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Words of caution

Public Safety cautions campus of potential trespasser.

CARRIE ARNOLD
spotlight editor

Several complaints of a suspicious person have set off warnings from Public Safety and other campus organizations.

Although the first sighting was over a month ago, Duane Terpstra, Director of Public Safety said that "it's not like he's hanging around campus all the time." The suspect is a 22 year old white male, 6'1" and of medium build. He has green eyes and brown hair. While there are many rumors circulating about his whereabouts, there have been few actual reports.

"It's been pretty quiet in regards to that complaint," Terpstra said.

The offender has been issued a trespassing notice from Public Safety informing him that if he is seen on campus again he will be subject to arrest.

"If someone thinks they see him on campus they should call us and let us know where he is and what he is wearing," Terpstra said. "Anyone who calls us does not have to leave their name."

Although the suspect has allegedly been seen on campus after the issue of the trespassing warning, Public Safety has not been able to apprehend him.

"A lot of people have been issued that statement," Tom Renner, Director of Public Relations, said. "The college is private property and it reserves the right to say who and who can't be on the property."

The issue of the trespassing notice, said Renner, had nothing to do with the background of the offender.

"It's happening to some people that he knows that he comes and visits," Renner said. "But the college has said we don't want him on campus."

The suspect has reportedly been seen looking in a window at a student in Gilmore Hall a few weeks ago, as well as being seen near Dimnent Chapel and near a parking lot.

"As far as I know, he hasn't been around lately," Doreen Belz, Residential Director of Gilmore, said.

Public Safety has officially classified the offender as a suspicious person and have alerted all of the security officers.

"There could be more [suspicious people] if people give us a call [when they see them]," Terpstra said.

Public Relations recommends that students travel in groups at night and also during the day.

"There are a lot of lone joggers early in the morning and late at night," Terpstra said.

Terpstra also said that Public Safety has installed street lights near many of the cottages in the past year. The main way, however, that Terpstra believes Public Safety is helping to protect the campus is through the campus safety report.

"It gets information out to people so they can take precautions," Terpstra said.

Terpstra said that if every person on campus kept an eye out for suspicious activity, it would be the equivalent of having 5,000 campus police officers around.

"Where we could be helped is if faculty and students immediately contact Public Safety and their response will be immediate," Renner said.

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Candidates gear for elections

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

Elections for Student Congress President, Vice-President and class representatives will begin on Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23.

"Next year will be an important year," said Vice-President Paul Bush '99. "Students need a voice and voting is the first step in making their voices heard."

Voting booths will be set up in various locations around campus. On Thursday booths can be found outside Van Wyler Library from 8 to 11 a.m., in the DeWitt lobby from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and in Cook Hall from 4 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, voting will take place outside of Dimnent Chapel from 8 to 11 a.m., in the Phelps lobby (Gilmore Hall Side) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., outside of Van Wyler Library from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and in the Maas Auditorium lobby from 4 to 6 p.m.

For the first time, Hope honored three women for their contributions to the campus, with an Outstanding Hope Women award. Kristin Gray, Jane Dickie and Amanda Schneider '99 were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Issues Organization on Tuesday, April 13.

"It's always nice to get together and remember all the battles won, and to celebrate and be happy," Dickie said, psychology professor and director of Women's Studies, who won the award for the faculty.

The luncheon celebrated all the nominees for Outstanding Hope Women and the three finalists for the gender issues essay.

"It went well. The women were really honored. The Hope community recognized these women— it's like the People's Choice Awards," said Bill Pearson '00, President of WIO.

The award went to the faculty, staff and student who received the most nominations during Women's Week, Feb. 22 to March 3. Kristen Gray, Assistant Dean of Health and Counseling, received the staff award.

Outstanding women honored

JULIE GREEN
spotlight editor

Maren Heiberg '02, one of the students who look part in this year's walk, said: "I was really excited to see such a large turnout of people for such an important cause."

Participants in the CROP Walk could walk on a four or eight mile course. The walk began and ended at Holland Christian High School. The slogan "We walk because they walk" serves as a reminder of the fact that many students who run in the CROP Walk do so in honor of their parents, siblings or friends who have been touched by starvation and hunger issues.
Panel discussion examines pornography

A panel presentation and discussion titled "A Community Response to Pornography on the Web" will take place Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in Winants Auditorium in Graves Hall.

The panel will feature: Kristen Gray, Assistant Dean of Health and Counseling, Carol Simon, Chairperson of the Philosophy Department, and Chairperson of the Art Department Bill Mayer.

"We will be looking at questions such as how pornography is defined and also the differences between institutional and community pornography," Gray said. "It will be a very conversational panel with plenty of opportunity for dialogue."

Each panel member will present their view on the issue, in addition to discussing how they feel pornography impacts Hope.

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"As a community I think it is important to look at how our resources are used," Gray said.

Asian Awareness Week hosts events

HAPA kicked off a week-long series of events on Monday, April 19 during its Second Annual Asian Awareness Week.

"The main goal behind this week is to make people aware of the fact that Asians are different," said Shen ('99), student leader of Hope's Asian Perspective (HAPA). "There are different ethnicities within the Asian culture and Asian students want others to be aware of this."

Events taking place throughout the week will include Korean dancing and a Ping Pong tournament in the Pine Grove at 4 p.m. today, a three-on-three basketball tournament in the Dow from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, and a Karaoke dance party in the Kletz from 8:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday.

"This is a great way for Asian students to share something of their culture and an opportunity to provide learning experiences to the campus," Shen said.

On Monday, an Asian food fair was held in Phelps boasting a variety of foods from Asian countries such as Vietnam, Japan, and China.

The keynote address, "Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash," was held on Thursday, April 20. The event featured Tim Wise, founder for the Association for White Anti-Racist Education.

"We felt this topic would go well along with the Phillips Scholar Program," Shen said. "He will challenge us to look at racism from a different view and this should leave something in the mind of those who will be involved in the Scholar Program next year."

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SAC gears for Spring Fling

Tiffany Ripper
staff reporter

Before the stress of final exams begins, students will be able to participate in the final Social Activities Committee event, Spring Fling.

"Spring Fling is a celebration of the end of the year," said Jenny Trask ('99), SAC director. "It’s where students can have some fun before exams start. It’s our last hurrah celebration."

The annual event, held Friday, April 30 begins at 11 a.m., with an outdoors picnic.

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will be performing in the Pine Grove from 1 until 2:30 p.m. During his performance, DeLuca will bring between 15 and 20 students onstage to hypnotize them.

There will also be six inflatable games: laser tag, a rock climbing wall, a gladiator joust, a bungee run, bounce boxing and human spheres.

Also, this year at the Spring Fling celebration, there will be fresh air and paint on tannos.

This year, SAC has decided to have a DJ playing music in the background all afternoon. This will be done instead of hiring bands to play as has been done in former years.

Spring Fling, which used to be the May Day celebration, will take place even if it rains.

A sheet listing different locations will be sent out if rain does occur, as the games would be spread out across campus, and DeLuca would perform in the DeWitt Theater.

Although Trask says it is difficult to count the number of people attending Spring Fling, in past years they have estimated at least 1,000 people.

"This is a chance for the campus to enjoy some fun games and nice weather, and to relax before exams," Trask said. "It’s always a highlight for a lot of people, so I would encourage people to come."

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Each student organization was responsible for turning in its budget proposal to Congress, who then allocated specific portions of the student activity fee to each group.

"We tried to remain consistent with each group," Hes said. "We wanted to keep the amount of money spent on speaker's and food as equal as possible, so that is where most of the cuts were made."

This year, Student Congress hoped to make the budgeting process run smoother and more efficiently after several organizations expressed concern of cuts in budgets.

"I feel budgeting went very well," Maroll said. "Scott and Appropriations did a good job and I think the process was done fairly and with integrity."

Hes attributed the improvements in the process to a few changes.

"The overall process was much faster this year," he said. "We made the transition much easier because we are keeping track of our records and other details and procedures by computer now."

Organizations are able to appeal up to five days after receiving their final budget. No organization had appealed by the Wednesday, April 21 deadline.

"I haven’t heard any major complaints from organizations this year," Hes said. "I’m confident the process was successful."

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Interviews begin for a new Director of Student Activities

**DANA LAMERS infocus editor**

**Hope is searching for a jack-of-all-trades, a student activities wonder.**

Starting Tuesday, April 20, candidates for the position of Director of Student Activities began interviewing on campus. Three candidates will meet with a panel of student leaders during the next two weeks. Student opinions from these meetings will be included in the search process.

"The students will give students an opportunity to meet the candidates and to offer their insights and opinions," said Kristen Gray, Dean of Health and Counseling. Many students hope their views have a great deal of weight on the final administrative decision.

"I hope that the administration seriously takes student evaluations into account when making a final decision," said Mike "Norm" McCune (99), Station Manager of WTHS. "After all, this position is meant to be for the students and administrative concerns should be low on the priority list."

Final candidates for the job include Diana C. Brecklow, Assistant Director of Student Activities at Elmhurst College; Ann T. Comford, who presently is the Special Programs and Center Events Graduate Assistant at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill.; and Melissa C. Yovan who is the Advisor for Fraternity/Sorority Specialist in the Student Organization office of the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"This position will be a busy one, with many shoes to fill. I see the job as having three aspects," said Kate MacDoniel (00), Director of Volunteer Services and Vice President of Pan-Hel. "There is orientation, Greek Life, and Student Activities. We need someone with a good balance of experience in all of these, and a willingness to work with all three!"

Heather Bloom took a part-time position of Greek Life advisor earlier this semester, taking over that piece of Anne Baker-Gras' job. While at Hope, Baker-Gras oversaw both Greek Life and all other student activities during her 10 year career as Director of Student Activities. While in this position, Baker-Gras advised such organizations as Interfraternal and Pan-Hel lenic Councils, the Milestone, Nykerk, the Bull, and the Social Activities Committee. She also is continuing her involvement in all existing Greek Life and Student Activities organizations.

Sue Frost, Director of Student Issues, declined to comment on the hiring process at this point.

"We need someone who has lots of good experiences in all sorts of areas because the job itself covers everything," said Nichole Johnson ('99), coeditor of the Milestone. "The search will entail looking at someone who can work well with several different groups and activities on campus.

"The biggest thing we need is someone who can prioritize their time, divide their time up among many organizations," said Sara VanHoose ('99), President of Pan-Hel. "We need someone who works well with students and sticks up for students voices; someone who will be fair, support us, go to bat for us, but tell us when we’re out of line.

Some feel this job is too large for one person, and the job should split between three or four advisors to dedicate more time and energy to individual organizations.

"The only way to make Greek Life and student activities strong is to divide this job up," VanHoose said. "From the standpoint of the success of Greek Life, the advisor is a position that demands a lot of time and energy; policy changes take time, and it’s not fair to either groups to have someone who has to juggle between all of them.

"It’s still a big job, but it’s doable. Adam Hudson, President of IFC understands the high costs of adding another position, but believes this could be worked around.

"I think we could get an intern who works under the Director of Student Activities, but solely with Greek Life," said Grant.

Students want a candidate who can appreciate Hope’s uniqueness. "We need someone with a lot of experience," VanHoose said. "The candidates are coming from big schools and Hope they understand where we’re coming from as a small school with a lot of tradition.

Some feel it will be nearly impossible to find a new director that will give Hope student activities the dedication that Baker-Gras put forth.

"I think Dean Frost is not aware of the hours Anne put into her students. I very much doubt that we will find someone who will stay up with students until 11:00 but in the morning working on projects like Anne did," McCune said.

"And those hours have to be kept up. One person will be able to follow in the footsteps of the leaders of the past."

"I wish we didn’t have to do this at all," VanHoose said. "This is one of the hardest things to do."

"The administration is aware of the importance of finding the right person for this position."

"This is a very serious, very long, and thoughtful process," said Grant.
A voice for the students

The process has started for the selection of a new Director of Student Activities. Three individuals have been invited to Holland to interview for arguably the toughest position at Hope.

And as the interviews begin this week, it's essential that the Hope College community understands the key word to this title: student. Not faculty, not administration, not alumni, and not Board of Trustees.

A large group of students have been asked to meet with each applicant for a period of time. The students will have the opportunity to interview each applicant, and complete a sheet detailing how they view the applicants.

But once each student hands these in, the process is of their hands. The effects of these student reactions are not known to the general study body.

A Director of Student Activities needs to the students as their number one priority. The individual will have to work with the students on a daily basis, much more closely than the administration or the faculty. That is why the main chunk of the hiring process needs to be headed by students. If students are unaware as to how this process operates, then there is a major flaw in the system that needs to be mended.

The college often asks for student input in some of the major aspects of college life. Students attend a meeting, then the college is ignoring the very individuals it serves. The new director should have a large say in who is hired. The administration and faculty can say all they want, but students need to have the final say. A stay that students are rarely privileged with.

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Our efforts have not been directed at silencing another group, but at giving every individual the opportunity to share his or her own truths.

My ultimate goal through the hardships of the past two years and the decades of struggle yet to come is to open my own eyes and the eyes of others to the blessing of each other, to the unique wisdom and beauty of God on campus.

I respect Mark's honesty and hope that he will be willing to work with the students on our campus. I like and value his point of view.

I have the opportunity to interview each applicant, and are not known to the general study body.

The new director has no clue of what they will get in return for their investment. This is the fourth year that the students were left out until the last minute to participate in this event. I am sorry for lacking the opinions of a significant portion of the students. This year we saw how Congress could be involved in the decisions of this campus—both good and bad. We also saw that on several occasions, the opinions of a significant portion of the students were left out until after it was too late because communication was lacking on all sides.

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Presidential Candidates

Louis Canfield (‘01)

Student Congress is in desperate need of change. The events of the past few years have convinced me that it is no longer enough for the organization to continue doing business as usual. What is needed is more communication between Student Congress and the student body. You should have the opportunity to voice your opinions on issues of importance before your representatives vote.

To that end, Matt Scogin and I propose two solutions. First, we want to set up mass e-mail lists for all Congress representatives so that they will be able to inform you, their constituents, of important decisions and issues. Second, we want to make the Student Congress web page more visible on KnowHope, giving you the opportunity to voice feedback over the internet. You have a right to know what goes on at Congress meetings and to tell your representatives your views. We will stand up for those rights.

We are also well aware of the fact that Hope College will have a new president as of July 1. The student body needs leadership that will be able to work with James Bulman to make our college a better place. Matt Scogin and I pledge that we will clearly articulate students’ views to him and will work to maintain our college’s reputation as a Christian, liberal arts institution.

I hope all students will vote on Thursday and Friday, and I look forward to serving you as the next president of Student Congress.

Brian Porter (‘01)

Experiences do, indeed, count when you run for a position as President of Hope College’s Student Congress. Also, the commitment to a full-year position is necessary. I have served Student Congress for two years and currently hold the position of Parliamentarian, plus I plan on being here both semesters next year. To many, Student Congress means nothing and does nothing. The Congress just sits around, but has no power over anything. In recent years, this has been true, but this has been changing. The voice of the student body is now recognized by both the administration and the Congress. I believe that I can change a few issues that many of you feel strongly about, such as parental and diversity. I feel I have the knowledge to be an effective leader and an even better communicator of the Congress actions.

For instance, who on this campus, besides members of Congress, know what we even do? How many of you might care if you knew that Congress helped solve a real problem on this campus? I think that if you, the students, could know what we do for you, you might actually care. My pledge to you, the student body, is to keep you informed of all of our actions and to actually accomplish something that the students want done.

Brad Hudkins (‘00)

I am the best candidate for the position of Student Congress President because I can get you what you want. You can and will do it right the first time. I will run Congress by the book in order to avoid controversy and disappointment similar to what you felt this semester. Congress cannot accomplish anything meaningful without proper procedure. The administration does not work with Student Congress unless they see its leaders as credible. Over the last three years, I have built a good working relationship with the administration. Heading into my Senior year, I am confident in my abilities to get you what you want and deserve. I played a rather big role in working with the school and the Holland Police Department to deal with the complaints of harassment of students. No one’s complaining now. When I look at the other candidates, I see a lot of less qualified, less dedicated (after all, most of them are leaving us second semester), and less capable people. It’s not that they’re bad people, I just don’t feel the student body can afford, or put itself in a position, for more heartbeat next year due to poor leadership. That’s why Nickie and I are running together. Make the educated decision. Vote for honest and dedicated leadership.

Joel Ward (‘01)

During the next few days, you will be called upon to fulfill your hard fought-for right to vote. Hundreds of thousands of young Americans have bled and died so that we might live in a democratic society where each man and woman from the richest to the poorest has an equal voice in their government. What a privilege we have awaiting us. Do college students all over the world have as much say in their student governments as we do? No. There are students in Cuba, China and North Korea who would kill for the chance to have an election for their student government. How can you not vote? If you walk by and do not vote, you will be haunted by the voices of all the brave soldiers who fought valiantly and died heroically to give you this chance, by the voices of your ancestors who immigrated to this great nation of ours to escape the oppressive regimes of totalitarianism that disguised themselves as a God-given right to rule, and by the voices of the thousands of people who lived their entire lives constantly praying and fighting for democracy only to be buried having lost their way in the ground hallowed by their blood. Do not ignore these voices. They are calling to you now. They implore you. Vote Ward and Heller.

Joel Neckers (‘01)

We realize that there are many people throughout this campus who do not take our campaign seriously. However, our desire to help make a difference around Hope is second only to our desire to make Student Congress a true voice of the students. Our diverse range of interests and activities, including the Pull, varsity tennis, WHNS, Habitat for Humanity, ChemClub, Greek Life, and freshman orientation, already gives us a strong basis for interaction with the general student body. Through this, we feel that we can represent all student interests and make Student Congress the strong voice for student concerns that it should be.

To this effect, we plan to make Student Congress more accessible by setting up suggestion boxes around campus. We promise not to just listen to your ideas, but to take an active role in student life by working with you and for you. Student Congress is not just an organization for the majority. To be effective, it is necessary to have an open mind when discussing any issue. As president and vice president we would bring a renewed enthusiasm and understanding to Student Congress. We also feel that the president and vice president must have a good working relationship. Therefore, we hope to be considered together in this election.

Keeping all of this in mind, we recognize that Student Congress can only do as much as the school allows. However, with a strong voice within and an interested, energetic student body, we can attempt to push the boundaries in order to make Student Congress an organization that is truly for the students.

Thad Hackworth (‘00)

It’s time for a change at Hope College. Not change that accompanies itself with clever buzz words or “catch phrases,” however. Not change that attaches to “Proven Leadership” or “Let’s do it by the book,” but real change. Changes in what Student Congress represents, or even who it represents, in what its role is on this college’s campus. There is no doubt that Hope College students are tired of the lack of responsibility by Congress. In the game that was Student Congress this year, there were “take backs,” decisions needed more, and gross misrepresentations of the student body passed through unchallenged.

The question is, who is different now? Are there serious candidates out there who are willing to take the job of setting Congress in order seriously? Or are we in for more of the same? Is there anyone that we can count on to ensure that Congress does its job, which is not only to represent the student body effectively, but to understand the consequences of its actions and consider the minority of students whose interests may be too easily overlooked? Is there a candidate who can do all of these things, or moreover, who is willing to do all of these things? There is one: Vote no, vote Hackworth.

Charles White (‘01)

A week ago, a friend asked me what my “platform” was. My response was that I wanted “to give an equal voice to every student at Hope,” citing the Mel White incident in an example of how this had not happened. While addressing the fact that few students were asked how they felt about this issue before Student Congress, the friend interrupted. “Everybody brings up Mel White,” she said. “Didn’t Student Congress do anything else this year?”

This statement floored me. Of course Student Congress did more than that this year, but what? What issues did they grapple with that the students were aware of? The point is this: we don’t know. No effort was made to ask us, the students, how we actually felt about any of the issues. In fact, there are two Student Congress activities I have been aware of this year: the Mel White vote and elections. What does this tell us about our representatives in student government?

The sad answer is that we don’t even have a voice in the only organization between the administration and us. The body that should protect our interests on campus has only seemed to decide for itself what our best interests are and vote accordingly. This must change, and the only way it can change is by establishing a close contact between Student Congress and the student body. As president, I will represent you, the student body. I will speak for your words.
Vice Presidential Candidates

Matt Scogin (‘02)

As I reflect upon this year, I am amazed by what Student Congress accomplished: relatively nothing. I cannot think of one thing Congress did this year to significantly better student life at Hope College. It’s not that all members of Student Congress didn’t genuinely try. Instead, the problem that plagued the leadership stems from poor communication between Congress and the student body.

Student Congress has desperately lost touch with Hope students. The vast majority of people don’t know when or where Congress meets. Most students don’t hear about Congress’s activities until after decisions are made, and very few people are even aware of what exactly Student Congress does. How then, with the existence of this communication gap, can Congress possibly be an effective student government?

Louis Conwield and I will put Student Congress back in touch with the student body. We propose setting up an e-mail list that Congress representatives would use for weekly updates and polls. This would allow students to be aware of issues and provide an opportunity for concerns and opinions to be heard before Congress votes. I’d also like to set up a better webpage on KnowHope that would make our agendas, minutes, and voting results easily accessible to all students.

Candidates will make promises of Congress doing great things, but until Student Congress is able to communicate, very little will ever get done. We deserve a voice in our education. We deserve a better Student Congress than what we’ve seen this year, and I intend to give you that.

Mike Zuidema (‘00)

I feel like I’m in some sort of bizarre world, running for Vice President of Student Congress. It’s like I’m running for an office in an imaginary world, with individuals elevating themselves, shooting down others. The posters, the speeches, the websites, everything. This isn’t a campaign, it’s a show. I don’t attempt to understand the inner workings of politics revolving around Student Congress. The main issue seems to be how Congress will be perceived because most consider it a joke at the moment. I don’t understand when the needs of the students left the picture. Let the administration and faculty worry about themselves; let’s focus on the needs of the students. Let’s take action when it needs to be taken. Let’s protect the rights of the minority. Let’s have students take control of this learning establishment.

I never planned on running for Student Congress. Students encouraged me, seeing something in me I wasn’t realizing. And the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to force Congress to do what it says. I wanted to bring my leadership experience, my communication skills, my stubbornness to campus. I wanted to be held accountable for the actions of one of the most powerful groups on campus. Vote for the candidate you feel will do the best job. I feel I fit that description.

Nicke Baumann (‘00)

You haven’t seen much of me this semester because I’ve been in Washington D.C. Added to my two and a half years of experience on Student Congress, my experiences this semester make me by far the most qualified candidate for Vice President. The first and most important job of the Vice President is public relations. My job is to keep you in the know. It’s been hard this semester, not being able to help stop Congress from becoming a joke. That’s not the Congress I left behind, and that’s not the Congress that will be there if you elect Brad Hudkins as President and me as Vice President. I’ve read about the costly procedural screw-ups, as well as the lack of communication between Congress and the student body. This can’t continue, and it won’t with us. Most of the other candidates running for this position aren’t running for Vice President, they’re running for President for second semester without telling you. It’s called lying. I’m not running for this because I can put on a resume I was President second semester. Brad isn’t leaving you, and we compliment each other well. If you ask me, it’s not tough to see who the best people for the jobs are. We’re running on a ticket to give you a full year of honest and dedicated leadership.

Muhammed Hameed (‘00)

Do you ever feel frustrated and unable to voice your opinion on student concerns at Hope College? Do you ever feel that the views Student Congress holds contradict yours? Do you even feel misrepresented by the organization which is supposed to lobby on your behalf?

This has been due to the ineffective Student Congress who have been ignorant of your feelings and ideals, who have failed to represent you and fulfill its responsibilities on campus. There have been empty promises made to give false hopes to the students. I think that you will agree with me that Hope students deserve better, or in fact the best. They need a Student Congress who truly represents them. We need responsible and hard-working individuals who will ensure that the Congress fulfills its mission. There is need for a Congress who doesn’t wait for the students to approach them, but reaches out to hear their demands and opinions. We need a Congress that is open-minded and will ensure protection of student rights, whether they are majority or minority. We need individuals who are willing to persevere to fulfill promises made. Yes, there is someone who is sure to represent you. Vote Hackworth/Hameed.

Matt Goupell (‘01)

It goes without saying that this election is about getting the student body in touch with Student Congress. Any person running for vice president will tell you this. Over the past two years, I have heard little of Student Congress activities, with the exception of controversies on campus. Since all of the candidates are addressing lack of representation as a whole, I will concentrate on specific representation. What Hope College needs is representation that stands for not just the majority, not just the minority, but the entire campus population.

Hope College is split on many viewpoints. But this is not the problem, any college has differing viewpoints. That is what makes college a time of intellectual growth. What is wrong is that not all of the sides get represented fully. Some of us are never heard, lost in the shuffle. If you want to help us find our way and stop this divisiveness ugly controversy on our campus that are highly unnecessary. How many times have we received widespread attention for misconceptions on campus? Name calling and lack of understanding have replaced intellectual thought and comprehension. We should be working towards making Hope more diverse, more accepting.

As vice president, I will work my hardest to be the listening ear for the entire student body. All of us have the right to be heard. Let us seek to understand before being understood.

Senior Class Representative

Emily DuBois (‘00)

I am Emily DuBois and I am running for Senior Class Representative. I am a double political science and education major with a minor in sociology. Although I have not been involved in Student Congress in the past, I believe that I have a lot to offer to the student government. Since I have been at Hope College, my ideologies and outlook on life have changed drastically. When I came here, I thought that I had everything about the world figured out. And like most everyone else, that changed. I believe that Hope College is a place where individuals can find themselves and their beliefs. Therefore, it is very important that all students are involved in making this college a place where that can happen.

I think that the most prominent issue faced lately deals with tolerance and acceptance of diversity. I believe that without this, we are nothing. We simply remain as stagnant individuals in a small segregated society where nothing is challenged. In my involvement in Student Congress, I will look to accept this diversity in every way possible. It is important that we as a college community do the same.

In conclusion, if I am elected, I will listen to all of the students of the Senior class. We may agree, we may not. But I guarantee that your viewpoint will be heard in some way, shape, or form.
Elections

Congress Representatives

Junior Class

Paul Bush ('01)

For the past year, I have served on Student Congress as the perfect Hall Representative and as Vice-President. During this time, I have seen the many faces of student government—both good and bad. I have learned how it should and should not be run, as well as the type of people and leadership styles that are capable of Congress function successfully. I have developed the skills and contacts that are necessary to be able to perform the job of Junior Class Representative to the way it deserves to be done. Through this, I have an understanding of the campus. I feel that I have shown that I am more than capable of doing this job very well. I am excited by the prospects that next year brings to our campus. From the construction of a new science building to the beginning of the Phillips Scholars Program to our new president, I think that next year will provide a wonderful opportunity for the leadership of Hope’s student body to set a precedent for excellence for the future. I am genuinely looking forward to serving my class on Student Congress as one of next year’s Junior Class Representatives.

Danika Van Beek ('01)

Hi, my name is Danika Van Beek and I am running for Junior Class Representative. I’m very excited to be on the ballot and I hope that each one of you takes a couple minutes out of your schedule to vote in this election. One of the main reasons why I feel I am qualified for this position is that I have experience on Student Congress here at Hope College. I am currently one of the Kolken Hall Representatives and I have really enjoyed my position on Congress this year. I am presently a member of the Public Relations Task Force and the International Education Committee. I am familiar with how our Student Congress has worked in the past, and I have new ideas for the future. Most importantly, I want to make sure that all students are aware of how Student Congress works for them and how they can be an effective voice for their benefit. I feel that I would be a good representative of the Junior Class because I am involved in many activities on campus, but more importantly, because I am open to suggestions and I am willing to listen to what you have to say. So feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Sophomore Class

Amy Avery ('02)

Eight months ago, I entered the world of Hope College as a scared and intimidated freshman. Since then, Hope College has become a second home to me, and it has been a privilege to be a part of a campus that offers such a great deal of activities, opportunities, and chances to meet new faces. I am proud and excited to be running for representative of the sophomore class on Student Congress.

During my high school years, I had the opportunity to be involved with the Student Council for three years, serving as Treasurer and President for two of those three years. I held leadership positions in the marching band, National Honor Society, SAJHS, and many more. At Hope, I have enjoyed participating in groups such as the Stu- dent Prayer Team, Nykerk Cap Competition, Stockman Drama Group, WTHS and Small Group Bible Study Training. I sincerely believe that I have the characteristics and abilities to understand the needs and desires of the leader. I use my contacts to make decisions. Cathy Wemette - the best you can get. I was there. I know that I served as the Congress Secretary this year. In doing so, I worked closely with the Executive Board and saw the inner workings of Congress.

I witnessed a lot of things that went on behind the scenes. Some of it liked a lot, and some of it not so much. But I know that there were some things that were not too happy with either. I would like to work on the things that we can change, and continue to improve the things Congress does well. I want to be able to work for a larger group of people. I want the most input possible to make sure that the Congress of 2002 is heard loud and clear. Cathy Wemette - the best you can get.

Cathy Wemette ('02)

I love Debbie Gibson. People who know me well will tell you that I am a huge 80s fanatic. Even if you don’t know about my secret 80s obsession, you might find that you know me better. Cathy Wemette - the best you can get.

Adam Taylor-Eisenga ('02)

When times were darkest, strong leadership must fill the breach. As of late, times are dark for Student Congress, based on its waver- ing record this past year. While many advances were made, many retreats were as well. After serving on Student Congress as a Phelps Hall representative, I am truthfully say that there is a good amount of potential for good both in the Congress and in the campus. However, potential energy needs to be harnessed, and only an experi- enced and able Junior class could accomplish this. Since Student Congress has worked in waves this year, much pressure will be placed on next year’s Congress to create a strong role for Congress and to increase positive involvement within it. The campus must be willing to support Congress; otherwise, the good it could cause will be lost. An effective Student Congress must be representative of the students’ views by organizing events that would actually accomplish their goals and improve campus life.

As a representative of the class of 2002, I will work my hardest to plan and publicize events which would not only be attended by students but actually be of interest to us, be it in our future or immediate needs. I would attempt to represent the entire class, as difficult as that may be, and will work with the other representatives to encourage an effective Congress, which is the best way to a better Hope.

Matt Holmes ('01)

I am running for junior representative on Student Congress to voice the ideas and concerns for next year’s junior class and the entire student body. I believe that if elected, I would do an excellent job representing all of the opinions of the student body through my work in the Student Congress. I feel that in order to do these as effectively as possible, there needs to be direct communication between the student body and the Student Congress members. The student body of Hope College currently has little if any direct say in matters of importance. The student body should always know what Student Congress is doing and have direct means of communicating its approval, disapproval, and suggestions. I feel that this would be beneficial to create a student body needs assessment, which would periodically be used to update Student Congress on the feelings of the students who are elected to represent. If elected, I felt this would be one of my main goals as junior representative and would ensure that Student Congress acts according to the voice of the student body it represents.

Thank you for your time and please remember to vote.

Megan Brax ('01)

Get excited! I’m quoting Thomas Jefferson…yes, this is where fun begins. Jefferson once said, “I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.” Relating to this year, I was lucky enough to sit on the ’98 ’99 Congress. I worked hard to do justice to that opportunity and I thank you for giving me that chance. Now, it is time to give me another. My name is Megan C. Brax, I am running to be one of next year’s junior class representatives.

Let me cut to the chase. The top two reasons why you should vote Brax are: (okay, so I am a little biased, but hear me out) 1) You want to vote for someone with experience. Stop and say to yourself, “She was on Congress as sophomore class representative and successfully headed the special events task force (remember Kennedy?).” I’ve been there, I’ve done it, I know how this Congress thing goes, 2) You want to vote for someone who’s out there, who’s involved. Now say to yourself, “This girl is involved in the Hall, she’s done Nykerk, sorority life and PanHef, and even more.” I’m active and I’m willing to hear and relay ideas you want to hear. That’s that. Whatever your opinion is, please vote for me on Thursday and Friday by psyching up and deciding to vote. In fact, just relax…vote Brax. I’d appreciate it. Peace out.

Brooke Petersen ('02)

Many people out there will tell you the same thing. Over and over again you hear: they are committed to the student body, they love government, they want to let you have your voice heard. Words are fine, but they don’t mean anything. Anyone can tell you they can do things, but only a few will actually do them. I love Hope, and I want to make it a better place. You need to know what is going on in your Congress, not merely rely on the fact that during elections a candidate said they loved government. I would be a member of the Student Congress and take part in whatever way possible so fully benefit our campus. So remember to vote Amy Avery for sophomore class representative. “A very” good choice.

Jessica Zimbelman ('02)

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Recycle the Anchor… after voting.
Theatre performance heads "Off the Map"

**KATE FOLKERX**

**Intermission**

Fresh and honest. Written by actor James Hamilton ('99) to describe "Off the Map," the first play to be performed for the 1998-99 season.

The play will open on Friday, April 23, and will continue with performances on Saturday, April 24, Wednesday, April 28, Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1. All performances are in the DeWitt main theatre and begin at 8 p.m.

Set in a remote region of New Mexico in the 1970s, the play by Joan Ackermann follows a woman's memory of a life-changing summer when she was an adolescent. Her father is facing depression and an IRS agent comes to investigate the family's financial records.

"She has to come to terms with the images and memories of childhood," said Diana Schirmer, who is directing the performance. "That's a journey we all have to take as we grow up." With this theme, Robins thinks that the play is appropriate at the end of the year.

"Things that have happened to us differently when we're younger than we do now," she said. "Ultimately, the play reinforces love, family, and healing. I think this is appropriate as school ends to send us back to our families." Another central theme to the play is depression.

"The father is suffering from depression," Robins said. "I think mental illness is not uncommon, but there is little understanding of mental health issues. It's a hard subject for many to accept.”

David Theune ('99) is playing the father, Charley. Talking to friends who are in the psychology department and reading sections about a book written by a man who has experienced depression have helped him understand the role.

He uses his own experiences to help him get into character.

"I think about things in my own life that aren't quite the way I wanted," he said. "That usually gets me into the depressed frame of mind.”

For Josh Rasdall ('00), it's more of a mental action. If my mental state is good, everything else usually follows.

Schirmer's character, William Gibbs, is the IRS agent who investigates the family. He feels that the character will have universal appeal in his search for identity.

"Within him is this inner struggle to find out who he really is, what he's doing here. Aren't we all trying to find out who we are," he said. "In that sense, I think people will be able to identify with William." Theune's role is a challenge because it involves little speaking. In fact, he only has one line before the last scene of the first act.

"It's acting without lines, which is cool and difficult," he said. "I'm on stage a lot, but I don't say much at all. This is the first time I've done something like this.”

The role of George, being played by Hamilton, is similar.

"It's hard to have barely any lines," he said. "I would rather have gigs of exposition, then be done with it." The ensemble is small: there are six characters. The small size gives Theune hope that the play will capture the audience.

"It's a quiet, potentially small play. It's not big or dramatic," she said. "In our lives, we are inundated with action from Hollywood to MTV. We expect big things. This play is closer, slower, it has a different rhythm. I believe this play moves us towards real action. It asks us to consider the action of everyday life.”

Tickets for the performance are $7 for adults, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for students and senior citizens.

Ensembles hit the club scene

**KATE FOLKERX**

**Intermission**

Daron Vroon ('01) enjoys jazz because it gives him the chance to explore the music and himself.

"You can really express yourself," he said. "You can say what you think is right about the venue.

"Playing in a restaurant is kind of like playing in a club," said Doug Mulder ('01)."

Vroon thinks this atmosphere is part of the essence of jazz.

"It's a great place to give a concert. People can relax, have a drink, have dinner, and hear some music," he said. "It's the club scene. That's what jazz is about.”

Mari Ticcombe ('02) is looking forward to a fun evening.

"It will be much more laid back than from one of our other concerts,” she said. "We'll be able to just have fun with it.”

The ensembles are planning a wide range of music for the show. Everything from swing in Latin funk to modern jazz will be played.

According to Rasdall, jazz itself covers a wide range of styles.

"Jazz is a broad term,” he said. "Within the same set you can play 70 years worth of music.”

There is no cover for the performance. For more information, contact the Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Backstreet Jazz Ensembles II will also be performing.

Many of the performers are excited about the venue.

"It's a quiet, potentially small play. It's a quiet, potentially small play," he said. "I really enjoy working with a small cast," said Schirmer.

The faculty and students are very excited about the performance, and have high hopes for a good turnout.

"The more people, the better," he said.

The Cast for this play is small: there are only six characters. The small size gives those involved a chance to form close bonds.

"I really enjoy working with a small cast,” said Robins. "There's a closeness, an intimacy you have to establish.”

Theune agrees.

"I think we have a chance to come together," he said. "It's a big show. The director really takes control and shapes the performance. As a small cast we get to shape it ourselves.”

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Coming Soon: Domino's Five Bones
Senior athletes leave

It’s Tuesday night. I am sitting in the Anchor office, it is a little hectic as people try to meet the Tuesday night deadline. The office is hot, which is better than cold, but in De Witt the temperature is always extremely one way or the other.

I flipped through my notebook of notes and said to myself, what are we looking for something that I could write in a column as the year closes in on us. This is what I came up with:

Yes, seniors. I am a senior, my friends are seniors, and there are a lot of senior athletes that will graduate in May, never to return to the playing field, the track, or the court as a truly competitive athlete like they are now.

Think about it because through high school and college these people have performed for the joy of competition and winning. Never have they been in non-competitive leagues after college that will have the same high level of intensity or skill.

For four years, these people have not only been Hope students but have sacrificed their free time to make time to represent Hope College in athletic competition. So what will happen to them once they leave Hope?

If all likelihood, they will get jobs or continue their education in some sort of graduate program. This is for them not only as Seniors in college but also as far as competitive athletics.

I am not saying that these people will be completely done with playing in sports, but it will never be the same for them. Playing in a men’s league somewhere.

Think about how valuable these individuals have been when you are sitting up in the stands cheering them on. They are a large part of the team leaders in experience, in knowledge, and in respect.

Hey, one of the reasons I chose this topic is because every time I interviewed a coach on any topic, I often get some response to how the seniors on the team have made a contribution. Every coach in every sport at Hope has or could point to different seniors, now or in the past, that have had a significant impact on the team’s level of play throughout the season. In fact, if you look at any roster to see who are the team captains, usually they are seniors.

These individuals have brought a lot to their respective sports on and off the field and to Hope. They have been held to a different standard then the other students at Hope by having to know more rules than the average student, and there is added pressure to perform in the classroom to maintain eligibility. All this, not to mention the fact that they are the more high profile students on campus so professors and administrators all know who they are and are apt to hold them to higher standards. It has all made for a difficult but meaningful time at Hope for these individuals. I am sure that if you were to ask these athletes if they could do it over, would they come to Hope and play sports, they would probably say that they would do it all the same as before.

Larzelere leads softball team and sets pitching records at Hope College

ANDREW KLECEK

Larzelere set a few goals. I guess I wanted to do well, I wanted to rise up to the competition at a college level,” Larzelere said.

Coming in her freshman year, Larzelere set a few goals. "I guess I wanted to do well, I wanted to rise up to the competition at a college level," Larzelere said.

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Softball team wins eight straight

APRIL 21, 1999

YOU’RE OUT: Sarah Paccione (’00) tags a Kalamazoo player out as she tries to slide to safety in Hope’s Tuesday night win.

ANDREW KLECEK

Apparently losing two to Alma didn’t do too much to damage the morale of the softball team in the end. Since dropping a double header on April 7, the team has rattled off eight straight conference games.

“Even though we lost the game, we know we match up well against the enemy,” said Gino Zanin (’99). “I think we have the talent to beat them, and I think they know it too, after that second game.”

Other players agree that the team proved something in that second game.

“I think the second game proved we can play with them,” said catcher Carrie Scott (’00). That second game was an 8-7 squeaker in which Zanin provided the spark which started the Hotcomers comeback.

“When Zanin hit her homerun in the third of the second game, we began to believe we could come back,” said head coach Karla Wolters.

Since then Hope’s been playing near perfect softball rolling over Adrian, Albion, and second-placed Olivet.

Since the Alma game, the team has worked to minimize mistakes and has been building for a post-season run.

“The difference is in the defense not making the errors,” Zanin said.

The team believes that they are playing their best now they have made these improvements.

“I think that more than anything we’re looking at each game and building to a climax. We’re just starting to peak right now,” Scott said.

That peaking is what the Flying Dutch used to defeat the Comets of Olivet. Despite having defeated Hope twice last year and having an outstanding individual performance from pitcher Jessica Davenport, Olivet was swept by Hope. Davenport also set a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association record for most strikeouts in a loss.

The win was significant for us, wins we had to have,” Wolters said in reference to the wins.

Scott agrees that the victories had large benefits.

“The day was definitely a good win, it was a good win for us to be able to beat them more mentally than anything,” Scott said.

Wolters feels that the eight-game win streak hasn’t added any new pressure on the team to perform, if anything it feels it has helped.

“Sometimes it’s easier when you’re doing well” Wolters said. Tuesday afternoon their “doing well” continued as they swept Kalamazoo, extending their winning streak to eight games. Thursday the team will take on rival Calvin, who is vying for the final tournament spot.

In MIAA action, the team meets Calvin at home on April 22.
Sports

TUESDAY APRIL 27

Dutchmen split the doubleheader Saturday, April 17, the Flying Albion over the weekend and after taking two of three from the Albion win. The win allowed Hope to

THURSDAY APRIL 29

free against Elmhurst College at home

MONDAY APRIL 19

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Thursday, April 15, 6-3. All before they went into the Mid-Lakes College Association Tournament. The win allowed the men's tennis team as they went on to win the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tourney for the first time. The baseball team squared off after they scored five runs in the first inning. In the second game, Hope saluted the series with a 13-10 slugout. Kurt Kessler ('00) was credited with the win as the third of four pitchers for the Flying Dutchmen. Hope mustered 15 hits in the contest. In the last of their games, Hope went on the offensive attack with 17 hits in a 10-7 win. The win gives Hope an 8-4 record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Michael Ricketts will be traveling to his alma mater, Augustana, where he had been an All-American Linebacker. Ricketts's responsibilities included recruiting coordinator, defensive coordinator, assistant track coach and instructor in the kinesiology department. "It'll definitely be different. I won't know what it will be like until that day," Ricketts said. Lisbon Larelerke does have at least one goal for her final season. "I guess my goal is to leave the new girls with a positive memory of their first year. I want them to remember the seniors as having a positive attitude and a good work ethic. I feel that it's my responsibility to make it good for them," Lisbon said. Even if Larelerke doesn't make an impact on the underclassmen, she's already left one on her peers.

How are your singing skills? Are you ready to make your performing debut? Do your roommates love your voice?

Asian Awareness Week is closing with a Karaoke/Dance Party in the Kletz 8:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

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at only THE WEST SHORE CENTER

Sunset Aries, 26...Buy 2 Aries get a free

Twistero, 26...Buy a bottle of Ca. Tangerine 2nd for 50¢

Wicker Aries, 26...Buy a Power Apr 1n upgrades and get 6 free

Sunset Aries, 26...Buy a bottle of CA (formerly Swedish Berry)

and get 2nd for 50¢

Fusion Aries, 20...$3 off of Midnite Memberships 1 Month VIP $45

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Summer 2002: To be announced Friday April 30 Call West Shore for details Friday 50¢ off of Midnite Membership.

Prizes

Late-nite Karaoke contest starts at 10:30 p.m.

Questions?

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