Disability week raises awareness

Sunkyo Hong

The week of April 6, the Hope College Office of Disability Services and the Disability Awareness Week committee coordinated their efforts to host a series of events aimed at raising disability awareness.

This annual occasion, known as Disability Awareness Week, included simulations of various disabilities, speakers, a Disability Resource Room open house, and an ice-cream social.

DAA began with a Wheelchair Challenge. A number of students on Hope's campus spent six, 12, or 24 hours in wheelchairs as part of a mobility simulation program. Members of the Hope community were encouraged to assist these individuals when they needed help.

On Tuesday, the DAW committee and Disability Services set up stations in the DeWitt Center lounge to simulate a range of disabilities. Among the stations were a blind walk station, which participants would walk blindfolded with a cane and a non-blindfolded partner to ensure safety; and a braille station, where participants could write in braille and see the Constitution of the United States of America in braille. There were also an information table with packets on invisible disabilities, such as mild diabetes and depression, and a wheelchair competition involving various locations on campus that might be difficult to access in a wheelchair. Other stations included vision impairment, hearing impairment, and an ear plug simulation.

At 7 p.m. in the Herrick Room of the DeWitt Center, Hope alumna and writer Kay Hubbard ('77) read her essay "Through the Glass Darkly," a work which won third place in a writing contest and will be featured in "Ten Spars," a literary journal. The essay follows Hubbard's over 40-year friendship with a classmate who had met in her freshman year in English class and who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.

Tuesday's events ended with a showing of the film "Babe" with descriptive video services in the Klets, DVS is an audio track that narrates the actions taking place on screen for the benefit of those with visual impairments.

Wednesday's events centered on the speaker Richard Harris, who directed Access and Opportunity for Students with Disabilities at Ball State University for 23 years, and who has presented throughout the world on issues of access in higher education. For the first event, he presented "Disability Humor — an Important Bridge" at a faculty/staff luncheon in the Maas Auditorium hosted by the Provost. This presentation offered ways to use humor and proper attitudes.

Habitat Sleep-Out<br>br>students empathy<br>Megan Harper

The annual Hope College Habitat for Humanity Sleep-Out Thursday, April 16, will raise both homelessness awareness and funds for the Lakeshore branch of Habitat for Humanity. This event has been a long-standing tradition at Hope. It requires participants to abandon their beds for the night and sleep in a cardboard box outside instead.

President of Hope Habitat for Humanity Carrie Powers ('10) believes many Hope students are unaware of the homeless problem in Holland.

"People normally think of big cities; it's the largest number of homeless people," said Powers. "But it's a big problem in small towns too."

Powers said Habitat hopes the sleep-out goes beyond simply making people aware; she hopes it makes them compassionate as well.

"We hope that students will become more empathetic by participating, since they'll be seeing first-hand what it's really like to be homeless for a night," Powers said.

Powers said the sleep-out consistently has a good turnout, and Habitat is expecting the same this year. She also assures students who may be anxious to sleep outside that Habitat is not concerned about any risks.

Appropriate precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the participants. In fact, Powers said that students actually have a lot of fun participating in the event.

The sleep-out will take place Thursday, April 16, beginning at 10 p.m. and concluding the following morning.

However, students who arrive during the night are not obligated to stay until morning. They may simply make a monetary donation and listen to the representative from the Lakeshore Habitat branch, who will be giving a presentation.

Pizza and hot chocolate will be served to all participants at the event. Habitat will be doing a "dorm-storm" the night before the event to collect donations. Professors who are participating will take collections up until the night of the event, and a collection box will be held in the Kletz as well.

Hope logs onto alumni network

Taylor Hughes

We've all heard it said, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." For graduating seniors this can be a daunting phrase.

More and more, job seekers are name-dropping and networking to differentiate themselves from the thousands of other applicants in a tough-time job market. As those who are graduating prepare to finish their last weeks at Hope, the Career Center on myHope, alumni can connect with other alums that have agreed to be contacted. They can also post job offerings and browse offerings on the newly launched classifieds page. In addition, a LinkedIn group is promoted through the site and managed by the office.

"We know how important it is to keep alumni connected with each other and with the college," said Scott Travis ('76), assistant director of alumni and parent relations. "We are a community at Hope and that doesn't end just because you graduate and move away from each other."

The myHope Website also serves as a platform for Hope to keep its alumni in the know with news, events and class reunions. Alums can stay posted on opportunities not just in Holland, but also with those hosted from New York to Los Angeles and everywhere in between. myHope also lets alums share updates with the college and other alumni, whether they just landed a dream job or are starting a family.

"It's sad to know we won't see the friends we made here on a day-to-day basis, if at all, after we graduate," said Chad Bonfiglio '09. "I'm glad to hear about my Hope friends on Facebook."

A c t u a l l y , you can log in to myHope using your Facebook account. Who knew Hope was so connected? myHope will even bring you back to the cold winters and hot summers on every page with its weather service.

Walking By Faith— Reed Swift ('11) navigates the halls of the DeWitt Student Center without his vision.
"Jus start putting about a few folks in jail and the world will change."

— Wayne Mayo former lay min- ister who is speaking out against illegal immigration in the U.S.

"He’s one of the best men I’ve ever met. The captain who is going to lead this crew up, not once." — One of the sailors of The Mavi, Alabama referencing his captain Richard Phillips who al- lowed himself to be kidnapped by Somali pirates in exchange for the freedom of his crewmen.

"While livestock play a crucial role in the econ- omy, global warming is becoming a huge worry. We’re trying to find indig- enous solutions, because our realities are very different from the West."


"Warming in India.

"There’s a battle coming, and we can take common-sense steps to keep our gun ownership in this country.

― Ben LaBolt, a White House official who is speaking out against illegal immigration in the U.S.

"We're trying to find common- sense steps to keep our gun ownership in this country.

― Ben LaBolt, a White House official who is speaking out against illegal immigration in the U.S.

"I don’t want to tell him to quit. He’s one of the best men I’ve ever met."


"It turns out (the cops) were loyal customers."

— Saad Fah Abul, the director of the National Institute of Hu- man Rights and the head of an inter-ministerial anti-trafficking committee on how some young women who have attempted to escape from brothels in Iraq have been returned by police officers.

"They want to know they have the right concentra- tion of drugs so they can fakre this in the way that we’re trying to get with a peaceful death."

— Dr. Philip Nitsche, the physi- cian known as ‘Dr. Death’ for his efforts to legalize euthanasia in his native Australia on the increase of states recognizing gay marriage as legitimate.

"It’s one of the best men I’ve ever met. The captain who is going to lead this crew up, not once."

— One of the sailors of The Mavi, Alabama referencing his captain Richard Phillips who al- lowed himself to be kidnapped by Somali pirates in exchange for the freedom of his crewmen.

"While livestock play a crucial role in the econ- omy, global warming is becoming a huge worry. We’re trying to find indig- enous solutions, because our realities are very different from the West."


"It turns out (the cops) were loyal customers."

— Saad Fah Abul, the director of the National Institute of Hu- man Rights and the head of an inter-ministerial anti-trafficking committee on how some young women who have attempted to escape from brothels in Iraq have been returned by police officers.

"They want to know they have the right concentra- tion of drugs so they can fakre this in the way that we’re trying to get with a peaceful death."

— Dr. Philip Nitsche, the physi- cian known as ‘Dr. Death’ for his efforts to legalize euthanasia in his native Australia on the increase of states recognizing gay marriage as legitimate.

"It turns out (the cops) were loyal customers."

— Saad Fah Abul, the director of the National Institute of Hu- man Rights and the head of an inter-ministerial anti-trafficking committee on how some young women who have attempted to escape from brothels in Iraq have been returned by police officers.

"They want to know they have the right concentra- tion of drugs so they can fakre this in the way that we’re trying to get with a peaceful death."

— Dr. Philip Nitsche, the physi- cian known as ‘Dr. Death’ for his efforts to legalize euthanasia in his native Australia on the increase of states recognizing gay marriage as legitimate.
Alum band Ganges opens for Pug

Katie Bennett
Co-Editor in Chief

This spring, Hope’s artistic communities will join forces in the first annual Hope Fringe Festival (HoFF). One of the festival’s anticipated performances will take place on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Snow Auditorium.

Ganges, a band made up of Hope alumni, will open for guest artist Joe Pug. Rob Kenagy (‘08), Jonah Ogles (‘07) and Steven Bakker (‘04) make up Ganges, a band which Kenagy describes as, “Just a bit north of country.”

Hope students may remember the musicians earlier project They Were Thieves, a folk band which has performed on and off Hope’s campus in recent years. Ogles distinguishes between the two bands’ different styles. “As far as the sound goes, I’d call the Thieves folk-based. There are some experimental things happening there, some pretty rhythmic stuff at times, too. The Ganges, though, I would hesitate to call anything other than American music,” Ogles said, “it’s got some of that dancy stuff, but it stays pretty innovative.”

Both They Were Thieves and Ganges are produced through Pretty Alright Records, a project of Tom Owens (‘07). Though Ganges is now based in Chicago, the band remembers its Holland roots fondly. “I met the guys of Pretty Alright Records (my band mates), through Rob’s Lodge Music Club,” said Kenagy. “With out IMC, I would not have been exposed to the most interesting people I’ve had the pleasure of knowing.”

The musicians credit Josh Banner and Andy Kadbhan for their help both with the band itself and with their artistic contributions to Hope’s campus. “There are two guys who are envisioning a culture that Hope has lacked in the past. I’m happy to tag along,” said Kenagy.

The venue of the Joe Pug/Ganges concert, Snow Auditorium, is a great space. Two of the best shows we’ve played have been in Snow. The sound is good, the environment is good, the people are good. IMC has been really generous to us, and I say both as a performer and a student and a musician.”

Students planning on attending the concert can expect dynamic performances from all three Ganges musicians. Kenagy is like the offspring of a tornado and a redwood. Born of water and the sounds God makes,” Ogles said. Bakker is an absolute animal. It’s hard to contain him before shows, he gets so crazy to play drums. It’s scary sometimes.

Love of the Ganges’ sound can look forward to its debut album which is nearly finished. Ogles describes the Ganges’ album as something all its own.

Student Dance Concert part of Fringe Festival

Anna Pillet
Staff Writer

Hope College Student Dance Concert is an event to attend if you’re looking for a sampling of what styles the dance department has to offer. Each semester the department boasts increasing student involvement, setting standards higher and higher for the choreographers. On April 14 and 15, over 30 Hope dance students will present their work at the Dow and April 20 and 21 at the Knickerbocker Theatre. All shows are at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

The majority of the pieces are a product of the Composition 1 class, though works will be presented by the advanced composition students as well as other students not required to present work for class. The class is a semester-long course taught by Steven Iannacone that involves students in aspects of dance production, including adjudica
tion of dance pieces, costume, props, collabora
tive choreography and performance.

Jessica Noriega, a semester-long exchange student from Querétaro, Mexico, will be performing a duet. “The composition class gave me a lot of tools, allowing in Chicago, an environment to be organized with my choreogra
phy. It’s cool to work with other people who have a different vi
sion of dance,” Noriega said.

She will also be performing in a fellow student’s work. The advanced composition students are encouraged to present a new developed dance piece.

Jennifer Fait (‘09) will be presenting “Seasons,” a work that is approximately 11 minutes long. Fait was inspired to use jazz music to bring her choreogra
phy from taking the course sur
vived a tornado and a redwood. Born of water and the sounds God makes,” Ogles said. Bakker is an absolute animal. It’s hard to contain him before shows, he gets so crazy to play drums. It’s scary sometimes.

Love of the Ganges’ sound can look forward to its debut album which is nearly finished. Ogles describes the Ganges’ album as something all its own.

“Proof” is filled with family dysfunction, love, tragedy, and promoter of chamber music. Richard Piippo of the Hope College faculty. An avid performer and promoter of chamber music, Piippo joined the Hope faculty in the fall of 1999 as professor of oboe/chamber music and conductor of orchestras.

As far as the sound goes, “I’d call the Thieves folk-based. There are some experimental things happening there, some pretty rhythmic stuff at times, too. The Ganges, though, I would hesitate to call anything other than American music,” Ogles said, “it’s got some of that dancy stuff, but it stays pretty innovative.”

Both They Were Thieves and Ganges are produced through Pretty Alright Records, a project of Tom Owens (‘07). Though Ganges is now based in Chicago, the band remembers its Holland roots fondly. “I met the guys of Pretty Alright Records (my band mates), through Rob’s Lodge Music Club,” said Kenagy. “Without IMC, I would not have been exposed to the most interesting people I’ve had the pleasure of knowing.”

The musicians credit Josh Banner and Andy Kadbhan for their help both with the band itself and with their artistic contributions to Hope’s campus. “There are two guys who are envisioning a culture that Hope has lacked in the past. I’m happy to tag along,” said Kenagy.

The venue of the Joe Pug/Ganges concert, Snow Auditorium, is a great space. Two of the best shows we’ve played have been in Snow. The sound is good, the environment is good, the people are good. IMC has been really generous to us, and I say both as a performer and a student and a musician.”

Students planning on attending the concert can expect dynamic performances from all three Ganges musicians. Kenagy is like the offspring of a tornado and a redwood. Born of water and the sounds God makes,” Ogles said. Bakker is an absolute animal. It’s hard to contain him before shows, he gets so crazy to play drums. It’s scary sometimes.

Love of the Ganges’ sound can look forward to its debut album which is nearly finished. Ogles describes the Ganges’ album as something all its own.

“The piano sounds like a mi
ter saw. Harmonies sound like they’re coming through a cathe
dral door. It feels like the basic melody and arrangement is right up in front, almost be
ing whispered in your ear. But behind that is this huge vague room where lots of small and big things are happening,” said Ogles.

The band echoes the focus of the Fringe Festival at Hope by stressing the importance of the arts in communities.

“The Internet is keeping us indoors,” said Kenagy. “Through this indirect contact, we’re fall
ing our responsibility of creating community and culture. Through live concerts. Listening parties. Readings. Exhibits. Theater. It’s important to experience these things with others, despite how vulnerable we may feel.”

No doubt Hope students who attend the concert will enjoy their musical escape. For more info on Ganges, visit myspace.com/gangessounds.
Ah, the legendary April 15—the last day to mail in your income tax return. It’s the biggest due date of all, one that will stick around long after your physics professor is done telling you when to submit labs.

Do you know what you’re supposed to turn in? And are you sure you’ve done the assignment correctly?

The Federal Income Tax Return is Form 1040—or if you don’t have any dependents to declare (you probably don’t), you can use the slightly simpler Form 1040EZ. The form states how much money you made during the previous year, and helps you calculate how much of it you owe to the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS).

The nice thing about filing a tax return is that you’re not necessarily paying any more money to the government—in fact, you’re probably going to get a refund! You’ve already paid your Social Security, Medicare, and income tax every time your employer withheld money from your paycheck (see the sidebar on the left). If too much was withheld, filing a tax return gives you an opportunity to claim some of that money back for yourself, and could result in a sweet little check from the government headed your way.

Preparing your tax return

To get started, you’ll need your Form W-2.

Your employer must provide you with your Form W-2 by Jan. 31. It reports your total wages, tips and other compensations for the previous year as well as the total federal income tax withheld.

Along with your own financial records, you now have what you need to fill out your Form 1040EZ. You can either fill out a paper version, or complete your tax return online. The IRS encourages taxpayers to do it electronically for greater accuracy and efficiency, but to create a PIN for electronic preparation, you must provide your adjusted gross income from the previous year’s tax return.

For more information visit www.irs.gov.

Exemptions

Exemptions reduce the amount of income that’s subject to taxation. The size of the exemption is the same for everyone and is recalculated every year; the 2008 exemption amount was $3,500.

Every person gets one exemption, so the question is whether yours is counted on your tax return or on your parents’ tax return. Ask your parent or guardian whether you’re being claimed as a dependent on their form. If not, you can claim it yourself and get $3,500 back.

Standard deductions

Standard deductions reduce the amount of income that’s subject to taxation. The size of the deduction varies depending on the status of the taxpayer and the taxpayer’s family and is recalculated every year.

If you’re filing independently as an unmarried person, your 2008 deduction is $5,450.

If you’re filing as a dependent, you must calculate your 2008 deduction as:

\[
\text{earned income} + \text{exemption} \times \frac{\text{earned income}}{\text{exemption}} 
\]

Say you made $1,000 in 2008, and your employer didn’t withhold extra. Here’s what the feds got:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Gross pay} & = 1,000.00 \\
6.20\% & = 62.00 \\
1.45\% & = 14.50 \\
- \text{ F.I.T.} & = \text{depends} \\
\text{Net pay} & < 923.50
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\text{exemption} = 3,500
\]

\[
\text{earned income} = 1,000 \\
\text{exemption} = 3,500
\]

\[
\text{earned income} + \frac{1,000}{3,500} \times 3,500 = 1,000 + 1,000 = 2,000
\]

Tax credits

Tax credits are dollar-for-dollar reductions of the calculated tax. There are a variety of different credits available with different requirements, so check your options. In particular, there are two education credits available for eligible students: the Lifetime Learning Credit and the Hope Credit (you can only claim one.) To determine if you’re eligible for one of these credits, see www.irs.gov. If your parents claim you as a dependent, then they claim the education credit on their tax return; if not, you claim it yourself.

A few tips...

- Determine whether or not you need to file a return! (See sidebar on the right.)
- When you were hired, you filled out a Form W-4 for your employer so that she would know how much income tax to withhold from your paycheck. Make sure your Form W-4 is up to date so she withholds an accurate amount and you don’t have to make up a big difference with your tax return.
- Set aside enough time to complete your Form 1040EZ so you can read through it carefully and double-check all of your calculations. It’s in your best interest to get everything right the first time (and to claim the all your possible credits so you pay as little tax as possible!).
- For more information about how federal income tax works, visit www.irs.gov.
- This isn’t official tax counsel! It’s your responsibility to make sure that your finances are in order and you’re abiding by federal law. Good luck!
**do I need to file a tax return?**

Most employees are required to file a return, but if you don’t earn that much you might be exempt.

Are you...
- ✓ claimed as a dependent on someone else’s return?
- ✓ unmarried?
- ✓ younger than 65?
- ✓ not blind?

Did you receive less than...
- ✓ $5,450 in earned income? (wages, tips, scholarships, etc)
- ✓ $900 in unearned income? (interest, etc)

...If you answered yes to all of these, congratulations! You probably don’t owe any income tax, and the federal government doesn’t require you to file a return.

(On the other hand, if your employer has been withholding income tax from your paycheck, now is the time to reclaim it. In the future you can keep your employer from withholding the tax in the first place by claiming an exemption on your Form W-4. Ask your employer for more info.)
Change for tradition’s sake

Ashley DeVecht
Co Editor-in-Chief

Please hire me

Over Easter break I got a chance to spend some time with family, and as a senior in college a dreaded question continued to come up. “Do you have a job yet?” I feel like a tape recorder playing the same answer over and over again. Usually I grumble, “No,” along with something about the bad economy and my attempts to juggle the job search and my classes. In the midst of such discussions my uncle asked me a question I didn’t expect: “Do you feel like you received a good education at Hope?”

My initial reaction was, “No.” It shocked me that the answer came out of my mouth. I love Hope. I love the community, I love the location, I love the values it upholds. On further thought, I’ve decided it’s not that I received a bad education, it’s just that the education I received has not prepared me for the career I hope to one day have. The liberal arts education has made me a well-rounded person. The small class sizes have allowed me to better participate. Approachable professors are committed to help me grasp the concepts covered in my courses.

However, I’ve found in my own experience as a communications major that too much emphasis is placed on theory and not enough emphasis is placed on teaching actual skills. The job market is scary right now. A few weeks back I was watching a report on the “Today” show about landing a job and the expert noted that a year or two ago it would have taken two to three months for graduates to find a job. Now it’s taking closer to six months. With the layoffs our economy is currently experiencing, chances are the layoffs will continue. With the layoffs our economy is currently experiencing, chances are the layoffs will continue.

An article in the New York Times a few months ago titled, “Job Prospects Grim, Six Months Later” highlighted the challenges of the current recession, including the fact that a strong resume with internships doesn’t guarantee a job offer. The current emphasis in the Communications Department, as well as other departments, is on theory. For instance, as a communications major I have taken two to three months for graduates to find a job. With the layoffs our economy is currently experiencing, chances are the layoffs will continue. With the layoffs our economy is currently experiencing, chances are the layoffs will continue.

At Hope, I was not required to take a video production course and I never learned how to build a webpage. Further, I have not been required to learn how to use “new media.” If it was not for The Anchor, I would not have learned page design, which is applicable to a majority of communications jobs. This range of skills is almost necessary to be marketable in my career field.

If I’m paying $120,000 for a college degree, I expect to be prepared for the work force. Is that unreasonable? I think it’s high time the college reevaluate the courses they are offering. They need to ask not “Are students doing well in this class?” or “Is this a popular course?” or even “Is the teaching method the teacher uses effective?” Rather, they should ask themselves (and students) “Is this helping to students get jobs?”

Ashley is still looking for a job as an editorial assistant at a magazine in Chicago, Toronto or Milwaukee. If you know someone who is looking to hire an eager, responsible employee，请 email her at ashley.devecht@hope.edu. Seriously.

Letter to the Editor

‘Ring by Spring’ article only enforces stigma

To the Editors:

I found myself quite frustrated and flustered after reading “Here come the brides: Interview with ‘ring by spring’ brides” in the April 8 edition of The Anchor. The Anchor does not print engagement or marriage announcements so I was a bit shocked to see a two-page color article devoted to engaged students.

As a senior, I am aware of the distaste for the phrase “ring by spring,” but we all know that it happens, here and at other small Christian liberal arts schools like ours. My parents are a “ring by spring” couple from the ’70s. I even have a great number of my close friends getting married in the coming year, though I am not a “ring by spring” bride myself. I agree with the women interviewed that people are ready to be married at different times, and no one should be forced to make that decision without much consideration. I do worry about couples who marry at a young age because they think that is what should come next in their relationship.

I became flustered after reading this article because I disagree with the sentiment that seemed to be expressed in this article that graduation from college must be a make-or-break time for a relationship. I do not think graduation means that the options are break up or become engaged. As a graduating senior in a loving relationship, I am not planning on either of those options. I know that my boyfriend loves me. I am going to pursue my career as he is his; because we love each other we know that if we want to get married we can do so in the future.

If the article’s goal was to determine what Hope students think of the “ring by spring” idea, I think that The Anchor failed to reach that goal. I have talked to single students who didn’t care to read the advice to singles from these engaged couples. If the goal was to determine the thoughts of students on this topic, interviews should have been done with married students (because there are those too), dating students, single students, and engaged students to better express the feelings of all students at Hope, rather than the one-sidedness that is this article.

There is no one right way to go about dating and finding “the one.” This article reflects people who have been dating other students from Hope for extended periods of time. This is not the sum of Hope, nor is it wrong. I have friends who date. I have friends who date a lot of different people. This isn’t wrong either. Unfortunately, this article may only strengthen the stigma that here at Hope we are only “ring by spring” people. I have friends who date. I have friends who date a lot of different people. This isn’t wrong either. Unfortunately, this article may only strengthen the stigma that here at Hope we are only “ring by spring” people.

Laura Van Tassell (’99)

‘Ring by Spring’ article only enforces stigma

To the Editors:

I found myself quite frustrated and flustered after reading “Here come the brides: Interview with ‘ring by spring’ brides” in the April 8 edition of The Anchor. The Anchor does not print engagement or marriage announcements so I was a bit shocked to see a two-page color article devoted to engaged students.

As a senior, I am aware of the distaste for the phrase “ring by spring,” but we all know that it happens, here and at other small Christian liberal arts schools like ours. My parents are a “ring by spring” couple from the ’70s. I even have a great number of my close friends getting married in the coming year, though I am not a “ring by spring” bride myself. I agree with the women interviewed that people are ready to be married at different times, and no one should be forced to make that decision without much consideration. I do worry about couples who marry at a young age because they think that is what should come next in their relationship.

I became flustered after reading this article because I disagree with the sentiment that seemed to be expressed in this article that graduation from college must be a make-or-break time for a relationship. I do not think graduation means that the options are break up or become engaged. As a graduating senior in a loving relationship, I am not planning on either of those options. I know that my boyfriend loves me. I am going to pursue my career as he is his; because we love each other we know that if we want to get married we can do so in the future.

If the article’s goal was to determine what Hope students think of the “ring by spring” idea, I think that The Anchor failed to reach that goal. I have talked to single students who didn’t care to read the advice to singles from these engaged couples. If the goal was to determine the thoughts of students on this topic, interviews should have been done with married students (because there are those too), dating students, single students, and engaged students to better express the feelings of all students at Hope, rather than the one-sidedness that is this article.

There is no one right way to go about dating and finding “the one.” This article reflects people who have been dating other students from Hope for extended periods of time. This is not the sum of Hope, nor is it wrong. I have friends who date. I have friends who date a lot of different people. This isn’t wrong either. Unfortunately, this article may only strengthen the stigma that here at Hope we are only “ring by spring” people.

Laura Van Tassell (’99)
Watch your parkin’ meters

The tenth virtue

Rob Guimond
Columbia

Cleanliness — Tolerate no uncleanliness in body, clothes or life. The times were different when Benjamin Franklin included his quaint theory of “cleanliness” into his list of virtues. They didn’t have deodorant. They didn’t have trains. They didn’t have “Home Improvement.” “Cleanliness” was a revolutionary idea, then.

The Summer of Love 1967—a culmination of creativity, brotherhood and venereal disease. This was the summer of politics and protest, of romance and rebellion. Music bloomed and art flourished, but nature was rich. What caused this explosion? LSD? No. Love? No, not love. Love was what bloomed, but it wasn’t the fertilizer.

Common sense will tell you that after those 100,000 people converged on San Francisco it would have been difficult for them to find a shower, or maintain optimal “cleanliness.” And the most remarkable thing was the fact that they didn’t. The river was the bathroom and orange groves were the shower. The fumes from all of their bodies filled the air with a pungent stench. The smell of dirty people.

In the moving sidewalk of everyone’s mind, the students of Hope College will be either a few kids were too self-conscious about body odor. They could smell nasty and do the nasty. A righteous tang bound the hippies together, not washed hands. They discovered the perpetual cycle of being dirty and getting dirty. People were dirty. The germination of love. Barriers were broken by a unifying funk. They shook hands, exchanged ideas, smoked pot, exchanged ideas. “I know we’ll be friends forever.” Or will we? I have recently had several conversations about what to say to someone after graduation is over and everyone is part of their separate ways. And I have come up with two choices: lie or tell the truth.

With the lying choice, you will both hug each other goodbye and talk about how you’re going to stay in touch. The closest to staying in touch may be commenting on his or her Facebook—stalking and receiving the mass emails in which one person tells a whole large group of people the personal non-specific version of what he or she is currently going on in his or her life. I know this is harsh and that by lying you don’t share your life with the future. Your hopeful vision of the future in which nothing changes between you and your now closest friends. Or, you still talk every day via g-mail and share some other funny Youtube vid- eos or websites every time you find one. So sorry to burst this beautiful bubble, but come May the class of 2009 will begin to scatter.

There are a number of large moves now going West and others East; some will be leaving the country and others will be moving back home. With these moves will come new jobs, new experiences and new people receiving the heavy flow of emails. That being true, here is my suggestion: Be honest on graduation day and when you say goodbye, tell your friend “to have a great life.” The line “have a great life” has the negative connotation that you have no feelings for the person to whom you are talking. I had a friend who pointed out that relationships do not have to be lifelong to be valid and worthwhile. The relationships that I have made in college have been some of the best of my 22 years on earth; and while I am sad that they may end, I want them to end on a positive note, rather than just feeling guilty about the promises I have made to keep in touch. That way, we can move to our respective locations and live in the present, rather than hanging onto the past.

In the end, I am sure I will forget my own advice and live in the world of “hoping” to stay close. Normally, all of my friends stay as close and important to me in the years to come as they are today.

From the inside out

Living in the hopefully

Kat Mojzak
Graphics Editor

Graduation is right around the corner, and lately it seems like the graduation song by Vitamin C is running constantly through my head. “As we go on we never remember all the times we’ve had together.”

My last four years at Hope have had their fair share of ups and downs, so it’s hard to believe that they’re coming to an end. “As our lives change for whatever.” I am now being surrounded by my friends who are on their way to do great things with their lives. I have some close friends who are getting married and I couldn’t be happier. I have other friends who will be going to graduate school, seminary. I am proud of all my friends who are going to be accountants, businesspeople, and artists. “I know we’ll be friends forever.” Or will we? I have recently had several conversations about what to say to someone after graduation is over and everyone is part of their separate ways. And I have come up with two choices: lie or tell the truth.

With the lying choice, you will both hug each other goodbye and talk about how you’re going to stay in touch. The closest to staying in touch may be commenting on his or her Facebook—stalking and receiving the mass emails in which one person tells a whole large group of people the personal non-specific version of what he or she is currently going on in his or her life. I know this is harsh and that by lying you don’t share your life with the future. Your hopeful vision of the future in which nothing changes between you and your now closest friends. Or, you still talk every day via g-mail and share some other funny Youtube videos or websites every time you find one. So sorry to burst this beautiful bubble, but come May the class of 2009 will begin to scatter.

There are a number of large moves now going West and others East; some will be leaving the country and others will be moving back home. With these moves will come new jobs, new experiences and new people receiving the heavy flow of emails. That being true, here is my suggestion: Be honest on graduation day and when you say goodbye, tell your friend “to have a great life.” The line “have a great life” has the negative connotation that you have no feelings for the person to whom you are talking. I had a friend who pointed out that relationships do not have to be lifelong to be valid and worthwhile. The relationships that I have made in college have been some of the best of my 22 years on earth; and while I am sad that they may end, I want them to end on a positive note, rather than just feeling guilty about the promises I have made to keep in touch. That way, we can move to our respective locations and live in the present, rather than hanging onto the past.

In the end, I am sure I will forget my own advice and live in the world of “hoping” to stay close. Normally, all of my friends stay as close and important to me in the years to come as they are today.

Beautiful Feet

Bryant Russ
Columbia

Moses and the entire Israelite clan stood cornered on the shore of the Red Sea with Pharaoh’s army behind and nothing but water ahead. We all know the miraculous way, we can implement “Showerless Hope” in the same fashion as “Trayless Tuesday.” Peer pressure. We get enough people to go showerless, and then all those fence-sitting, self-conscious duds will come to the smelly side. They won’t have to worry about being in the minority. It’s just a matter of making it socially acceptable, which shouldn’t be difficult with flags like “Rock of Love” and George Bush leading the way in ridiculousness. Hope College will become the epicenter of culture, and love through un-cleanness. As spring semester draws near and exams move slowly towards the terminal in the moving sidewalk of everyone’s mind, the students of Hope College will be either stagnated by the lack of traction of their own well-polished soles or they will be flying towards home with cleansed souls, shiny grades and triumphantly contaminated bodies. Uncleanness for a greener Hope.

Jammin’ in a jam

Moses and the entire Israelite clan stood cornered on the shore of the Red Sea with Pharaoh’s army behind and nothing but water ahead. We all know the miraculous way, we can implement “Showerless Hope” in the same fashion as “Trayless Tuesday.” Peer pressure. We get enough people to go showerless, and then all those fence-sitting, self-conscious duds will come to the smelly side. They won’t have to worry about being in the minority. It’s just a matter of making it socially acceptable, which shouldn’t be difficult with flags like “Rock of Love” and George Bush leading the way in ridiculousness. Hope College will become the epicenter of culture, and love through un-cleanness. As spring semester draws near and exams move slowly towards the terminal in the moving sidewalk of everyone’s mind, the students of Hope College will be either stagnated by the lack of traction of their own well-polished soles or they will be flying towards home with cleansed souls, shiny grades and triumphantly contaminated bodies. Uncleanness for a greener Hope.

You rub enough patchouli under your ear, at least until Oct. 6 without noticing your pit odor. It’s about sacrifice.

Love? No, not love. Love was what blossomed, but it wasn’t the fertilizer.

Our Mission: The Anchor strives to communicate campus events throughout Hope College and the Holland community. We hope to amplify awareness and provide dialogue through fact, objective journalism and a vibrant Voices sec- tion.

Disclaimer: The Anchor is a student product end and is funded through the Hope College Student Activities Fees. The opinions expressed on the Unions page are solely those of the author and do not represent the views of The Anchor. One-year subscriptions to The Anchor are available for $40. The Anchor reserves the right to publish or delete any content at any time, for any reason.

Latter Guidelines: The Anchor welcomes all letters, the staff res- erves the right to edit due to space constraints, personal task or other editorial considerations. A representative sam- ple will be taken. No anonymous letters will be printed unless explicitly requested by the Editor-in-Chief, Please first letters by 3:00 a.m. Mail letters to The Anchor c/o Hope College, drop them off at the An-chor office (located in the Martha Miller Center 152) or e-mail at anchor@hopes.edu by Monday at 5 p.m. to appear in Wednesday’s issue.

Advertising Policies: All advertising is subject to the rates, conditions, stan- dards, terms and policies stated in The Anchor’s advertising brochure.

Copyright © 2009 The Anchor. All rights reserved. All ad and classified requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, prior to Wednesday distribution.

Contact Information: To submit an ad or a classified, or to request a brochure or other information, contact our Ads Representative at anchor@hope.edu. To contact our office, call our office at (616) 305-7877.
### Softball

**Team strives to qualify for MIAA tournament**

**Bethany Stripp**  
*Staff Writer*

Although the Hope College softball team began their outdoor season a month ago, they are already more than halfway to the end of the regular season this year. With just seven games left, the team is playing hard to qualify for the MIAA tournament.

The team's outdoor season began during spring break in Kissimmee, Fla., where the Flying Dutch participated in the Rebel Spring games. Although the team only won four of the 10 games they played, the experience was very helpful for them.

"The games over spring break were against Division III teams from all over the United States, so we got to face solid teams that will help us against our MIAA opponents," coach Karla Wolters said.

"It also helps us solidify who will be in our starting lineup and where to put players in the batting order. More than anything else it helps to get to know each other better so that we are a unified team."

"The games over spring break were pretty good overall," co-captain Deidra Enochs (’10) said. "Our record after the week was 4-6. It was great to just get out there on the field and start playing some games outside."

The softball team this year is made up of 14 freshmen and sophomores, while only six juniors and seniors finish out the roster. The age of the team allows a team to make a difference out on the field.

"Young players need time to mature as college players," Wolters said. "It also means we have to work together on defense to get used to the players we are playing with."

Right now, the team is focusing on what will prove to be one of the most important parts of their season.

"The most important games are the ones from [April 8 to April 15]," Enochs said. "They are all conference games and will help determine the seeding for the conference tournament."

In this stretch, the Flying Dutch will play eight MIAA games. All of these games are important so the team can qualify for the MIAA tournament, which will take place from April 30 to May 2 at the regular season champion's field.

So far the Flying Dutch have won three games and lost three games in this stretch. The week of conference action got off to a slow start, with the team falling to Trine 2-16 and 0-14 on Wednesday, April 8. The team immediately bounced back the following day, defeating Calvin College 5-3 and 4-1. Saturday, April 11 proved to be a big day for the Flying Dutch. After falling to Adrian in the first of two games for the day, 4-5, the team rallied for the second game and defeated Adrian, 5-4.

Currently, the team is in fifth place in the conference, which leaves them just shy of qualifying for the tournament.

Today, the softball team will travel to Indiana, where they will finish their regular MIAA season when they take on the Belles of Saint Mary's College in a doubleheader.

---

**In Brief**

**GOLF**

In the first round of the MIAA qualifying tournament April 9, the Flying Dutch finished third behind host Saint Mary's. The men's team is looking to qualify to the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year. The team has been represented either by an individual or the entire team five times this decade.

**TRACK**

Both men's and women's track and field finished second to Calvin at the MIAA Jamboree held at Adrian on Saturday, April 11. Kara VandeGuchte ('11) placed first in 100-meter hurdles, Rachay Kenyon ('12) won at high jump, and Leonie Grosse ('12) took first in javelin.

Nick Rinck ('11) captured both the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles. Cameron Lampkin ('11) took first in the 100-meter dash and Frank Previch ('10) won the 400-meter dash. John Donkersloot ('11) placed first in high jump, Aaron Treiber ('10) captured first place in long jump, and Jeff Minkins ('10) triumphed at the triple jump.

**TENNIS**

Men's tennis posted a 1-2 record at the Great Lakes Colleges Association tournament this weekend. They opened with a 5-0 victory over Wooster, but later lost to Carnegie-Mellon 5-1 and Denison 6-2. The Flying Dutch men are 8-8 in dual matches this spring.

By topping Kalamazoo 7-2 on Saturday, women's tennis took sole possession of first place in the MIAA. The women improved to 4-0 in MIAA dual matches and with their seventh straight win stand 12-5 overall.

---

**Baseball**

**Sophomore Derek Fairchild hurls historic no-hitter**

**James Ralston**  
*Sports Editor*

In just his second start for Hope College, Derek Fairchild ('11) achieved a feat that most pitchers never accomplish. He did not allow Albion College a single hit in Hope's 8-0 victory on April 11. The no-hitter was the first at Hope since 1995, and was a single base runner shy of a perfect game.

Fairchild’s story is unique, as he was not able to play his freshman season due to a shoulder injury. After receiving surgery he began to prepare for what he hoped would be a strong sophomore year. He had no idea, however, how strong a start it would be. Looking back on the event, he is quick to point out how important his teammates were.

"I attribute my performance to my teammates because without a couple diving catches and great plays there wouldn’t be a no-hitter," Fairchild said. "It all started with the first pitch of the game when Scott Snyder (’10) made a diving catch and my team had my back the rest of the game."

Coach Stu Fritz agreed that the fielding was vital to Fairchild’s accomplishment, but pointed out that he was definitely on top of his game. "He (Fairchild) definitely brought good stuff," Fritz said. "We also had good defense behind him, but his good pitches, accuracy and off-speed work were top notch. Everything was on, he just never lost focus."

Focus was key as pressure began to build. The team said that as soon as the idea of a no-hitter was realized pressure and tension mounts.

"In about the fifth inning people started to realize what could happen," captain Robby Poll (’10) said. "We tried to keep it quiet so that the players and Derek didn’t get too excited."

Fritz was coach during Hope’s last no-hitter, thrown by Darin deAd Aim—Fairchild's final pitch, the team celebrated the momentous occasion.

"Everyone sprinted out and doglegged him," Poll said.

---

**Softball**

**Team strives to qualify for MIAA tournament**

**April 16**

**Baseball**

vs. Adrian 3 p.m.

**April 18**

**Men’s Tennis**

vs. Calvin 3 p.m.