Disability week raises awareness

Sungkyo Hong
Guest Writer

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.

DAW 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 impairment simulation. 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 where participants could write in non-blindfolded partner to enhance.

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 boosts students' empathy

Megan Harper
Guest Writer

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 as having 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 "doors storm" the night before the sleep-out 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.

Hoping logs onto alumni network

Taylor Hughes
Arts Editor

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 pressure is on to find what they want and who will help them get there. The good news is, they may not need to look farther than their own computer and an internet connection.

Since late in 2006, Hope's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations has provided alumni with "myHope," an exclusive online community for the almost 30,000 alumni living around the world. For graduating seniors, that's thousands of who-you-knows right at your fingertips.

Using the Career Center on myHope, alumni can connect with other alumni who 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 ('06), 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."
"Just start putting a few folks in jail and the world will change."
—Wayne Mayo, former law enFORCement officer who is speaking out against illegal immigration in the U.S.

"He's one of the best men I've ever met. The captain gave this crew up, not once."
—One of the sailors of The Maersk Alabama referring to his captain Richard Phillips who allowed himself to be kidnapped by Somali pirates in exchange for the freedom of his crewmen.

While livestock play a crucial role in the economy, global warming is becoming a huge worry. We're trying to find indigenous solutions, because our realities are very different from the West."
—Dr. K.K. Singhal, head of Dairy Research Institute in Karnal in Northern India, on how cattle release a type of greenhouse gas that traps 20 times more heat than carbon dioxide and is having a significant effect of global warming in India.

"We are watching the moral and social landscape of the world being transformed before our eyes."
—Ben Albert Mohles, president of the nation's flagship Southern Baptist seminary in Louisville, Ky., on the increase of states recognizing gay marriage as legitimate.

“It turns out (the cops) were loyal customers.”
—Saad Abd Allah, the director of the National Institute of Human 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 concentration of drugs so that if they take them in the suggested way it will provide them with a peaceful death.”
—Dr. Philip Nitschke, the physician known as Dr. Death for his efforts to liberate euthanasia in his native Australia on the upcoming debut for euthanasia test kits.

“The president supports the Second Amendment, respects the tradition of gun ownership in this country, and he believes we can take commonsense steps to keep our streets safe.”
—Ben Lafford, a White House spokesman, in regard to no current plans to enforce a ban on semiautomatic assault guns.

N. Korean rocket ‘provocative act’

Corry Lakatos
New York

The launch of a North Korean rocket at 11:10 a.m. local time on Sunday April 5 has caused a stir in the international community, where North Korea was already facing pressure. The long-range rocket launch was officially deemed a provocative act by U.S. and South Korean officials, but the exact payload is still unknown. Both countries fear that the small, isolated communist nation is testing new, found missile capabilities. North Korea maintained that the rocket contained only a satellite bound for space and would be used for purely peaceful purposes.

However, U.S. officials have stated that their military would intercept any missiles if it became necessary, but that they had not been obligated to do so. However, two objects that are thought to have been boosters from the rocket were detected falling to earth near Japan. One crashed into the Sea of Japan, while the other touched down in the Pacific Ocean.

The Japanese and U.S. version of events is in stark contrast to the story being presented in the state-controlled North Korean media. The Korean Central News Agency reported a flawless launch of “the experimental communications satellite Kwangmyongsong-2” with General Secretary Kim Jong II in attendance. According to the KCNA, this “shining product of self-reliance... was smoothly and accurately put into its orbit.”

U.S. officials disagree with this account and insist that the launch was a failure.

Wendy Sherman, coordinator of the Clinton administration’s policy concerning North Korea, told CNN that she believes that Kim Jong Il has several motives behind the provocative rocket. “First, he wants to solidify his own position as the leader of his country, following a stroke. He [also] wants to tell his military that it’s a military-first economy,” she said. “And he wants to say to the Obama administration, ‘Pay attention to me. I’m serious. I have chips on the table, and negotiating with me is serious business.’”

Japan’s United Nations representative Yukio Takasu called an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Sunday morning in an effort to persuade the international community that the community of nations could not tolerate a provocative response. “The launch constituted a clear-cut violation of U.N. resolutions and numerous international warnings, she said, and ‘merits a clear, strong response.’ Options available to the council included a resolution, a Security Council presidential statement, and some less formal type of condemnation.

In spite of the wishes of the likes of Takasu and Rice, the meeting adjourned without any official statement being given by the Security Council.

Chinese ambassador Zhang Yuesi said the incident in a different light. “We are now in a very sensitive moment,” he said. “All countries concerned should show restraint and refrain from taking action that could lead to increased tension.” According to Yuesi, any reaction to the North Korean changes should be “cautious and proportionate.” China is an ally of North Korea and a permanent Security Council member along with the United States, France, Russia, and the United Kingdom, and as expected showed resistance to a reproachful resolution.

China, Japan, and the U.S. have indicated their willingness to participate in six-party talks that would also include North Korea, South Korea, and Russia. These nations hope that talks can lead to a more favorable and less antagonistic settlement.

Disability week raises awareness on campus

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to make the topic of disabilities approachable.

In the evening, Harris presented “From FDR to Jerry Lewis: How Does Our Society View Disability” in the Maas Auditorium. The presentation used cartoons, humorous signs and photographs to elaborate Harris’s points. For example, Harris projected a picture of Churchill, whom he called “The Man with the Infuriating Cockscomb,” seated at the Yalta Conference. The three leaders had met to discuss the future of the world. Because of his polio, FDR was mobility impaired at the time and throughout much of his life. Despite the disability, Harris claimed that FDR was the most powerful man in the world.

“FDR had the most power of the three,” Harris said. “Russia was just ravaged. England was just ravaged.”

In addition to giving inspiring examples of those with disabilities, Harris also pointed out the disadvantage that exists for this group. He cited an unemployment rate of 67 percent for noninstitutionalized persons with disabilities aged 16-64. Among women in this group, the unemployment rate was 80 percent. He concluded his talk with the signing of the American Disabilities Act.

Thursday morning, the Disability Resource Room in the Van Welden Library held an open house. Members of the Hope community, as well as the public, were welcome to see the equipment available for assisting students with visual impairment, print impairment and blindness in their studies.

The DAW concluded Thursday afternoon with an annual stream social sponsored by Dean of Students Richard Frost.

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widget set to Holland.

Many opportunities are available for Hope seniors and alumni to network face-to-face and myHope can alert them to these events.

“I’m planning a young alumni social networking event in Grand Rapids which will begin this fall,” said alum Alex Frost (’07). “Social networking encourages and facilitates Hope alumni and he believes we can take commonsense steps to keep our streets safe.”
—Ben Lafford, a White House spokesman, in regard to no current plans to enforce a ban on semiautomatic assault guns.

“For you’re looking for career networking, upcoming events, or career fair reunions or that old Frisbee Golf buddy who deleted their Facebook account, log on to myHope at www.hope.edu/alumni.

“We know myHope won’t replace Facebook, but our goal is it will expand the other social networking sites by providing a place just for Hope alumni without those annoyingernauts. ‘Firsts,’ said Travis.

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations contacts all graduating seniors via e-mail to let them know about myHope and how to log in and create a profile. However, future seniors also have the chance to use the site even before graduation. If you are going to be a senior and are interested in learning more about career networking and getting connected to myHope early, you can contact the Office of Career Services at careers@hope.edu or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at alumni@hope.edu.
Alum band Ganges opens for Pug

Katie Bennett
GoEins in Gau

This week, 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 Bakker (‘04) make up Ganges, a band which Kenagy describes as, “just a bit of country western.”

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 ossy 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 high school band, 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. “Here 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 located in Nykerk Hall in the middle of campus. Often overlooked as a concert venue, the wood-floor space has the advantages of both acoustic clarity and intimacy.

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MEN OF MANY TRADES— Much of Ganges’ promotional art is created by drummer, Steven Bakker (‘04). This piece features (from left to right) Rob Kenagy (‘08), Jonah Ogles (‘07) and Steven Bakker himself.

“Proof” is filled with family dysfunction, the presence of death, and the threat of insanity. "Proof" is filled with family dysfunction, the presence of death, and the threat of insanity. "Proof" is filled with family dysfunction, the presence of death, and the threat of insanity.

This year, both the Hope Concert Series and the Festival of the Arts have coupled with the Fringe Festival to bring its Holland roots fondly. “I met the guys of Pretty Alright Records (my band mates), through Rob’s high school band, 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.”

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“The piano sounds like a mirror. Harmonies sound like they’re coming through a cathedral door. It feels like the basic melody and accompaniment is right up front in almost, being whistled in your ear. But behind that is this huge vacant 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 falling 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/gangesounds.

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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.


### 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:

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\text{earned income} + \begin{cases} 300 & \text{if } $850 < x < $5,450 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
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### 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](http://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 all the your possible credits so you pay as little tax as possible!).
- 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
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Please hire me

Over Easter break I got a chance to spend some time with family, and as a se- 
ior in college a dreaded question contin- 
ued to come up: “Do you have a job yet?”. I feel like a tape recorder playing the same 
answer back 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 un- 
cler 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 uphold. 

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. Ap- 
proachable professors are committed to help me grasp the concepts covered in my courses.

However, I’ve found in my own experi- 
ce 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 “ 
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The current emphasis in the Communi- 
cation Department, as well as other depart- 
ments, is on theory. For instance, as a cap- 
stone, every communications major must 
take a course called "Is this going to help 
students get jobs?"

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 never would have learned pages 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. That is unreasonable? I think it’s high 
time the college reevaluate the courses they 
are offering. They need to ask not "Are stu-
dents 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 going to help students get jobs?"

Ashley is still looking for a job as an edi- 
torial assistant at a magazine in Chicago.

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 senti- 
ment 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 re- 
sultion, 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, in- 
terviews 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 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 pe- 
riods 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. Unfortu- 
ately, this article may only strengthen the stigma that here at Hope we are only 
worried about getting our "ring by spring."
Beautiful Feet

Bryant Russ

The tenth virtue

Rob Guimond

Columbus

Cleanliness — Tolerate no uncleanliness in body, clothes or living quarters. The reasons were the different when Benjamin Franklin included his quota 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 boomed and art flowed. The bottom was up. What caused this explosion? LSD? No. Love? No, not love. Love was what blossomed, 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." They were trying to try through lack of options. But the festering of stank produced the germination of love. Barriers were broken by a unifying funk. They shook hands, not washed hands. They discovered the perpetual cycle of being dirty and getting dirty. They could smell nasty and do the nasty. A righteous tang bound the hippiers together, and together, they changed the world. Culture, knowledge and love blossomed from their soiled bodies.

Modern day advocates of peace, love and happiness have lost touch with their ances- tral hippie past. They want to all be like the idea of flowers in her hair, but she’s not going to San Francisco, and she’s not going to meet any gentle people there. People are all tie-dye, flowers and dancing, but there’s no action—no protest. People won’t get dirty. Ten-minute showers use about 50 gallons of water. With 3,609 students, that’s 177,990 gallons a day. I’m not proposing that all of Hope goes showerless for a day; there’s no adventure in that. We should go showerless for the rest of the year: 3,357,850 gallons of water. Now, you don’t have to care about the cost this is incurring to Hope. It’s simply a waste of water, not to mention all that business Holland KPPC puts into the ditch by burning coal to heat our showers. Clean air vs. clean private. Most of us don’t have to breathe your private. I’m just saying it’ll be a sad day when Holland’s air and water quality fall to the levels of Mexico City’s, when it smells like a serendipitous blend of rotten cottage cheese and mustard, and Lake Michigan tastes like Scorebys (very rare) because a few kids were too self-conscious about body odor.

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 daisies 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.

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In just his second start for Hope College, Derek Fairchild ('11) achieved a feat that most pitchers never accomplish. He didn’t 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 is 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—April 15, 1995. He is quick to point out just how significant this achievement is for everyone involved. “It’s one of those magical things in baseball,” Fritz said. “The stars aligned and it’s just not something you see everyday. It was unbelievable thing for him (Derek), his family and the program.”

Following Fairchild’s final pitch, the team celebrated the momentous occasion. “Everyone sprinted out and doglegged him,” Poll said.

The Flying Dutch have finished their regular MIAA season when they take on the Admirals of Adrian College 5-4. Saturday, women’s tennis took first place in long jump, high jump, Aaron Treiber (’10) placed first in the 100-meter hurdles, Cameron Lampkin (’11) took first in the 100-meter dash and Frank Previch (’10) won the 400-meter dash. John Donkerolster (‘11) placed first in high jump, Aaron Treiber (’10) captured first place in long jump, and Jeff Minkins (’10) triumphed at the triple jump.

**This Week In Sports**

**Thursday**

April 16
Baseball

vs. Adrian 3 p.m.

**Saturday**

April 18

Men’s Tennis

vs. Calvin 3 p.m.

**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 re-energized 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, Rachael Ketyun (’12) won at high jump, and Leonie Grosse (’12) took first in javelin.

**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.