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Hope College
International awareness week features exposure to new cultures

"International Awareness Week," which began Sunday and runs through Saturday, April 10-16, will feature presentations on current international issues by scholars and residents of the areas discussed, and a food fair/vote show featuring the cultures represented at Hope.

"Images: A Reflection of Cultures," will begin on Saturday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the DeVitt Center Lounge and Kletz.

The participants in the South Africa presentations on Thursday, April 14, will reflect on the potential and shortcomings of the peace initiative in South Africa, including whether or not peace can last and the direction the nation is likely to take after the elections. Participants will include two South African graduate students at the University of Toledo; David Weisfelder of the African Studies Program at Michigan State University; R. Weisfelder of the political science department at the University of Toledo; and Neal Sobania, who is director of international education and associate professor of history at Hope College.

"Images: A Reflection of Cultures" will consist of two parts on Saturday, April 16: a food-oriented "pre-show," which will begin at 6:30 p.m., and a variety show, which will begin at 7:45 p.m. The event will conclude at about 9 p.m.

The "pre-show" will take place in the DeVitt Center Lounge and in the Kletz under the glass, and will include exhibits and appetizers. Attendees will be able to browse from booth to booth and sample items such as Hawaiian pudding and Mexican wedding cookies. The variety show, following immediately in the Kletz, will show the talents of Hope students as they share their cultures through song, dance and poetry.

The presentation on South Africa is sponsored by the College's Office of International Education, International Relations Club and Amnesty International.

"Images: A Reflection of Cultures" is sponsored by the college's Black Coalition, Hispanic Student Organization, International Relations Club, Office of Multi-Cultural Life and Social Activities Committee. The event is an expanded version of a similar event sponsored by the International Relations Club for the past three years.

Congress leaves Greeks to their own devices

Student Congress agreed Thursday to maintain a hands-off policy regarding pledging practices in reaction to constituent concerns over perceived physical and emotional stress during the two weeks of Greek pledging which concluded early in March.

After inhouse discussion earlier this month, representatives signed off on a letter written by President Eric K. Foster notifying each of the college's 12 sororities and fraternities of the fact that the average Hope student is spread thin with the ballot box this Friday.

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Whitewater won't go away

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"jumping all over my wife." After a statement that said Whitewater was a losing investment for the Clintons, things quieted down. Though Clinton fervently defended why people would be interested in his loss, he never reported that loss in his income tax return. According to New York Times Columnist William Safire, "Clinton] wrongly took other deductions, and the lawyer who worked with Hillary on these returns was Vincent Foster." A few months ago, after Vince Foster's suspicious death, it was confirmed that the former White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum entered Foster's office and removed files relating to Whitewater. Further reports show that the White House interfered with and hindered the health care proposal of Foster's death by Confirming the investigation to the Park Police and not the FBI.

Late last year following several delays, under the pressure of a subpoena, the documents were handed to the Justice department. The interesting thing to note is that the documents which the congressmen requested from Whitewater had been turned over to the Justice department.

Clinton's further cover up was seen when two couriers from the Rose Law Firm, who were part of the group that shipped the documents to the Justice department, were paid for lapses in the summer of 1995 and were supported by Antvelink.

The health care conference is coming to campus

by David Chamin

Although it may seem as if the Washington establishment is facetiously

Whitewater wasn't all over its campaign scandal, the rest of the nation is not. "If the WHC story is going to become an issue, it has to be brought squarely into the debate," one observer noted. While President Clinton has travelled the nation to explain the Whitewater scandal, the rest of the nation is not backing down. The conference entitled "Diagnosing America's Health Care System: How Sick is the Patient?" How appropriate is the question? Is the patient the current health care system? The system is not sick, but the patient's health care coverage is. People are not sick, but the patient's coverage is. The conference will be held in Scott Hall on April 19th, from 3pm on Saturday, April 16th.

Though many American citizens would like to see a system of universal coverage for all, few are willing to make the necessary sacrifices such care would entail. Those attending the conference will have the opportunity to formulate their own judgments concerning the health care proposals that exist, with particular emphasis on the state of Minnesota's health care plan. That plan bears resemblance to the plan offered to Congress by Hillary Clinton. Loomis expounds that the conference will "offer people different perspectives, and hopefully some clarification of the issues." Some of those presenting papers at the conference include Scott H. Vander Linden, professor of economics at Calvin College, whose presentation is entitled, "Caring the Health Care System: A grand illusion?" Also among those presenting are Robert J. Newman, the South Central Board of Health officials in Louisiana State University, and Robert J. Cline, the tax research director with the Minneapolis department of Revenue. Baker scholar Nathan Graybill ('94) will present a paper entitled "The Best Health Care System in the World, or the Most Expensive?" He will be joined by 1993 Hope Graduate Ryan Henke.

Following the presentation of the papers will be a panel discussion, in which the audience will engage the speakers with questions. Members of the panel will include Republican Congressman Peter Halkin from the 2nd Congressional District, Fred Vandersbergh, president of Butterworth Ventures in Grand Rapids, and William Van Piasen, president of the Massachusetts Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The conference, which is sponsored by the Department of Economics and Business Administration, will be held in the Semple Hall of Western Theological Seminary, and will begin at 9:30 a.m.
Letters to the editor

Columnist criticized for views about religion and gov't

Accusing of 'ignorance'

Dear Editors,

I am a Christian, I am a social-liberal. I am an American. Bob Harrison implies that I cannot be all three.

When this nation was established, the majority of the "citizens" were followers of organized religion. Please look at the Church of England or Church of Sweden, both of which died in the Revolution. Are we to insist on taking a mile? We cannot decide what and what is not approved in things like time for prayer or graduation ceremonies. The government has always corrupted the church. We cannot allow the government to dictate to us, to decide what is religious and what is not. The government cannot decide what is or is not the American Constitution, so that this country remains a democracy as it has been in the past.

Dear Editors,

In response to Harrison's column "Impressions", dated April 6, 1994. If Harrison wishes to continue living in a pseudo-reality in which America has a Chief of Government, Religion has become by the heart, not the law. If, as Bob insists, a majority of students voted for Joel for president in a school body then could a majority of students in a school also vote for Ku Klux Klan propaganda and thereby force it upon the whole class?

Liberals and intellectuals are not anti-religious. Rob needs to be careful in how he stereotypes groups. I believe in helping the underdeveloped, caring for the underprivileged, and aiding the underprivileged. A man named Jesus preached similar ideas about two thousand years ago. Intellectuals have always helped develop and sustain organized religion. Luther, Calvin, Kant and Hope's Religion Department are surely not anti-religious, but all have had both academic training.

Rob Harrison did a great job on his statistics, but speaking from the heart instead of the brain gets people in trouble. Every one in this country deserves religious freedom, not just those who believe as I do. Don't believe what I said from Holland. Please stay away from the wall that separates religion from government. Knock down the wall of ignorance that is shown by this article. Respectfully Yours, Taran V. Tokson

Clarifying the debate

Dear Editors, From his constituents To the student body: I am writing this letter to inform everyone of the qualities of Student Congress President for the 1994-95 year. Throughout this past year Joel Plantinga exhibited the qualities that I believe an effective Congress President must have. Joel has not only been an active and vocal member of Congress for two years, he has also demonstrated his ability and willingness to lead. He has utilized his leadership abilities on many occasions.

In an effort to respond to student needs, Joel has served on many committees in Congress such as the Religious, the Appropriations Committee and the Religious Life Task group. We, therefore believe, Joel Plantinga possesses the experience and dedication to serve as our Student Congress president.

Yearbook photos will be taken during class registration today

Milestone 1994

Where's the choice?

Dear Distinguished Students of Hope College,

As Student Congress representatives we have all enjoyed the opportunity to serve this community. Last week's article by Rob Harrison criticized for views about religion and government. Now it is our turn to give you our own perspective on this issue.

The American Constitution is clear on the separation of church and state. This separation is shown by the fact that a pluralistic society has been able to coexist with a variety of religious beliefs. The Constitution also prevents the government from establishing an official religion, whether it be religious or non-religious. We do not believe that the government can dictate what is or is not religious to the individuals of this country.

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Correction

On page 3 of last week's Anchor, we mistakenly identified one of the people who went on the Habitat for Humanity Spring Break trip as Kathy Hep. Her real name is Kathy Hep. We apologize if this caused any confusion.

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HEY! WANNA WORK FOR THE ANCHOR NEXT YEAR? APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR, LOCATED IN DEWITT BEHIND WTHS. OR CALL 78777
CARROT TOP LOOK-ALIKE Brian Wolthuis and the rest of Hot Lunch lead off the festivities with "Return to Innocence."

IS IT A MAN OR A WOMAN? Jason Law stole the show by cross dressing for the performance of "My Boyfriend's Back." Later, in between acts of the show, Law was interviewed by emcee David Naster.

Cross dressing and candy equals lip syncing fun!!!

Jodi McFarland
staff reporter

"I knew you had a lot of choices for what to do tonight here in Holland, so I want to thank you for coming," emcee David Naster told the audience at the Knickerbocker Theater to open Air Jam '94. An estimated 375 students enjoyed Saturday's lip sync, thanks to Naster's comedic stunts sandwiched between six great acts.

The evening began with a bang as Hot Lunch, starring Eric Wolthuis ('94), Brian Wolthuis ('97), Matt Klime ('94), Nathaniel Buckley ('97), and Peter Christensen ('97) presented a dramatic interpretation of the song "Return to Innocence."

The piece started with four businessmen waiting at the bus stop, who one by one regressed to childhood, cavorting about the stage playing with beach balls, toy trucks, and squirt guns, stripping down to tees and shorts. Brian Wolthuis did the syncing, surrounded by the antics of the other four. Gizzy, in her tight jean skirt and red wig, was actually Jason Law ('97). This act featured Gizzy and two of her female friends—not men in drag this time—jubilantly putting a bad boy in his place.

Between acts, emcee Naster joked and awarded candy to audience members who were able to answer Hope College trivia such as identifying the oldest campus building. When he produced a king-size Reeses, the crowd responded with oohs and aahs. Nathaniel Buckley won these by doing a cartwheel/forward roll with an Olympic ending at the front of the stage.

Doc and the Boys performed the final act, "Why the Sun Shines," featuring multiple props and the shining faces of Bill McGovern ('96), Travis Long ('96), Todd Soderquist ('96), and Dr. Ned C. Rouze.

Judges and Sunny FM personalities Sabrina Fairchild and Keith Curry announced the winning acts. The third place trophy went to Gizzy and Her Gals. "Return to Innocence" took second, and Doc and the Boys won first place. As an encore, they answered the audience with "George of the Jungle."

(RIGHT) SHAKE IT GIRL: Peter Beckman and Lisa Hofman go bottoms up in their recreation of SINGER'S "I Remember You" and "Billy-a-Dick" from the For the Boys soundtrack.

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Student Congress candidates for '94-'95

Presidential candidates

Jeremy Dobos '97

I am running for Student Congress President because I believe that Student Congress should reflect the views of the majority on campus. Some of the recent actions by Congress have prompted me to get involved, instead of sitting on the sidelines and pretending these issues don't bother me. One of the actions which disturbed me was that of the Health Clinic Task Force, a committee of Congress, which seeks to enable the Health Clinic to distribute condoms. Even though this may be well-intended, it seems to me to support prometial sex. "Well, it's going to happen anyway..." is not a viable argument, I believe that this would be inconsistent with the whole focus of the college. Is this a school which truly adheres to the teachings of Jesus Christ or is that just an empty lie?

Another action which bothered me was the drafting of a vague Sexual Harassment policy, which I see as hindering, not helping the problem of sexual harassment. Are we to institute a " reign of terror" in which people are afraid of even having relationships with one another? I personally don't want to be a person that stands back and does nothing while these issues are debated.

If I am elected, I would like to get the student body of Hope more involved, or, at the very least, more informed about the happenings of Student Congress. I also would like to get the student body more involved in reaching out to the community and building relationships with people. Hope College should be more than a "Christian college in name only..." I would urge anyone who has ideas to share to stop by or give me a call.

Joel Plantinga '96

Hope College is, in my opinion, at a pivotal point in its history regarding several key issues vital to our identity. Some believe that in order to improve our situation in the immediate Holland community, we must "box ourselves off" from the neighbors. I am of the opinion that we must make a concerted effort to reach out to our neighbors and show them what we as Hope College students, are all about. I think that once we do this, the student body will see the neighborhood for what it can be, and not for what the common stereotypes are. I do not believe in running from problems, and believe that if we isolate ourselves from the community, not only will we continue to be faced with safety concerns, but we will be missing out on a potential goldmine for friendships and cooperative work. We must also work on continuing progress towards making Hope College a community that shows love, compassion, and kindness towards everyone in and around our campus. By working with the Dean of the Chapel and local churches, I'm committed to doing my best to lead Hope College's student body according to God's will. Through constant prayer and communication with God, we can tap into the most powerful resource available to mankind and accomplish these goals. I have served two years as a Representative on Student Congress and Appropriations committee, which has given me the invaluable experience necessary to know how the system works here at Hope College and how to use that knowledge to turn the ideals of Hope College students into reality.

Vice Presidential candidate

Nina Bieliauskas '97

I, Nina Bieliauskas, am running unopposed for the position of vice president. Still, I feel it is important for my views to be seen and understood. The vice president of Student Congress deals mostly with communication, keeping the representatives informed of what is going on in congress. Communication is breaking down, however, in relation to Hope and the surrounding community, as well as between the students and the administration. In order to create bridges once again, the ability to communicate must be put back in place. This is not an insurmountable task. Publicity works. Knowledge works. All that is needed is to get people informed about what is going on, and the lines to communicate are open. Joel Plantinga and I hope to create an informed surrounding community that knows more about Hope College than what they see through their windows when it gets dark. And the same holds true for us, the students. We need knowledge of what is going on around us, what the community ideally like, and what is available here at Hope.

I feel that this is important, that getting everyone informed is important. It is so much easier to find solutions to the problem when you at least know what problems exist.

Mike Yantis '95

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Where to vote?

- DeVitt Union Desk and Van Wylen lobby, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 15
- Phelps lounges during lunch and dinner

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Last Monday's Musical Showcase at De Vos Hall in Grand Rapids provided a sampling of Hope’s broad range of gifted talent. The best by far was one that President John Jacobson provided a sampling of Hope’s broad品尝 of musical talent. Occasionally rose to an excited peak. The colorful Chapel Choir under J. Scott Ferguson’s direction is always expected to perform exquisitely, and it executed Bach’s “Der Geist hilt unser Schwacht auf” as smoothly as expected.

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Opus hosts dynamic duo of Simic & Young


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"I'd like to thank my teammates." — Emmitt Smith

The weekend's three game series against Olivet gave Hope College and the Holland community a chance to come out and see the guys for the first time. Going into the weekend it appeared that Olivet was the favorite as they held a 4-2 MIAA record whereas Hope held a 5-10 record overall with limited action (1-1) in the MIAA. Fans went home satisfied at weekend's end with the Dutch claiming two victories. In addition to the victories, players seemed to gain lots of confidence both on the hill and at the plate as they move towards mid season.

Friday's game started off shaky for Hope as Olivet plated three in the first three innings of Hope hurler Steve Schewe ('95). After retiring the first base runner of the game on a lazy fly ball to left, the second hitter, Mario Villarreal drilled a single to center. Schewe hit the next batter with a pitch before getting the clean up hitter to ground into a fielder's choice, leaving runners at the corners. Villarreal didn't stay on third for long as John Fulmer took Schewe to the wall with a double. In the third inning Olivet added to their lead with a two run home run and five RBI's.

Looking at the long term picture the most important thing that came out of the weekend was the revival of Tom Osbom's ('95) bat. One of Hope's offensive stars of a year ago Osbom, was below .200 entering the weekend. With 3-4 hitting and two RBI's in one game he once again looked like the hitter that he is. There was plenty of production from all parts of the lineup as Hope compiled 16 hits and 15 runs on their way to a 11-4 thrashing.

In the early innings the game didn't look at all like it would be an offensive contest. Hope plated one in the first when J.D. Underhouse ('94) walked and scored on an error, and one in the third as Backus ('94) singled and eventually scored on a sac fly by Osbom. Darin Corcoran ('95) pitched well despite sloppy Hope defensive play and held Olivet to no runs through the first three innings. Backus, Kaiser, and Osbom strung together a walk and two singles that brought in two more runs for Hope and looked as though the first game might be an easy one with Hope up four to zip.

Women split non-conference twin-bill

by Mark Maconox

The Dutch of Hope College used strong pitching and timely hitting Saturday to gain a 6-0 game two win and a split in an important non-conference doubleheader with regionally ranked St. Mary's Belles, who won the first game 4-3. The Dutch used a four run fourth inning to support a shutdown effort from sophomore pitcher Kris Rodrels. With one out in the fourth, lead with two runs on an RBI single and sac fly by Chris Hodges and John Fulmer respectively.

Hope wasn't fazed by the Comet's early action and answered with their own ammunition in the second and third innings. Schewe deserved to win this one and apparently Olivet agreed as they did everything in their power to allow the victory. After a single by Chris Germain ('96), coach Fritz called for the bunt and Chris Backus ('94) answered. With two outs the Comets elected to walk Mark Kaiser ('95), one of the league's premier hitters, to pitch to Rob Woodrow ('94). Woodrow was also walked and the bases were now loaded for Steve Marso ('97). After a great at bat in which he fouled off four pitches Marso walked in the winning run.

The first game of Saturday's double header was the kind of game many of Hope's players needed in order to get on track for the rest of the season. Up until now the only regular hitting to potential had been Kaiser. He came into the contest with a .417 average. Kaiser continued with his offensive leadership by going 4 for 5 with two home runs and a double in the sixth inning and finished the game with two hits and three RBI's. Walters led the ten hit offense with a .417 average.

"This was an important game for us to not fall behind," St. Mary's catcher Steve Marso ('97) said post-game. "It was an offensive contest, scoring two runs in double in the sixth inning and finishing the game with two hits and three RBI's. Walters led the ten hit offense with a .417 average. Kaiser continued with his offensive leadership by going 4 for 5 with two home runs and a double in the sixth inning and finished the game with two hits and three RBI's. Walters led the ten hit offense with a .417 average.

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The three leads do look like they are having fun, especially during the monologue (undoubtedly every English major's pet house letter). Threesome, perhaps the longest 90 minutes I have ever spent, rocks to the top of my 1994 ten worst list. An interesting premise is utterly ameliorated and what is left is a crude string of stereotypes and generalizations that probably will offend homosexuals and heterosexuals alike. As Stephen Baldwin so eloquently puts it, "I would rather have a dog fart on my face" than have to watch through this Threesome ever again.

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Student Organizations
Fellowship of Christian Students - Mon., 7-30 p.m. in Dimnatt.
Bible Fellowship Christian Fellowship - Fri., 8-30 in One Rm., Phelps Hall.
(College Students of Alcoholics) Mon. contact Counseling Center x745.
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Environmental Science Group - Thu., 6 p.m. in Lubbers 107.
Anonymous Group - Thu., 5 p.m. in Kent.
Student Congress - Thu., 8 p.m. in Mass Conference rm. Public
Northeast Christian Fellowship - Fri., 9-30 in 455, in George Town United Methodist Church.
Women's Issues Organization - Thu., 9-11, in 901 Center, Chapel Basement 
Habitat for Humanity - Thu., 6-30 p.m. in Dimnatt.
Eating Disorders Support Group - Mon. contact Counseling Center x745.
Spanish Club - Wed., 7:30 p.m. in Groves 201.
Sexual Assault Support Group - The Council Counseling Center x745.
Importing Mode Discussion Group - Fri., 4 p.m., Kent.

Call The Anchor (x7877) with additional times and dates of campaign events

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