Sexuality Task Force releases its findings

Year of deliberation ends with official report to President Bultman

Matt Cook  
Editor in Chief

On Friday, Hope College took a step towards initiating a campus discussion on sexuality with the release of the report of Task Force on Issues of Sexuality. Following the initial release to Hope faculty, the report was made available on Knowhope and every student received an e-mail with the web address.

The report, framed as a recommendation to James Bultman, Hope College president, has three major sections.

The first section makes suggestions on how the college should approach discussion of sexuality, including the role of scripture and a list of virtues necessary for positive discourse.

The second section states the issues that should be discussed and the different viewpoints on the issues. These include not only homosexuality, but other sexual issues, such as premarital sex and sex and alcohol.

The third section proposed ways in which the college could set up discussion about sexuality. It recommends forming a programming committee that would responsible for creating a number of discussion groups, educational opportunities and support groups.

Although Bultman said the Task Force was formed in November in response to the rejection of the Gay-Straight Forum as an official student group, the report was not intended to change college policy on homosexuality, which states in the report is: "The College does not condone the commission of homosexual acts. Neither does it condone organizations or activities that aim to violate the moral acceptability of homosexual acts, or that suggest by their manner of presenting themselves that they have that aim in view."

"This was not an attempt to review the official position of Hope in regards to sexuality, but rather to say how can we create a safe place for dialogue? How can we exhibit care and compassion to this segment of the campus community? And to deal also with possible venues for issues that may not have surfaced at this point, but which we think more TASK FORCE on 8

Student Congress goes to cyberspace

Elections for the 2002-2003 school year are now online

James Pierce  
Campus Beat Editor

Student Congress elections for next year's positions are being held today and Thursday, but there is no need to fill out a traditional paper ballot.

The entire election is taking place online, and polls are open until 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Last fall's elections for the Scott Hall, Kollen Hall, and off-campus districts were held online, and the results were encouraging enough to try the system campus-wide.

According to Ryan McFall, computer science professor and creator of the online election software, the Knowhope website will have a link today and tomorrow that will lead students to the voting page.

"You'll use your webmail ID and password to verify that you are who you say you are," McFall said.

"You'll vote for your class representatives first, and then vote for president and vice president."

According to Scogin, voter turnout in the online fall elections was comparable to past ballot-based elections for Scott and Kollen, but off-campus voter participation was much higher.

"Something like 13 people had voted off campus in the previous year, and almost 60 voted off campus this year," Scogin said. "And maybe that will be where the biggest difference is made, because they have to make a special arrangement to come to campus."

In the past, Student Congress elections have involved tables and ballot boxes set up in Phelps and Cook dining halls, the library, and the DeWitt Center.

"It's also easier for [Student Congress]," McFall said. "They don't have to staff voting booths, and I would think it would be more convenient for students, just voting whenever they want and are at a computer."

Scogin has been advocating an online voting system "for several years," he said, but business type more ELECTION on 2

Tulip Time and Hope's Commencement conflict

After previous conflicts with scheduling, both events will take place as planned

Courtney Klein  
Campus Beat Editor

As the tulips along Holland's streets begin to bloom, Hope college seniors are preparing for commencement.

In the past, Tulip Time, Holland's yearly festival, and commencement were scheduled a week apart. This year however, Tulip Time was moved up a week to May 4-11, overlapping Hope's May 5 commencement.

The changing of dates took Hope by surprise.

"The college and others in the community were a bit surprised when the decision was made, but we worked through that by working with Tulip Time officials and others," said Tom Renner, director of public relations.

Renner also explained how the dates for these events are determined.

"The dates for Tulip Time are set by a board of directors for the festival. The college's academic calendar, which includes Commencement, is recommended by the Registrar and approved by the Academic Affairs Board. It is typically established two years in advance," Renner said.

"The reason for the changing of dates lies primarily in the fact that the tulips were gone by the time Tulip Time arrived last year. "After meeting with five departments at Hope, it was decided that you can't have a tulip festival without flowers," said Mary Duistermars, president of Tulip Time.

The five departments that Duistermars met with included the Joint Archives and representatives from Food Service. The Food Service was called upon to help with the meals for the various show participants, and for the governor's luncheon.

"The importance of these two events mean that they will go on with some alterations. "We have distributed maps to the graduates and will have them available on commencement day if needed. Restaurants will be very busy, but the college provides excellent food service opportunities to graduates more TULIP TIME on 2

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Hope prof helps to bring new hearing technology to Holland

James Pierce  
Campus Beat Editor

A Hope College professor is at work on a unique system that will assist the hearing impaired in Holland and beyond.

David Myers, psychology professor and advocate of this looped hearing system, is behind an initiative to "loop" all of Holland, with the eventual hope of spreading the technology across the state, country and world.

The technology uses an "induction loop" system, which transmits sound from a specialized amplifier through a wire that surrounds a building.

Many hearing aids today are equipped with telecoils (T-coils) that are designed to receive sound in this form, essentially making the hearing aids into in-the-ear loudspeakers, as opposed to loudspeakers in that publicly broadcast sound.

Where traditional microphone-style hearing aid systems amplify all sounds in a room in addition to what the listener is trying to hear, loop systems amplify only the desired signal.

"Loop systems effectively put my ears where I’d like them in the microphone, a foot from the speaker's mouth," said Myers, in a testimonial on his website, http://www.davidmyers.org.

"I was worshipping within the high stone walls of the 800-year-old Lona Abbey, Myers said, about a recent worship experience in Scotland. "Amplified but reverberating off the Abbey's hard surfaces, spoken words posed a challenge. Or so they did until my wife noticed a sign indicating an induction loop system surrounding the seating area. When I switched on my T-coil, the result was dramatic. The babble of people was replaced by the sweeter harmonies of musicians playing in front of microphones across the Abbey. My mouth fell open. It was like listening to a CD or a broadcast.

However, Myers has found that induction loop systems are as rare in the U.S. as they are common in Europe.

A few things are necessary, Myers says, in order for looped systems to become more ubiquitous in the United States.

"I thought it might be interesting and helpful to have the example of a pioneering model community in the United States that would loop itself," Myers said. "And why not Holland-Zeeland, Michigan?" The support of local businesses, foundations, and a public initiative of 40% discounts to non-profit organizations setting up loop systems. "It's going very well. It looks like by this time next year, most of the major churches in Holland will be looped."

For all additional information log onto the website http://hearing.loop.org.

**Spring Fling to kick off last day of classes for 2001-2002**

SAC organizes day of fun, food, and activities for Hope students

Courtney Klein  
Campus Beat Editor

Rides, food, and entertainers are among the many things to be in Hope's Pine Grove on Friday.

SAC representatives Carrie Williams ('03) and Mary Chambers ('03) are both directors of Spring Fling.

Planning for the event goes into production in November, when the band is booked.

"We book the band in the fall and there were no problems with it," Myers said.

The Regional Conference is a conference where schools from the Great Lakes area gather to discuss ideas, one of whom is Kamazoo who will be joining many other forms of entertainment at the event.

"We are going to have bands, the army is bringing in a climbing wall, 5 kinds of rides, a bungee run, a gladiator joust, and an obstacle course," Chambers said.

Lunch and dinner will also be served at the event, jewelry will be sold, and a basketball trick performer and his kids will be performing tricks from 12-1 p.m. for free.

The funding for this event comes from the student activities fee, which is then distributed to SAC through the budget Student Conference.

As of now, the event will be held outdoors, with areas available for snow or rain.

"If there is bad weather, activities will be held in the Dow, Maas, and Phelps," Chambers said.

Chambers also said that any student that wants to participate in the rides must sign a waiver and show their id card to obtain a wristband. The wristband will allow one to participate in the games.

Spring Fling starts at noon.

**ELECTION FROM 1 to 5**

Voting began on Wednesday night on Knowhope, soon after the polls close.

**TULIP TIME from 1 to 5**

and families on commencement day will probably be more traffic on Holland streets, especially if the tulips are in bloom," Renner said.

Duesman explained that Tulip Time brings ten million dollars to the Holland Civic Center to Zeeland.

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Defying Gravity shines in DeWitt

Emily Moellman
Arts Editor

"Defying Gravity," a play by award-winning playwright Jane Nyquist, was the inspiration assigned to the ill-fated Jan. 28, 1986, explosion of the space shuttle, was the inspiration behind the play. "I wrote the play right after the Challenger crashed," said Anderson in an interview with the Boston Herald. "The first thought that came to me was what must it be like to be a little kid and have your mother go away and never come back." The play centers around Christa McAuliffe's fictionalized daughter Elizabeth at age 5 and 25, played by Hope student Clarissa S. Gre- gory('05), and Julia Armstrong, a kindergarten student at Washing- ton School in Holland. The play is directed by John Tammi of the Hope Theatre Faculty. "Defying Gravity" is about di- saster but not about tragedy. It is not a depressing play," said Tammi. "It is about curiosity and the delight of discovery." The play is comprised of 24 vi- gnettes, floating in time between 1986, the year of the Challenger explosion, and twenty years later. Since many of the students in the cast were only four, five, six years old when the explosion actually occurred, Tammi decided to include a student dramaturgist, Jill A. Nyquist ('03), to the crew to pre- pare the cast members for their roles. Nyquist researched and gave cast members articles to read and videos to watch about the space program and the Challenger as well as samples of Claude Monet's artwork. The impressionist painter's work is integrated into the play. "I was only four when the Chal- lenger exploded, so I didn't know much about the history of the event before working on the play," said Michaeu Burton ('04), who plays the character Donna. "The research and preparation gave me a sense of the historical importance of the shuttle and the affect it had when it exploded." Magazine clippings and articles about the Challenger are also posted on the bulletin board outside of the DeWitt Center Main Theatre for stu- dents and the public to view before seeing the play. Tammi encourages students to see the play not only because of the histori- cal significance, but also because of the play's innovative lighting and set design. "The set is simple since the scenes jump around cinematically. There is a lot of music and three projec- tion screens that provide the show with a powerful visual element," said Tammi. "The projections provide the environment for the set and complete the fragmentary nature of the play. Many of the projections are computer enhanced." Tammi believes these elements not only serve the structure of the play but are also very attractive and entertaining for the audience. Tickets for "Defying Gravity" are $7 for regular adult admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for students and senior citizens. The ticket office is located in DeWitt Lobby and can be reached at 395-7890.

"The Woman in Black," and "Charley's Aunt." Another main stage show is yet to be determined. Also part of HSRT is the Children's Performance Troupe, theatre tar- geted specifically for younger audiences. The CPT usually runs 2 or 3 shows per summer. Being considered for this year are "The Bremen Town Musicians" and "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Scheduled to begin on Friday, June 14, with the close of the final show Saturday, August 10, the mainstage shows will be performed in the DeWitt Main Theatre at 8 p.m. and the children's shows will be at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Studio Theatre. "Going to the theatre is always a great idea," said Micah Nyquist ('03), who will be returning for his second year as a producer. "It's a great opportunity for Hope students to do professional theatre," Nyquist said. "Because our theatre department is so good, it's a great place to start with." Tickets for Summer Repertory Theatre range in price from $7 to $24 depending on the show and seating. Student rush tickets are generally $8. A variety of packages are also available. For more information call (616) 395-7603.

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Michaeu Burton ('04) and Joshua Brandenburg ('03) gaze at the stars in Jane Anderson's "Defying Gravity".

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What's going down?

Nightlife:


Howlin' Moon Saloon: Contem-porary country music and line dancing. Thurs.-Sat.: Live music.

Hope Happenings:

SPRING FLING!
April 26 in the Pine Grove: Knee Deep Shag
April 24: Coffee House in the Klets 9-11:00. With Lee Heespink and his band Ob-sessed Defomed Bullfrogs.
April 29: Up All Night Exam Study Break/Fast. Philips from 9-11 p.m. Free.
April 24-27: "Defying Gra-vity" at the DeWitt Center Stage at 8 p.m. $4 for students.
April 24: Senior English Majors and Minors reading In the gallery at DePree, with the Senior Art Show. 8 p.m., refreshments will be served.

Concerts:

April 27: Spiritualized at St. Andrews in Detroit.
April 24: Lyle at the Rosebud in Grand Haven.
April 29: Pedro the Lion at the Metro in Chicago.

Do you have an event you want to be advertised in WHAT'S GOING DOWN?? If so, please drop off information (including date, time, price, telephone number of venue, etc.) about your arts-related event in the box outside the Anchor office in the DeWitt Building.

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HSRT entertainers for the summer months

Maureen Yonovitz
Senior Staff Reporte

This summer, the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, Hope's profes- sional residential acting company, now in its 31st year, will give a reason to stick around campus for a little while longer. Every summer, HSRT puts on 5 or 6 full length productions. This year's tentative schedule includes "Honk!," "Footloose","..."
Task Force report ok, but has some problems

After several months of working, the Hope College Task Force on Issues of Sexuality has finally released their report. The Task Force is taking a step in the right direction by recommending the college initiate discussion on sexuality. However, I still worry whether the Task Force was necessary.

The mandate of the Task Force was basically to talk about how we can talk about sexuality. To me that was a waste of time. Why can’t Hope College trust us to just talk about it?

Also, just because the college told us how we should talk about sexuality, it doesn’t mean we’re going to do it that way. It doesn’t mean we’re not going to do that. We talk about things the way we want to, and there’s nothing a Task Force can do to change that.

I agree we should approach this topic with civility and humanity, but it didn’t take me two years to think of that.

In addition, some of the statements in the report seemed a little suspect. For example, on page 20, the report says, “We believe that sexual intercourse outside of a loving and committed marriage relationship can lead to the degradation of one’s self-esteem and spiritual well-being.”

I’m not a trained psychologist, but I don’t think that statement is necessarily true. The decision to be sexually active is a personal decision, and as adults, students have the right to make or not make that decision. I think we all know plenty of students who have made the decision either way and are perfectly happy.

Some final thoughts

A lot of the things I’ve said in this box over the past year have angered a lot of people on campus. I’ll only say this in my defense: I was just being honest. If anyone was required to share their opinion with over 3,000 readers every week, they couldn’t help but upset someone.

The only way I could think of how to approach these things is to honestly share my feelings and views and not worry about what people thought of me. I hope you all can respect the fact that I’m a human being and have a right to my own beliefs.

In parting, I’d like to thank the Anchor staff, past and present, for helping me become a better person. Good luck next year’s staff. I know the Anchor will continue to be a voice on campus for years to come.

Graduating senior criticizes college

To the Editor:

In this my final letter to the campus community, as a student, I will try to once again endow Hope College with some of my overlooked wisdom (and this time they should take it). It’s the only endowment that they’ll ever receive from me.

First, kudos to the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality. They once again followed in the task force tradition of getting absolutely nothing done. Proving the only people at Hope more ignorant than themselves are the students that think task forces will change things. Ahh, the illusion of work, progress and democracy.

Second, I would like to applaud whoever it is that set up the webcam so I can watch the science building progress. I spend hours a day on the internet watching, waiting for the same insignificant change in the new building. In fact I’m online watching it right now. What a wondrous appropriation of money and resources. If the college couldn’t only get around to putting decent fixtures in the Lubbers’ bathrooms we would have a real utopia on our hands.

Finally, I would like to encourage Greek senior defends Greeks, encourages acceptance

To the Editor:

The many letters concerning Greek organizations on campus in the past few Anchors caught my attention. All these petty arguments between Greeks and non-Greeks are really starting to get beyond absurd. Why such hostility on both parts? There are far more important issues that need to be dealt with on this campus. Things like academic freedom or putting an end to all of this nonsense.

Today, I am not only writing as a senior member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, but as a student, and a religious minority. Coming from Belgium to Holland, MT certainly was a culture shock; the fact that I am Jewish made my experience here even more interesting. Believe me when I say it’s not easy being me at Hope. Anyway the reason why I stayed at this school is very simple: I stayed because of my sisters, other members of the Greek community, and the support I received from them when strug- gling with commitment, doubts, and professors at Hope.

Questions that were raised in most of the letters from non-Greeks in the Anchor were whether or not we live up to what we stand for: loyalty, fun, love, tradition, community service, etc. My answer is, we strive, to all we all already lived up to these characteristics. Why would we bother having creeds or even Greek life at all. Greek life is a learning experience. During 3 or 4 years we learn, challenge each other, and it is during NME that we attempt to teach a fragment of all these values. The solution is leave it. We have 4 years, be helpful, keep decent. The realization that older pledging traditions cannot be kept alive anymore. The Greek system has seriously been trying to reevaluate their NME programs and has tried to find alternatives to become unified and all that goes along with it. Unfortunately, changes are hard, but it is very hard to adapt ourselves after doing things a certain way for a long time, but once again we strive, and we learn to do our best.

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Mortar Board member encourages volunteering

To the Editor:

At the end of the month of Janu-ary President Bush delivered his annual State of the Union address. Regardless of your political lean-ings, the President made a resound- ing call to volunteer. In fact, he chal-lenged every American citizen to dedicate a total of two years of his or her life to public service, whether it is internationally, on a state level, or simply in a community or school. As college students, we are accu-mulating positions of fortune; we are re-ceiving an outstanding education and have futures full of promise. Thus, we have all the necessary tools to answer the President’s call.

At Hope, we have many outlets to volunteer. One of these options is Mortar Board, a national service organization. Membership is open to seniors, and as a current member of this organization I can attest that it is a fulfilling experience. We have carved pumpkins with CASA children, donated to Operation Christ-mas Child and continued to support a Compassion International Child. These are just of few of the projects in which we have been involved. We are continually looking to vol-unter and to serve. One cannot experience a better fulfillment than helping those in need. As a Mortar Board member, I feel lucky to have had this opportunity to serve. It has been an inspiring and rewarding experience, and I hope many others will be excited and in-spired to pursue.
Taking a look at this year's Student Congress candidates

**President**

Hi, my name is Colleen Evans and I am running for Student Congress President. I have shown the enthusiasm and commitment necessary for this position through my involvement at Hope, including one year on Congress as Vice President. When you vote this week, vote Colleen Evans for Student Congress President! Thank you.

Colleen Evans

Hi, my name is Sara Wilkinson and I am running for Student Congress President. I am a Political Science major. I am in Alpha Phi Omega, Pi Sigma Alpha, the Pre-Law Club, and the Pre-Law Club Steering Committee. I am running for the Student Congress President because I want to serve the entire student body by working on issues that are important to them.

Sara Wilkinson

My name is Liz Tyndell, and I hope to be your Junior Class Representative for the 2002-2003 school year. I have two years of experience on Congress and have served as a Dykstra Hall Rep. and Sophomore Class Rep. If re-elected I will dedicate myself to the concerns of my constituents.

Liz Tyndell

**Junior Class Rep**

My name is Sara Barber and I would like to be your Junior Class Representative. This year I was a Phelps Hall Representative. I also served on the concert committee, and helped plan Homecoming and Siblings Weekend as a member of SAC. Make a great choice: Vote Barber.

Sara Barber

**Vice-President**

As Student Congress Vice-President, I promise to work closely with administration to ensure that all student views are voiced. Through Student Congress, I've had the opportunity to work with five faculty lead boards/committees. These experiences have prepared me to help make positive changes at Hope for the future.

Bryan Rimmke

I have been on Student Congress for the past three years; two of those years I served as my class representative. I have been active in a variety of Hope activities such as Pull, Nyerk, RISE, Inquiring Minds, Ultimate Frisbee, Milestone and Anchor. I also don’t wear shoes.

Chad Sampson

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Liz Tyndell

**Sophomore Class Rep**

I've been involved in student government ever since my freshman year in high school, and was President my Senior year. It has always played a big role in my life, and I loved every minute of it. I would love the opportunity to represent the people in my class.

Erica Viegelahn

**Senior Class Rep**

Hey! I'm an Exercise Science major pursuing a career in Wellness. I love hanging out with people, running as a member of the track team, and involving myself in many organizations at Hope. As Senior Class Rep, I would lend a listening ear and positively mirror the needs of you, the student body.

Jessica Oosting

I'm Nick Vidoni, running for Sophomore Class Rep. I'm also running with Lauren Caluory. We both met as Kollen Hall Representatives and have thus had a year of experience. I'm running because I found Student Congress worthwhile and hope to continue with broadened responsibilities.

John Rodstrom

Elections will be held online both Wednesday and Thursday. Look for the ballot in your e-mail.
Pres. comments on year

Erica Heeg and Jen Troke

How has Hope changed this past year?

The enrollment at Hope was very strong to begin the year because of a great retention from last spring, and that continued for second semester. We had the largest number of students enrolled in Hope in the spring, more than we’ve ever had enrolled in the spring semester before. It looks like retention will be very strong for next fall as well.

To balance that off, we are concerned a bit that our freshman applications are down, and we’re anticipating that we probably will have maybe 50 to 75 fewer freshman on campus, the overall enrollment may very well be close to what it was this year.

There are several building projects on the board that will change the face of Hope considerably in the next few years. The science building is of course underway.

We’re ready to launch the Martha Miller Center into planning; we’re obviously waiting, hoping, that we’ll be able to secure Lincoln School, the preferred site. It would be for communication and for modern and classical languages.

Continuing in that vein, we’re hopeful that we will be able to purchase a major parking lot just north of the campus. We have a bid on a piece of property owned by S3 Bank.

We’re also hopeful that we will be able to finalize a property acquisition from Semco, which would be just east of the railroad tracks between 13th and 14th Street. It would enable us to put in additional parking.

Then the DeVos Field House is also coming along quite nicely. We have some additional funding to secure for all of these projects, but we now have a campaign of $1.5 million. We’re up to almost $60 million.

The Task Force on Issues of Sexuality has been a very active committee during the year, and I think they have done a very important piece of work that will provide a safe place for dialogue and education on a number of sexuality issues.

I think the hiring of Jim Boelkins is very exciting for us. I think the campus community will enjoy him, and I think he will bring some experience and skills that will enable us to reach even higher levels of distinction academically.

Tim Brown’s presence on our campus and his being in the Chapel has been a very strong influence. We realize that Tim will not be able to do this indefinitely, but we’re grateful for every week that he’s with us. It’s been a blessing to have him on campus.

Of course I’m always impressed in student performance and faculty performance, and I think that it has been a very fine year for both faculty and students in their teaching, learning, and also in their scholarship research. There have also been a variety of co-curricular achievements in intercollegiate sports, music, theatre, dance, and art. Hope will likely win another All Sport Trophy. The performance of the music department, with Vespers and Showcase, concerts and recitals are just superb. Dance performances including the Sacred Dance concert Sunday was just another example of really outstanding talent.

What obstacles has this year brought?

The 9/11 event was memorable for the overall fear that it produced for all of us and continues to produce. I think that before that, we perhaps felt somewhat naively safe, and I don’t think that’s the case for any of us anymore. I think that we realize as individuals and as a community, as a country, we’re vulnerable, and there isn’t anyone or anything that can guarantee everyone’s safety.

On the other side, I was very pleased with the way the Hope community responded to it. I think that there was a sense of calm and camaraderie, and contentment even, but also a realization that we are vulnerable.

I think financially, this was a difficult time for the college and also for the families of our employees and our students. These were not the best of times, economically in Western Michigan. Our endowment is not immune to the swings of the marketplace, which makes for uncertainty in the amount of money that will be coming from endowment toward scholarships and other endowed things like positions and buildings.

What was the highlight of your year?

I think it’s always enjoyable to see students do well, and once again this year, there just were some great performances. And I would say that’s true also for faculty and staff, but I think when the Hope family—and I would say especially students—achieves well, that’s a great source of reward and fulfillment.

Advice for the Class of 2002?

I would definitely encourage them to continue using their abilities to the fullest extent. I think that ultimate satisfaction comes in knowing that you’re in God’s will, that you’re using the gifts that he’s given to the best of your ability.
The class of 2004 won the Pull on September 22.

Homecoming, October 13

The class of 2004 won the Nykerk Cup contest on November 3.

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In review

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"Frisbee."  
--Michael Van Hofwegen ('05)

"The dining experience at Phelps."
--Andy Mercer ('05)

"The failing of my first classes ever."
--Murry Burgess ('05)

"Winning the rivalry between Scott and Cosmo."
--Russell French ('05)

"Raising 50,475.87 at Dance Marathon."
--Layne Shof ('04)

"The class of 2004 won the Nykerk Cup contest on November 3."
What now?

They tell you, when writing a column, don’t ever start with a question, but I’ve got a question anyway. What am I supposed to do now?

Four years ago, the idea of actually leaving this place seemed remote. It was 1998. I wouldn’t actually graduate until the 21st century. But all things must pass, and I’ve managed to pass enough of my classes for Hope College to let me walk away with a diploma on May 5. Now I ask again: What am I supposed to do now?

At first, graduate school seemed like an ideal solution. Yes, it’s two more whole years of studying, but it’s only studying the area I’m interested in. Plus, I’m a creative type and family console me by saying, “It’s their loss.” Still, I can’t help but think no, it’s my loss. Because what am I supposed to do now?

For the past couple of years, I have been deliberately ignoring mailings from Career Services warning me I better attend Senior Sequence, or Junior Juncture, or Sophomore Spotlight, or I wouldn’t ever be able to get a good job. I was morally opposed to having a career and everything that comes with it. I have no clue how to do a job search, write a resume or do an interview on account of it. I thought I’d never really need a career. I’m not sure why I thought that, I guess it was just wishful thinking, but now the office of Career Services has the last laugh.

So, what am I supposed to do now?

Supposing I do find a job. Everybody needs money, and so do I. I imagine I’ll find something. But can I find something that means more than making money for somebody else? This is the reality several graduating Hope College seniors are running into right now. We all had different experiences at Hope, but the one thing that can be said for college is it was a lot of fun. Don’t get me wrong, I am eager to get on with my life, but I’m afraid the fun might be over.

But that doesn’t make any sense. Seniors, think back over your last four years. What was fun about it? Going to classes? Yeah right. There’s probably about two students at Hope College for who academics really takes priority. I know it sounds cheesy, but what’s made these last four years great are life experiences we’ve had outside of classes—stupid stuff like staying up until morning, spur-of-the-moment trips, dumber jokes only you and your friends understand. Those bonds we’ve formed between ourselves are what feels good about the last four years, and there’s no reason it has to end.

College is great because it’s the one time in our lives we can be adults but not take ourselves too seriously. I propose we extend that attitude all the way to death. Just because I might be working a boring job doesn’t mean I have to always be boring.

I guess this is my parting message to Hope College seniors: get your diploma, get a job, but never stop doing stupid stuff. It’s the only thing that’s going to make you happy.

In addition to listing virtues for discussion, the Task Force also wrote that any discussion of a controversial issue “must be in a sound and vital view of the Christian scriptures.”

The report went on to state Hope College’s official stance on the Bible: “Hope College stands in a kind of dialogue.”

Herrick and Bultman hope that the report will help stimulate discussion of sexuality on campus, and that the Task Force’s suggestions for conduct during discussion will be assimilated by the community.

“We are hopeful that these virtues will not themselves elicit controversy, and that [they] could rather easily be integrated into the life of Hope College with many beneficial results,” the report reads.

The task force spoke with the Gay Straight Alliance and (GLOBE),” Jeff Howard, GSF founder said in an interview with the Holland Sentinel. “I think it’s something that’s been building up in the last several years. I think it’s wonderful that they’re having this kind of dialogue.”

Herrick and Bultman believe the programming recommendations the Task Force presented are needed to deal with the controversial issue “rooted in a sound and vital view of the Christian scriptures.”

The statement on the place of the Christian scriptures on campus is a big step. It’s interesting for me to see how that comes into our campus life, how it’s implemented,” Herrick said.

In addition to homosexuality, the Task Force hopes to spark discussion on campus of heterosexual issues including pornography, alcohol and sex, sexual assault and pre-marital sex.

According to the report, a Task Force student survey found that among students who were sexually active in the last year, almost half reported that they had engaged in sexual behaviors that they later regretted.

“We believe that sexual inter-course outside of a loving and committed marriage relationship can lead to the degradation of one’s self-esteem and spiritual well-being,” the report says.

“Do we know that some of our students are sexually active? Yes. Does that concern us? Of course. Is it less than it is in the national surveys? Yes, substantially yes, but still it’s a concern to us,” Bultman said.

The Task Force on Issues of Sexuality was made up of representatives from all branches of the college, including Student Congress, the faculty, the administration and campus ministries.

In related news, a source that attended the faculty meeting Tuesday morning told the Anchor that the faculty voted overwhelmingly in support of a motion requiring the Campus Life Board to reconsider the Gay-Straight Forum after two years.

“This motion is being made with the understanding that the report of the Task Force on Sexuality will be adopted as a complete package, that work on implementation begin immediately, and that those charged with implementation work energetically with the students who sought recognition for GSF in an effort to see if their needs, along with those of the entire campus community, can be met within the structures proposed by the Task Force,” the motion reads.

Exam snacks at the Kletz

Tuesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 1 at 8 pm

Congratulations seniors on your graduation! ~The Kletz staff
HIDDEN SECRETS OF THE ANCHOR:

As is traditional for the last issue of the year, the Anchor presents, step-by-step, the excitement of racing against the clock to get the paper put together.

1. At bi-weekly meetings, Matt Cook ('02), editor in chief, leads the staff in choosing and critiquing stories for the Anchor.

2. Every week, Hope College students, staff and faculty find themselves on the opposite end of Anchor interviews like this one with Erica Heeg ('05), infocus editor.

3. After interviews, we write the stories and layout the pages on the Macintosh computers in the Anchor office. Here, Rebekah Oegema ('04), copy editor, recommends some changes for a frustrated Emily Moellman ('02), arts editor.

4. Finally, as the rest of the campus is waking up for morning classes, we drop the paper off at the Zeeland Record to be printed.

The Anchor congratulates graduating staff and former staff

Here's what they're doing after Hope:

Matt Cook (Copy Editor/Arts/Campus Beat/Editor in Chief) (bottom right) is moving to Boston, where he hopes to find a job.

Julie Green (Spotlight/Campus Beat) (top right) will be attending graduate school at the University of Florida to study writing poetry.

Andrew Kleczek (Sports) (top left) is also moving to Boston, where he plans on teaching English as a Second Language.

Emily Moellman (Arts) (top middle) is working for the Waterfront Film Festival in Saginaw for the summer and then moving to Chicago.

Rachael Pridgeon (Production Assistant [on-line editor]) (bottom left) will attend Western Michigan University for graduate studies in creative non-fiction.

Carrie Arnold (Spotlight/Campus Beat) is working in Ann Arbor, Michigan for a year and then plans on applying to graduate school in the sciences.

Beth Lomasney (Arts) will be studying poetry at Purdue University.

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VANDERPROV!!
"Follow me, my son. For I have given you laser eyes."

LAST SHOW OF THE YEAR!!
This Friday, 9 pm, Wichers

Senior Reading

The poetry, fiction and non-fiction of:

Katie Bode-Lang
Matt Cook
Adam Eisenga
Jani Fisher
Julie Green
Megan Helm
Marianne Hoyt
Blair Johnson
Beth Lomasney
Emily Moellman
Rachael Rridgeon

Graduating Hope College Writing Majors and Minors, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, DePree Art Gallery

Refreshments will be served.

Exam Week Hours Van Wylen Library

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Watch this space

Last year, Student Congress used $500 of the student activity fee to buy this scrolling marquee sign in the lobby of the DeWitt Center. Although active last year, the sign has yet to display anything this year. As a service to you, the Anchor will keep track of how many weeks it has been blank in the 2001-2002 school year.

Final Count: 1 year

Only 4 performances left!

Defying Gravity

by Jane Anderson

Wednesday – Saturday, April 24-27
8 PM
DeWitt Main Theatre!

Student tickets just $4!
Men's Lacrosse wins home tournament

Flying Dutchmen snatch four victories in Wooden Shoe tournament

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

It is always an advantage playing in front of a home crowd. The Hope men's lacrosse Club not only proved this theory correct once, but four times.

The Flying Dutchmen walked into the Wooden Shoe Tournament as hosts, but walked off the field as champions. They produced a flawless 4-0 record on Saturday, key wins over Kettering, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Eastern Michigan, and Grand Valley State to take home the tournament title.

"The crowd really helped us out," said Patrick Kearney ('03), Lacrosse Club President. "It was great to get the support of the college behind us since we hadn't had many home games before the tournament, and it helped us immenently. They really came through for us, especially in the last two games."

The four victories put Hope's overall record at 11-6, with one more game remaining in the season. The Dutchmen will not be entering the playoffs because their record isn't strong enough for a spot.

"Our schedule strength was pretty good this year, and we lost some really tough games," said Kearney. "We're going to come back strong next year, though, and hopefully get to the playoffs next season."

The Dutchmen started off the tournament with a 7-4 victory over Kettering College, then followed this up with win of the University of Michigan-Dearborn 10-4. With two wins in their pool, the Dutchmen were able to move on to the tournament semi-finals.

"Even though we played well in the games against Kettering and U-M Dearborn, I felt that at times, we played down to their level and let them in the game. However, it was good to have a couple lighter games, because it prepared us for the next round."

In the semi-final match, Hope met up with Eastern Michigan, a team that defeated them only a month ago. Hope was able to avenge the defeat in the final minute, though, as they shocked the Eagles 6-5 and moved to the finals.

In the championship game, Hope faced Grand Valley State. The Dutchmen had beaten the Lakers twice already in the season, and were to win a third time, as they scored in the final minute again to defeat the Lakers 9-8.

Members of the Lacrosse Club celebrate the win of the Wooden Shoe Tournament

"There was a huge emotional drive against GVSU," said Kearney. "Both teams came out incredibly strong, and it was overall a great game."

Hope will be losing only five seniors this season, and will come into next year as a young, fresh team.

"Our seniors have made a big impact on our team. We're really looking forward to the future, and I think we can make the playoffs next year," Kearney said.

Softball defeats Calvin in extra innings

Flying Dutch tied for second place in MIAA competition

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

Hope's softball games against rival Calvin may have gone a little bit long, but the ending result was still positive for Hope's team.

"Our schedule strength was incredibly strong, and it was overall a great game," said Andrea Adams ('03) who got the win for the Flying Dutch.

In the opening game, Calvin struck first, scoring in the first inning of play. Hope was able to answer in their next at-bat when Rose Owens ('02) hit a double, and was then sent home on another double by Jen Boersma ('03) to tie the score at 1-1.

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The Hope College Men's base-ball team extended their winning streak to 20 games this past week-end, defeating Adrian three times in three games to take sole possession of first place in the MIAA. Hope (22-3,9-0), now ranked 22nd in the nation in Division III schools, defeated Adrian 5-3 on Friday, and then twice on Saturday by scores of 10-3 and 10-8.

On Friday, the Flying Dutchmen were led by Mike VanBeek (’03), who had a single and a double, and Justin Kribs (’04), who had two singles. Kenny Bart (’04) was credited with the victory after relieving Kevin Kittle (’02), who pitched 7 innings in his first start since missing two games due to injury.

In the first game on Saturday, Casey Glass (’03) led the way with three singles, Eric MacKenzie (’04) had a single and a home run, Kribs had two singles, and VanBeek also hit a home run. Matt Widenmier (’03) pitched the entire game, allowing only one hit and no walks and striking out one.

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Hope’s next match is the Kalamazoo College on May 2 at the MIAA championships at 1-2.

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