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STUDENTS PROTEST

On Wednesday, April 18, approximately 100 Hope College students protested discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. This was not an ordinary protest; students did not use megaphones or chants to call for action. Instead, participants in the annual Day of Silence remained silent from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in order to show their support for LGBT students who are silenced by society everyday. Celebrating its 11th year, this national event began at the University of Virginia. According to the event’s official website (www.dayofsilence.org), more than 150 students originally participated in what has become the largest student-led protest in the United States. By 2004, more than 450,000 students at nearly 4,000 K-12 schools, colleges and universities organized events.

Lauren Peters ’07, co-president of the Hope’s Sexualiiy Roundtable; A Forum for Gay and Straight Students with Christine Telesco ’07 and Rachael Sauerman ’07, said she first learned about the Day of Silence in her high school, where students showed support for the event by painting their faces white and dressing in black. Now a senior at Hope, Peters said, “As a freshman here, it was not as easy to be who I wanted to be. Senior year, I decided to step up. I want to give students a chance to step up and be comfortable with who they are.”

In a 2003 survey conducted by the gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, 84 percent of LGBT students in high schools throughout America were verbally harassed, while 46 percent reported being physically harassed due to their sexual orientation. Approximately 64 percent of LGBT students felt unsafe at school. Networks such as GLSEN and the United States Student Association help support the Day of Silence with the intent of creating safer environments for LGBT students.

At Hope, the Day of Silence was complemented by a Day of Dialogue on Thursday, April 19. The Day of Dialogue began with a presentation on “The Politics of Homosexuality” by the Triangle Foundation, a Michigan-based group which lobbies for equal rights for the LGBT community. The day also included an event entitled “My Story.” From the stage in the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium, Hope students read their own or others’ stories about experiences with homosexuality in their own lives, and the lives of friends and family members. These stories were poignant—funny and sad, full of pain and healing. Peters was excited about the event.

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SPRING FLING 2007

On Friday, April 27, the annual Spring Fling will bring an end to classes for the 2007 semester. All students are welcome to attend the events from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Pine Grove. Throughout the afternoon, students can take part in bouncy boxing, an obstacle course, bouzi bikes and the Velcro Wall. The Push, a shopping-cart race through the central campus, will be held at 3:30 p.m. All students are invited to a picnic dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. While enjoying a performance by Oregon Dreamchild, in the event of rain, activities will be moved to the Dow Center.

Critical Issues Schedule Announced

The Critical Issues Symposium Committee announced that the focus of the 2007 CIS is “Immigration: Shaping and Reshaping America.” Luan Alberto Urrea, author of “The Devil’s Highway,” is the opening keynote speaker on Oct. 2. CIS continues on Oct. 3, addressing different aspects of illegal immigration. The final session will allow audience members to discuss the current state and future of immigration in the United States with current government officials. Rep. Peter Hckstra (R-Mich.) has agreed to attend this final session. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) has been invited. For more information on the CIS schedule visit www.hope.edu/cis.

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Retiring Professors: Hope Says ‘Goodbye’

Gordie Fall
Steve Winters

Although it is an educational institution first and foremost, Hope College is also a community. This year two longtime members of the Hope community are moving on into well-deserved retirements. With many decades of service between them, James Zoetewey and James Heisler will be retiring after this year.

For 41 years, Zoetewey has served in virtually every context possible in Hope’s political science department. He has taught classes in his field of American government, in international and comparative governmental courses. In addition, Zoetewey served as department chair for 17 years. He led Hope’s Washington Seminars six times and led the political science department in the T e r m M a y T e r m from Washington, D.C. eight times. He has authored many texts, both individually and with his Hope colleagues.

As he moves on, Zoetewey says that he is planning on spending time with his family, including his three children who are all Hope graduates. Zoetewey’s retirement will coincide with his wife Karen’s retirement from teaching, allowing both of them to spend time doing what they love. “I have had 41 really fine years at Hope,” Zoetewey said. “The people have been the most important part. I have taught great students, and I have worked with great colleagues.” He added that he is going to enjoy “not having to stick by a schedule.”

“I will let God lead, and I’ll follow,” Zoetewey said.

In 1969 at Hope, Heisler has established himself as more than just a microeconomics professor. He has become a beloved professor in his classes, winning multiple awards from students of Hope such as the Hope Outstanding Professor Award in 1998, and the inaugural Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching 11 years later, and his influence extends far beyond his department.

Dr. James Zoetewey
Dr. James Heisler
President Bush discussed the current situation in Iraq as well as the next steps during his visit to Grand Rapids on April 20.

Bush's demand to the Iraqi government that they must make progress towards a successful democracy or their nation could lose the support of the American military.

“Silence to learn more at least,” Dustin Compagner, a high school dual-enrolled student who participated in the Day of Silence, said, “I decided I liked the idea behind it and I wanted to take part. It was hard to go through a day of not being able to communicate. To have to keep part of your personality under wraps for a day is difficult.”

Homosexuality remains a sensitive topic at Hope, where the official position on the issue is linked to that of the Reformed Church of America. The RCA is currently in the midst of a three-year Dialogue on Homosexuality, revisiting denominational positions and pastoral-care policies. The current RCA stance, according to the church’s website, is that “the practicing homosexual lifestyle is contrary to scripture,” but that the church has a responsibility to extend love and support to all of God’s children. Hope student Jon Ytterock (’10) reflects this view: “Though I do not agree with homosexuality, I do not have a problem with what they are doing for the Day of Silence. I do not view it (homosexuality) differently than struggling with porn, lying or cheating,” Ytterock said. One of the goals of the Sexuality Roundtable is to promote a safe atmosphere for dialogue on homosexuality and related issues on Hope’s campus.

“It’s a taboo subject,” Peters said. “Hope has a (long way) to go for gay and lesbian students on campus, and we try to provide an opportunity for people from both sides to come together and actually talk about these issues.”

‘Goodbye’

Living the liberal arts philosophy used at Hope, which he adopted during his studies at Drew University, Heisler has helped to grow Hope’s international education programs by leading Hope’s London May Term for his entire tenure at Hope and teaching in the Vienna Summer School program. Heisler has also spent time abroad with the Meiji Gakuen Exchange Professor program in Japan and spent a sabbatical at Cambridge University in England.

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“You can’t really know your own society, your own culture, your own environment, until you see it through the eyes of the people of another country,” Heisler said. Heisler’s commitment to international education has allowed many Hope students who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to gain the perspective of foreign lands.

In his coming years, Heisler will be traveling with his wife Jacqueline, who recently retired from Hope’s Academic Support Center. The Heislers are planning on visiting their children, two Hope graduates who are on the West Coast.

Heisler said that he “can’t imagine his life not having this as a major, major accomplishment.” Likewise, many at Hope cannot imagine the college without these two teachers, doctors and gentlemen.

The Hope community wishes both Dr. James Zoetewey and Dr. James Heisler a long and happy retirement.
SHARING STORIES, SHARING LIVES

Anne Schmidt
Stage Manager

On Tuesday, April 24 at 8 p.m., in the DeVos Theatre, four theater students performed “Tales from College Ruled Margins” to a standing-room only crowd.

The piece was a collection of memoirs written over the past semester by Professor Elizabeth Trembley’s English 358 Intermediate Creative Writing class.

This is the first event of its kind performed at Hope College, and the idea came from Michelle Bombe of the Theater department. She was inspired by a documentary about Eve Ensler’s work with women in prison.

Ensler, who also wrote “The Vagina Monologues,” put together a program where famous Hollywood actors would read memoirs written by female convicts. Bombe said she came up with the idea to perform their pieces well.

“I just get out of the way,” Bombe said. The actors felt a keen responsibility to the writers to perform their pieces well.

“Trembley said. “I just wanted to be part of this student’s bravery.”

Neither professor could say for sure if or when another program similar to this one would be planned. However, they were very pleased with the turnout. The theater chairs filled quickly, and many audience members sat in the aisles or stood in the doorways to watch.

“I was blown away by the number of people in the theater,” Bombe said.

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HOPE TECHIE LIGHTS PRESIDENT

Under the direction of Erik Alberg, who is the technical director for the performing arts and general manager of the Knickerbocker Theatre, Patrick Feder (’98) worked as the lighting technician for the alumni night in Grand Rapids High School, where President Bush addressed the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan on April 20.

“It was a great experience to be able to work under that kind of pressure and to see all that goes into bringing the president of the United States into town,” he said.

MUSIC PROF PERFORMS IN NEW YORK

Prof. Andrew Le was invited to perform in New York as a part of the Bosendorfer Artists Series on Tuesday, April 24. Bosendorfer was the official sponsor for the Hilton Head International Competition, which Le won in 2004.

He is known for his personal and engaging performances as well as his dynamic masterclass teaching.

READER’S THEATER — Kelly Sina (’08) performs the work of a creative writing student.

DANCEPROJECT TO PRESENT CONCERT
dANCEpRoJECT will present Men Dance Michigan, a new forum for male choreographers who live, work and create in the state of Michigan, on Thursday and Friday, May 3-4 at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Formerly known as Aerial Dance Theater, dANCEpRoJECT will showcase works by emerging choreographer Matthew Farmer (’98) and established choreographers Steven Immacone and Ray Tadie of the Hope College dance faculty.

A percentage of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated dANCEpRoJECT to “Invisible Children” to support the organization’s work to stop the abduction and enslavement of children in Northern Uganda.

Tickets are $7 for regular admission, $5 for senior citizens and students and free to children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at DeVos Ticket Office. Tickets also will be sold at the door.
BEYOND THE BUBBLE: HOPE IN CAMEROON

Success is achieved in many ways, but for Amanda Barton of the Hope College nursing faculty, saving young lives ranks right at the top.

An ongoing service and research project run cooperatively by the nursing and engineering departments began in March 2006 with the goal of improving water quality in the village of Nkuv, Cameroon, and educating the local population about related health issues.

The nursing department’s initial survey of the population found that 100 percent of the children had some form of water-related disease, often manifested through diarrhea or even bloody diarrhea. The problem was so acute that experience had shown that four to six children under the age of 5 could be expected to die from diarrhea or even bloody diarrhea by more than 50 percent within six months, “We were able to cut the rate of diarrhea and bloody diarrhea by more than 50 percent within six months,” said Barton, who is coordinating the interdepartmental effort with Dr. Jeff Brown of the college’s engineering faculty. “Probably most significant is that we had no deaths - mortality was cut to zero percent.”

The project began as a service project for Hope’s new student chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA, which was established during the 2005-06 school year. Following the initial visit, the team returned in May and December of 2006 and will revisit for three weeks next month.

The engineers are framing filters that use sand to remove particles and bacteria from the river water used by the village. The nursing team will also be training the villagers so that they can help educate others in the area and, in the end, making a lasting difference for not only Nkuv but the broader region.

Providing clean water for the village has thus far focused on creating free-standing, concrete-framed filters that use sand to remove particles and bacteria from the river water used by the village. The Hope team has worked with the villagers to create several filters, and will now be providing training so that the native people can make more on their own. “We cost about $12 to build and they last 20 to 30 years with no further money put into them, and we know that they save lives when combined with health education,” Barton said.

The engineers are also looking into creating a way of getting fresh water to the village. Currently, Barton said, for some villagers, water is an hour’s hike away, with villagers able to use only as much as they can carry. “We know that the easier access that they have to water, the more they’ll use water - and the better their health will be,” she said. Barton anticipates another important benefit. Water-gatherers, the she said, is assigned to the village’s girls, who have to spend their time walking to and from the river rather than attending school. She is hoping that a different system will allow them to get an education.

Even as the engineers continue to help improve the village’s water supply, Barton noted that nursing will be continuing to work on issues of education. One important topic for the near future: dealing with human waste.

“They currently have no improved latrines,” Barton said. “They’re all open-pit latrines, and those are the worst - they’re horrible in terms of health.”

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Mark Humberstone ('08)

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From brainstorming to reporting, from photography to layout, putting together The Anchor each week is anything but dull. Anchor staffers enjoy late night pizza, riveting conversations and nosiness of all varieties. Thank you, Anch staff, for another great year!
To the Editor:

My dad is going to prison the week after I graduate college, and he is going to go home all summer. He will not be around to take me out for ice cream on those hot summer evenings in Chicago. He will not be able to order his standard black cherry and chocolate ice cream. I will have to make an attempt to try all the 31 Flavors these coming summer nights, and tell him which ones were good when I go to visit him at the minimum security prison just north of Madison.

My dad is the director of a non-profit community-organizing group. He and his staff work with communities that are trying to change their neighborhoods. They train people, like your friendly neighbor (or that nosy neighbor), to work together to achieve what they want for a safer neighborhood. They train people in Chicago, New York City, Wichita and Iowa City to become community leaders.

Three years ago the organization received grant money from the government to conduct a conference in Washington D.C. on crime. They flew in leaders from all over the country and held a three-day conference where the leaders discussed what their specific communities needed to do to stop crime, and they collaborated on how to work together after the conference. The conference adjourned and the organization encouraged the leaders to go to the Capitol and lobby their representatives. The members from the conference went to talk to their legislative representatives to encourage them to put a stop to crime in their district.

According to certain laws regarding lobbying, what my dad’s organization did is illegal. But, many other groups do the same exact thing, even the conservative right-wing organizations, like James Dobson’s Focus on the Family.

My dad’s organization has been under federal investigation for the past two and a half years. Last November, their case went to trial and the judge was the son of a late Chicago mayor (Chicago’s politicians are known to be corrupt). The case was to be determined about sentencing terms in February. The judge postponed the sentencing until the first week of March, and he sentenced my father to five months in jail, five months house arrest and a $5,000 personal fine.

My dad has taught me how to seek justice, demand truth and speak up for what I believe. He has taught me that there is power in numbers and that I have a voice. The activism that I have helped organize while at Hope College is because my dad has inspired me to question everything, wherever I am.

But, the one thing that I wonder the most is if he will get to have black cherry and chocolate ice cream this summer.

— Larissa Mariano ('07)
Response to letter concerning the Gathering

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Ms. Galbreath’s letter criticizing Trygve Johnson’s sermon on the topic of sex. Ms. Galbreath stated that she expected a “typical” message and that the sermon confined discussion of sex to “control their sexual behavior” to “marriage” to “marriage is the ultimate goal for everyone only if sex defines who a person is, neither does sex define marriage.”

Ms. Galbreath disagreed with Johnson’s thoughts and assertions for Hope College.” I write to affirm Rev. Johnson’s thoughts and assertions. To the Editor:

To the Editor:

The Anchor bids farewell to veterans on staff

Danielle Revers

I have to admit I will miss Hope. It’s a quirky place, that’s for sure. There are so many things about Holland that I might have complained about while here, but will miss them because there’s no other place like it. I will miss the overt politicization of a Christian campus and all its irony. And if Hope is anything, it is ironic. Despite the many frustrations, I have come to truly love Hope because, if nothing else, it makes me laugh everyday. Embrace the humor in all its forms, learn to laugh at yourself, in the end it is the practice of chastity is that many of us do not marry at all. Ms. Galbreath disagreed with Johnson’s point that “sexuality was never meant to define us,” arguing that “this is exactly what sexuality allows us to do.” While I agree that sex is a gift, and as such is a very good thing (and it seemed quite clear that Johnson would agree on this point as well), it seems to me that just as marriage does not define who a person is, neither does sex define marriage. Johnson did state that premarital sex is wrong and expressed an ideal of moral rightness for sexuality, but not without an explanation based upon the Christian faith. Why are we surprised when we are convicted of the difficulty in discussing sexual issues. Yet, I do not think that this is right?

Ethics in general should set a high bar. Sexual ethics is a discipline and should set a particularly high bar. Trygve’s sermon was not judgenominal, it was unjust. A judgmental sermon would have unapologetically and unwillingly proclaiming fornicators and homosexuals as hell-bound sinners. Trygve rather taught us to respect every life, informed and thus judiciously proclaiming for “giving into their temptations and lacking sexual discipline; is going to make people defensive, and therefore you have to go for it. And those who fail are to be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, prior to Wednesday distribution. The Anchor office (located in the Martha Miller Center) or e-mail us at anchor@hope.edu.

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MAKING HISTORY
Men’s track and field team upsets Calvin

Nick Hinkle
Copy Editor

During the fall season, the men’s team qualified for the NCAA tournament by winning the MIAA title. Eight fall tournaments, the Hope squad won six and set an average team scoring record with 293.9 strokes in conference play. Before the NCAA Championship, held on May 15-18 in Carmel, Ind., the team prepares by playing in spring tournaments. Hope placed third in the Bill Getty Invitational on April 13-14, second in the Defiance, Ohio tournament on April 17, and on April 24 the Flying Dutchmen placed third in the Furniture City Tournament. On the other side, the women’s team finished fourth in this week’s MIAA qualifying tournament, which will not qualify the team for the NCAA tournament. The team looks toward next year, with four of six team members returning.

LACROSSE — Steven Schuling (’08) runs up the field in a game against Albion College. The men’s lacrosse team stands at 3-6 with a game against Calvin College on April 26. The season will end following the MIAA tournament this weekend.

HOMESTRETCH

Nora Kuiper

The softball team strengthened their grip on second place in the MIAA with two victories over Calvin on April 23. The Dutch had a 9-1 record in the MIAA and a 21-8 overall record. They will face conference-leading Alma on April 25.

Saturday April 28 1 p.m. (DH) Boys Athletic Complex

GOLFERS’ FINAL STROKES

Gordie Fall
Sports Writer

As the school year comes to a close, many Hope College students are looking forward to getting out on the golf course. While some students are still waiting to get out, the Hope men’s golf team is preparing for the NCAA Division III Championships, while the women’s team prepares for next season.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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MEN’S TENNIS

The men’s tennis team lost to Albion and Kalamazoo over the past week. They hold a 3-3 MIAA record heading into the conference tournament on April 27-28.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

The women’s tennis team had a win and a loss in the final week of conference play. The team holds a 6-2 MIAA record with the MIAA tournament on April 27-28.

BASEBALL

The men’s baseball team continues to improve as the season nears its conclusion. The team currently holds a 19-11 overall record. Hope and Albion top the MIAA standings with 15-5 conference records. The Dutchmen will finish the season with games against Olivet and Calvin.

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VICTORIOUS — The Hope College track and field team circles up in celebration of the men’s 99-92 victory over Calvin College. The Dutchmen last defeated Calvin in 1985.

“We decided the goal to beat them was kind of arbitrary,” Omanson said. “We at least want to have a strong second place showing and give Calvin a scare.”

Individually, Omanson struggles to meet her season goal of qualifying for nationals in the 800-meter run due to an early season stress fracture.

“Our season has not quite gone as planned,” Omanson said. “I had to spend four to five weeks just cross training.”

The Dutch will resume MIAA competition on Thursday and Friday, May 3-4 at Calvin for the MIAA Championships.