlson Sr. 6-3 175 GF Holland, Mich. Holland (Mark Werley)
30 Andy Phillips Fr. 6-6 185 G White Pigeon, Mich. Sturgis (Tim Miller)
32 *Mike Vanhekken Sr. 6-3 178 G Holland, Mich. Holland (Mark Werley)
34 *Josh Bauman Sr. 6-9 215 F Manistee, Mich. Manistee (Doug Schlaff)
40 *Travis Spinnan So. 6-3 237 F Allegan, Mich. Allegan (Dave Ingles)
42 *Kyle Kiefer So. 6-5 190 F Alto, Mich. Caledonia (Kevin Wolma)
44 Cody Fleming Sr. 6-6 200 F Ames, Iowa Gilbert (Dave Squires)
50 Jason Meier Jr. 6-1 165 G St. Joseph, Mich. St. Joseph (Gregg Schneffer)
54 *Don Overbeek Sr. 6-9 240 C Wyoming, Mich. Calvin Christian (Ryan Stevens)

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Campus bursts with verse

Ridl's poetry blitz still going strong after four years at Hope

Anjev Dykhuis

April Fool's, professor of English, and his creation — three classes have traversed campus in the dead of night on Monday and walked up, tapped down, and spread out poems for the whole Hope community to discover on waking up on Tuesday.

Though the first year of the Blitz caused some confusion because students were unaware that some areas were not viable posting spots, the intention of Poetry Blitz, according to Ridl, was to bring beauty to campus, not to cause trouble.

"Some of the people in maintenance (said) they had to take down some of the poems, they saved them and read them and discussed them during their breaks," Ridl said. "(But) There are two from last year still holding their places."

Poetry Blitz was intended to bring both those who already enjoy poetry and those who don't necessarily seek out poetry together, and Ridl hopes that it will continue in the future.

"We bring the poems as gifts to everyone. And this year, the title, 'Blitz,' takes on a new implication, trying to use a term constructively that is most often associated with something destructive," Ridl said. "That's something we're doing using the word 'blitz.' It's anything but an attack. It's offering a little bit of light to our souls after a long, gray winter."

April Fool's isn't sure if Poetry Blitz was an actual idea he had been formulating or if it simply dawned on him to do, but actually instigating it was not challenging at all, according to Ridl. "Ridl notes that it may even make students feel part of a tradition here, and that it would be great for the students to feel a connection to Poetry Blitz around the world. Two more colleges, by Ridl's example, have started their own college Blitzes.

"Who wouldn't take over the world. Now there's an idea: the globalization of poetry!" Ridl said. Students began collecting poems at the beginning of the semester — some even before — to put up on their doors for Monday's Blitz. Poems by campus poets, traditional, modern, famous, and unknown poets all find their way into their own special spots.

The past three years, participants have tried to keep the poems limited to areas that won't cause fire hazards or violate any safety or custodial rights.

"I was unaware of the position on where putting such things is acceptable. We certainly did not want to cause any difficulties for maintenance. But we unintentionally put up some of these poems in places not sanctioned for such postings. This made it look like we were trying to cause trouble rather than bringing joy to the campus," Ridl said.

The message most of the poets give is that even those who don't enjoy poetry as much as some aficionados in Ridl's classes should take the time to enjoy the poems that are out there. "We wouldn't say anyone should or shouldn't appreciate it. Poetry has such a bad rep; (we just want) people to realize it's all around us, delight in it, discover something, be surprised. Having the blitz is a kind of metaphor for what a poem is — something that takes you off guard, refreshes what's turned into a routine, alters your perception, helps you along."

For those seniors who have been part of Ridl's classes since their first year at Hope, this year's Poetry Blitz was one of their last blasts of poetry on campus, but the tradition will continue, according to Ridl and other students involved.

"We want to be little Johnny Appleseeds, spreading something that is spiritually, intellectually and emotionally nourishing, putting something creative and good into everyone's world, just for one day," Ridl said. "I hope everyone knows what joy the students/poets have, how they really feel that they are giving everyone presents, ushering in spring, adding something reflective and gentle and delightful at a time, this year more than ever, of great sadness and tension."

Kyle Delhagen ('04) hangs poems in a Chapel classroom during Monday night's Poetry Blitz.

April Fool's goes to college

Stephanie Szydlowski

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Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, April Fool's!

Did you realize that today is the actual April Fool's Day? Hah! Get over you! It was yesterday, of course.

April Fool's Day is a reflection on the April Fool's Days of our childhood, many memories — good, bad and otherwise — may come to mind. At the little-kids level, for instance, the words "April Fool's Day" would conjure anything and everything up to and including "He's a fool!" And the teachers of course, were pretty good at pulling pranks on the juniority of all. You never knew what they'd pop up with a real gem such as ... 'Everyone, listen up! Today we're having a pop quiz!" Which, of course, we weren't. Oh, so funny Mr. Boogardinger.

Well, we're not little kids anymore — I think. But we're also not done with April Foolery, now are we? April Fool's Day is still very much alive on the college level; the difference is the severity of the prank. Here students make continuous, random, untrue statements simply to respond with April Fool's and rarely do we see the "pop quiz today" prank pulled by Hope professors. Yes, April Fool's pranks has just ascended to a higher level — but actually higher education.

Instead of a "random untrue comment," it has become "foul smelling substances in a trash can," "dead fish in the ceiling tiles." For past April Fool's fun, a current student claims they have gone to a Meijer store, stolen a motorized shopping cart and loaded it into the back of a van, then been caught on a security camera, which didn't end up scaring all that funny when apprehended. Surprisingly, though, the merry prankster got off the hook by claiming "April Fool's." Humm. That opens up some interesting mischief opportunities for ensuing April Ones, wouldn't you say? Another Hope student claiming April Fool's Day as his favorite holiday could not contain the prank pulled last year. The student claims to have successfully moved an entire dorm room into a bathroom the next day. We're talking TV, beds, couch, desk, as well as having everything plugged in and set up identical to the victim's actual room. The room then started creaking from the floor up, the restroom, only to find all of his belongings neatly arranged, appearing identical to his own room.

The prankster comments, "He was pretty mad, it's a good thing I can run fast."

So, as you reminisce on the days back in school, as a kid, when April Fool's pranks were casual and more "innocent," don't forget to enjoy your friends close, but your enemies closer. Being the victim of a college prank is not get pretty costly, it seems.

One of the draws is the Wounded Knee Massacre present in the Lakota people. I went for what we white people had done to the Indians and to anyone else who had or has been different than us. I wept at the idea that there could be more circumstances like Wounded Knee. That was the beginning of the week. By the end of the week, the United States had begun its battle against Iraq. Since then, all I have been able to think about are the Lakota people, their pain and their poverty, and how many of their problems were caused by the U.S. government. My thoughts continually flow to the idea that at one time the Indians were thought of as heathens and the enemy that had to be eradicated, and how badly those views have left the relationship between white people and Indians. With my mind still on those ideas, I wonder how badly our views today of the Arab world will impact the Arab people and us for years to come.

My hope for the Lakota people is that one day they will find peace, and that one day they will forgive us white people for the atrocities our ancestors committed. My hope for the world is that we may one day be able to do what my mission trip team did in South Dakota...to simply listen and learn from each other with reverence and respect, and through that, maybe peace will finally come.

Danielle Koski

Business Manager

The Future and the Past

I've struggled with finding the words to say, with finding words to express how the past affects the future.

Over spring break I traveled to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for a mission trip. Our goal for the trip was simply to listen and learn from the Oglala Lakota people of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We traveled to various places of cultural significance on the reservation and talked to a varied group of people about the Lakota living conditions, spirituality and general living conditions on the reservation. For most of us the culture was so different than that which we had been raised in, which created both a challenging and learning experience.

The first full day of the trip included a visit to the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre. The massacre occurred in December of 1890. Soldiers fired into an Indian encampment killing more than 150 men and women.

When the women and children ran to deep ditches, or to escape the flying bullets, soldiers tracked them down and killed them. To bury the Indian dead, the soldiers dug one mass grave. The wounded Indians were taken to a church where they were left out in the cold for hours, and then when they were let in, they were given only straw to lay on under Christmas decorations that declared "Peace on Earth" and "Good Will to Man."

I walked along the historical area of the encampment, and eventually found myself standing in one of the graves. A piece of blue cloth containing herbs was tied to a small shrub. This is the way the people's way of offering something to their dead, in the same manner that we would leave flowers at a grave. I saw that piece of cloth and I wept. I wept for those who had died in that draw. I wept for a people that were never the same after the massacre. I wept for the gaping wounds that are still
BARRIER-FREEDOM

Changes in campus process might better accommodate the disabled as well as peers

Bryan DePotty
Guest Writer

Hope College students with disabilities generally express satisfaction with improvements being made.

John Potter ‘05, a Chicago native, was born with arthrogryposis and is able to walk but uses a wheelchair to handle the long walks around the Hope campus.

Before moving to Hope for his freshman year, Potter said, representatives of the Residential Life department and the physical plant met with him to tour the campus and residence hall to discuss accommodations. Potter said he was asked what would be necessary to ensure that he would have a positive experience at Hope.

In fact he said many changes were made. “Very accommodating. They were doing all they could,” Potter explained. “They put in a shower door and openers where there weren’t door openers.” He was allowed to have a microwave in his room, too, because the microwave in Scott Hall was too far away for him to use.

Before each school year begins, Hope officials try to meet with each student who has a disability. Louise Shumaker, the college director of Disabled Students Services, and a representative from the physical plant take a walk around campus with the disabled student around campus to discover how his or her needs best can be met.

Rather than worrying about doing things the right way,” explained Shumaker, a 16-year employee of Hope College and visually impaired, “we do the right things.”

She explained this to be more of a personal approach, with the needs of each student being considered individually—and then the college adjusts to meet those needs.

The Americans with Disabilities Act plays into this. Passed in 1990, the A.D.A., as it is commonly called, is the national legislation ensuring that facilities and transportation are accessible to everyone, without regard to their physical capabilities.

Hope College officials understand that the investments they make into the community are not only legally necessary but are pivotal investment into the quality of the community. Where as Hope College and the surrounding area do not have the diversity of perspective that come from an especially diverse population, students who are “disabled” often reveal to the students around them what it is to be “able.” Living with a roommate, hall-mate or classmate who is disabled is a sharing experience and an exploration of different ways of seeing the world, the college officials explain.

Mark Driesenga ’06 of Hamilton, a music major, explains, “I understand that a lot of people don’t see what I go through. I have a different perspective.”

Driesenga has been blind since birth. “Feel free to ask questions. The only way to learn is by asking.”

Understanding different perspectives can be a valuable experience—and a challenging one, too.

It can be a very unique challenge for roommates who have had little or no extensive contact with individuals with disabilities. Roommates always encounter bumps in the road. Sometimes, disabilities add a new dimension to those disagreements.

Both Potter and Driesenga have encountered these issues. Erin Hess ’05, a social-work major who lives in Cook Hall has experienced life with more than one roommate in the past year. Hess has cerebral palsy and makes her way around campus on a personal scooter. Her ability to be mobile takes life to a different level. Whereas everyday tasks such as vacuuming or taking out the trash can be performed without second thought by most people, it may take Erin four or five times longer. In light of issues such as these, the agreements and disagreements that occur between roommates must be understood at a different level.

One concern students with disabilities express is a lack of accommodation in the housing department. Under the current system, every student must fill out a card that details preferences concerning cleanliness, faith, hobbies and the like.

Students with or without disabilities are all placed in the same pool, and throughout the summer, before each school year housing staff members work hard to match students with similar interests.

Driesenga was placed with a roommate he feels to be his polar opposite.

Personality-wise, he just wasn’t compatible with his roommate. Add a disability on top of that and common ground was that much more difficult to reach.

Many Freshman, throughout the first semester, meet people whom they end up living in moving in and second semester. Mark’s roommate moved after first semester.

Driesenga wasn’t given a choice as to whether the roommate would be replaced, but he doesn’t mind. He likes the privacy. On the other hand, he walks away from the current system feeling like his preferences have, at least in part been ignored.

When Erin Hess’ roommate moved out to room with a friend, Hess was told she would room alone. She was not given a choice. Some students see the housing cards as part of the problem.

In response, Kelly Burris-Wesener, Assistant Dean of Residential Life, said that housing encourages students who are coming in to look for friends. “We work with those students to make sure they have roommates.”

Louise Shumaker, director of Disabled Students Services, speaks at a Hope class.

Students with disabilities, their roommates, and Louise Shumaker — are all willing to do whatever it takes to make housing placements easier. One suggestion was to have a time of orientation for disabled students and their roommates a day or two before the school term begins. It would give them a chance to live together and get to know each other apart from the hectic schedule of move-in day and freshmen orientation. In such an early encounter, there could be seminars and role-playing, and it could be a significant time to talk and learn to understand each others needs apart from the usual college stresses.

Burris-Wesener said students are already offered the opportunity — strictly as an option, though — to call each other ahead of time and get to know each other.

The college also offers to place each a call, but sometimes the student with the disability maintains that right. Sometimes the call is not made.

Another suggestion was to work with upperclassmen that might be better prepared to live with freshmen with disabilities and help them adjust. Burris-Wesener makes a good point in saying that the college wants to avoid having those with disabilities end up feeling like someone’s “project.”

Shumaker, herself blind, saw this approach from a different perspective: “Sometimes you just have to adjust, to deal with discomfort in order to make things easier and better.”

Regardless of action taken, some students want to see greater movement. They simply want to know that their voices are being heard. Burris-Wesener said she wants students to adjust.

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— Louise Shumaker, Director of Disabled Students Services

On Tuesday, students had the opportunity to write as if they had a disability using mirrors.

GUEST WRITER

Bryan DePotty, a 16-year employee of Hope College and visually impaired, said that the improvements being made offer a good opportunity to visit with the students to meet their needs and support them.

Shumaker agreed: “It’s about people. About giving everybody the same fair opportunity to get an education and to live with other people.”
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Men, women compete in Atlanta meet
David Yetter
Sports Editor

Both the men’s and women’s swim teams sent competitors to Atlanta over spring break to compete in the NCAA championships.

The men placed first in the tournament, finishing 1st in a 47-team field. Hope gained 95.5 points, while Kenyon, Ohio repeated as champions with 756.5 points.

The Dutchmen had three All-American performances and five honorable mention All-American finishes.

Brian Slagh (’03) had the best finish for a Hope swimmer in the meet, finishing seventh in the 200-yard freestyle and 15th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.65 seconds. He ended his swimming career at Hope having earned 11 All-American awards, gaining four awards in individual events and seven awards in relay events.

“The meet was a great experience once again,” said Slagh. “All of the guys had a great time and we really enjoyed the trip to Atlanta.”

The men’s relay team also had a good meet. David Omee (’06), Jeff Heydlauff (’05), Chris Hamstra (’04), and Brian Slagh finished 8th in the freestyle 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:05.57. They received All-American honors for the fourth consecutive year.

Four awards in individual events
Audrey Arnold (’04), David Omee (’06), Kelly Parker (’03), and Michelle Smith (’04) all swam for the Lady Dutch, but they weren’t able to get a 10th place finish or better which was needed to advance past the preliminary round.

Audrey Arnold was the closest, finishing 18th out of 32 swimmers in the 100-yard backstroke with a season-best time of 59.69 seconds. She also finished 19th in the 200-yard backstroke (2:09.44), and 38th in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.76).

“National’s are such a learning experience,” said Arnold. “You really learn to swim your own race and not worry about who is swimming next to you.”

Kelly Parker finished 25th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.24 and 29th in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:28.88.

“We got the chance to swim at a beautiful pool,” said Parker, who will not be returning next year. “Even though our times may not have been great, it was a fun meet to compete at and a great way to end my senior year.”

Michelle Smith finished 18th in the 1,600-yard freestyle (17:51.79), 32nd in the 500-yard freestyle (5:10.46), and 33rd in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.85).

“All three of us were excited that we got the opportunity to come down to nationals and compete,” Smith said. “I didn’t swim as well as I’d hoped, but it was still a great week to spend in sunny Atlanta with my teammates and coach.”

Coach Patnott complemented both teams on a job well done and is already looking forward to next year. He was happy with the team’s effort and how they handled themselves in Atlanta.

“I think that both teams swim well,” said coach John Patnott. “I was happy with the attitude and the efforts that everybody put out and we’ll be ready to start again next October.”

Swimmers compete in national tourney

The victory for the Flying Dutch came on the heels of their defeat of Alma. Their 9-0 victory on Saturday got the Dutch’s record to an even 5-5 on the year.

The men also competed over the weekend.

The Flying Dutchmen beat Albion 9-0 on Saturday afternoon at the DeVitt Tennis Center. They improved to 9-1 overall and have shutout their opponents in six of those victories.

Hope got solid performances from Dan Mann (’03) and Erik Frost (’04), both of whom won their singles games.

Both teams play several games over the course of the next week. The women host Calvin at 3 p.m. today, while the men play the Knights on the road.

Tennis teams beat Albion, contest with Calvin is next
David Yetter
Sports Editor

The ’men’s and women’s tennis teams ended up with three victories in the last week and the women are now above .500 in the standings.

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In singles competition Jennifer Coleman (’03) defeated Olivet’s Denise Silversky by scores of 6-0, 6-0 and Stephanie Springer (’04) beat Shae Way in straight sets.

In doubles play, Coleman and Springer combined to defeat Olivet’s Reed and Way with games of 6-1, 6-1.

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Baseball team defeated in home opener by Cougars
Bradley Vanderberg
Sports Editor

It’s springtime, and that means that the Hope baseball team is back on the open field. The Cougars, who are off to a 3-7 start, including a couple of tough losses to St. Norbert, Wisc., in ten innings and the University of the South, Tenn., in 16-15 slugfest, are back at the diamond.

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