Film places in national contest

Out of 20 finalists selected from more than 100 short films submitted in the first annual "Preserve Our Planet" College Film and Public Service Announcement Contest, Hope College junior Tyler Depke ('09) won second place with his stop-motion film "STOP: Think Green and Save."

The contest is held by the National Geographic Channel to encourage college students to inspire people to take steps to protect the environment. According to the contest website, NGC showcases the winning films and PSAs "to send the message to people everywhere that 'What You Do Counts.'"

Originally, the first place winner was to be determined by the panel of judges and the second place winner by daily online voting, but after voting violations were discovered for all the videos being considered, the panel determined the second place winner as well. Although Depke's film was in the lead with over 50 percent of the votes, Depke was happy about the decision.

"I think (this is) an even bigger honor because...the judges are really prestigious... (They) tell all photographers, videographers, scientists, and all of them work for National Geographic," Depke said.

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## IN BRIEF

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China battles international concern over Tibet

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With China rising as one of the world's superpowers, many Americans may be directly involved or work for a company that has ties to China in some form or another. As a consumer society, many American dollars go towards fueling China's economic growth. With increasing ties to China, it could be argued that Americans have a greater responsibility to be aware of China's happenings.

Most students are aware of the upcoming 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Not as many have noticed the recent uprisings in Tibet. When asked their opinion on the uprisings against the Chinese government, many Hope College students had not heard of the protests.

Tibet, however, is no stranger to protest. For years, Tibet has been under the control of China. It is considered by the Chinese government as an autonomous region though Tibetans have never really had self-governing control. For many years Tibet had complete control of its own internal affairs. In 1959 the Chinese government claimed that the Tibetan government did almost nothing to improve the material and political standard of living. Since then, there have been many Chinese settlers in the Tibetan region. This has upset the area to an extreme degree, with the most well-known demonstrations coming in Beijing in 1989. In 1991 the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama, claimed that a "Chinese Apartheid" existed in Tibet, with so many Chinese moving to the area. The Chinese were accused of denying Tibetans their cultural and economic status in their own land.

The plight of the Tibetan people has sparked international support. In the early 1990s, it was popular to sport a T-shirt with the straightforward campaign slogan "FREE TIBET." While this movement has died down, many students may be unaware of the extent of the protests.

The most interesting aspect is that the recent protests come at a time when China is meant to shine a positive light to the world. The upcoming 2008 Beijing Olympics is still going forward with a planned Olympic torch ceremony taking place in Tibet, after government officials in Beijing deemed the area stable.

Observers, including the Dalai Lama, say that boycotts of the Olympic Games would be counterproductive and would insult Chinese officials, possibly resulting in harsher treatment of Tibetans. Still, the international community has serious reservations about China's observance of human rights, particularly in Tibet and Sudan. In the end, China may need to find alternative responses for the concerns of the international community.

Shiite militia fights Iraqi army in Basra

Jonathan Parrish  Sports Writer

A period of intensified violence, an uneasy peace has settled over Iraq's second largest city of Basra. In an attempt to crack-down on Shiite militias, Iraqi security forces executed a major offensive against the Mahdi army, a group led by the anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Created in June 2003, the Mahdi army is believed to have strong ties with Shiite-controlled Iran.

According to CNN.com, a high-ranking Iraqi security reporter at least 200 people have been killed and over 50 wounded in Basra battles since Tuesday. April 1. Fighting in Basra spread to several other southern cities while remaining relatively quiet in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. In a recent news conference, Iraqi Defense Minister Abdel Qader Jassim acknowledged that Iraqi forces had been caught off-guard by the intensity of the opposition in Basra.

"We supposed that this operation would be a normal operation, but we were surprised by this resistance and have been obliged to change our plans and our tactics," Jassim said.

At a recent White House press conference, President Bush called the intensified violence a necessary step in the development of a free society.

"Basra has been a place where criminality has thrived," Bush said. "They are fighting some pretty tough characters... and yes, there's going to be violence, and that's sad" President Bush praised the actions of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in his efforts to make progress against Shiite militias, calling it a defining moment in the history of Iraq. Bush went on to state that the resurgent violence would not alter his administration's determination to assist the Iraqi government.

While the conflict in Basra has received some media attention, many Hope College students were unaware of the extent of the violence.

"I knew the situation existed, but I know very few of specifics," Hope student Scott Peterson ('09) said.

Shiite militia members finally withdrew from the streets Sunday after al-Sadr's call for a cease-fire last August is credited with a reduction in violence in Iraq over past few months. Currently, Iraqi forces are in control of most of Basra. Going house-to-house in some districts, security forces are confiscating weapons and removing the outlaws, criminals and smuggling gangs, according to an Iraqi government official's statement to MSNBC.com. While assisted by international troops, the operation in Basra must be viewed as a major test of Iraqi independence since it was primarily led and executed by Iraqi military forces.

Hope College student Zach White ('09) views the Basra offensive as an important step in creating Iraqi independence. "It is exciting to see that Iraq is trying to take care of itself by attempting to control the violence," White said. "It is a test, if Iraq can pass this test, then it is one step closer to becoming a free country."

SKYBUS AIRLINES TO CLOSE FLIGHTS

CNN — Skybus Airlines announced Friday it is shutting down its passenger flights — becoming the third airline this week to cease operations.

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**Authors Invade Pig Wallow Compound**

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — Authorities who removed 11 women and 401 children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underaged marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Investigators on Sunday based their search warrant raid on the 1,700-acre compound, the former site of an exotic game ranch.

State troopers armed with a search warrant raided the compound on Friday to look for evidence of a marriage between the girl, who allegedly had a baby at 15, and a 30-year-old man. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The low-cost carrier couldn't overcome "the combination of rising jet fuel costs and a slowing economic environment," the company said Friday. These moves proved to be insurmountable for a new carrier.

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LONDON (AP) — A coroner's jury returned the most serious verdict within its power Monday, ruling that Princess Diana and her boyfriend were unlawfully killed because their driver and pursuing paparazzi were reckless — behavior tantamount to manslaughter.

Crime charges were unlikely, however, because the incident happened in France outside the jurisdiction of British authorities.

Rejecting claims by the father of Diana's boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, that the couple were murdered, the jury concluded after six months of testimony they were victims of reckless speed by their drinking chauffeur and the pack of photographers chasing after them in Paris in 1997.

"The verdict is unlawful killing, grossly negligent driving of the following vehicles and of the Mercedes' carrying the couple, the jury foreman announced.

That was the verdict of nine of the 11 jurors. There was no indication why there were two dissenters.

All 11 agreed that the car slamming head-on into a concrete pillar rather than striking the wall on the other side was a key factor in their deaths. The jury also faulted Diana and Fayed for not buckling their seat belts.

But jurors laid the heaviest blame on the couple's driver, Henri Paul, who had been drinking shortly before the high-speed crash that killed all three in a Paris underpass on Aug. 31, 1997, and on the paparazzi following them.

Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, issued a statement expressing support for the verdict and thanking the jurors for their long work.

"We agree with their verdicts, and are both hugely grateful to each and every one of them for the forbearance they have shown in accepting such significant disruption to their lives over the past six months," the princes said.

Fayed died instantly when the Mercedes, traveling more than 60 mph, slammed into a concrete pillar in the Alma underpass at 12:22 a.m. Medics initially thought Diana would survive her severe injuries, but she died at Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital around 4 a.m. Only Diana's bodyguard, Trevor Rees, lived.

French police announced a day after the crash that tests on Paul's blood showed his blood-alcohol level was three times over the national drunk-driving standard.

The finding was disputed, and British experts said the French documentation could have been better. But even Al Fayed's security chief discovered Paul had downed two double Rics - equivalent to four shots of whiskey — in the hours before taking the wheel.
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Theater masters ‘jovial’ comedy

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In his album "Greetings From Michigan: The Great Lakes State," singer-songwriter and Hope College alumnus Sufjan Stevens (98) wrote a song entitled "Holland." It is ironic, then, that Stevens has not been back to Holland to play at his alma mater since his graduation in 1998. Moreover, it is interesting to note that Stevens now plays annually at Calvin College.

Is Hope's music scene and support of its student musicians truly that bad? Or is Calvin's just that good? With a relatively young Concert Series and growing music scene, some students are concerned whether Hope is doing enough to promote an environment which encourages musicians.

"I've always said I'd rather be a student at Hope and a performer at Calvin," Stevens said. "Hope is a better school. Calvin has a better music scene." Calvin, unlike Hope, has a dedicated Fine Arts Center in which student bands and outside bands alike have the opportunity to perform. Student bands at Hope have limited venues to choose from, namely the Kletz snack bar.

"When I was at Hope, I played shows in the foyers of dorms and in the Dimnent basement because there were no other options," Stevens said. "Hope can do better than a makeshift stage at the Kletz. That's pretty uninspiring."

Hope's Concert Series allows for student musicians to open for larger acts in front of much larger audiences at Dimnent Chapel. However, the Concert Series, which has only been around for three years, has not achieved success in booking big name artists like Calvin's Concert Series, which has been around for the better half of a decade.

"They (Calvin) have a history of good, smart programming," Stevens said. "They have a lot of experience booking bands; they have an experienced crew, stagehands, sound engineers, lighting engineers, most of whom are just students," Stevens said.

When asked what Hope could do to compete with Calvin and garner attention from music artists, Stevens stressed two words: Start small.

"Book unusual acts (like) Diane Cluck and the Kletz will never support student bands, this was overturned.

"We're trying to build a student writing community." Andy Kadzban ('08), the student director for Hope's Concert Series, expressed similar sentiments.

"We're trying to build a student culture who will thoughtfully listen to music in a different way MTV or VH1 might present it," Kadzban said. "There's better music out there that nobody knows about."

A relatively new program, Hope's Concert Series is still in the process of building a reputation of experience similar to Calvin's. "The program itself is growing a lot — we're much more known on campus than we were a few years ago," Kadzban said. "Also, our budget used to be purely based on donations, whereas we're now included in the Social Activities budget."

Like Stevens, Kadzban stressed the importance of a suitable venue for incoming performers as well as student musicians. "Students mostly play at either the Lemerle coffeehouse or at the Kletz. Dimnent Chapel and the Knock (Knickerbocker Theatre) are good sizes for larger performances, but student bands could never fill enough seats," Kadzban said. "What we need is a real performance hall, but it's a bit like the chicken and the egg — do we build a performance hall in order to attract more artists, or do we continue to find new and better performers in order to justify a performance hall?"

"Students do have other venues in which to play other than the Kletz or local coffeehouses like Lemere Coffeehouse. Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, and several fraternity and sorority-sponsored events offer student musicians larger locations in which to play."

Hope would also be able to use the Knickerbocker Theatre on campus, and the Park Theatre, which is in downtown Holland. "The Knickerbocker Theatre is probably too big for any of our current student bands to play in," Kadzban said. "But Andy (Kadzban) also wants students to experience new and different music. Anantha was definitely a break from the usual, and they were very well received," Ytterock, like Kadzban and Stevens, emphasized the value of community within Hope's music scene.

"Dimnent Chapel creates community when you have so many people coming in to experience one performance. But at the same time, the smaller venues like coffeehouses create tight-knit relationships," Ytterock said.

However, Ytterock pointed out that Hope doesn't need newer venues as much as they need students who write original material. "We have a lot of student bands on campus who prefer to cover other artists, which is great," Ytterock said. "But what's even better is when you have bands like The Travis Kingma Band who are doing their own thing."

The IMC has been encouraged by independent musicians and groups who have succeeded out of Hope such as the previously mentioned Sufjan Stevens, as well as They Were Thieves and Hurricane Hearts.

Current student bands at Hope are voicing their opinions as well.

Kingma Recruits

Colin Hoogerwerf ('10) is a member of Keep the Aspidistra Flying. Bands like Hoogerwerf's represent the majority of music groups on campus — friends who want to play music together and entertain wherever they have the chance.

Bigger names like The Travis Kingma Band have reached the point where they find it difficult to use Hope in which to play. A performance hall would appeal to these larger bands as it would support the larger audience sizes these performers usually attract.

"A performance hall would give students a true venue to play at," Travis Kingma said. "It would definitely help attract bigger names — there's only so much Dimnent can do. I think it'd also allow for more collaboration between Hope's Concert Series and student artists."

However, student artists and performing artists alike acknowledge the difficulty for colleges to encourage a thriving music scene simultaneously promoting academics.

"Most student bands don't really break out until after college," Kingma said. "There's not necessarily a lot of opportunities to hone your skills in college, but that's not always the school's main priority."

Hope College's difficulty will lie in which administrators prioritize their attention in coming years. For now, the main focus appears to be academics. However, the music scene is clearly growing in size, with the IMC saying that Hope will have to accommodate the needs of the student body.

Proves planning

Hope administrators are not unaware of the situation, however.

"A decade ago there was planning toward such a facility; however, it never became a reality due to lack of resources. There have been discussions about potential (performance) site, but we will not begin definitive planning until the college has secured a donor," said Provost Jim Borklin. "We would all love to see a first-class music facility."

As an academic institution, Hope is not obliged to accommodate special interests. Nevertheless, with the growing interest in music, both through music majors and student bands, Hope could only benefit from investing in the cultivation of the arts.

"A college's interest, fiscally speaking, is academic performance," Stevens said. "Of course, a college should also create an environment that entirely encourages art and music, period.
Abandoned Hearts': Excerpts from the book

Sophie Hartman

The following is Sophie Hartman’s personal account of her experiences on a mission trip to Pompano Beach, Fla.

Walking along the shoreline, with the heat of the sun on my back and the waves crashing in on my feet, God placed two words on my heart. Much to be the title of our book: the words that he desired so in the midst of his glory were You are to fulfill this by being obedient with sharing the truth.

A prophetic word was spoken directly to us. Many of us having never experienced something of this nature, in the name of Jesus, we experienced a true blessing, a blessing calling us to obedience and abandonment. Earlier in the week, Pompano Beach trip co-leader Kurt Goldsby ('10) shared with the team what God had been laying on his heart.

"My heart had been so consumed to keep a journal, because with all that was happening, there was no way I could remember it all," Goldsby said. "And more and more I thought about it, I realized that in all that I was experiencing, I was only a minor character. It struck me as to think about how someone else, someone with a different role, would describe what we were experiencing through their eyes, and how different of a perspective that would add to this story." Goldsby struggled to grasp what was on the hearts of others.

"God really laid on my heart that everyone should keep their own journal, and then somehow we could combine them to describe this miracle we were each a part of. God then prompted me to share with the group this strong conviction, and I was able to share exactly what was on my heart," Goldsby said. "Everyone was receptive, so willing, despite any uncertainties. I think they all really saw how God was painting such a powerful picture right in front of our eyes, making it clear to each of us that this story was something that needed to be shared.

As he shared this with us, our hearts were stirred in wonder, questioning if this truly was something that we would be able to accomplish. Conversations continued to come up about this. We were sensing a call to write, and we spent a lot of time praying and seeking God’s will. A day or so later, after long discussion and prayer, God revealed that the content of the book was to be nothing more than all of our journals compiled into one.

God opened our eyes to see the potential beauty and truth written from 15 hearts. Not just any 15 hearts, but 15 hearts each experiencing and having been carried by God’s beauty in a different way.

"I have always wanted God to use me in a big way, a revolution in a sense, but I was looking and trying to make that happen. When Kurt shared with us his vision of this book, God immediately showed me that this is how he was going to use me as a part of this story, with the potential to truly make a difference in the Kingdom of God," Kayla Johannesen ('11) said. "I don’t think it’s a stretch to say that all 15 of us had experienced that same longing before. The beauty of this trip, we realized, was that we weren’t trying to make things happen, but rather, the beauty began to bleed through when we fully abandoned ourselves and fell into the hands of the Living God.

In our departure from Pompano Beach back to Hope College, we came to realize that our eyes had been opened in a way that they had never been opened before.

We came to understand that the beauty of what our eyes had seen is something that is limited to Pompano Beach, Fla., but the beauty of God is endless; it is everywhere. The question becomes: how can our eyes be opened to see the beauty of the creator?

Our time in Pompano Beach truly opened our eyes. Few anticipated the way God would use their time and talents.

"I was expecting to catch a few rays, meet people, spend time with my boyfriend and learn a few things from Pastor Eddie, but really, I had no idea what was to come," Julie VanLaan ('09) wrote in her journal.

Truthfully speaking, we still have no idea what is to come. What we do know is that we will act in obedience and abide by the prophetic word given to us, and in that, God’s blessing will be with those who read it.

Titus 2:11-13 states, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and savior, Jesus Christ."

We are waiting for this blessed hope—the appearing glory of our great God and savior. We trust that he will use our story as his story, and that "Abandoned Hearts" will make an eternal difference in the Kingdom of God.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS—Students on the mission trip left this tract—which included Pastor Eddie Hernandez's testimony—on car windshields.

"I feel that God is continually working on my heart when it comes to the idea of my life’s calling. Last summer in Chicago I had a class entitled ‘Yellow and Vacations.’ The class focused on beginning to realize God’s given talents and vocational callings. I really liked the class because it led me to begin to understand the true calling of my life, which I thought would alter journalism or marketing. That all changed Monday night after I gave my sermon to the entire group. When I spoke in front of the group, everyone felt so connected and right. Does that mean I may become a pastor like Eddie? Who knows? It’s something I am certainly considering. I am learning more and more that our vocations are between God and me."

—Chris Lewis ('09)
In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Papple

36,052 minutes

By the time this column hits newsstands, there will be approximately 36,052 minutes until commencement—the beginning of the end. Recognizing the end—an event ironic by the nature of its definition alone.

In the spirit of graduation and the knowledge that marks the finish line I have been racing to for the past four years also means I am running high speed headed into the real world. I have become so reminiscent as the thinking of my time at Hope is changing from present to past tense. I can’t help but think about the first time I stayed up all night writing a paper. I think about the time I got caught throwing eggs out of a third floor Dykstra window. I have been thinking about the time I have spent in the Anchor office. I realize how I have become addicted to coffee and peanut butter sandwiches merely in an attempt to survive college. I am aware of how much I have learned both in and out of the classroom. I have learned what it means to live in a community, be assertive and use my teacher voice.

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Joe Seymour

On the proliferation of longboards

The snow is finally gone (at least as of today), and the longboards have appeared. Longboards emerge like spring potholes; they’re all over the streets, and drivers have to learn to hit them. Some consider them—longboards and potholes—a nuisance, but that irritation stems from an uninformative and feeble mind, similar to disinfecting zebras.

First one must understand the biology and basic description of the longboard before undertaking the study of longboard proliferation. Longboards, much like the sylvilagus floridanus, the eastern cottontail rabbit. Ovulation in longboards is triggered by the condition of the Winter X-Games, hence their high reproductive rate in spring. One can then see how they multiply like rabbits during winter storms. They are just big enough to distinguish them from edgy skateboarders. Longboarders themselves are a calmer community, by necessity, as they need no hand. They’re neither emotionally unsteady nor Hillary ’08 supporters.

The historical origin of the longboard was in place by early accounts that place its birth in the “Lords of Dogtown” era. Somehow the 1960s’ drug infused atmosphere of San Francisco inspired the innovation of the longboarded skateboard. The neighborhoods, of “Full House” were the backdrop for many young longboarders developing the action. For one thing, there were no lengthly decks, the longboard allows the rider to pump and surf the street with minimal effort. The longboard satisfies the needs of many different crowds: the skateboarder can ride the streets with half the altitude, and the snowboarder doesn’t have to sweat in high-priced snow pants. Hand-designed and built their own longboards with varying definitions of “success,” some are hideous.

There are several major issues confronting the budding longboarding community, both from among its members and the public. Last week, a Hope student longboarded into a Holland City Hall meeting; it was the first time a longboard had entered the hallowed Dutch halls. Amid the snickers, the Council adopted a non-binding resolution celebrating the event. There are also questions of longboarding’s street or sidewalk legality (Campus Safety declined to comment). Can they be brought into class, Chapel, Phelps, chemistry labs and or the dorms after curfew? None of these pertinent issues have been brought up, and they need to be dealt with as quickly as my freshman year staph infections. Still, there remains the internal and hard-fought divisions among the skateboarding and longboarding communities. Can they ever coexist, or will one fade away like Oteriza, Beta Max and HD-DVD? Does there need to be a creation of a dual state system with sovereignty for both sets of wheels? Will my children ever live to see same-skate marriage?

Joe is glad that that his housemate’s X-Box is not plugged into his policy-captain on time. However, now it has returned and he is joyous.

From the inside out

Brittany Adams

The Third Sex

Boys will be boys. Girls will be girls. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls.

So, yes, I really do consider myself a woman. Doesn’t everyone? The only reason I know for sure is because I know girls will be girls. Boys will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls. Girls will be boys. Boys will be girls.

As much as I support the cause of women’s rights, I honestly think that the feminist movement — as it got more extreme — was also kind of shot in the foot. Women are not only more forceful in the workplace and politics, but also socially, and it’s with the social setting that I’m concerned. Especially since college. I’ve noticed how assertive women can be when it comes to boys. Boys don’t need to call or leave their dorm rooms; girls will do it all. In many, many girls were.parallel, it has never been more true. When we go to college, we need something just as drastic to get us back on track. And so here is my theory: we are in desperate need of a Third Sex. I don’t know exactly what this Third Sex will be like, but, both from the experiences I’ve had and the stories I’ve heard from my friends, I know this:

1. They will be nice. There will be no hair-pulling, name-calling, or back-stabbing resulting in a blockbuster movie starring Lindsay Lohan.
2. They will be single. And when they are dating you, you will be the only one they are dating. You would think this one would be a no-brainer, and yet, you would be surprised ...

I think this whole issue of gender equality) is getting a little out of hand. Girls are pursuing boys; boys are the other day how she used to consider rooms; girls will do it all. In fact, many other girls have been asking me how they can do it. My best friend got a her to come out to see him. Across town 

Letters to the Editors

Awareness key to destroying human trafficking in United States

To the Editors:

During the course of a year, the number of people being trafficked swells to astronomical figures. According to the Department of Justice, an estimated 600,000 become victims every year. As much as people think they are not affected by human trafficking, they really are. With the statistics of how many people are victimized by U.S. citizens and in the U.S. alone, no one in his or her right mind should ignore this suffering.

In a perfect world, human trafficking should never exist, but now that the victim number is rising, the first thing to do is let everyone know that the problem is here unlike we could get our sexual lives straight. Until then, however, I’ll be waiting...

Brittany is sad that there is less than a miracle left of her freshman year. Like many others, she’s kind of fallen in love with college.

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Theatres masters jovial comedy

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Kelly Sina ('08), who played Olivia, said, "It's been the hardest show I've ever done. I think everyone sees Olivia as this flouncy little girl. I really wanted to make her real. She has a lot of depth to her, and she's someone that everyone can relate to. She has the biggest journey in the whole show."

Others in the play recalled the fun and vitality within Shakespeare's script as well as the honor of being able to perform along with their talented cast mates.

"The best part of this was realizing how hilarious Shakespeare can be," said Chris Bilquist ('11), who played a gentleman named Valentine.

"My favorite part was just the whole process: just being a freshman and them being mostly juniors and seniors was great," said Alexa. Wesley ('11), who played Olivia's waiting woman, Maria.

"Twelfth Night" came to get a sense of a heightened form of amusement that only the words of Shakespeare can bring. Full of Shakespeare's many witticisms that are still used today, this play was a fantastic conclusion to a wonderful theater season and to a rapidly approaching end of the school year.

General warns against pullouts

WASHINGTON (AP) - The top U.S. commander in Iraq told Congress Tuesday that hard-won gains in the war zone are too fragile to be promised any troop pullouts beyond this summer, holding his ground against impatient Democrats and refusing to commit to more withdrawals before President Bush leaves office in January.

Army Gen. David Petraeus painted a picture of a nation struggling to suppress violence among its own people and to move toward the political reconciliation that Bush said a year ago was the ultimate aim of his efforts in Iraq.

Security is getting better, and Iraq's own forces are becoming more able, Petraeus said. But he also ticked off a list of reasons for further withdrawals, Petraeus didn't budge. He said he had recommended to Bush that he continue by the end of July, the withdrawal of the 20,000 extra troops. Beyond that, he said, "we'reProposed a 45-day period of 'consolidation and evaluation,' to be followed by an indefinite period of assessment.

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Chris Lewis
Senior Writer

Hope College athletic training students Amanda Friedline ('08) and Molly Smith ('09) have recently been awarded scholarships by the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Association. Friedline received the William E. Newell Postgraduate Scholarship, which recognizes the most outstanding student in a seven-state region of the Midwest. The scholarship is named in honor of longtime Purdue University athletic trainer and National Athletic Trainers Association Executive Director William 'Pinky' Newell.

Friedline was also honored with the NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Graduate Scholarship, which recognizes a student who is a member of a minority group. Friedline plans to use the scholarship to pursue her athletic training studies at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill next fall as a graduate assistant for two of their teams. The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill has a two year program that requires its students to write a research masters thesis, while completing athletic training curriculum and taking an athletic training course alongside these thesis requirements.

Smith was awarded a Living Memorial undergraduate scholarship. She is one of only five students in the entire country to be honored. "There were five total scholarships given, and I was honored with one of them," Smith said.

Smith was a Division III basketball player at Hope College, and she is currently an athletic training major. "As a junior, Smith is still learning more about the athletic training program and field in the classroom. "Right now, class-wise, all the sophomores and juniors in the program have an assessment of athletic injuries course that meets every day," Smith said. "In this class, we go through each segment of the body and review the anatomy of the body part and learn what can go wrong with that segment, how it can be injured, what the injuries are and how to test for each injury." Smith and Friedline, along with the rest of Hope's athletic training majors, must complete a certain amount of clinical hours before graduation.

"Each student must complete 1,000 clinical hours over their four years in the program. This is never hard to reach as most people earn many more hours," Smith said.

Each year athletic training students have clinical rotations, either with a Hope athletic team or with one of their off-campus rotations.

"During these rotations, we are responsible for being at all home events for the assigned team and taking turns traveling with the team to their away competitions," Smith said. "On a day-to-day basis we are training athletes, evaluating new injuries, assisting athletes with rehabilitating and helping underclass athletic training students with things they are learning in class."

Smith will soon be applying for the Fulbright scholarship. She is also considering working as an athletic trainer upon graduating from Hope and then attending graduate school to become a physician assistant. Friedline plans to pursue her athletic training studies at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill next fall as a graduate assistant for two of their teams. The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill has a two year program that requires its students to write a research masters thesis, while completing athletic training curriculum and taking an athletic training course alongside these thesis requirements.

Six Hope athletes capture All-American honors

Jolene Jeske
Guest Writer

Marcus Vanderheide Men's Basketball

For ward M a r c u s V a n d e r h e i d e ('08) earned second team All-MIAA honors and was named co-captain for the 2008 season and was a leader in scoring and three-pointers. He's tied for the most free throws made in the DeVos Fieldhouse, but that's not all; he also leads the Dutch in most assists. Vanderheide ('08) was a hard working senior forward for the Hope College Flying Dutchmen. Vanderheide sank 10 points against Calvin to wrap up Hope's MIAA regular season. The Dutchmen then advanced to the consolation title game of the NCAA Division III men's basketball championship and were victorious, with Vanderheide scoring another 10 points. Vanderheide continued to make baskets into the next game versus Aquinas and led the Dutchmen with 19 points. But the Dutchmen came up short overall, losing to Aquinas 69-78.

Last year, Vanderheide earned second team All-MIAA honors, and his accomplishments continued growing as he advanced into his senior year. For an outstanding season, Vanderheide was voted first team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. MIAA's most valuable player and was named the Great Lakes College Association most outstanding GLIAC player. JORDYN BOLES

Women's Basketball

One of five captains for the 2008 Hope women's basketball team, Jordan Boles ('08) has become the career leader in points. Boles is batting .411 this year. Unfortunately, Hope's last playoff game took place in the second game of the NCAA Tournament against Howard Payne. The Dutch Lady came up short, resulting in a 49-52 loss. Boles led the team with 18 points, of which all were three-pointers. The outstanding three-point shooter was known for her pure shooting talent and team playing skills.

Kodiak's first team All-American for the 2008 season. Boles was also named to the Division III All-Region team of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. She led the Lady Dutch in free throw percentage and holds the record for most three pointers earned in a career at Hope with 218. The Hope men's swimming team has earned All-American recognition for the 400-yard medley relay, which consisted of Matthew Rose ('08), Ryan Nells ('10), Phil Hoyerdo ('10) and Brandon King ('10) at the NCAA Division III men's swimming and diving championships.

Men's Swimming

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday April 9

Softball
Home vs. Whitworth College at 4:15 p.m.
Women's Tennis
Home vs. St. Mary's College at 3 p.m.
Women's Golf
NIAA match at Tri-State University at 1 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse
Away vs. Albion at 6 p.m.

Thursday April 10

Basketball
Away vs. Adrian College at 2 p.m.

Friday April 11

Softball
Illinois Wesleyan Tournament II

Track & Field
MIAA Meet at Alma College at 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
GLCA Tournament in Wooster, Ohio

Women's Tennis
GLCA Tournament in Wooster, Ohio

Women's Lacrosse
Away vs. Western Michigan University at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday April 12

Baseball
Home vs. Adrian College at 2 p.m.
Softball
Illinois Wesleyan Tournament II
Track & Field
MIAA Meet at Alma College at 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
GLCA Tournament in Wooster, Ohio

Women's Tennis
GLCA Tournament in Wooster, Ohio

Men's Lacrosse
Alma Invitational, Alma College at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND TEAM HAVING SUCCESS

The Hope College softball team split MIAA doubleheader with Tri-State University. The Dutch won the first game 4-3 and lost the second 2-5 on April 8. While picking up another win, two Hope players also entered the record books. Catcher Kylee Brouwer ('08) set career records for triples (16), total bases (273) and runs scored (145). Also, Brouwer is batting .500 this season. Pitcher Brouwer is outfielder Jessica Regnerus ('08) who has become the career leader for total hits with 185. Regn erus is batting .411 this year. Currently, the Dutch are 4-2 in the MIAA and 13-6 overall. The team will play at home today against Wheaton College in a doubleheader at 4:15 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS UNDEFEATED IN MIAA

After defeating Alma College on April 14, the Hope College men's tennis team remains undefeated in the MIAA at 2-0 and 11-4 overall. Against Alma, Hope won five out of six singles matches and all three doubles matches. Hope plays next on April 11 and 12 in the GLCA Tournament in Wooster, Ohio.

THE ANCHOR
Track and field prepares for MIAA jamboree

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

In preparation for their first MIAA jamboree competition, the Hope College men's and women's track and field teams have already shown some standout performances including a handful of provisional and automatic cuts to the NCAA meet in May.

Neither team has competed in MIAA competition yet this season, but they have participated in numerous invitational meets. In particular, Hope's field events in MIAA competition yet this year helped the Hope College men's and women's track and field teams make their mark.

Sophomore Robby Poll named pitcher of the week

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

After completing a two-hit shutout and 8-0 win over Albion College on April 5, Robby Poll ('10) was named MIAA pitcher of the week.

Although Poll was surprised to receive the award, he knew many pitchers on the team had notable performances. "I was somewhat surprised but I figured one of the guys from our team would get it," Poll said. "We had a great week of pitching."

Despite the loss to Calvin College last weekend, Poll noticed the team clicked and he found some of his own strengths in the Albion game.

"We started playing together as a team," Poll said. "I think I have been able to spot my fast ball and my change up has always been good for me."

Fellow teammate Matt Sattler ('08) also identified Poll's effective pitches and his natural talent.

"He's kind of got an arm blessed by God," Sattler said. "Every pitch moves a different way. He's crafty and uses his off-speed pitches well."

Looking forward to the rest of the season, coach Stu Fritz, Poll and the team have certain goals to obtain.

"For the team, we want to win the conference, go to regionals and go to the NCAA (NCAA) world series," Poll said. "We set high goals, but we've got the talent to do it."

Coach Stu Fritz reaches 300 wins with victory

Hope College baseball coach Stu Fritz reached a milestone on April 4 after defeating Albion College (8-0) (14-1) in a double header. The MIAA victory was Fritz's 300th win in 15 seasons as head coach.

In his career, Fritz has coached the Dutchmen to eight MIAA championships and four NCAA appearances. Although Fritz's players enjoy winning, they have come to love other aspects of his coaching.

"He's kind of like family and treats each player like family," captain Matt Sattler ('08) said.

In addition, Sattler has witnessed the team grow over the past years and recognized the program's improvement under Fritz.

"I think one of his great strengths is knowing what kind of players he has and knowing how to deal with each player individually," Sattler said. "He knows what players to yell at and not. He is a great motivator and a great recruiter."

While improving the program and recruiting talent, Fritz has also set goals for the team.

"He always has high standards, especially this season," pitcher Robby Poll ('10) said.

Last year, Hope was MIAA champions (22-6) with an overall record of 29-13. Finally, Fritz is not only a coach but a great example for his players beyond the world of baseball.

"He's actually more of a mentor," Poll said. "He's always there for his players. Just following him and listening to him is great."

Baseball player and coach have memorable week

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