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 greasy hair 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 trespass 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. “I think it is safe to say that people know who he is and where 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 Safety 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 reason, 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 3,000 campus police officers around.

“We could be helped if faculty and students immediately contact Public Safety and their response will be immediate,” Renner said.

Candidates gear for elections

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

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

“Next year will be an important year,” said Vice-President Paul Bush ('91). “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 Wyken Library from 8 to 11 a.m., in the Maas Auditorium lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the DeWitt lobby from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and in Cook Hall from 4:30 to 6 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 Wyken Library from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and in the Maas Auditorium lobby from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

More CONGRESS on 2

Outstanding women honored

JULIE GREEN
spotlight editor

For the first time, Hope honored three women for their contributions to the campus, with an Outstanding Hope Women award.

Kristen Gray, Jane Dickie and Amanda Schneider ('99) were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Women’s Issues Organization on Tuesday, April 13.

“The awards were given to get together and remember all the battles won, and to celebrate and be happy,” said Dickie. 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 like the People’s Choice Awards,” said Jill Pierson ('00), President of WHO.

The award went to the faculty, staff and student who received the most nominations during Women’s Week, Feb. 22 to March 3.

Krysta Gray, Assistant Dean of Health and Counseling, received the staff award.

More WOMEN on 3

Students raise money in annual crop walk

MERIDITH CARE
staff reporter

Following the annual CROP Walk that was held on Saturday, April 17, Holland High School students were encouraged to chair events of the nation’s third-largest CROP Walk.

“The CROP Walk is held not only to raise money, but also to raise awareness,” said Lori Fair of Campus Ministries. “It’s a way for students to look beyond Hope College and all of their responsibilities, and to give back to God and to those less fortunate.”

The Holland community was challenged by residents of Durham, N.C., which is currently ranked fourth in the nation. If the Durham CROP Walk raises more money than Holland, then a donor tulip will be sent to Durham.

If Holland retains its third-place standing, then Durham will have to send a dogwood tree. Organizers of the Holland CROP Walk said it looks promising that the community will match, if not exceed, the $155,000 that was raised in Durham.

Helping to make this year’s CROP Walk a success were the 1,170 walkers and runners, including about 140 Hope students. Students were encouraged to participate, and faculty members were encouraged to pledge for students.

Maren Hiebber ('02), one of the students who took 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
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; David Jensen, Van Wylen Library Director; and Chairperson of the Art Department Bill Myers.

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.

"I will talk about it from the library’s standpoint," Jensen said. "It’s an important issue because we are able to select the books our patrons see but with the web the user controls what he sees."

The panel members hope that students will recognize the difficulty in classifying pornography. "This is not something that is easily defined because what is offensive to one person may not be to another," Jensen said.

The panel will also address the use of filters, discussing the various kinds available and their own personal thoughts on their use.

"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 Ivy Shon ('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 video 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 Tuesday, April 20. The event featured Tim Wise, founder for the Association for White Anti-Racist Education.

"We felt this topic would go along well with the Phelps Scholarship 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 Scholars Program next year."

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**SAC gears for Spring Fling**

**Tiffiny Ripper staff reporter**

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Each student organization was responsible for turning in their 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," Her 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 efficient 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."

Her 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," Her said. "I’m confident the process was successful.”

**“A Community Response to Pornography on the Web”**

A panel discussion on Thursday, April 22 Winants Auditorium 7 p.m.
"Don't Settle" By Michael Zuidema

When I was in high school I was picky about how I wanted my time divided. My activities were divided among basketball, tennis, high school newspaper, cliffing with my friends and Spanish class.

The times have changed. As I enter my final year (let's hope) at Hope College, I see just how much the times have changed. I have served as Editor-in-Chief of the Anchor. I have played music for hours on end at WTHS and played on multiple Intramural teams. I have pulled Milestone articles from who knows where, and I am an Assistant Director for Orientation. All this and I still want to be involved with Student Congress.

The amazing thing about Hope College is that any student can become involved in virtually any organization. A concept that many at this school don't appreciate or understand.


Too many students at this school are blind to the opportunities that pass every day. Students don't have the time to invest in student organizations. Bank.

Some schmuck from West Ottawa High School is the editor of the Hope newspaper. He's cocky, but not without faults. He's smart, but not brilliant. All it takes for one to get involved is a little gumption. Coming into Hope as a freshman I was nobody. I had zero confidence and no direction.

I was terrified of midterms and had one goal: to write for a newspaper.

So I joined the Anchor as a staff writer. One year later I was sports editor. Two years later I was Editor-in-Chief. Three years later I will enter my second term as Editor-in-Chief.

At least I'm assuming I will be Editor-in-Chief again. I haven't gotten the official word yet.

There was only one applicant—me. And that's what's wrong with students at Hope.

There are only a handful of students who seem to give a damn about the activities of the school. That's not enough to want for their books, their buds and their beer. Few care about the opportunities they waste daily.

Bookworms need to realize that the majority of learning will never come in a classroom. I learned that long ago. Social groups need to break the clique and meet new people. Drunkards need to learn that student organizations will take them a lot farther than a beer bong will.

The laziness, apathy and lack of responsibility at Hope College is rampant among students. Letting someone else do it can take one only so far. It's time those who want the advantages take advantage of the chances waiting.

Those who do participate at Hope, generally do more than one activity. They are involved with several, due to their own interest and others apathy.

Those who aren't involved with any student activity need to wake up. The opportunities that are allotted them this school are quite different to those at larger schools.

Participating in student activities is easy. Apathy and laziness take much more effort.

WOMEN from 1

"It was an absolute honor. The timing, this late in the spring, is very alarming," Gray said.

Schneider, who won in the student division, realizes the importance of this year.

"For me, it was so special to see powerful and empowering women—to see all the women that have encouraged me throughout my four years here," Schneider said. Dickie also felt that the best part of the ceremony was seeing all the women that others began taking advantage of.

"They have done devoting in the past. The final year Honors the dedication that Baker-Gras put forth. The only way to make Greek Life and student activities work is to divide this job up," VanHoose said. From the standpoint of the success of Greek Life, the advisor is a position that needs a person who can give it the time and energy, policy changes take time, and it's not fair to other groups to have someone who has to divide it up.

"For me, it was so special to see all the women that others began taking advantage of," said Kristen Gray, Dean of Health and Counseling.

Many students hope their views will 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 WHHS. "After all, this position is meant to be for the students and administrative concerns should be low on the priority list.

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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," he said. 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 I hope they understand that we're coming from a small school with a lot of tradition." Some feel this job is too large for one person, and the job should split between two or three co-advisors to divide the job.
Opinion

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 College.

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 candidate, and complete a sheet detailing how they view the applicants.

But once each student hands these in, the process is out 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.

A core of students 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 student saying that students are rarely privileged with.

The new director has no clue of what they will get in to. The job that Anne Baker-Grads did was never a nine-to-five job. Conflicts, problems and questions will arise at any moment. The demands that will be placed on the new director are going to be plentiful. A revolving door might as well be placed on their office.

The Director of Student Activities will be an invaluable resource for students. Students will be the central focus of the day-to-day job and that is why students need the final say of whom this individual will be. If they aren’t then the college is ignoring the very individuals it serves.

Senior responds to letter on homosexuality

To the Editor:

I am filled with deep sadness as I read again the words of Mark LaChance’s letter. I truly hope that the frustration he has felt and the unhappiness he believes have been said about the chaplains have not come from myself or the students who have worked so hard to encourage dialogue about homophobia and Christianity on Hope’s campus.

I respect Mark’s honesty and hope that he will be willing to offer his own thoughts and feelings of the points he made in his letter. First, my intentions have been to bring the voice of a persecuted people out of the closet and into the open where meaningful dialogue could take place. We are struggling to create greater understanding and respect for this community between people with different beliefs, and that can only be accomplished together. 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 hiring 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 person, to the unique wisdom and beauty that each of us has to offer the world. Within every one of us there is a unique perspective of God, that we have the amazing opportunity to explore within ourselves and one another.

If nothing else, I hope that together we can encourage members of this community to value the people around them. Every person is a blessing in our lives and an integral and essential part of God’s creation. If only we can keep this truth in mind as we make decisions in the work place, here at our school and in our daily lives, we could create a society in which every individual has voice and infinite value.

In response to Mark’s definition of hope as loving but “intolerant of sin,” I would simply ask for clarification. I believe that God weeps for our sin. But as I love, I also have compassion for sinners. She offers guidance and feels the painful separation when we turn away. The vast difference between tasting my own understanding of God’s judgment and Mark’s rests in the knowledge edge that we create our own purgatory. Our sins separate us from God and from each other. What greater “punishment” could be wielded than the chasms we create between ourselves and the destroying hate and fulfillment of God?

Amanda Schneider ('99)
Last Chance!
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Student Congress Elections:
Thursday, April 22
Friday, April 23
Student Congress Elections 1999

Presidential Candidates

Louis Canfield ('01)

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

To that end, Matt Soskin 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 provide 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 Bultman to make our college a better place. Matt Soskin 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 does indeed count to run 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 changed. 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 parents and diversity.

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 attempt to keep you informed of all 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. I believe that I not only can, but will make Hope College's Student Congress a better place. I have been a member of Congress for two years and can not only attest to the high quality of work we have been doing, but also the changes that have been taking place.

I believe that the Student Congress needs to be more accessible to the students, particularly the students of Congress. I plan on making 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.

Joel Ward ('01)

I am running for President of Student Congress. It is a position that I feel strongly about. As president and vice president, we would bring a renewed enthusiasm and understanding to Student Congress. To this effect, I 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.

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 were revised, 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 as an example of this. While addressing the fact that few students were asked how they felt about this issue before Student Congress voted on it, I related the fact that few students were asked how they felt about the whole "ask traditionally" issue. 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?"
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 benefit student life at Hope College. It is very clear that many 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 Conifeld 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 want to attend 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 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 an hard 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 touch 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.

Muhammad Hameed ('01)

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 true due to the ineffective Student Congress who have been ignorant of your feelings and ideas, 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 with no one there to help us find our way. This adversely causes ugly controversies on our campus that are highly unnecessary. How many times have we received statewide 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.

Places to Vote

Thursday
8:00-11:00  Library
11:00-2:00  Phelps (Maas side)
2:00-4:30  DeWitt Lobby
4:30-6:00  Cook

Friday
8:00-11:00  Chapel
11:00-2:00  Phelps (Gilmore side)
2:00-4:30  Library
4:30-6:00  Phelps (Maas side)
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 make Congress function successfully. I have developed the skills and contacts that are necessary to be able to perform the job of Junior Class Representative the way it deserves to be done. Through this, I have found that I am more capable of doing this job very well. I have enjoyed the prospects that next year brings to our campus. From the construction of a new science building to the beginning of the Phelps Scholarship 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 of 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 Kolon Hall Representatives and I have really enjoyed my position on Congress this past year. I have been 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 what Student Congress does for them and how they can 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 years. I have leadership positions in the marching band, National Honor Society, SAJED, and many more. At Hope, I have enjoyed participating in groups such as the Student Player Team, Nykerk Cap Competition, Snap Shot Drama Group, and Small Group Bible Study Training. I sincerely believe that I have the characteristics and abilities to understand the qualities of a leader. My intention is to use those vital qualities to fully represent and uphold the sophomore class on Student Congress.

Student Congress is an essential organization on this campus and it is crucial that individuals voted to lead this group are ones worthy of the student body’s respect and trust. If elected, I vow to remain faithful to the Student Congress and take part in whatever way possible to fully benefit our campus. So, I hereby nominate to vote Amy Avery for sophomore class representative. “A very good choice.”

Adam Taylor-Eisenga ('02)

When times are darkest, strong leadership must fill the breach. As of late, times are dark for Student Congress, based on its waning record this past year. While many advances were made, many setbacks were just as well. After serving on Student Congress as a Phelps Hall Representative, I can 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 experienced candidate can do this. Since Student Congress has proven that it cares more about politics than people, it is up to student representatives to be the voice of the students. I will. I am a member of the Student Congress. I will freely serve as 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 what Student Congress does for them and how they can 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.

Matt Holmes ('01)

I am running for junior representative on Student Congress to vote 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 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 or 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 it 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 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, 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 pass the agin... 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 Panhel, and even more!” I’m active and I’m willing to hear and relay ideas you want to hear. That’s it.

Whatever your opinion is, please voice it on Thursday and Friday by psyching up and deciding to vote. In fact, just relax...vote Brax. I’d appreciate it. Peace out.

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 than you think. Maybe you know me as the Gilmore Hall Congress Representative for this year. Maybe you saw me moderating the forum on Hope Student and Holland Police Relations that my task force put together on the fall. Or maybe you know that I served as the Congress Secretary this year. In doing so, I worked closely with the Executive Board and saw the internest workings of Congress.

I witnessed a lot of things that went on behind the scenes. Some of it I liked a lot, and some of it I didn’t care for at all. But most of it I wasn’t too excited about. And I know that there were some things that you weren’t 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 Class of 2002 is heard loud and clear. Cathy Wemette - the best you can get.

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 do not 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 but wanted your voice heard. I will work to heighten communication between the student body and the Congress. I will support your best interests. If you want an average candidate vote for someone else. If you want the best vote Brooke Petersen Sophomore Class Representative.

Jessica Zimbelman ('02)

I believe the most primitive fly swatters were nothing more than some sort of flat striking surface attached to a long stick. I’m sure there are some who would say I’m a little too primitive. I want to hear your concerns. I have all the energy and dedication it takes to make the changes you want. Plain and simple, vote for me...Jessie Z.

Recycle the Anchor...after voting.
**Theatre performance heads “Off the Map”**

**KATE FOLKERTX**

Fresh and honest.

Which used by actor James Hamilton ('99) to describe “Off the Map,” the final 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 Dana Whitmer, who is directing the performance. “That’s a journey we all have to take as we grow up.”

With this theme, Whitmer 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 as an adult. We have to reach a level of forgiveness and understanding that life and parents and adults make mistakes,” 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,” Whitmer 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), getting into character involves both his mind and body. “I get into character mostly through physical and mental stretching, loosening up my arms and legs, clearing my mind,” he said.

“The more people are exposed to stuff like playing in a club,” said Doug Mulder (‘01). “The more people, the better.”

“Essentially, it’s the club scene,” said Whitmer. “That’s a quiet, potentially small play. It’s not big or dramatic,” she said. “In the first scene 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 gobs of exposition, then I wouldn’t need to convey everything through minimalist body language.”

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

“Really enjoy working with a small cast,” said White. “There is a closeness, an intimacy you have to establish.”

Theune agrees.

“I love it. It gives us a chance to come together,” he said. “In a big show the director really takes control and shapes the performance. As a small cast we get to shape it ourselves.”

Theune hopes that the play will capture the audience.

“It’s a quiet, potentially small play. It’s not big or dramatic,” she said. “I think we have luxuries that we often take advantage of,” Fair 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 toward 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.

**Family Bonding Time:** Teresa Carey (‘01) and Holly Peterson (‘99) spend a moment as mother and daughter in the upcoming play, “Off the Map.” The play focuses on a woman dealing with her childhood.

**Ensembles hit the club scene**

**KATE FOLKERTX**

Daron Vroon (‘01) enjoys jazz because it gives him the chance to explore the music and himself. “You can really express yourself playing,” he said. “You can play your own ideas.”

For Josh Radall (‘00), it’s more about the easier feel of the music and performance. “I’m also in orchestra and symphony, and those are a lot more serious,” he said. “Jazz is really relaxed, laid back.”

Vroon and Radall will perform as part of the Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Backstreet Jazz Ensemble II will also be performing.

Many of the performers are excited 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.”

Mark Tocic (‘03) is looking forward to a fun evening. “It will be much more laid back than from some of our other concerts,” he 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 to Latin, funk to modern jazz will be performed.

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

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

There is no cover for the performance and no age restrictions. Director Brian Coyle is hoping for a good turnout.

“The more people, the better,” he said.

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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 DeWitt the temperature is always extreme one way or the other.

I flipped through my notebook of notes this morning, and was 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 is a lot of senior athletes that will graduate this May, never to return to the high school and college these seniors will have the same high level of intensity or skill. For four years, these people have not only been Hope seniors but have sacrificed their free time to make time to represent Hope College in the athletic competition. So what will happen to them once they leave Hope?

For the most part, 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 competitive athletes.

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

I 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 as 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 got 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 teams level of play throughout a season. In fact, if you look at the 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 there at Hope. They have been held in a different standard then the other students at Hope by having to follow more rules then 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 student 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, they would come to school and not 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

Bases loaded, two outs, and it's a tie game. That's the scenario that Hope pitcher Lisa Larzelere ('99) likes to be in.

"I love it, that's the reason that I play. The bases loaded, two outs, and I'm going to pull it out," Larzelere said. "I thrive on pressure, on those situations bring out the competitive.

Larzelere, who has been playing since she was eight, knows pressure. Head Coach Karla Wolters recalls one game in particular in which Larzelere performed particularly well.

"I think the one that stands out in my mind was last year in the finals in the Ohio Northern Tournament. She had played three prior games in that tournament. I told her to go out and play as many innings as she could, and we'd bring someone in if we had to. She ended up winning 1-0 in a two-hit shutout," Wolters said.

Winning is what Larzelere has been doing for four years at Hope. Larzelere now owns the school record with 55. The previous record was 42, which Larzelere broke late in her junior year.

One of the keys to Larzelere's success has been her stoicism and calmness, regardless of the situation.

"To be good, I have to be emotionless. I can't let little things bother me, because these little things can turn into big things," Larzelere said. Coming into Hope, Larzelere was a bit of an unknown to Wolters.

"It was hard to tell (how good Larzelere was). I was a saboteur when she came to visit, and she's back from Omaha, Neb. so I never saw her play except on videotape. When I saw her first nasty changeup, I knew she had potential," Wolters 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.

Rise up she did, developing a style that her coach and teammates refer to as calm and crafty.

"Very crafty, very even keel, she doesn't get rattled," Wolters said. "I'd say she's more crafty than more Larzelere on 12

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

Softball team wins eight straight

ANDREW KLECEK

Appropriately 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 wins.

"Even though we lost the game, we know we match up well against them," said Gina 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 ('01).

That second game was an 8-7 squeaker in which Zanin provided the spark which started the Hope 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 Coles of Olivet. Despite having defeated Hope twice last year and having an outstanding individual performance from pitcher Jessica Davenport when she came to visit, Olivet was swept by Hope. Davenport also set a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association record for most strikeouts in the loss.

"That was sweet, especially at their place. The fact that they were 10-0 in the conference makes them significant wins for us, wins we had to have," Wolters said in reference to the wins.

Scott agrees that the victories had large benefits.

"That 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 helps to build. "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 briefs

Struggles continue for baseball team

The baseball team squared off against Elmhurst College at home Tuesday in an attempt to break the .500 barrier.

Dean Estes ’99 led the hitting attack with four hits, while Ben Fellows ’05 and Sean Balseman ’01 had each had four hits.

The team is now 12-13 overall after taking two of three from Albion over the weekend and Monday. In the first game played Saturday, April 17, the Flying Dutchmen split the doubleheader with Albion.

Albion won the first game 8-3 after the teams scored five runs in the first inning.

In the second game, Hope salvaged 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.

Men’s tennis wins again

It has been a good spring, but the men’s tennis team is warming up on the tennis courts.

On Saturday, April 17, the Flying Dutchmen won their third straight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) match as they defeated Defiance. The match ended quickly when the Flying Dutchmen won five straight singles matches in a 9-0 sweep.

Defiance was unable to win a single set as Hope dominated action.

The win follows two other MIAA wins. During the stretch, Hope beat Calvin College 7-2 Tuesday, April 13, and Albion Thursday, April 15, 6-3.

Some of the players contributing to the good stretch are number one singles player Paul Litte (’00), who is 2-1 in his last three matches; Raj Malviya (’02) who has also come on as of late, winning his last three matches, and Kevin Ginjaus (’01) also 2-1 in his last three matches.

Since losing 9-0 to Kalamazoo in the first round of the Great Lakes College Association Tournament, Hope has rattled off six consecutive victories.

The Flying Dutchmen’s record stands at 4-1 in the MIAA and 13-3 overall. The team is in second place in the MIAA behind Kalamazoo, in a tie with Albion.

The next action the Flying Dutchmen see will be Friday, April 23 when they travel to Wheaton, Ill.

Women’s tennis tops Albion

Thursday was payback time for the women’s tennis team as they got a chance to redeem a previous loss to Albion at the Great Lakes College Association Tournament April 9 and 10.

On Saturday, April 14, Hope traveled to Albion to play in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association competition. Both teams traveled to Albion to play in that match unbeaten in the MIAA.

The Flying Dutch were able to average a previous loss with a 7-2 win. The win allowed Hope to become the sole leader in the MIAA standings.

With that win, Hope’s MIAA record stands at 5 and 11-2 overall before they went into the Mid-west Regional Invitational Tournament, which was held April 16 and 17.

Hope dropped their first round match to Gustavus-Adolphus, 7-2. Gustavus-Adolphus was able to capture five of the six singles matches.

In the next round, Hope defeated Wisconsin Eau Claire, 5-4.

In the following match, the Flying Dutch made quick of Carlow, 8-1.

Hope lost its final match 6-3. In another match, Hope was able to claim five of the six singles matches.

Now Hope has an overall record of 3-5. They will next play Thursday, hosting Carlow at 3 p.m.