Forum to address Christianity and scholarship

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

Several faculty hope that an upcoming panel discussion will generate discussion on the intersection of Christianity and scholarship.

The discussion, titled "The Christian Scholar-Teacher: A Sure Recipe for Multiple Personality Disorder?" will take place on April 19, 1999, at 7 p.m. in DePree Center. The panelists will include Jodi Kurtze ('01), who has taken action to share her personal experiences with sexual assault; Amanda Schneider ('99), who has organized a series of forums held this year by the Rhodes Regional Coalition on the Future of Church-Related Higher Education at Hope; and one representative from the Hope College Foundation.

"I think the biggest thing between myself and the other is the extreme difficulty in putting together a panel," said Vice President Paul Bush. "It was my understanding that everyone felt like the issue had been beaten to death." Bush said. "Instead we decided to write a letter to the Anchor explaining why we dropped it."

Several students expressed their disappointment in this decision.

"My understanding was that Student Congress was holding this panel as a way to provide reconciliation," said Amanda Schneider ('99). "The fact that they aren't epitomizes that they are doing nothing."
Fellows series hosts speaker

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Medical Ethicist Joseph Fins feels that a liberal arts education should give students the knowledge needed to make informed decisions later in life. For this reason he feels that medical ethics is a topic that impacts everyone.

“I think that knowing about medical ethics is part of the basic knowledge that everyone should have,” he said. “Everyone will have to make medical decisions at some point in their life and a liberal arts education should inform them of this.”

Fins is visiting Hope this week as part of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Series, a program designed to bring together people with diverse viewpoints in an environment where they can learn from one another.

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Jane Dickie of the Psychology Department co-chaired these thoughts.

“I think this makes it look like Student Congress does not want discussion on campus,” she said. “I think this is very sad.”

Although the academic year is coming to a close, Student Congress still has many events yet to come. Elections for next year’s President, Vice-President and class representatives will be held on Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23.

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What I've Learned, Con't.

Last spring I wrote a little column that I titled "Everything I've Ever Needed to Know I've Learned in My Dorm Room." With another year, come more learning, and more musings. Here's some more things I've learned this year.

Passion beats talent • we all live for weekends, but our lives are lived all week • nights can be lonely • nobody is normal • we all need a dream pizza once in awhile • pick up pennies • dream big • big things happen • too much of our time is spent doing busy work • don't forget to splash on yourself • sometimes when something comes to an end we begin to appreciate it • fire alarm sucks • we all say and do stupid things once in awhile, learn to smile and laugh when it's your turn to learn • say "no" • there is no such thing as a quick Meijer's run • follow your gut • there is real passion in everybody • when it's your turn • learn to say "yes" • there is no such thing as a second chance to feel bad once in awhile • the most unexpected things happen • too much of our time is spent doing busy work • procrastination is a way to earn some fast money," said Weirsma said.

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"We ask people to actively think about real hurts from their lives and to focus on what happened when they were hurt, to nurse a grudge, empathize with the human qualities of the offender, and try to grant forgiveness," Witvliet said.

"I'm from Holland so I've seen the parade and all. I thought it would be a good way to make money," Schaap said.

"She stresses that forgiveness isn't just ignoring, excusing, minimizing, or tolerating the offence. It also doesn't negate the need for justice, and requires room for grieving. Forgiveness is not for wimps," Witvliet said. "It's really important to not cheapen forgiveness." In her research, Witvliet used a carefully controlled methodology to study the different responses. "We asked people to think about their offenders and to imagine responding to them in different ways," Witvliet said. "The other reason is that forgiveness is so central in my Christian faith and the way we think about our offenders, affects us emotionally and psychologically." Witvliet decided to focus on forgiveness for several reasons.

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"It's been a significant part of my own life in living out my faith. I'm still not as smart as I used to be, but I'm still not as smart as I used to be," said Weirsma.

Working with Tulips

For many students, work at Wind- mill Island during Tulip Time goes right along with May term.

"I'm doing May term, so it's a common job," said Jill Debro ('00). "They will work with your schedule." Tulip Time jobs last for ten days, said Shella Weisnian, a Windmill Island public rela- tion representative.

The workers will either give guided tours of the Island or work at the ticket booth.

"It's long hours, but it's a quick way to earn some fast money," Weisnian said. Debro, who worked during Tu- lip Time last year, experienced these long hours.

"It was long days. You never knew when you would get done. You got used when the people stopped coming," Debro said.

The long days didn't turn off Chris Poest ('00), who is returning to Windmill Island to work there again this spring.

"I worked [there] last year to make extra money. It was a fun atmosphere. I enjoyed talking to the people and people watching," Poest said.

Poest is from Brunswick, Ohio, and last year was his first time in Holland during Tulip Time. He is planning to stay in Holland all summer, so he thought he would have a job for at least a week.

"It's unique, unlike any other event I've ever experienced," Poest said.

Stephanie Schaap ('02) doesn't mind missing the Tulip Time festivities to give tours on Windmill Island.

"I'm from Holland so I've seen the parade and all. I thought it would be a good way to make money," Schaap said.

This is the first time Schaap is tak- ing a Tulip Time job for Windmill Island. Previously, she had worked at the fudge shop on the island for a sum- mer, but Schaap doesn't know what she will be doing other than giving the tours.

"I really don't know what to expect—a lot of questions about the history of Holland, which I know nothing about. I'm expecting it to be pretty chaotic, actually," Schaap said.

The festival draws a lot of people to Holland every year.

"The biggest percentage of people who come is during Tulip Time," Wexerman said.

Windmill Island hires extra help for Tulip Time, May 5 through May 16.
A Congress for apathy

It’s unfortunate that Student Congress voted not to hold a panel discussion addressing the issue of homosexuality and religion at Hope.

In making this decision, Congress is doing its part to extinguish the discussion of homosexuality. Instead of providing a valuable service to the campus community, Congress may be looking forward to the end of the semester.

Congress had a chance to make an impressive impact with the highest issue the college has had to address in a while. Instead, Congress took another hit within the issue.

And deservedly so. Students approached Congress almost a month ago, requesting another viewpoint to the Chapel-sponsored speaker Mario Bergner.

Congress voted to sponsor the visit of Mel White, but one week later rescinded that invitation. Congress set a bad precedent with that decision. If students want something done, they had better do it themselves because Congress doesn’t want to get involved.

In that meeting, it was decided that Congress would sponsor a panel discussion, continuing campus discussion. It was the hope that with varying viewpoints it wouldn’t be endorsing a single side. Instead, with its vote, Congress is endorsing apathy and silence.

Hopefully, the rest of the campus will take the initiative Congress didn’t, and continue the discussion of homosexuality, Christianity and Hope College.

The issue of Christianity and homosexuality has been discussed at Hope for many years and a discussion at this time would have been immensely helpful. A variety of viewpoints were going to be expressed and the panel would have maintained ongoing dialogue.

Somewhere, several individuals must be smiling. Because Student Congress did its part in stopping a discussion that is difficult and painful. But the issue is not gone, and that is why the dialogue needs to continue.

Correction.

In the April 7 issue of the Anchor, the photo accompanying the “New building site proposed.” was the wrong location. The location of the proposed building site was the Northeast corner of Ninth Street and College Avenue. The Anchor regrets the error.

Sophomore appeals for respect within discussions

To the Editor:

Returning from the 11 a.m. Service at Third Reformed Church March 28, I found that someone had written “fag” on the door of my room. I wish I could brush this incident off, but it is too real: this was at the most basic level a simple college prank, but I believe that would be a denial that similar disrespectful events are all too common on this campus.

When I explained what had happened to one of my classes the next day, the consensus was that while a majority of the class can support the homosexual, only a minority would act on those beliefs.

Even as a heterosexual student, I was deeply hurt by this event, to the extent that I cannot imagine what it would mean to someone who already lives in sexual exile and fear. How can others expect me to be open to discussion if I cannot feel a sense of respect and support from Hope? Is my home, too? Discussion occurs when two individuals engage in a conversation which will allow them to express their own views as well as their personal faith: it is not about rights, wrongs, or changing other’s beliefs. Discussion on our campus needs to be taken seriously and respect for all involved. This is impossible whenever one side lives in constant fear. Discussion involves drawing personal strength from our differences. I am an open and honest student and I will approach any discussion with anyone who is willing to offer respect. Hope College is an institution of higher learning set to the context of a loving Christian faith. Many Hope students wear bracelets asking “What would Jesus do?” Perhaps we should begin to bring our minds to the point that this question can be answered here on our own campus.

Brad Chassee ‘01

There is some truth here, of course. We should love and not condemn or hate each other. However, the Bible does not teach an over-arching “tolerance” and acceptance of all viewpoints within the church. AnyoneWho acts on an invitation to speak at Hope for the Christian Student Movement at the 11 chapters from 1 John (where we read that God is love) to Revelation 3 and take note of the extreme language that He uses toward both sin and false teachers. In Rev. 2:20, the risen Christ says to the church in Thyatira, “Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, whom the church in Thyatira tolerated. She is teaching and seducing our servants. If therefore you tolerate her, be assured that she is teaching and seducing our servants also.”

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Alumnus looks to clear misconceptions

To the Editor:

As a recent graduate of Hope College, I care deeply about the nature and content of recent discussions at Hope, particularly concerning the issue of homosexuality. I am most concerned that the time has come at Hope, “When men will not put up with sound doctrine.” Instead, to quote Garth Minns, “Students will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). I feel compelled to confront some of the misconceptions that have been spread across campus concerning this issue.

Misconception 1: Ben Patterson and others hate homosexuals and are ostracizing them.

One thing that everyone who heard Patterson speak on Feb. 28 could see was his obvious loving concern for homosexual people and his absolute humility in addressing the subject. He also made it abundantly clear that homosexuality should not be singled out above all other sins, or that homosexuals should be hated and shunned by Christians. Mario Bergner also did not come to condemn homosexuals. He is willing to let us take what we want. Theoux and Shannen become the Mythbusters of this issue.

Misconception 2: Ben White offered a solid, biblical basis for acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle.

White was obviously catering to his crowd by wearing a Hope sweatshirt, holding up his Bible, making jokes and talking about his love for the Hope Community. White poorly explained the Bible and presented a series of popular, sensational appeals. His main point, on masturbation and pornography may reveal where he truly stands, and his suggestion that Jesus and the beloved disciple had a homosexual relationship was blasphemy and shows a lack of understanding of Middle East culture.

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Mark LaChance ‘98

On a more positive note, I would like to thank the members, advisors and newly elected leadership team of R.I.S.E. for all of their hard efforts and support and genuine compassion. You and the many people who were persuaded in helping Mel White to campaign and supporting “our gay brothers and lesbian sisters” deserve endless thanks and praise. Your dedication has already made a difference and I am sure that you have not yet heard the last of us.

Amanda Schneider ‘99
Let's Talk About Sex

Editor's note: Jodi Kurtze ('01) writes as a survivor of sexual assault, a Hope College C.A.A.R.E. educator and a 1999 Miss Indiana Contestant with a platform of Sexual Assault and Harassment.

This spring, Katie Koestner is coming to Hope College to speak about sexual assault. Kurtze travels the country speaking on a topic she knows all too well after being raped during the first year of her college education.

Who is the presentation really focusing on as the target audience? Not only the women, not only the men, not only the students and faculty of Hope College, but to all of the above.

Sexual assault and harassment are issues that have been a part of students and faculty of Hope College only the men, not only the women, not only the female employee. Even though these situations happen; they are not the majority of sexual assault and harassment instances.

According to C.A.A.R.E. workshop materials, 84 percent of the women who were raped knew their assailant and 57 percent of rapes occur on a date. In addition, the majority of sexual harassment occurs in the form of hostile environment that includes crude jokes, and derogatory references to the body, making it difficult for an individual to function in their environment.

The victims of sexual assault are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, and wives. The incidence of sexual assault and harassment is in existence and close to home.

A strong weapon against the incidence of sexual crimes is to open our minds to be educated and take a stand on the issue. With that knowledge also comes the responsibility to educate others to be aware of what and how they communicate in reference to sexuality—whether that means taking note that there are victims all around you or just no longer calling the slutish van by its slang term.

Welcome to the real world, student of Hope College. Use the interlibrary and the internee you possess outside of the classroom to be aware of the reality of sexual assault and harassment. Only through such an effort can the silent consent cease to exist.

awakens are committed by someone known to the victim. Both Koestner and Kurtze fall in this category.

"The worst thing is he probably didn't even know," Kurtze said. "I didn't realize it was sexual assault until college and my first C.A.A.R.E. workshop. I thought it was just playing the game. People need to open the lines of communication and call this what it really is.

Experts on date rape and sexual assault cringe when serious offenses are played off as "no big deal.

"When I hear the phrase "playing the game," I feel very bad because it's a very dangerous game to play," said Christa Collins, director of special programs and C.A.A.R.E. Advisor. "These are people's lives and people can spend a lifetime trying to overcome the pain of that one incident.

Koestner's message is important for college campuses to hear since only 5 percent of the women who were raped aged 16 to 24 have a four times higher risk of being raped than any other population group.

"We all have a responsibility to prevent sexual assault and the way to do that is becoming educated about it," Collins said. "We need to be changing attitudes, changing beliefs, confronting others, and taking a stand on these issues. We need to stop blaming the victim, making jokes, posting pornography, even the attitude of 'let's get drunk and get some.' It's time to start calling each other out and take a stand.

College students need to be especially aware of the heightened chances of these unwanted encounters when alcohol is involved. "When I'm giving presentations, the question I've gotten from some men is, 'What happens when we both get drunk and end up having sex?'" Koestner said. "But my response to that is if there is an issue of consent, that sex is not consensual, do not do it. Whenever you have sex under those conditions the risks are higher."

Seventy percent of men who have committed sexual assault have done so when they had been drinking. In addition, 77 percent of women who have been assaulted have been drinking.

"I think Hope students understand the concept of date rape. I think they are very misguided about alcohol and the consequences of drinking too much," said Kristen Gray, assistant dean of health and counseling and Sexual Harassment Policy Educator. "I don't mean to place the blame on the alcohol, but I do understand that our decision making is altered once we've had a few drinks. We're not allowed to drive a car after we've had a drink, but we think it's okay to do the most intimate, personal act of giving yourself to another human being.

Collins makes it clear that men, as well as women at risk of being victims of sexual assault, though it is much more common for women.

Statistics continue to be frightening for college students, especially by when it is considered that most rapists do not consider their acts of assault as rape. Fifty-one percent of college students said they might rape a woman if they knew they would not be caught.

"We want people to become aware," said Alicia Tomovich ('99). "C.A.A.R.E educator and intern. "People need to know that this does actually happen."

Organizers of the event hope Koestner's visit will raise further awareness of these issues on campus.

"It's much safer at Hope than at other schools, but ideally it would not happen at all. The way to do that is to educate about prevention," Collins said. "So often the focus is on women to protect themselves, but we all need to prevent it," she said.

Koestner's message is sponsored by C.A.A.R.E., WIO, AIM, IFC, Pan Hel, SAC, Dean of Students, Residential Life, the Counseling Center, Dean of Social Sciences and the Department of Kinesiology.

What you should know:

• 57% of all sexual assaults occur during a date.

• 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

• 84% of men whose actions came under the legal definition of rape believed they had not committed rape.

• Almost half of the victims of acquaintance rape told no one of their attack; only 5% visited a rape crisis center.

• 10% of rapes ever get reported to police (according to the FBI).
DePree art show highlights seniors' work

ANDREW KLECZEK
staff reporter

The culmination of a year's work went on display Friday night for seven seniors. Studio art majors Mary Belinger, Sarah Hendrick, Erin Overmeyer, Dan Patterson, Laura Sullivan, Jessica Thomas, and Jeff Trytko strutted their stuff for one final time at Hope College.

"It's kind of exciting, as a sending off and a culmination of what you work for, and it's done; mainly relief," said Sarah Hendrick, on her feelings of the Senior Art Show. Dan Patterson's feelings were somewhat different.

"It was the first time I'd had any of my work shown publicly. I wouldn't say I was nervous, I don't apologize for what I make, but most of the feedback I got was generally positive," Patterson said.

Each of the artists search in different areas for inspiration when looking to create. However, many of them do look towards other artists and supporters to help inspire them.

"A lot of times it comes from art history and looking at what other artists are doing," said Jeff Trytko.

For Hendrick, inspiration is almost solely from others.

"I don't think I have anywhere in particular that I look for inspiration, besides looking at other artists," Hendrick said. In a way, Trytko also looks inside when creating.

"Most of my inspiration comes from my spirituality," Trytko said.

Some of the artists are more uncertain about what motivates their work.

"I don't know, it just comes from something inside me," said Jessica Thomas.

Patterson has seen a shift recently in what inspires and motivates him to create works of art.

"I used to look towards things that I came in contact with, and drew off of that," he said. "This year especially I've been drawing off of things inside of me, certain ways I view things, more introspective.

The act of creation has a unique meaning for each of the artists.

"It's a way for me to express myself," Thomas said.

"Art is more than a major. It is a part of who I am," said Hendrick. "Art is my passion. It's not a hobby, it completes me. It's my passion in life. If I wasn't an artist I wouldn't be whole. If I wasn't an artist I wouldn't exist," he said.

Hendrick compares her art to having an occupation.

"Like an occupation it's something you do that you enjoy," said Hendrick.

Not all of the artists are planning on directly involving art in their careers, however none of them are going to abandon it completely.

"I actually want to play in my rock band, paisley dAve, but I'm not going away from my art at all," Patterson said.

"Maybe I'll be an independent artist, keep creating, maybe do some industrial art."

"I'm interested in making practical things fun to use, not so boring," Patterson added.

Trytko has found a rather unique way to blend his two majors, art and biology, into a unique career field. He wants to eventually go into art therapy.

Laura Sullivan hopes to put her major to work and pursue a career in photography.

"I'd like to work on an outdoor magazine or a travel guide," she said.

Two of the senior artists, Erin Overmeyer and Thomas, hope to make a career of bringing art to another generation. Both would like to find jobs teaching art at the secondary education level.

The Senior Art Show will be in the DePree Gallery through May 9.
Grand Haven Riverside Bistro and Pub now hiring all positions. Waiststaff and bartenders. Excellent tips and a fun work environment. Call 847-0200 to schedule an interview.

Sleepy Hollow Resort 7400 North Shore Dr. South Haven, MI 49090 is now hiring for the following positions: Lifeguards, Tennis Pro (experience required), Housekeepers, Kitchen Crew and Waitstaff. Please apply in person Monday–Thursday, 11:00am–4:00pm or send work history to the above address.

Beth and Kristin—Thanks for your onions. I want a rematch at Eurchre!

Squirrely Collector: Thanks for the cookie recipe! Chocolate rabbits make great cookies.

In case you were wondering, the snails of 0182 are still alive and kicking. (I know that you were)

Phenomenal women of Kollen Hall: Thank you so much for the surprise party. No more oranges and banana sculptures, please.

Mi: Ohio is calling your name. Thanks for the monthly Shutter tugs.

Phenomenal (Buffalo) Woman: Thanks so much for all your hard work—you are doing a great job and we will all miss you next year!! Hold out for CO and a good Spring break vacation spot for the rest of us! Christine.

Sloppy: Hello, I know that the bathtub and Tae Bo call you, but I just wanted to let you know that you rock. When was the last time we saw Fred at Steak-n-Shake? Too long. I'll tell you that—Meeshko

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Get off your butt.

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Student Congress Elections:
Thursday April 22
Friday April 23
**Baseball falls into a tie for second after loss**

Monday was a tough outing for the Flying Dutch as they lost to Defiance at home 12-4. After beating the Yellowjackets twice before, Hope fell behind by six early in the second inning before getting on the board.

With the loss, Hope falls to a second-place tie in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association at 6-3 in league play and 10-11 overall.

The Flying Dutchmen pulled into a tie with Alma for first in the MIAA standings last weekend. Hope’s record stood at 10-0 after sweeping a doubleheader on Saturday, April 10 against Adrian. Defiance lost both games of the double header to the Flying Dutchmen.

In the first game, Adam Labbe (’99) was credited with the shutout, as Hope beat Defiance 4-0. Kevin Kirtle (’02) was credited with the second win. The final in the second game was 6-1, as Kirtle gave up one run on three hits.

Leading Hope in hitting was D.J. Labbe.

**Softball plays in game tonight at Albion**

The Hope softball club is off to a better start than last season, already matching the total number of victories from a year ago with three. Monday, April 12 the Flying Dutchmen faced the Alma Scots at Buys Athletic Field to try to break the 500 barrier for the first time in six years.

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