HOPE PROFESSOR DENIED TENURE

Shannon Craig

Swan Farms

Dr. John Hanson, assistant professor in the department of art and art history and director of DePree Art Gallery, will be leaving Hope College at the end of the school year as the result of being denied tenure.

According to the Professional Interests Committee minutes from March 7, before being denied tenure Hanson, who joined the Hope faculty in 2001, received "positive annual evaluations every year...and never received any indication that his department and his dean would not support his tenure application."

According to the PIC minutes, Hanson was allowed to see the written recommendations of the Status Committee and of the President, but was not allowed to make copies.

Hanson said last week, "The Status Committee's report was very long, and went through the issue point by point, and explained in some detail why they were reversing their decision."

"The President's recommendation was much more brief, and introduced new issues, such as insufficient publications and my (alleged) lack of involvement in faculty-student activities. The PIC minutes note that these concerns contradict the positive record and the recommendation of the Status Committee," he said.

According to the PIC minutes, "We take all criminal matters seriously and will do all we can to investigate the incident," Walters said.

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Nepali King agrees to restore parliament

Nicholas Engel
Corpus Nixus Enter

Nepal’s King Gyanendra agreed to reinstate parliament Monday, April 24, in an attempt to appease pro-democracy rallies sweeping the country in opposition to his government.

A reconvened parliament will "protect multi-party democracy and restore peace," Gyanendra said in a recent televised address.

The lower parliament will convene on Friday, April 28, he said.

King Gyanendra sacked the existing parliamentary government in February of 2005 in order to increase security measures and quell the Maoist insurgency. Opponents say that the period after Gyanendra’s instatement has seen more violence at the hands of the Maoists than before the takeover.

Protest and injury

Gyanendra’s decision followed 19 consecutive days of protest and unrest throughout Nepal.

Nepal saw the largest protest Thursday, April 20. At least 100,000 people took to the streets in the capital city of Kathmandu in spite of a 14-hour shoot-on-site curfew imposed by the king. Three protesters were killed and at least 40 others were injured.

Ten people have been killed outside of Kathmandu since the protests began.

Protests marched towards Gyanendra’s palace in central Kathmandu early Saturday, April 22, in opposition to a shoot-on-site curfew. One hundred and fifty people were injured as police fired tear gas, bullets and rubber bullets, and wielded batons against the crowd.

Maoist involvement

Monday, April 24, before Gyanendra’s announcement, the United States ordered all "non-essential" diplomatic staff out of the area. It also advised other U.S. nationals to leave immediately.

The U.S. withdrawal followed a Maoist attack that happened overnight in the town of Chautara, 75 miles northeast of Kathmandu. The Maoists launched attacks against the army base, the police post, the district prison and the district headquarters. The attack is the first major Maoist attack since the multi-party protests began three weeks ago.

The Maoist rebels aim to overthrow Gyanendra’s monarchy and replace it with a communist republic, though top leaders have recently expressed support for a multi-democratic government. Their 10-year insurrection has resulted in 13,000 deaths, kidnappings, and extensive damage against government property.

VICTORY RALLY — Nepali protestors celebrate their political victory on Monday, April 24.

Bush administration shakes up top staff

Kurt Pyle
Scott Steb Werson

Facing low polling numbers and divisive congressional debates, the Bush administration’s attempt to right the ship hit front pages Wednesday with the resignation of Press Secretary Scott McClellan and the shuffling of Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove.

Rove, long viewed as the architect of the Bush administration’s strategy, lost his job as head of policy in the moves. He is expected to increase his focus on the upcoming midterm congressional elections.

The move, widely viewed as a demotion, signaled an admission of the administration’s missteps over the past two years, according to observers.

The failure of President Bush’s Social Security push in 2005, the resignation of McClellan and reassignment of Rove continued a trend of reassignments in the domino effects of Bolten’s shift, moving positions in the OMB and the role of U.S. Trade Representative.

More expected changes remain forthcoming, though. After notable troubles in passing legislation on Social Security and immigration, a shakeup in the White House legislative affairs office is expected.

Additionally, Treasury Secretary John Snow’s job remains in jeopardy in response to what is perceived as a backhander promotion of current economic growth.

The resignation of McClellan came after long speculation regarding the future of the long-time White House spokesman. Famous for his rigid following of the party line, McClellan faced an increasingly hostile press during the second term, particularly in light of the ongoing Valerie Plame investigation.

In October 2003, McClellan, famously, said that Rove and Vice Presidential Chief of Staff Lewis “Scooter” Libby were not involved in the leaking of a covert CIA agent’s name to the press. Libby was later indicted for perjury in the investigation and Rove remains under scrutiny.

The Bush administration recently announced Tony Snow for the replacement for Scott McClellan as press secretary.
Petition challenges homophobia

To the Editor:

Regardless of personal opinion on homosexuality, homophobic directed hate is unacceptable, especially on a Christian campus, where the message should be of love, grace and acceptance. In light of recent events, we the undersigned demand our administration to take a more proactive approach in combating the homophobic atmosphere of Hope College. This hostile environment promotes harassment, discrimination, censorship and is a detriment to the well-being of the entire campus community.

The purpose of a liberal arts education is to be exposed to and gain tolerance of different ideas and people. When the college isolates the community and exposes students to only selective information and perspectives, they are crippling the students ability to adapt and survive in the real world. Hope College needs to prepare their students to relate to and interact with people who are different. Higher education should not tell people what to think, but teach people how to think.

In order to achieve an improved climate, we recommend that the administration acknowledge The Sexuality Roundtable: A Forum for Gay and Straight Students and GLOBE as official organizations. We urge the administration to reject the idea that censorship promotes higher education.

The college does not want to foster the appearance of impropriety when dealing with faculty members who speak openly against homophobia. We commend the college’s recruitment of speakers who inform the community on issues dealing with homosexuality, such as Dr. David Meyers and Dr. Mark A. Yarhouse. To promote this dialogue further, a Critical Issues Symposium could present issues of sexuality in the near future. Eliminating ignorance is the first step to eliminating hate.

Mary Hofert ’09, followed by almost 200 student, faculty, staff signatures

Homo Same Sexual Being

To the Editor:

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Being sexual isn’t the same unless I’m hetero
Sexually same minded I’m divided by homo
I can love but not legally
Make sex not love because hetero-by I am
Divided by

Being a homo sexual
But if God were a her would she love me
Any less because we’re the same sex?
Could I hold her hand at night kiss her good bye
Or would you throw stones at us both
Because hetero sexually we are not the

Same sexual being
As a heterosexual right minded thing
Because homo minded I must not be right
And denied rights and legalities and the pursuit
Of hetero happiness because I am a

Homo sexual
Being as that may I often look at the “right” way

And wonder how I could ever not be as gay as
They portray me because how else would they want me

If not sexually a fantasy of gay bashing
Being homo same sexual-
Alley God made me then why could I be less than perfect
Less than an image less than you unless your
Creator is a muse for discriminatory hate crimes I
Am too tired of the win the oil war lies
Fighting the American dream lies
All created equal lies told too many times by too many

Same beings
Running around on their wives cheating
Pointing the finger at me blaming the sinners
The children the world trade centers on me and my kind
Me and my wife me and my way of life because hetero-ly
I am not correct

Sexual being a
Homo sexual being
Not a homosapien rather America’s
Alienated scape goat
For loving God as her

Kelli Murrell ’06
Administration needs to take a position

To the Editor:

I'm not normally an activist, but the way Hope has handled John Hanson's tenure case has really affected me. It is my belief that John is not being denied tenure because he is a poor professor, but because he is openly homosexual. The college refuses to admit that his tenure has been denied based on his sexual orientation.

John is well published, an active member of the Hope community, and an effective educator. The assertion that Dr. Hanson is underserving of tenure is simply untrue. In fact, after reviewing Dr. Hanson was deemed worthy of tenure. President Bultman has taken it upon himself to veto this decision of the professional interests review board.

I would not necessarily agree with a decision to deny Dr. Hanson tenure based upon his sexuality, but at least I could respect it. At least the college would be taking a position, instead of the college, namely President Bultman, has decided to skirt the issue and demean the Christian integrity that our college is supposed to uphold. It is deceitful and dishonorable, and it will have a lasting effect upon Dr. Hanson's career. Not receiving tenure is a big deal and can effectively ruin Dr. Hanson's future professorships.

I am ashamed of the way this situation has been handled, and I urge you to let it go unnoticed. The best way to fix a problem is to address it. We all have a chance to do this. Regardless of your position, I think we can all agree that decent is not something our campus should put up with. Truth is sometimes more controversial, but it is worth it.

-Aaron Raatjes ('07)

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Hanson will not "request an extension of time for tenure because he is not confident the process would work fairly the second time around." Hanson is concerned that the tenure process "permitted him to be surprised by a negative recommendation and did not provide him an opportunity to correct inaccurate evidence at an earlier stage." He will also not be "seeking reinstallation" and feels "his status as an out gay man may have played a role in the college's evaluation of him."

"A Chilly Climate"

Both at the PIC meeting and in an interview last week, Hanson made clear his concern for the campus climate toward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and transgendered people at Hope College.

"I hope Hope is an uncomfortable place for GLBT students, staff, faculty, etc. ... In a larger sense, we really have to take the things that happen on campus and see if we can't hear or measure silence. Once I gave a talk for faculty on being 'out' in the classroom. A gay faculty member came up afterwards and said, 'I can't tell you what a crap talk it was, but I have to have you here.' I think that 'catharsis' is a pretty strong word, and indicates that there is a chilly climate. ... In fact, I think the college's stance goes against the modern concept of higher education. As long as we are only willing to hire (and retain) people who conform to our controversial and narrow moral prescriptions, we are going to become more and more isolated in the broader community of colleges and universities," Hanson said.

An official statement released by the Hope College Office of Public Relations yesterday read, "As a matter of practice, and especially out of consideration for the employee involved, Hope College will not speak publicly about personnel matters. We respect these matters between an employer and employee as a part of our longstanding commitment that Hope College treat all people with respect and dignity. Any suggestion that this has not happened in this matter is incorrect.

Students Take Action

Students have begun to speak out about the situation with Hanson.

"With this situation with Hanson, the [alleged] attack on the gay student last week, the homophobic chalkings last year, and the suspicious situation surrounding Prof. De La Torre's career, the treatment of GLBT students and faculty (whether intentional or not) is very clear: You are not welcome here. This is especially shameful at a Christian institution, since one of Jesus' most condemning remarks, 'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,'"

"I think students should be concerned about this as well. We do not benefit from this situation. I was a student and I felt the repercussions of not being 'out,' and I did not welcome you," said Jane Dickie, professor of psychology and director of Women's Studies.

"Where Are You," the senior art show, which runs through May 7, is dedicated to Prof. Hanson.

"The graduating art majors have used their voice to send a message. It is a gesture, and won't reinstate me, but gestures are exceedingly important," Hanson said.

Students also held a rally in honor of Hanson on April 25 where a petition was passed around gaining almost 200 signatures. (See the petition on page 3.)

"The goal of all this is for the administration to take the step to make the environment less homophobic. It's a Christian College, so they have to embrace the virtues of love, acceptance and grace for all students," said Mary Helfert ('09), a student organizer.

In an interview prior to the rally, Hanson stated, "It's an important question, not just for the 5-7 percent of us that are gay, but for all of us who believe in education. In my view, the whole process of education is about freedom from fear. We need to discuss everything. Any topics we censor are apt to destroy our integrity. This concept is called 'academic integrity' something we need to talk about more."

De La Torre: A Year Later

Hanson's decision to leave Hope comes a year after the firing of Miguel De La Torre. He resigned from Hope College last year after being denied a merit raise despite publishing three books that year. Controversy arose after the publication of De La Torre's column in the Holland Sentinel entitled "When the Bible is Used for Hate" on Feb. 1, 1996.

"I was not fired but definitely pressured out," said De La Torre, now director of the Justice & Peace Institute and associate professor of social work at Mill School of Theology.

De La Torre offered his opinion of the situation in a phone interview.

"To silence voices is contrary to any academic process. I have no doubt Hans is being silenced because he is an openly gay man," De La Torre said.
United 93: tragic and real

To the Editor:

The upcoming release of the movie United 93 (in theaters April 28th) has gained attention by movie goers and the media for some many are carrying with them the weight of the tragic events of the day. At the same time, the movie is depicting actual events. And we have made progress through the Moussaoui trial and the Patriot Act. However, there are still conspiracy theorists out there who think that 9/11 didn't happen or that Bush honestly planned it and staged it all.

Obviously, by no means are those positions held by the majority of American people, but those who hold this mindset will be unable to learn from the movie because they are simply stuck in their ways.

And it should be noticed that these seemingly crazy theories are seeping into the mainstream media. One thing that United 93 will do very well is to shock us back to the immediate post 9/11 days. Seeing the movie will help remind us of the reality of the world we live in and help us to understand why we are overseas. We must also be reminded of the heroes of United Flight 93 who gave their lives for their country.

United 93 will be very painful and difficult to watch, as it should be. Too many of us are pretending that 9/11 didn't happen.

As we are reminded by Debra Burlingame, sister of Chic Burlingame who was the pilot of Flight 77, "The enemy is ruthless, brutal, determined and I think the American people need to be reminded of that."

Jason Cash ('07)

Student shares info on contraceptives

I am writing this because I've learned through experience that informing people on their reproductive rights is not enough.

One night a condom broke, and earlier in the week I had taken some of my birth control pills late. My boyfriend and I knew we didn't want to have children, and I wanted EC just to be safe.

Emergency contraception is known as the morning after pill, is a safe, legal and effective way to prevent pregnancy after unprotected vaginal intercourse. Women may find themselves in the unfortunate situation of needing EC if they have had unprotected vaginal intercourse, their contraceptive method failed (the condom broke, or they've missed some oral contraceptive pill) or if they have been the victim of rape or sexual assault. EC prevents pregnancy in three different ways: it prevents ovulation, fertilization and implantation in the uterus.

Plan B is the most common form of EC and is 89 percent effective at preventing pregnancy if it is taken within 72 hours of having sex. The sooner Plan B is taken, the more effective it is.

Plan B is available by prescription only. If possible, women should contact a doctor and tell her/him they need EC. In Holland, contact the Ottawa County Health Department at (616)-396-5266 or the 24 hour helpline (888) 258-3670. Though OCHD and Planned Parenthood can prescribe and dispense EC, the physician will probably call in a prescription. Only two pharmacies in Holland carry Plan B: Walgreen's on Butternut Dr (616)-796-2235 and Walgreen's on Lakewood (616)-396-5253.

If women are not in Holland, or are unable to find EC using these methods, they can call 1-888-NOT-2-LATE or visit www.not-2-late.com to find information about EC and the five closest providers of EC in their area. The reason women can't get a prescription of EC, www.getthepill.com, is an online prescription service where on-call physicians can submit a prescription to a local pharmacy.

Being safe-sex savvy and a women's rights activist, I knew ahead of time how to get EC. However, it still took me 12 hours and 4 hours of phone calls before I could get my prescription filled. Because EC is most effective if taken within the first 72 hours, time is everything. If a woman is in the unfortunate situation of needing EC, this information may buy her extra time to prevent an unwanted/planned pregnancy or a chance to fulfill her dreams.

Jamie Elliott ('06)

You Might Not Want to Read This

Shea Tuttle
Columnist

Your Cup of Tea

The other day my friend Meghan sent me an email. She asked if she could interview me for her existentialism class. Thinking tea and philosophical talk with them would be a good way to begin the week, I said yes.

We got to question _What difference might our mortality make?_

I had no idea how to answer. Mortality, immortality, who cares? Today, I was bothered about finals. I need to prepare for, papers and columns I need to write, post-graduation plans I need to make. Today, I can't figure out how to understand this moment; how can I be expected to know anything about so many moments so seemingly far from now?

But, for Meghan, I considered talking through some of my thoughts. And together, over tea in an upstairs cottage kitchen, we stumbled on a radical proposition: perhaps our conceptualization of our mortality matters, perhaps our immortality make every bit of difference in how we approach today.

Let me entertain each for a moment.

First, let’s entertain the idea that life is full of meaning. We paint pictures beautifully, freeze moments that we wish could go on forever. We avoid planning for the future and thinking about our deaths. We shelter our skin with miracle products that promise we will not age and we build our bodies into machines in hopes that they will never fail us. We actively avoid the possibility that we have today. But we will lose them. We will forget. We will age. We will die. And when we start to include a sense of our mortality, we start to live better, start to more fully love the present. Our lives will show it.

But wait. Living fully and loving the present isn’t easy. There will be times when we can be dangerous, destructive to ourselves, to the earth, and to those around us. Clearly, acknowledging only our mortality isn’t enough. We also acknowledge our immortality. No, I’m not talking about the soul or the afterlife. I’m suggesting that we’re—in some sense—immortal here on earth.

The trick to this is to go on forever. We leave footprints everywhere we go. The choices we make today have the potential to affect the earth and its people, for good or for ill. Forever. Don’t believe me? Ask a victim of generational abuse or poverty, whose great-great-great-great-grandfather began a cycle that has touched hundreds of lives with its rippling effects. Pick up a book on global warming and peer into the future a few decades. We would do well to regard our immortality—our capacity for future impact—with thoughtful sobriety.

Ultimately, as I said to Meghan at the end of our summaries and the bottom of our tea cups, we must hold our mortality, let it drive us to drink the moment deeply. In the other, we must hold our immortality, the knowledge that the details we make today are very likely have far-reaching effects, whether bitter or sweet.

I’ve spent the year writing about various issues of justice. Now, I’d suggest that this is the very recipe for engaging each of those and the myriad issues I didn’t confront. If we approach today with both our mortality and our immortality in mind, we will much more likely live responsibly to ourselves, our earth, and our brothers and sisters around the world.

20 arrested for minor class charge in UConn. (Daily Campus)

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Senior says goodbye

To the Editor:
Seniors, as our college time is running out, it is hard to imagine that things may not end up ideally. We actually may drift away from one another. It is hard to imagine that things may not end up ideally. We actually may drift away from one another.

My friends and I have been talking about how difficult it is for seniors to know what the chances are of keeping in touch. Running into your old classmates occurs so much more seldom than it used to when our parents were young.

Back when our parents were children, their relatives would return for visits to their hometown and easily recognize old faces around the streets. I recently visited my father’s hometown in western Massachusetts for a family event. As we walked through downtown Northampton, my dad shouted out names and threw arms around old friends twice during our stroll through town.

Today, people are so spread out with the ease of travel and it seems simpler for one person to focus on their individual desires, their career dreams. They say they know they can always stay in contact via e-mail while at the desk or cell phone conversations on their drive to work.

How motivated are we to stay in contact? And with whom? It’s a timely issue, one we are facing as we begin our farewell to the comfortable campus, the friends that seem more like family.

I plan to go back to the old times somehow. This might mean I just make sure to travel somewhere where I have a better chance of seeing familiar faces. Somehow, the contacts have to remain. Somehow the memories of our diverse days in college need to remain engraved in our minds.

Being a college student can be one of the best parts of our life. Why do we have to say good-bye to everything? Let’s keep the connection closer than a short e-mail from work, a birthday phone call or a Facebook poke.

Emily Sheback (’06)

Student shares encounter with former professor

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Emily Sheback (’06)

Pledge should acknowledge influence of alcohol

To the Editor:
In your April 12, 2006 issue, an article entitled, “Hope frats take a stand,” was printed about Hope Fraternity pledges taking a pledge to end sexual assault and violence. I would certainly say that this is a step in the right direction. However, I think that the real issue is being stepped around is alcohol abuse.

Alcohol is usually the main player in sexual assault cases. The people who sexually and/or physically assault other people are not usually “bad” by most standards. However, research has shown that when people are under the influence of alcohol, they behave differently and do things that they would not usually do under normal circumstances.

Instead of taking a pledge to end assault, fraternities should be taking a pledge to drink responsibly. Because, let’s be honest, I doubt someone who is heavily impaired—and that’s how Hope students can take a stand.

Don’t ignore that. Your behavior, decisions, relationships define you in private and in public, the most long-lasting and the most ephemeral. Don’t ignore that.

Life: The whole, they say, is more than the sum of the parts. But that doesn’t mean the parts don’t count. It all counts.

First, however, not stress and worry, but integrity. Your striving, your falling, your starting anew. It desires joy, not guilt. It demands, most of all, your love. All of it.

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What is this life? It is you. It is me. It is our peace with the world and the Eternal. Walk your way gracefully, grateful for guidance, but glad the automated, one-way ride is over, and the way lays open before you. Choose well.

Erika Oglesby (’08)

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Love’s Labour’s Lost

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Behind the canvas: Senior artists reveal thoughts on art show

Rachel Achteneimeier

Art concentration: Photography and painting. Works in gallery: "Lilie Lamb;", "Beautifully Made.;","I am Woman Here me Roar;","By Faith Alone;" and "No Your Average Cowgirl;".

Inspiration: Received inspiration from cardboard boxes in her apartment that contained phrases such as "fat free" or "reduced fat." Inspired to create art that deals with women and body image.

Unique art piece: A photo collage of one larger image, raised up on color paper on foamcore.

Time spent on gallery pieces: "It was a year but felt like a month and three days. Time flies when you are having an explosively magnificent time!"

Kent Osborn

Art concentration: Painting. Works in gallery: "But Actually..." Fantasy on Art concentration: Painting. Inspiration: Received comfort and solace from close friends who helped to ease his mind and are close friends who helped to ease his mind and are necessary for making detailed works of art. "Matriphony" was inspired by the "Senior Scramble" theory on Hope's campus.

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Amy Back


Holly Dustin

Art concentration: Painting. Works in gallery: "Pallipness Shades," "Marrow," "Birthday" and "Drift." Unique art pieces: Her paintings are acrylic and oil, and she collaged tissue paper on top of some of them to create an indescribable layer effect.

Time spent on gallery pieces: "Not counting all the forethought and planning involved, I know I spent at least 100 hours physically working on it all. (and I worked every day of spring break!)"

Future plans post graduation: Dustin might spend part of this coming year as an English teaching assistant in France, and eventually hopes to get a masters degree in Fine Arts.

Katie Brown

Inspirations: Nature and Jason Rohlf, an abstract artist in New York. Time spent on artwork: The pieces were made between January and March this year, with the exception of a landscape series done on the May term of last year. Each painting took about 5 -15 hours to create.

Plans post graduation: "This summer I'm painting a mural at a kid's summer day camp and teaching there. I'm also teaching a children's "Earth Art" class and "Landscape Drawing" at a gallery. After that I'm hoping to find a job at a museum or non-profit arts organization, continue painting and see where it all leads me.

Hope English prods to read poetry

The Bookman in Grand Haven will host a reading by five area poets to help launch a new collection of poetry by Sue William Silverman, entitled "Harenglyphs in Neon." Silverman's previous books include "Because I Remember Terror, Father, I Remember You" and "Love Sick." Accompanying...Silverman will be four poets from the area, including Hope poets Jack Bagley, Greg Rappleye and Jack Ridl. All are familiar to patrons of The Bookman's poetry readings. The readings start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in The Bookman, 715 Washington St., Grand Haven.

For more information, call the Bookman at 637-1833.
Thanks to our Editor-in-Chief

To the Editor:

This is the end.

As the final Anchor of 2006 fills up its last pages, we, the Anch staff wish to express our gratitude to our editor in chief, Erin L'Hotta.

Erin has put more hours into this paper than most of us would like to contemplate. Long before the paper was hers, she was brainstorming ways to make it better.

She turned down internships last summer—internships which probably would have aided her in her current job search—to help move the Anchor from our broom closet in DeWitt to our sweet new office in the Marth.

Erin also spearheaded the effort to turn the content of the paper around. Under her leadership, we changed the focus of the paper from reporting droll news verbatim from KnowHope to real, breaking news about gang violence, sexual assault forums and gay rights.

Erin also turned the Anch staff into a community. You've all seen it—we hang out in the office day and night. Just talking. Til 4 in the morning. We listen to Erin's wild aspirations, laugh at her interesting take on the news (the Delphis went bankrupt? What?) We go to concerts together, have parties, tour pickle factories and accidentally sneak into clubs. Being part of the Anch staff is wonderfully exciting, due largely to Erin's efforts.

So on behalf of the 2005-2006 Anch staff, we thank you, Erin, for all you've done to turn around this paper and all you've done to bring us together as a staff. We will miss you.

The Anch staff

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CELEBRATES VICTORY

Jenny Cencer

After defeating Southern Maine 69-56 for the Division III women's title this spring, the Flying Dutch were lifted to 33-1 on the season and tied the record held by Capital University (in 1995) for most wins by an NCAA Division III women's basketball team.

The team can now proudly display another championship banner in DeVos Fieldhouse alongside the one carried by the illustrious 1990 Dutch team.

Past victories were melded with the recent championship as the hundreds gathered on April 12 for a celebration in DeVos.

During the festivities, Bria Ebels (06), the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, hoisted the championship trophy to the booming cheers of fans gathered around the concourse. Visitors to Hope for the celebration included State Senator Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and U.S. Representative Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland. Both officials invited the team to tour Lansing and the Capital building on May 4.

The Dutch and Coach Brian Morehouse were also invited to be honorary Grand Marshals of the Meijer Muziekparade during Tulip Time on May 13. Morehouse was presented with a letter of congratulations signed by President Bush in addition to receiving a DVD of a speech Hoekstra gave on the House floor that commended Hope for their Division III championship.

With five seniors graduating this spring, Morehouse and his staff will be recruiting to fill spots on the roster for the 2006-07 season.