**GAY STUDENT REPORTS ASSAULT**

Erin L'Hotta  
Assistant-City

On April 18, Jason Burns (‘06) was allegedly assaulted on campus after receiving threats over his sexual orientation.

The alleged assault took place behind the Martha Miller Center at 8:15 p.m. Burns said that he was walking to his vehicle when he was attacked by two males behind the MMC when two males exited the building, yelling, "Hey, there's that faggot who speaks in class." The two males then proceeded to run towards him. As he ran, Burns said he made a quick turn on a nearby street, confident that he was in danger. Burns then said he was called "queer" or "fag" once a week while walking to class.

Burns is known on campus for his activism in speaking out against hate crimes and homophobia. He has visited 30 classrooms educating students on these issues. In November 2004, Burns reported that his car was keyed with the words "queer," "fag" and "die faggot." Burns is currently being assisted by the GLBT students. He noted several schools within the Great Lakes Collegiate Association that have an GLBT resource center and he hopes to present his findings to the board of trustees.

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**HOPE PROFESSOR DENIED TENURE**

Shannon Craig  
Staff Writer

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 the Board did not support his tenure application."

The PIC minutes state, "After receiving the positive recommendations of the Status Committee, the President conducted an informal interview. [Hanson] was not told of the results of the investigation until after the Board of Trustees meeting May 2005. After the meeting, President Bultman told [Hanson] that he had made a negative recommendation concerning [Hanson's] promotion and tenure application to the Board of Trustees."

At his request, in August 2005, 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 I had recommended by the Status Committee," he said.

According to the PIC minutes, "Since Hanson was denied tenure, the Department is still investigating the incident."

"Feelings are mixed among the students," Burns said. "I see this as something vital for this school to have, especially since the assault. I am encouraged by the response from the administration and the GLBT students. He noted several schools within the Great Lakes Collegiate Association that have an GLBT resource center and he hopes to present his findings to the board of trustees."

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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.

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, in opposition to a shoot-on-sight palace order. At least 100,000 people took to the streets in the capital city 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.

Bush administration shakes up top staff
Press secretary, chief of staff resign; other positions shuffled
Kurt Pyle
Senior Staff Writer

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, w h i c h was seen as a Rove initiative, eliminated much of Bush’s momentum following his reelection a year earlier.

In response to these failings, along with continuing criticism of the ongoing conflict in Iraq, long-time Chief of Staff Andrew Card resigned in March, setting into motion the current shakeup.

Card’s replacement, former head of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Joshua Bolten quietly set into motion a new agenda upon entering his job.

After Bolten’s first staff meeting last Monday, in which he encouraged those considering leaving by the end of the year to do so now, speculation raged over what shape and to what extent the makeup of the administration staff would change.

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 lackluster 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 as the replacement for Scott McClellan as press secretary.
To the Hope College Board of Trustees:

I woke up last Tuesday and almost cried. Who knew e-mails could be so compelling? A student, a senior, a gay man, said he was assaulted on this campus. Beaten, punched, bruised. Here. Our campus of Hope. I almost cried for him. Took his story as my own.

This was me, human. The front page of this newspaper is me, a journalist, objective writer, searcher of truth in understanding this student's account. But what is truth? Don't we all see reality through our own lens? Don't we all understand life through the knowledge of deep personal experiences? Regardless of whether it is alleged or factual that a gay student was assaulted because of his sexual orientation, the issue is still real. Very very real, Hope College.

It stands as an example of blatant discrimination, gives us an image of injustice, but also stands as a reminder of subtle discrimination that dwells. Last semester the administration told me that the issue surrounding Professor De La Torre's resignation in regards to his stance on homosexuality was not an issue anymore. But the truth of the matter is, the issue never went away, was never addressed, never absorbed into our understanding as a community divided in belief, power.

The same is true for John Hanson, an openly homosexual professor, who was denied tenure. The silencing is quiet. Subtle. Just as it was last fall surrounding Professor De La Torre's resignation in regards to his stance on homosexuality was not an issue anymore. But the truth of the matter is, the issue never went away, was never addressed, never absorbed into our understanding as a community divided in belief, power.

To the Editor:

Homo Same Sexual Being

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Petition challenges homophobia
**Adminstration needs to take a position**

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I'm not normally an activist, but the way Hope has handled John Hanson's tenure case really has 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's undervaluing of tenure is simply untrue. In fact, after review Dr. Hanson was deemed worthy of tenure. President Boltman 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 the college, namely Dr. Hanson, has decided to skirt the real 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 costs everyone involved. Dr. Hanson's future, and the future of his students, is at stake.

I am ashamed of the way this situation has been handled, and I am disappointed 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 whether or not we agree with his lifestyle, 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 Raajee ('07)

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**SIDEWALK ETIQUETTE**

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I didn’t do a Senior Say-So this year. When I was a freshman or a sophomore, I imagined what I would say if I ever got the chance to stand at the front of Dimnent and wave to all of those noisy freshmen. My mouth was a mouthful of hot air. But, strangely enough, I stopped going to chapel, somewhere in the busyness of my Junior year. And I haven’t been back through the frenzy of hugs, backslaps and name-shouting to endless responsibilities, I could no longer make my way campus activities (sorry S.A.C.) and filled my schedule with scheduled during odd hours, attended fewer and fewer on-program. My point, simply put, is that as I grew older and all.

I would have loved for a member of the Keppel elite and sarcasm that has helped ripen me. Perhaps I'm too jaded to realize something entirely terrible, completely heretical and it itself with our ghastly march in the rain. I forget that tone of too. Now, salvation and gifts of the Spirit and what-have.

Now my beliefs are somewhere around an “H.” And even so, I would have enjoyed delivering a Senior Say-So. I would have loved for a member of the Keppel elite to pray over me before I passed a nugget of wisdom on to thousands of eager ears and hearts. Touch us something about life, NoahDavid. Since you’re finishing college and all.

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**Hansen will not “request an extension of time for tenure because he is not confident the process would work fairly the second time around.” Hansen is concerned that the tenure process “permitted him to be surprised by a negative recommendation and did not provide him an opportunity to rebut inaccurate evidence at an earlier stage.” He will also he be “seeking reinstatement” 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 think Hope is an uncomfortable place for GLBT students, staff, faculty, etc. In a larger sense, we really have no idea how our silos are going on, because I 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 comfort it has been to hear 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 and 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 chalking last year, and the suspicious situation surrounding Prof. De La Torre it is our 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 was ‘I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,’” Joe Turbessi ('96) said.

"I think students should be concerned about this as well. As students we benefit from the issues. silencing hurts all students,” said Jane Dickie, professor of psychology and director of Women’s Studies.

"Where Are,” the senior art show, which runs through May 7, is dedicated to Professor 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 making 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 Holter ('99), 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 topic we censor is a threat to 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 resignation 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, 2005.

“I was not fired but definitely pressured,” said De La Torre, now director of the Justice & Peace Institute and associate professor of social work at Bilk 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 Hanson is being silenced because he is an openly gay man,” De La Torre said.

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**VOICES**

April 26, 2006

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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 many are even disputing the presence of the movie’s trailer being played across the nation. I believe that the release of United 93 is not too soon, in fact if anything it is too late.

We must remember that as difficult as it may be to watch a movie about Sept. 11, it is perhaps the most actual events. And even though we, as an audience, know what is going to happen and the end result of the movie, it is important to be reminded of the tragic events.

There are many people who live in this country who still don’t think the events of Sept. 11 were real. These people are trying to create the enemy of the United States who still don’t think through experience that being careful 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 questions 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 own way of thinking.

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 doing what we are doing and we have overstepped. 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.

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Jason Cash ('07)

Student shares info on contraceptives

To the Editor:
I am writing this because I’ve learned through experience that being careful and responsible is not always 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, commonly 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 need of EC if they have had unprotected vaginal intercourse, their contraceptive method failed (the condom broke, or they’ve missed some oral contraceptive pills) or if they have had unprotected vaginal intercourse, their contraceptive method failed (the condom broke, or they’ve missed some oral contraceptive pills) 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 120 hours of having sex. The sooner Plan B is taken, the more effective it is.

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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 8 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 abortion/unplanned pregnancy or a chance to fulfill her dreams.

Jamie Elliott ('06)

UGANDA, FROM PAGE 1

Jason Russell, co-creator of “Invisible Children: Rough Cuts” “We are asking people to line up and close their eyes with us for one night, so that we can experience to the best of our ability what these kids are doing in our world.”

“Invisible Children: Rough Cuts” has aired around the U.S. It came to Hope the week before Easter.

Currently, more than 200 Hope students are signed up to spend the coming summer in Uganda. Students will live in the satellite town of M’bale and work in a private children’s center.

Grand Rapids: Between 10-20 Hope students are expected to travel to Uganda. The upcoming release of the movie 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.

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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. My friends and I have been talking about how difficult it is for seniors to drift away from one another. 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 about Dobson’s birthday and wondering if there was any mention of him. There wasn’t. He’s keeping himself busy planning a major event in Colorado Springs, the home of Focus on the Family and James Dobson, to teach churches how to be opening and accepting of the GLBT community. When I asked him what he would like to say to the Hope community a year after he left, it was not a vindictive message, but rather a note of sorrow. “I really miss the college,” he said. “I think the students are exceptional and I have great respect for my colleagues and am saddened that I had to part under these circumstances. I had planned to retire from Hope and for my kids to go to Hope, but that was not meant to be.”

Shannon Craig (’99)

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 Fraternities taking a pledge to end sexual assault and violence. 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 severely intoxicated is going to remember about a pledge he made and a ribbon he tied to a tree when he was sober.

Alcohol abuse, however, is not only a fraternity issue, or a Greek issue: it is a college issue. All people who choose to drink should do so responsibly. It is important that both men and women take precautions to prevent sexual assault from occurring. All consumers of alcohol should make the pledge to stop drinking before their ability to make wise decisions is heavily impaired—and that’s how Hope students can take a stand.

Erika Oglesby (’08)

Reaching the End

“Caution, you are reaching the end of the moving walkway…”

Caution:
Four months until graduation.

Four weeks, four days, four hours
You are reaching the end—the moving walkway is coming to a short, abrupt conclusion and soon, very soon, the papers, the exams, the degree-track life (and its free cookies) that have swept you along here will end.

Better prepare yourself to leap over the sharp-toothed edge—a dangerous transition.

I wish you firm footing. And when the ride is over—Stand tall. Walk your way. Seek from the world genuine goodness, and give as much in return. 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. It begins, 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. And not squelched out of you as water from clay, but freely given.

What is this life?
It is you. It is me. It is our peace with the world and the Eternal. You 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.
**Behind the canvas: Senior artists reveal thoughts on art show**

**Rachel Achteneimer**

Art concentration: Photography and painting.

**Works in gallery:** "Little Lamb;" "Beautifully Made;" "I am Woman; Here me Roar;" "By Faith Alone;" and "Not 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:** 5-45 hours for the painting, 15-20 hours for each photo and 25-30 hours for the collage.

**Future plans post graduation:** Working for the Student Development office next year, and after that she is planning to enroll in seminary.

**Amy Back**

Art concentration: Painting.

**Works in gallery:** "But Actually..." "Fantasy on a Flower;" "Ensemble;" and "She."

**Unique art pieces:** "But Actually..." and "Ensemble" consist of actual articles of clothing that she painted on.

**Inspiration:** "I was exploring the idea of clothing and how it can both communicate and complicate our identities to the world."

**Holly Dustin**

Time spent on gallery pieces: "Not counting the forethought and planning involved, I only 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**

Creativity unifies diverse working methods.

**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 kids' summer day camp and teaching there. I'm also teaching a children's "Earth Art" class and a "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 "Hieroglyphs 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 professors Jackie Bartley, Greg Rappeleye and Jack Rilf. All are familiar to patrons of The Bookman's poetry readings.

**The readings start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in The Bookman, 715 Washington St., Grand Haven. The event is free and open to the public.**

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**Amy Back**

**Inspiration:** "I was exploring the idea of clothing and how it can both communicate and complicate our identities to the world."

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**Holly Dustin**

**Inspiration:** "Wassily Kandinsky and his use of circles have inspired much of my work. For me, circles represent the repetition of life. Although I like spontaneity and change, there is stability in similar occurrences and routine, which happen over and over again.

**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.

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**Katie Brown**

**Inspirations:** Nature and Jason Rohlf, an abstract artist in New York.

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**TUTTI STRING QUARTET**

A Hope College student string ensemble, the Tutti String Quartet, is offering a full performance on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Holland. Admission is free.

The quartet consists of violinists Amanda Hameza (’09), violist Jennifer Toonstra (’07), violist Joe Stoolda (’09) and cellist Zachary Trumble (’09).

The quartet will be joined by pianist Joe Lubeck (’06) on Johannes Brahms’s “Piano Quintet in F minor Op. 34 1st Movement.”

First United Methodist Church is located at 57 W. 16th St. A reception will follow the performance.

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Students are asked to bring pens, pencils, crayons or any other coloring instrument to the party. Also unveiled at the party will be this year’s E˚dred’s Prize winners in both prose and poetry. In addition the results of the satire contest will be revealed.

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**This Week in Art**

**Wednesday**

**Student Recital**

**Rachael Nolte - Flute**

Wichers Auditorium. 6 p.m. Free.

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**Jazz Concert**

**John Valentine w/ Derek Brown, Jeff Wichers Auditorium. 6 p.m. Free.**

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**Thursday**

**April 27**

**Music Department Honors Convocation**

Wichers Auditorium. 11 a.m.

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**Friday, April 28**

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**Graduating Senior Art Exhibit**

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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.

She also spearheaded the effort to turn the content of the paper around. Under her leadership, we changed the focus of the paper from reporting dull 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, heisted 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.