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Anjey Dykhuis

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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 Tim 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 WAR on 2
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Subjectivity and objectivity

Over spring break, I visited two of the law schools I was accepted to this year, ending my four-month-long mad dash 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 it in an educational setting and how far should a school go to achieve it?

Advocates of U.M.'s practices say that 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 labeling setting, and especially one based primarily on the Socratic method. At the same time, the quest for diversity must not become discriminatory by employing quotas and other systems placing more importance on it than other more important indicators, such as academic performance or standardized tests. 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 with an institution they were earned in. That leaves the LSAT, which is just one-day measure of academic ability in certain areas under abnormal pressure. 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 is subjective; many admissions systems will not be achieved without new uniform yet accurate measures of merit and ability.

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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 director for the Peace Corps. Volunteering means 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 and 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 very focused on safety, monitors the situation in every country, and typically leads toward being overall (in the eyes of most volunteers) a very safe environment," Roskelley said.

Currently Hope is home to eight nominations, physical/dental screenings, and the notification of placement, and the wait.

However, he indicates it was worth it. "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," Guemsey said. "I hope that my work in the Peace Corps will benefit communities. People I work with to help them find a way so some way make life better and a bit easier. I mean myself as providing some means, on 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, interview, nomination, physical/dental screening, approval, and placement.

Peace Corps workers should certainly consider Peace Corps as an after college option. With a liberal arts background like Hope provides and a desire to travel to different and unique opportunity, the Peace Corps can find a place for anyone.
Contemporary Motions performs this weekend

Katie Taylor

Contemporary Motions, Hope’s resident professional dance company, has been busy planning its return to the Knickerbocker Stage. A 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 group’s artistic director. “It is a privilege to go to a world where the imagination only has to go.”

This year’s program proudly reintroduces 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. (Although this season’s production includes dances that will be familiar to those who have attended a Contemporary Motions piece “Cold,” this weekend’s performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday at The Knick.)

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Although the Contemporary Motions piece “Cold” was first performed at Hope during the Rivera contemporary 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 in Sweden and in the world. 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 1986. His work is highly influential 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 many in the dance profession that one day, this style will be known as the Rivera contemporary dance technique.

Riviera’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 expositions.

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 Voronitz

Arts Editor

“Twenty-five cent portraits: three weeks to homeless” is the title and Hope’s annual senior art show is the event. The exhibition, located in DePree Gallery, will 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).

The show is even juried by the seniors. Together with art faculty members, the students look at each artist’s work, decide on a number of works per person, and try to find each person’s strongest piece.

“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

Show Reporter

Take 16 world-class musicians, subtract the conductor, and let simmer in Dimnent Chapel: An instant Great Performance from the Great Performance Series!

The Camerata Sweden chamber orchestra will perform in Dimnent Chapel at 8 p.m. on Friday. This will be the final Great Performance Series performance of the season.

Tickets are $14 for regular adult admission, $12 for senior citizens, and $5 for children 18 and under. Tickets will be on sale Wednesday through Friday at the theater lobby box office in the DeWitt Center. Tickets will also be available at the door.

“Camerata” means “without a leader,” according to Derek Emerson, Hope Arts Coordinator. The sixteen-piece orchestra plays without a conductor.

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 Pontana Arts Society of Kalamoso to bring the chamber orchestra to West Michigan. Camerata Sweden will perform a different program in Kalamoso 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.”

Additionally information about Camerata Sweden may be obtained online by visiting www.13.calypso.net/lanms 하는/ the Great Performance Series Web site at www.hope.edu/arts.
How students can still be informed by linking up

To the Editor:

AFTER reading the Editor’s voice in the 3/12 edition of the Anchor, as the one who records the minutes, I felt the need to clarify a few things for the students. Even though our minutes are not updated, which is in the process of being corrected, there are still ways for students to remain informed. On the Student Congress Web page, there is a link to request email updates, and there is a link to a member directory with all of the current reps’ names, phone numbers and email addresses. Both of these links allow students to stay current with Congress’s activities. Also, if it’s minutes that students are interested in reading, there is a link on KnowHope for minutes of all the boards and committees as well. Student Congress members sit on each of these committees. A lot of what Congress members do is represent student voices on various committees and boards, and make decisions on the input of our constituents. Our general congress meetings are important, but also serve as a focal point for all of its members to stay updated with what everyone is doing. The minutes of the individual committees can be used as a supplement to the congress minutes.

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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.

For the past few weeks, I have noticed a disturbing trend involving discussions about the war or politics in general. Discussions have been limited to simple 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.

Put aside political views when praying for peace

To the Editor:

I was in attendance at the Peace Vigil in the Pine Grove last week. Prior to the gathering, I had high hopes that it would be a time of reverence and prayer, and that we would collectively reserve this time to pray for our troops and their families (as the signs on campus indicated “Support Our Troops”), our country and that our leadership makes the right choices, and that peace can come quickly. I was not aware that it would be a place where those protesting the war would get upon their soapboxes, and criticize our President, and our government as a whole. I feel that in this time of war, the most important thing to do is stand behind our leadership...though we may not agree, perhaps as Christians attending a Peace Vigil, we should extend our prayers in hopes that our leadership makes good and just decisions. And it is important, if we are going to support our troops, that we support our leadership that is in charge of those in Iraq.

I am sorry I was disappointed in tonight’s Vigil. I was not aware that any type of politics were to be in volved, and I am sad that political opinions could not have been set aside in order accomplish the intention of what I thought a vigil was...to stand together and pray for a common goal...in this case peace. I don’t feel peace was accomplished whatever, only a deeper division within the realm of politics.

—Lauren Calvary (’05)

Why do I oppose the war? Let me count the ways

To the Editor:

I signed a statement against the war in Iraq in the 3/12 edition of the Anchor, and now that the war has started, I would like to explain why I oppose it.

I do not believe the administration has offered a coherent reason for this war. Saddam Hussein is undoubtedly an evil man, but he was just as evil when the U.S. supported his regime in the 1980s, under President Reagan. That’s when Saddam first used poison gas against our own people. The administration has shifted its justification for this war from one reason to another as the situation has changed. As far as I can see, the basic reason for fighting Iraq is that the U.S. can thereby project its strength convincingly. For me, that is not a compelling reason. Greater strength would be shown by restraint in this situation than by violence. The U.S. has alienated most of the world by undertaking this war. The administration has not convinced Muslims that fighting Iraq is not a crusade against Islam. Nearly all Muslims believe it is. They are therefore more determined than ever to defend themselves against the U.S. by any means available, including terrorism. The administration has not convinced most of the world that diplomacy and weapons inspections were not workable alternatives. In contrast to the Republican administration that fought the Gulf War, this administration has not trusted diplomacy and has not formed a credible coalition to oppose Saddam Hussein. Instead, in the words of Senator Chafee (Republican from Rhode Island), “they just pound the wedge in.”

Like most Americans, I am concerned about the welfare of those who are fighting in Iraq, and I cannot help but hope for a quick U.S. victory with a minimum of casualties. Would a quick and decisive victory prove that the war was right however? I do not believe so. Military victories have often been won quickly and decisively in bad causes, and are often concerned that this will be another example.

—John D. Cox, Department of English

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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.

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 region so we could host as many games as possible in the NCAA DIll tournament.

We knew if we did not reach those goals we would be disappointed with ourselves. Fortunately our hard work 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 all 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, but we'll always have the friendships and memories.

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Glenn Van Wieren leads

20 years of coaching brings much joy

Dave Yetter

Sport's 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 lettermen 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 goal. 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. At different times in his career, he has coached soccer, cross country, and baseball.

While coaching has many rewards for Van Wieren, he seems to get the most enjoyment out of just being with the kids.

"What 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 a long time to come."
Critical acclaim by rock band in religious concert series

Danbee Krieks
Nominated: 2006

Next in the schedule of big names at Dope College, the critically acclaimed, internationally known, platinum-album-selling band Mi Amigo Jesús will be performing in Dope's own Dimnutt Chapel. The main attraction of Mi Amigo Jesús is their lead singer and guitarist, Jesús Vasquez, best known for his hit songs "Take this Cup," "I Am Alive," and his crucifixion and resurrection, which helped propel his career from virtual nothingness and desperate 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 anyone,' so you see what a great guy he is as well as a great musician," said Benji Bardez, 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, "Build Young House in a Wadi." For big fans, tickets are also available to the concert at Van Handel Arena on Sunday.

His band features such noted performers as St. Paul, on drums, the Ethiopian Erituan on bass, and Mary Magdalene and her daughter on back-ups. "I've just all the things that I was thinking, and then Jesus said, 'I mean, one day I'm some unknown kid in the Temple and the next, I've got this hit band!'"

Mi Amigo Jesús has been around for over two millennia, and they're still going strong. Although popular taste in music has changed, Mi Amigo Jesús has an eternal appeal. "I can't wait for Jesus to come," said Dope student Joey Stain (08). "He's my favorite singer, ever. The guy just never gets old, 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 Bultmanis' garden. For students, tickets are 15 drachmas and for the public, tickets are 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 twentysomethings, so he's really excited about meeting Dope students," said Bardez.

Meanwhile, campus is frenzied preparing for Jesus' arrival. All throughout the palm grove students are going down branches to try before he is 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 Booth (02). The morning of the concert, the health clinic and the accessibility committee, made up of members of the college president, Dope College President. "I think this is a step in the right direction."

Bultmanis first came up with the idea when he went to visit a friend over Labor Day Weekend last fall. "Harry and Louise had the cutest little dog named Spunky." Bultmanis said. "He was running all over the yard without a leash but never went beyond a 10-foot radius. I asked Harry about it, and when he explained the electric fence I thought, 'Hey, that's not a bad idea.'"

Several days later, Bultmanis organized the Campus Protection Committee, made up of members of the college president, Dope College President, the dean of students, and the health clinic. The committee has been working hard both this and next semester to come up with the system that is now in place for next year.

"We still have a few little glitches to work out," Bultmanis said. "But I am confident that once everything is up and running, this new security system will be of great benefit to the entire college community."
President to protect Dope

Gallstaff  
Sorcerer of light

There will be a new name in law enforcement at Dope College next year. Following a press conference 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 Bultmanisman, crime fighting college president.”

Bultmanisman 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 Bultmanisman-arangs 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 Public 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 walks of Dope,” said Joe Chalker ('06). "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 Bultmanisman going to protect us exactly? I mean, he doesn’t even have any superpowers,” said Bob Negative ('04). "I’m just not sure he’s willing to do that.”

Police stop vandalism in its tracks

Bob Mantra

Staff Accreditation Specialist

What began as a night of Christian music by acclaimed and Christian punk group “The Good Skamaritan,” 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 Goliath” and an audience member voiced the desire to hear a certain Lynyrd Skynyrd song. The reaction of the fans was immediate. They began booping 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 able to calm the crowd. The Police were called in after a number of pews 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.”

Dope College President Jimbo Bultmanisman 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.

Concert leads to riot

Ridin’ It: Lauros Nebot (’03) rode his way to victory in the 2003 Dope College IM rodeo season. Nebot won by staying on Pookie the bucking bronco for a full minute. 2003 was the first year for the IM rodeo competition. Over 200 students participated in the season. There are plans to continue holding the rodeo on campus in years to come.

Chimp swings into Chaplain candidacy

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

Fuschia is hugely popular among the Chapel going students. “I remember when Bob (Fuschia) 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 Fuschia. The group is called the “Dope College Task Force on Issues of Replacing the Deepest Mean of the Chapel,” and is headed by Dope College Amatuervost, Alf Gonzalez. “We have a very difficult job ahead of us,” said Gonzalez, “replacing Mr. Fuschia 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.”

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Jim Jim for the position, as he would fit perfectly into our new plan to increase diversity on Dope’s campus. I don’t think the chimpanzee’s perspective on Christ has ever been represented in Chapel before,” Gonzalez 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 Yivelleck (’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 flipping pood and I just don’t have the time to change pood stained clothes between Chapel and my next class.”

Dope College president Jimbo Bultmanisman is not as concerned about Jim Jim’s rascous 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,” Bultmanisman 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.

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

Dope College would like to remind you to not eat the fish from Lake Wackatawa until all the “problems” are resolved.
Minervan fraternity accuses new frat of taking members

Name of Reefer
cottage "outdated"

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Chet Champson  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Despite the success of last year’s preemptive 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 battles 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 members this year. One was a rather unusual car, a rubber car tire, pet of Fred Mosely ('04), fraternity secretary and Half-Orc fighter.

The Minervans claim that they were the only pledges if it weren't for the Sophies, the new national fraternity and role-playing party.

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Jimbo Bultmanis, Dope College President, refused to comment on Minervan allegations, but he did say that the Sophies were a bunch of delinquents and dungeon master.

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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 keep the name around all that money, so there's no obligation.

President Bultmanis is just angry because he isn't allowed to play Dungeons and Dragons with us anymore," Pinkerton said. "His Halfling paladin wouldn't have set off that fireball in the middle of camp, requiring the resurrection of three characters, then..."

"...broaden our views," said Dr. Mooka Padilla, chair of the Cleanliness department and organizer of the Garilla Wash. "It's also a really good way for Cleanliness students to get hands on experience about how they can use their de-votions and the gorilla volunteers the best light to pick out the dirt, twigs, and vermin," Padilla said.

Padilla also added that any students who are ready for a change. "We don't hold any hostility toward the Minervans," said Ralph Lori ('04), Sophian president and dungeon master. "We just think that Dope's many Dungeoneers and Dragons players were ready for a change.

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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 Sophists have no respect for tradition. They can think they just gave a +5 holy avenger to any Paladin, but they have 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 out powerfulverbial swords is just as absurd as the allegation that we had to cast a level 13 spell."

Trustees vote to rename cottage

The 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 hundred thousand dollars to the college. Reefer, a business tycoon, was honored by having his name applied to a new residence in 1955.

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Dope College sponsors gorilla wash

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Jumpkicks banned in IM Slamball

Officials cite a number of deaths
Bob Mantra

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 Agigomezkorta (’06), was the latest victim of the now-illegal jumpkick. Several other students witnessed the event on Saturday. 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 Scivelli (’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 Rvdr (’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 slam the ball? How are you going to evade your opponent? How are you going to stop your opponent?" Scivelli said. "The jumpkick was my signature move that I used all the time. Banishing it almost ruins Slamball for me. Slamball is my second favorite IM sport, second only to IM Ware."

Incense fire ignites Collen
Chet Champson

Nelly Wesser-Berse, Assistant Dean of Something about Housing. "This has been the first instance of this since we lost VandRaute hall to an income fire in 1980."

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

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 Beeman.

Offensive ad run in Ranchor

Students upset over portrayal of clowns
Gallstaff

There has been much uproar in the campus community over an advertisement that ran in the campus newspaper, 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 recycling the Ranchor! 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)

"Whatever my flawless administrators think it should be used for. I’m not here to think, just to do as I’m told."
—Tudor (’02)

"Madwrestling every Thursday in the Kletz."
—Bomgo the Destroyer (’04)

"A big foamy 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)
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.
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 further.”

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.

All-MIAA Teams

First Team
Don Overbeek (’03)

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

Most Valuable Player
Don Overbeek (’03)

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

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April Fool’s goes to college

Stephanie Sztydloski

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

Did you ever think that today is the actual April Fool’s Day? Hah! Get you again. It was yesterday, of course.

According to legend, the April Fool’s Day is a reflection on the April Fool’s Day of our childhood, memories – good, bad and otherwise – may come to mind.

At the little-kids level, for instance, was it April Fool’s Day when you were led to believe that your dad had a date with your mom and he was “out shopping for clothes”? And of course, the teacher had to laugh at all the tearful kids in the juniority of all of you. All you really knew was when 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. Boogerman.

Well, we’re not little kids any more – thank you. 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. No more undies under the desk, no more continuous, random, untrue statements simply to respond with “April Fool’s.” But there are still other April Fool’s pranks planned for this year’s prank pulled last year. The students have to successfully move an entire dorm room into a bathroom for the hall’s “pop quiz today” prank pulled by Hope professor Kevin. April Fool’s pranks have moved to a higher level – higher education.

Instead of a “random untrue comment,” it has become “fool smelling substances in a trash can,” “dead fish in the ceiling tiles.” For past April Fool’s fun, a current student claimed to have gone to a Meijer store and stolen a monogrammed shopping cart and loaded it into the back of a van, to be thrown on a security camera, which didn’t end up screwing all that funny when apprehended. Surprisingly, though, the merry prankster got off the hook by claiming “April Fool’s.” Humph. That opens up something interesting.

Today’s April Fool’s is all about a mission trip, of course. Noah’s Ark is a mission trip to the Wounded Knee Massacre present in the Lakota people. I wept for what we white people had done to the Indians and to anyone else who had or has been different then us. I wept at the idea that there could be more catastrophes 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 into the idea that at one time the Indians were thought of as heathens and the enemy that had to be exterminated, 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.

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.
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 ’05 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 with 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.”

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— Mark Driesenga ’05

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 date and freshman 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 simply 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 students 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 their voices are being heard. Burris-Wesener said she wants students to adjust.

Rather than worrying about doing things the right way, we do the right things.

— Louise Shumaker, Director of Disabled Students Services

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

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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.

On Monday, the Flying Dutch beat Olivet with a 9-0 victory. Their record is now 6-5 overall and 2-1 in the MIAA.

In singles competition, Jennifer Coleman ('03) defeated Olivet's Denise Silivensky by scores of 6-0, 6-0 and Stephanie Springer ('04) beat Stacey 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.

The victory for the Flying Dutch came hot 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 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.

Baseball team defeated in home opener by Cougars

Hope looks to return to winning ways

Bradley Vanderberg
Staff Reporter

It's springtime, and that means that many college baseball teams are on the cut-throat losing streaks to St. Norbert, Wisc., in ten innings and the University of the South, Tenn., in a 16-15 slugfest.

"The key to our success on the Florida trip was defense," said coach Stuart Fritz, who is in his 10th year with an overall record of 178-46-3 as head coach at Hope. "Our pitching was good, but we struggled defensively and didn't get any timely hits."

The players were also discouraged with their spring trip.

"In Florida, we weren't outplayed, we just beat ourselves," said Hope infielder Nate Grinzingel ('05). "Our team has a lot of expectations coming off a season that included 28 wins in a row."

The Dutchmen looked to get back to their winning ways of last season when they hosted their home opener on March 26 with the Spring Arbor University Cougars. Christian Viel ('04) started the game on the hill for the Dutch and shut down the Cougars in the first. The Dutchmen seemed to get that spark back in the bottom half of the inning with a long two-run blast from first baseman B.J. Maas ('03) for an early 2-0 lead. The Cougars responded in the top half of the second with long double off the wall by Cougars heavy hitter Nate Doorlag and a pair of singles got the Cougars even at 2. Hope went on to win the bottom half of the inning.

The top of the third was devastating to the Dutchmen. The Cougars threatened quickly with a single by outfielder Duke Solaita, who then stole second. Vei hit Cougars second baseman Cory Parrot with a pitch and gave up another hit to Nate Doorlag, making it 3-2 Spring Arbor. The Cougars' next hitter, Scott Edwards, laced a single to center, but a nice play by Hope centerfielder Kyle Blackport ('03) nailed Doorlag at home trying to score. Spring Arbor tacked on two more runs in the inning to take a 5-2 lead. Vei, who took the loss, was relieved in the fourth by Nate Brandsen ('06), who shut down the Cougars 1-2-3.

The Dutchmen got a run back in their half of the third with an RBI single by B.J. Maas, who collected three hits on the day and three runs batted in.

Cougar's freshman relief pitcher Jake Jones ran into trouble in the eighth with the bases loaded and nobody out. But Joens held the Dutchmen at bay, retiring the next three batters to get out of the jam. Maas collected his third hit of the day with a lead-off single in the ninth and Casey Glass ('05) singled with two outs. But that was all Hope could manage in their half of the ninth as the Spring Arbor Cougars topped the Dutchmen by a score of 8-4.

With MIAA action beginning on April 3, the Dutchmen need to start focusing on returning to their winning ways of last season.

"We have lots of returning guys with plenty of experience," said Fritz. "We get a fresh start this weekend at Alma. Our goal is to win the MIAA."