HOPE FRATS TAKE A STAND:
120 MEN PLEDGE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

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APARTMENT HOUSING FALLS SHORT

Apartment demand exceeds availability as more seniors choose to stay on-campus

Lindsey Bartels
Guest Writer

Nicki Brummel (’18) sat down to quickly check her email for the third time in three hours. One new message: Fwd: Four person apartment, the subject line read.

Brummel yelled to her roommate. Hillary Bywater (’18) darted from the living room into her bedroom. The two poured over the email. After reading it, they looked at each other in distress.

Brummel hurried into the kitchen of Kraker apartment 230, to grab the soup she had made for dinner. Then she sat on her roommate’s bed in the next room to discuss plan B with the girls.

Brummel, along with several other Hope sophomores, were met with disappointing news throughout the week of March 12, that they had not received on-campus apartment housing for the coming fall semester.

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Discover the unseen

MOVIE DOCUMENTS CIVIL WAR VICTIMS

Caroline Nichols
Guest Writer

Every night in Northern Uganda, a dark mass moves from village to village.

Most of these night commuters are children frantically searching for safety, before they are taken and forced to partake in the Lord’s Resistance Army. Estimates range from 20,000 to 40,000 abducted children.

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WHAT’S INSIDE

Disability Awareness Week continues on campus

Disability Awareness Week continues Wednesday, April 12 until Thursday, April 13. Students, faculty and staff pledged to undergo mobility impairment during the week. Some confined themselves to wheelchairs; other students experienced vision or learning impairment.

Johnnie Tuitel will present an address Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m., focusing on disability issues. The address is entitled, “Pay it forward: Awakening a deeper sense of purpose.”

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Caroline Coleman
Staff Writer

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Erin LHotta
Emeritus Column

“After a late night in the Science Center, I was walking quickly through the cold and passed a female student on the sidewalk. As I passed her, she became visibly nervous and took off sprinting,” Christian Piers (’06) said.

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IMMIGRATION BILL DEBATE PROMPTS RALLIES

Danielle Reevers
Staff Writer

Recently the nation has been abuzz with talks of immigrants, border security, and guest worker programs. The past week has seen demonstrations in nearly every major American city advocating for immigrant rights and for sending immigrants home.

Why the sudden fuss? The Senate is currently working on passing a bill that would reform immigration. The bill, sponsored by the bipartisan effort of Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), goes less strict on immigrants than a bill passed by the House in December and is labeled by many conservatives as “amnesty.”

The Senate bill, according to CNN, “would allow the 12 million illegal immigrants to apply for a six-year visa if they work, pay a $1,000 fine, back taxes, pass a background check and learn English.”

A separate bill passed by the House in December calls for the building of fences along the border of Mexico and forces employers to prove the legality of workers. Anyone caught in the country without proper documentation, crossing the border illegally or employing or assisting those living in the U.S. illegally would be considered to be committing a felony and could face prison time.

If the Senate’s bill passes, the House will have to create a joint committee to compromise between the two bills. The United States is estimated to have between 11 and 12 million undocumented residents, who make up roughly 3.8 percent of the total population of over 295 million people. Many of these residents come to the United States to give their children a chance at a better education and find work.

President Bush is in favor of a guest worker program in which immigrants already have jobs in the United States can receive temporary worker status for up to six years, enabling them to apply for permanent residency. Bush has also called on Congress to renounce the number of green cards issued each year.

PROTESTORS MARCH — More than half a million protestors marched in L.A. on Saturday, March 25 hoping to push for immigrant rights.
**Art seniors’ last hurrah at gallery**

**Matt Oosterhouse**
Arts Center

“Wherefore Art thou art?”

Deny thy father and refuse thy name!

The senior art students will not have to deny anyone admission to their free art exhibition, “Wherefore Art.” The gallery’s title plays off a famous line of William Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” and features the artworks of 15 members of the class of 2006.

From steel propellers and dogs, to slide mounts, to multiple “all on canvas” portraits, to cartoon-style art pieces, to artistic photography, the gallery features a variety of work from the graduates-to-be.

Dustin Fiddler (’06), who has several pieces on display, admitted that much time has gone into such a presentation, and that the gallery is almost entirely student produced.

[The senior art students] have been meeting since November as a group,” Fiddler said. “We’ve made everything from the art pieces, to the arrangements, to the invitations.”

Putting together such a display is not easy, Fiddler admits. During the long period of preparation.

**Silent auction of student art to benefit internship program**

**Elizabeth Shuter**
Arts Center

Students will be showing their artwork in a silent auction in the Science Center atrium from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 12.

The auction is a fundraiser for the Social and Vocational Entrepreneurship Internship program headed up by Professor Robin Kiyai and involving 14 students, working to finance the cost of the trip that will take place during May and June. Approximately 70 items will be featured ranging from pottery, poetry, photography, and artwork.

The Social and Vocational Entrepreneurship Programs in Puerto Escondido, Mexico, is a pilot program this year. Its vision is “to develop outstanding vocational internships for Hope college students. We have the privilege to assist our brothers and sisters in need, abroad and at home.”

In addition to the two month internship abroad, students are required to enroll in a two credit prep class the semester prior, focusing on Mexican culture, customs, religion, politics and also seek advice from Hope professors.

**Concert Review:**

“IT’S a spicy meat-a-ball!”

**Matt Wertz rocks out in Dimnent**

Danielle Revers

If there’s one thing that can be said of Matt Wertz concerts, it is that everyone has fun and lots of it.

The night took a serious turn, however, when Wertz talked about the organization that he is involved in called the Mocha Club (www.mochachub.org) in which one pledges to give up two mochas a month (17) which will be sent to those in need in Africa. Wertz encouraged everyone to sign up and give away either a free 17th or CD to those who did.

AERO ART — Beneath the text is one of three clay sculptures in front of Devoe Art Center. Dustin Fiddler (’06), the creating artist, describes the sculptures as “abstract airplane wings.”

**CHORES AND SYMPHONETTE JOIN FORCES FOR CONCERT**

The Hope College Symphonette will be joined by the College’s Chapel Choir and College Chorus for a special seminar and annual Combined Concert on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Selected pieces are “Regina Coeli” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, two Psalm settings by John Rutter, “Song of Fate” by Johannes Brahms, and “Venite Exultemus” by Mozart. Admission is free.

**JAZZ COMBOS TO PERFORM**

The Hope College Jazz Ensembles will perform two consecutive but different concerts on Monday and Tuesday, April 17 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Wickers Auditorium.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Both concerts will feature an array of compositions from the standard jazz repertoire as well as new and original student compositions.

The ensembles are coached by the Jazz faculty at Hope College.

The audience packed the entire chapel save the balcony. Fans danced and sang along, especially to Wertz’s new song “Heartbreaker.”

Wertz was a goofball as usual and kept everyone laughing along with him all night in between moonwalks, jokes and cries of “it’s a spicy meatball!”

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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**FRATS VOW TO END SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE**

**PLEDGE, FROM PAGE 1**

"all," said Jon Von Koenig ('07), a Cenluharian fraternity member.

"e thought that sexual harassment and assault has disturbed me since high school."

"Professor Hoogewerf's Christian Love class was the catalyst for getting me started on this initiative. Some girls in the class put together a presentation on sexual assault and shared experiences and how destructive it really is," Piers said.

"Though Piers said fraternity men "are those that I relate to the most," he hopes working with Piers, helped organize the event with Women In Transition.

Piers said they "hope to have a good turn out."
Taking the Earth’s temperature

Jenny Cencer

EorroR PRII 12, 2006

Lindsey Manthel

ers already faded before tourists Time festival because the flow- canes and monsoons than ever, or wide are facing stronger hurri- arrived. Coastal regions world- land moved up its annual Tulip have to do with global warming? so ii seems. Drought has led to a arc the result of global warming the earth’s environment. for years into the future, likely have increased and will increase dence supports that the climate the result of human changes to the al warming will occur vary great- Hope professor of biology. has warmed,” said Greg Murray, Committee on Climate Change ly from one report to the next. by as much as 3 degrees by the most extreme predictions, the av- regions, in contrast, will experi- more intense heat waves and the go along with them. Without more lower lake levels.

 carbon repositories, like tropical rainforests, could also potentially intensify the global warming problem. According to Murray, about one-fifth of atmospheric carbon can be attributed to the de- struction of rainforests.

Humans’ contribution to cli- mate change distinguishes this temperature increase from earlier climate shifts. Since the industrial revolution, humans have been releasing significantly greater amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which causes the earth to absorb more sunlight and, consequently, heat. However, even in the most extreme estimates, the earth will not face significantly higher temperatures than those of the medieval pe- riod. “It’s not happening faster than in the past, and the temperatures aren’t higher than in the past,” Hansen said. “But we’re con- tributing to it as a species. That’s new."

“This itself doesn’t threaten catastrophic disaster,” said Hans- sen. “Melt all the glaciers, and we’ll still have plenty of land above water. It probably will drive some plants and animals to extinction, and it may cause some human suffering.”

Many ecologists and environ- mental advocates see the destruction of species as its own tragedy. Animals like polar bears and many species of birds, amphib- ians and plants have become extin- t or are highly threatened. Global warming in West Mich- igan could mean less snow cover, more intense heat waves and the greater rates of evaporation that go along with them. Without more precipitation, that could lead to lower lake levels.

With many effects of global warming, many scientists believe the earth has already passed a point of no return.

“If it’s a question of how much and how fast and what the con- sequences are going to be, those questions were answered long ago,” Murray said.

The problem, according to many scientists, could at least be slowed by a decreased depen- dence on fossil fuels and a reduc- tion in the amount of carbon diox- ide released into the atmosphere. To truly make a significant difference, consumers would need to overlook short-term gains for the long-term health of the environ- ment.

“I think we’re in this continued reliance on cars and cool and we could be more rational,” Murray said. “We need to make a choice that’s not solely made on short- term economics.”

College students can also educ- ate themselves to make more earth-conscious decisions that affect global warming and other concerns.

“The best thing students can do is educate themselves,” said Steven Broun-Prediger, profes- sor of religion. He stressed that Hope Col- leges offers several options for students to learn more about en- vironmental issues. The science department offers GEMS courses concerning the environment that fulfill the general education sci- ence requirement. These classes include Global Climate Change, Atmosphere and Environment Change, The Planet Earth and the 100-level religion course Earth and Ethics.

“All of us can do something,” Broun-Prediger said. “Actions have consequences. As Christians, we need to do what is right.”

Earth Jam to feature food, speakers, music

Meredith Praamsa

For the past 17 years, the Environ- mental License Group of Hope College has held a music festival on Earth Day to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage people to get out and enjoy nature.

This year’s Earth Jam will be held on Saturday, April 22 from noon to 6 p.m. in the Pine Grove. The rain location is the Kletz. This year, Earth Jam will host bands such as the Michael Blair Project (Michael Blair is a mem- ber of the band Madison Greene), John Mallinen, They Were Thieves and Rob Kenagy. In addition to these bands, there will also be speakers includ- ing Hope’s Dr. Bouma-Prediger and others from local environ- mental groups.

Free organic food and cof- fee will be provided by Nature’s Market and Lemonjello’s. A raffle will also go on with prizes.

Check out Earth Jam: Saturday, April 22 Noon - 6 p.m. in the Pine Grove (the Kletz in case of rain)

from The Holland Peanut Store, Ben and Jerry’s, the Apothecary Shop, Subs and More, Coldstone and others. The money raised from the raffle will be donated to a local environmental organiza- tion. In an effort to turn Earth Day into a week-long event, speakers will give talks on the April 17 and 19 in the Mass Conference Room at 3 p.m. and movies will be shown on April 18 and 20 in Winans Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Organizers of Hope’s Environ- mental Issues Group stress the importance of environmental awareness, “especially at Hope College where we are affiliated with Christianity.”

The Environmental Issues Group invites students to take a study break on April 22 to enjoy the valuable earth.

The group encourages students to take the time not just on Earth Day, but every day to think about how their actions affect the earth.
THE THOUGHTS THAT Lie UNDER HOPE

Erin L'Hotta

The Anchor unfolds

Oct 2004: The Anchor printed porn. Remember that? Laugh, nod your head. Come Fall season, page four and five showed a spread of Pullers with nothing more than buttaraked women. It was complete with complementing article entitled “Porn at Hope,” quoting comments like, “porn is kinda funny.” I don’t mean to say that struggles surrounding pornography aren’t present at Hope College, as I’m sure this struggle is real, yet the mere thought of deeming this article entitled “Pom at Hope,” quoting comments like, “Laugh, nod your head. Come Pull season, page four and why I was at Hope College. I, Erin L'Hotta, will become being a Christian community has complicated addressing, editor and make the paper an instrument of change on asked us to submit a letter of apology for our fiscal Student Congress told us to stop the presses. No one on Congress to fully fund us next year, and the adventure of roll across campus like tumbleweeds. And we were floor of bathroom stalls with newspapers, let Anchors irresponsibility and I was mad. Very mad. Righteously. I to revamp the Anchor. I redesigned the intemal structure thousand dollar state of the art software, moved into The newspapers as models for a redesign. We bought new from the library with the other editors, looked at 1940s including a new faculty advisor. I checked out books vor of the campus community We hope to build a greater sense of community by amplifying events at Hope College and in the Holland and world communities, as well as a marketplace Utters to the editor arc encouraged, though due to space limitations the Anchor reserves the or reject any advertising. After the pom fiasco, I, a measly staff reporter, I don't mean to say that struggles surrounding But the thing is, nobody read the Anchor. It lost credibility a long time ago. And who could blame people for not reading it. People looked at the content and knew it wasn't worth reading. And I was left with an audience who didn't care. March 2005: The Anchor shut down. Yes, shut down. Student Congress told us to shut the presses. No one on staff knew why. Or so they said. Our editor sent a campus wide email talking about our failure, student congress asked us to submit a letter of apology for our fiscal irresponsibility and I was mad. Very mad. Righteously. I knew I was about to do something, something, I knew. The next day I didn’t go to class, instead, I knocked on professors’ doors, raised money through faculty donations to print one last issue of the Anchor without Student Congress approval. The Anchor staff littered the floor of bathroom stalls with newspapers, let Anchors roll across campus like tumbleweeds. And we were realigned. Our dedication to the paper caused Student Congress to fully fund us next year, and the adventure of my editorship began.

May 2005: I turned down two internships that summer. Instead, I spent four months traveling, brainstorming how to revamp the Anchor. I redesigned the internal structure of the organization, hired nine new staff members including a new faculty advisor. I checked out books from the library with the other editors, looked at 1940s newspapers as models for a redesign. We bought new software, moved into The Anchor, rolled across campus like tumbleweeds. And we were realigned. Our dedication to the paper caused Student Congress to fully fund us next year, and the adventure of my editorship began.

HOUSING, FROM PAGE 1

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According to Hope’s Residential Life website, “Most students should expect to live in college residential facilities for at least their first three years of enrollment. The housing rationale further states, “This is plausible because...” This will enable the students and their families to benefit the faculty, their fellow students, and the offerings of the college.” These are only a few of the reasons so many seniors have chosen to live on-campus for their fourth year. John Davison (’07) is one of the many Hope juniors who has decided to remain on campus next semester. Davison said he and his friends wanted to stay on campus because they “don’t have to pay separate utility bills and it is close and nice.” Not all seniors have decided to stay on campus, however. Some have made the decision to express the freedom they have as seniors to live off campus. Kate Pageau (’07) who lives in the Cavanaugh Duplex on 14th street, will be moving to off-campus housing next semester. “I chose to live off campus because that’s where my friends were moving,” Pageau explained, “and because we’ll be able to drink alcoholic beverages in our house.” Although the stress of housing can cause tension between roommates and within the Hope community, the housing department has reassured students there will be room for everyone next semester. Students who did not receive apartments have been put on a waiting list, and slowly more juniors have been granted apartments. Earlier this week, Brumell was offered a four-person apartment after arrangements fell through with the first group of students who received the apartment. For the juniors who have not yet made housing arrangements, Johnson has confidence that they will find satisfactory housing in a residential hall. Johnson encouraged students in an email, “When Cook Hall was originally constructed, it was done so with housing junior-level students in mind.” Although most juniors are itching to get out of residential halls, Johnson assures, “Both the great independence afforded by the suite design and the ability to dine in the Cook service are benefits enjoyed by Cook Hall residents.”

THE Anchor

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To the Editor:

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Nicholas Engel (’08)

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Voices

LETTER GUIDELINES

The Anchor welcomes letters from anyone within the college and related communities. The staff reserves the right to edit due to space constraints or personal attacks. Letters are chosen on a first come, first served basis, or a representative sample will be taken. No anonymous letters will be printed unless discussed with Editor-in-Chief. Please limit letters to 500 words.

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“Can we change a culture?”

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When you talk, God listens

To the Editor:
I am sitting in my room listening to a beautiful Vineyard instrumental music CD as I munch Ferrero Rocher chocolates. I just "tried" to complete my sophomore year at Hope. My freshmen year file had pictures, but this time it is more of notes from people and things that I did.

We are in the last month of the school year and I am not sure how you hear or if you have just found me to be a battle year. Not a soul knew about it. I know it is important to share to survive through things, but it was a battle I had to fight on my own. A battle I think I won. I learned one thing and that was no matter what I go through, what I am blamed for, how I feel or even cry, "When I talk, God listens." I came across that phrase in a random magazine I get in my mail one day. I put it next to my laptop as a loud and visible reminder that God is there.

I went home for spring break. My mission was to remove my braces at the same time, I talked a lot to my parents. One night I was lying on our guest room bed as we spoke about my year at Hope. My parents knew I was battling between various issues, so they allowed me to share and cry about it as well. I cried till I couldn't that night and when it was all done, my mom reminded me that even though my real dad is miles away from me, God is my dad who is always there.

So if you are reading this right now, and feel down, just remember that you are almost there. Some of us are graduating and we have no clue what is next, or if you are like me, you haven't found a summer job and you are getting worried as the days get closer to the first week of May. I would like to encourage you to talk to God today. I know it is probably hard—but just hold on to God's hand and He will take you through it.

Last week when I was showing off my big teeth at dinner, a good friend of mine, Nixon Omole ('06) said that no one could take the smile off my face no matter what happened. I did not say anything in response, but on the inside, I said "Well said Nixon." So keep smiling, we are almost there—just keeping talking to God, and He will listen no matter what you have to say!
Beula Pandian ('08)

Lacrosse fans earned win

To the Editor:

On behalf of Head Coach Mike Schanual, Assistant Coach Jim Budde, and the entire Hope College Club Lacrosse Team, we would like to thank all of the Hope College students and friends (as well as the parents, of course) who came out in attendance to support the lacrosse team at our home game this past Saturday, April 8 versus the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

It was indeed a great feeling and sight to see such a nice crowd. Obviously, it was a beautiful day and even better with our 8-5 win over a very fast and talented U of M-Dearborn team. We greatly appreciate your support and especially your enthusiasm as we represent Hope College during the collegiate lacrosse season. Thank you all very much. We hope to see you again at the remaining home games this spring if your time permits.

Dr. Todd E. Harburn ('78)
Orthopedic Consultant/Team Physician, Hope College Lacrosse, Head Coach Mike Schanuals (92) and Assistant Coach Jim Budde ('88), and the members of the 2006 Hope Lacrosse Team

Voices
From Holland High School to Hope College and now to semi-pro basketball seems to be a never ending career for one Holland native.

Hope alum Chad Carlson ('02) recently joined the local semi-pro basketball team named the Holland Blast. Carlson has enjoyed playing at every competitive level and has loved basketball all his life. “I played a lot growing up with my family and friends and watched Hope games all the time,” Carlson said.

After a year of playing for the Grand Rapids Flight, Carlson has returned to play for his hometown team once again. “I played in the league last year for the Grand Rapids Flight,” Carlson said. “I just got talking to the owners about playing in Holland this year because I would have a lot of time to play and enjoy it.”

As a player, Carlson realizes the semi-pro level produces very competitive and athletic players. “There are a lot of great athletes in this league. My role as a player is much more defined because of all the athleticism,” Carlson said.

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