Graduation May 4 for 667 seniors

(HOPE) - Baccalaureate and commencement at Hope College are scheduled for Sunday, May 4.

Some 667 graduating seniors will be participating in this year's graduation exercises, the college's 143rd.

Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. at Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. Steven Hoogerwerf, associate professor of religion. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Dennis Voskuil, who is president of Western Theological Seminary, and Betty Voskuil, a long-time Reformed Church in America staff member and volunteer leader locally and internationally.

In addition, the Voskuils will each receive the Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree during the 9:30 a.m. baccalaureate service.

Hoogerwerf has taught at Hope since 1992. During the college's commencement exercises last May, he received the 43rd annual "Hope Outstanding Professor Educator" (H.O.P.E.) Award from the graduating Class of 2007. He was also the 2006 recipient of the college's Jan ten Derssen Excellence in Teaching Award.

Hoogerwerf's scholarship focuses on ethics, medical ethics, and religion and society. During the current school year he has been teaching the college's Senior Seminar on "Vocation and Health Care" and "What Really Matters?" as well as the courses "Religion and Atrocity," and "Introduction to Theology: Christian Love."

In the event of rain, commencement will be held at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. Admission to baccalaureate and to commencement if outdoors, is by ticket only.

Kevin Scobly

Greek is good?

For some, Greek life at Hope College calls up negative stereotypes of drinking or hazing, while others say service projects and spiritual retreats are more accurate representations.

According to Mary Davis (09, Delphi), however, hers' helpful, very active in Greek Life. "Half of the stereotypes aren't stereotypes at all - they're accuracies."

Paul Carollo (08, Emersonian), the Interfraternity Council president, agreed. "I'm not going to say that (Greek life) is all positive by any means, Carollo said. "A lot of people join frats and sororities to party, but that's their prerogative."

Despite the partying stigma, "There are people who can go through Greek life without drinking at all - and I was one of them," said President James Bultman (09, Fraternal).

Karla Helvie (08, Kappa Delta Chi), the Pan-Hellenic Council president, said, "In my organization at least, we have girls who don't drink - and they're as much a part of the sorority as anyone else. Because you can be such an active member without alcohol, I see it as a method that partying is not a vital part of Greek life."

No exploration of Greek life is complete without examining pledge activities, but few people are willing to identify current violations of over a dozen regulations publicly viewable on Hope's website.

"Pledging has been an ongoing discussion. It has changed pretty drastically."

-Karla Helvie (08), Pan-Hellenic Council president

The children's father, Ken DeKleine, a Holland police officer, said, "It was hearts and murder of the children's mother, Lori DeKleine. Day's initial response was to come up with an event that would show the community's support of the children."

The children's father, Ken DeKleine, a Holland police officer, was charged with the murder of her wife, which essentially leaves his two children without parents.

Day said that hosting an event to bring Hope College and the rest of the Holland community together in support of the children will help them cope with their loss.

"This cause is great because it will bring the campus and the community together as a family," Day said.

"I really tried to stress attendance for this event because we really want the kids to feel the love."

The children's mother, Lori DeKleine, is president of the Holland POLICE Department in a basketball game that will benefit the children of Lori and Ken DeKleine.

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Looking into Hope’s diversity

**Scott Hall**

Most participants of the PSP live in Scott Hall, but not all. Not all people that live in Scott Hall are a part of the PSP.

"Not all students of color live in Scott Hall," said Richard Frost, Dean of Students. "This year 14 percent of the students of color live in Scott Hall, the other 86 percent of the students live on other parts of the campus," said Charles Green, PSP director.

**Office of Multicultural Education (OME)**

The Office of Multicultural Education is located on the first floor of the Martha Miller Center. The OME was created as a resource for students and the campus community to expand their knowledge and experience in the area of diversity. The OME office and associated rooms at the Martha Miller Center serve as a place of support and guidance for students of color, student organizations and the general student body.

All events and educational opportunities hosted by the OME are open to the entire community, these events include: Student Leadership Retreats, Multicultural Enrichment Series (Monthly educational seminars), Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon, Asian Awareness week, Civil Rights Celebration Week, Women of Virtue/ Men of Honor, and César Chávez Celebration week.

**Office of Multicultural Education (OME)**

www.hope.edu/multicultural

**International Education Office (IEO)**

www.hope.edu/international/index.html

**La Raza Unida (LARU)**

www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/laru/index

**International Relations Club (IRC)**

www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/irc

**Phelps Scholars Program**

The Phelps Scholars Program (PSP) began in 1999, for all first-year Hope students interested in learning about race and culture.

"From orientation to graduation, every event and opportunity available to the students of color are open to the entire campus," said Charles Green, PSP director.

**Phelps Scholars Program (PSP)**

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**International College of Honor, and Cesar Chavez Celebration week.**

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Congratulations Class of 2008!
Pope Benedict XVI makes first visit to U.S.

Amanda Gernentz
ASSOCIATE NATIONAL EDITOR

Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States for the first time since he became pope three years ago. The last time the U.S. hosted a papal visit was in 1993, when John Paul II spoke at World Youth Day in Denver. The pope's visit this past week entailed several stops in both Washington D.C. and New York City. Benedict XVI met with President Bush April 16, which was incidentally the Pope's birthday. They issued a joint statement, saying there are both "moral and religious considerations to which both parties are committed: the respect of the dignity of the human person, the defense and promotion of life, marriage and the family; the education of future generations; human rights and religious freedom; sustainable development; and the struggle against poverty and pandemics, especially in Africa."

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Other stops Pope Benedict XVI made in Washington, D.C. were at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where he met with American bishops, the Washington National's baseball stadium, where he hosted mass, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where he met with American bishops, the Washington National's baseball stadium, where he hosted mass, the Catholic University of America, where he addressed Catholic educators, and Pope John Paul Cultural Center, where he met with interfaith leaders.

On April 18, Pope Benedict XVI flew to New York, where he gave a speech to the United Nations General Assembly. According to the Catholic News Service, "in his speech that help explain the full meaning of his "dense and complex speech." Some of his points were in opposition to the war in Iraq, though that was not specifically mentioned. Among his other points were a desire for the world to "reconsider the authentic image of creation," in terms of correcting the global warming crisis and other environmental concerns; that religious freedoms cannot be limited to just the freedom of worship, and that believers should not have to hide their beliefs because of fear, especially in countries where Islamic leaders do not always allow religious freedoms, and his belief that religion should not be used as an excuse for extremists to commit crimes against innocent civilians. The rest of his trip was spent visiting with other religious leaders in New York City, as well as hosting masses in St. Patrick's Cathedral and at Yankee Stadium. On April 20, the pope also visited Ground Zero, a visit that greatly pleased President Bush, as mentioned in their joint statement.

Jack Mulder reflects on Benedict XVI's visit

Philosophy professor Jack Mulder, who teaches a contemporary Catholicism class, reflected on some of the statements Benedict XVI made. "Since becoming pope, he seems to want to resolve the emerging crises, instead of issuing retroactive condemnations at the Bush administration for a war with the Iraqi opens opposed from the beginning," Mulder said. Another issue discussed during the pope's visit was the sexual abuse scandals that occurred across the country, which he noted were "sometimes very badly handled."

"Notably, in a visit to the United States very tightly held, he held a private, unscheduled, meeting with victims of precisely sexual abuse, where he listened to their stories and offered them words of encouragement," Mulder said. The impact of the pope's visit to the United States is yet unclear. The fact that this is his first visit to the United States in his three years of papal reign is slightly surprising, though there may not have any benefit to his coming in the last two or three years.

"It's not clear to me what would have been accomplished by an earlier visit, because in any case, it remains to be seen what will be accomplished by this one," Mulder said.

Senators Obama and Clinton discuss faith and politics

Laura Stritzke
SUSAN SNYDER WARCH

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High food prices ignite global crisis

Taylor Hughes

As prices of the world's other valuable resources such as gas and land continue to rise, so does the cost of food. Prices have risen as a whole to over 80 percent in the past three years. Whether developed or developing, countries are now in an upward trend for the rising cost of the human's most essential necessity. Some attribute it to the rising gas prices whilst others point their fingers at the use of biofuel to replace gasoline. However, environmentalists are pointing their fingers as well as at the rise in global warming's negative effects on fields and crops and thus the price of food. If things continue the way they are, there will be a row over food.

The increasing stipend for food prices are taking the largest toll on the lesser developed countries. Recently riots have broken out over food and fuel in both Haiti and Egypt. The upsurge has shot the food prices to the top of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund's list of things to do for their upcoming annual spring meetings in Washington. The World Bank's president, Robert Zoellick, recently discussed his concerns during a news conference in Washington last Thursday. "In Bangladesh a two-kilogram bag of rice ... now consumes about half of the daily income of a poor family," he said. "The price of a loaf of bread ... has more than doubled. Poor people in Yemen are now spending more than a quarter of their incomes just on bread." He later went on to discuss the emergency situation that has arisen out of the various instances that have contributed to the drastic rise in prices.

It is not just the marginalized countries that are facing inconveniences over the rising cost of food. In the past two years, the price of corn in the United States has more than doubled. This is due in part to the high demand for alternative fuels such as ethanol that are derived from corn. Even on a small scale, United States' citizens are affected. The price of eggs is up by 24 percent. The higher prices for wheat have even driven up the cost of pizza and other wheat based American food staples. More importantly, the swell in global food prices could severely reverse the world's anti-poverty efforts. If the problem continues and is not dealt with soon, over 200 million more people will face starvation.

When asked if the United States, as a developed country, has a responsibility to help get things on a solution to this problem, Professor Matt Roberts of the Hope College Political Science Department said, "We are responsible in a way that cuts across party lines ... we're moving towards a global community without borders in which we must realize our actions affect not just ourselves but all countries." The leaders of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund would agree and have spoken out in recent weeks calling for the leaders of the world's developed nations to increase their aid to global anti-poverty efforts like the United Nation's World Food Program.

Greek life stresses service

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The exact activities may not be happening, but Ogles said similar types of things are still present in other Greek organizations on campus.

"I can walk around campus even now and immediately identify the pledges when it's that time of year," Ogles said. He admits, though, that the active members enjoy their time in Greek life. Bultman, Paul Boersma ('82, Arcadian), Ellen Award (90, Delphi), Carl ollo, Helvie, Davis, and even Ogles agree that it is the life-long friendships and networking that results from Hope's Greeks that is really most positive.

"It's the people; it's the camaraderie," said Davis. "Through this organization, I've met and gotten to know people who have really enriched my life, changed who I am, and helped me develop the person I am and the person I want to be." The ideal of "service to others" is also greatly stressed among Hope's Greek life. In fact, many of the "great things going on this year," according to Boersma, are related to service projects, spiritual retreats, and "wholesome activities" related to the 2008 Greeks. "These are the types of positive things that are never really mentioned in the Anchors," Boersma said. "(Hope's Greek life is) everything that you could look for in a college experience: friends, faith, service, and the social aspect," Davis said. "It expanded my relational networking -- you get to know a lot more people." It was "absolutely a positive part of my college experience," said Boersma, Hope's Senior Chaplain. "Truly, it's about the relationships you build," affirmed Award.

Everyone interviewed agreed with Boersma's statement that there are 'a lot of good things going on,' but so did most agree with Helvie's that there remains room for improvement. Despite what anyone might say against Hope's Greek system, however, John Jobson ('95, who has worked at numerous larger colleges across the Midwest and is currently Hope's Assistant Dean of Students, stated "Hope College Greeks are better than those of any other school."

"I think there are more positive things than negative," added Bultman. "If they do things that are wholesome and do things that protect their own reputation and that of the college, they (can) be good."
Musicians rock Earth Jam

Julie Kocsis

Earth Jam, the 18th annual Hope event that promotes environmental awareness and celebration, proved highly successful this year. Though usually set in the Pine Grove, Earth Jam moved to the Kletsz for the second year in a row because of the threat of rain. But this did not seem to discourage audience members. The event was well-attended.

Performing were Hope students Rob Kenagy, Sam Adams, Jacob Bullard and Tommy Ytterock. The musicians each brought their own musical styles to the event, often collaborating with Hope classmates and, in some cases, Hope alumni. The acts covered a huge spectrum of styles.

Instruments varied almost as much as the singers. Guitar, violin, piano, flute, piccolo and tin whistle all made cameo appearances on stage. Most of the songs performed were original works, but there were a few notable covers, like Sam Adams’s rendition of the Beatles song “Norwegian Wood” in 5/4 time. “All (the performers) were very good and quite different,” Ytterock said after the event. “I played for about 45 minutes. The first 25-30 minutes played by myself with my acoustic guitar, and the last bit I switched to electric and had two friends come up and play drums and bass with me.”

Coffee donated by Lemonjellies, bagels from the Good Earth Café, lemon and cranberry bars from the Leaf and Bean, and locally grown produce from Nature’s Market kept onlookers satisfied.

Magazines, books, poetry and pamphlets scattered throughout the Kletsz informed attendees of climate change and simple ways to protect the environment. Many people, representing various groups from the Holland community, spoke at the event, each advocating environmentally-friendly efforts for both businesses and homes.

Phi Sigma Kappa plays Holland Police

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Love and support of the Holland community,” Day said.

Fraternity member Taylor Fox (10) agrees that it is unique that Hope College really cares about members of its community. “Here in Holland everybody is willing to go out of their way to make sure everybody’s quality of life is as great as their own,” Fox said.

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity especially looked forward to the entertainment aspect of the basketball game. featuring various halftime events and door prizes donated by local businesses and schools. Dean Kreps, head football coach and associate professor of kinesiology at Hope, announced the game with Fox.

Fox also looked forward to seeing which team will win. “I probably think that as a fraternity we are playing our arch-nemesis, the police, but honestly, the Holland Police have been great to us and fair. It should be a great game,” Fox said.

The basketball game was held Tuesday night at DeVos Fieldhouse. Tickets cost $1 and any additional donations will be added to a fund that will help raise money for the children’s education.

Day said that he encouraged students to show up in support of the DeKleine family and to do something that counts. “It is really meaningful because their last memory of their mother can be one of love,” Day said.

Fox said that he hopes to see the hard work of his fraternity pay off in raising enough money to support the DeKleine children. “I’m just so excited to be a part of something as great as this and I am proud of every member of my fraternity,” Fox said.

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IN BRIEF

ORGAN VIRTUOSO TO PERFORM

Diane Bish, renowned organist and host of “The Joy of Music” television series, will present a solo recital at Hope College in Dimnent Chapel, Church of the Pilgrims, on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Bish has performed all over the world and is well known through her international television show and numerous recordings. The television program is available to more than 300 million viewers weekly in 150 countries. Bish playing famous organs in solo and with other classical musicians in cathedrals, churches, and concert halls from around the world. Known for her ability to move audience, Bish has received rave reviews in the United States and abroad. “Her playing is virtuosic and solidly musical...she blasted the crowd out of its pews in a whole new standing ovation,” said “The Boston Globe.” Bish will play a program of organ favorites and original hymn arrangements to demonstrate the varied colors and sounds capable of the 4-manual, 55-rank Skinner Pipe Organ. The public is invited. Admission is free.

CONCERT TO CELEBRATE LEGACY OF A KOOKER

Hope College is celebrating the legacy of Anthony Kooker with a memorial concert on Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. Kooker was a member of the Hope music faculty for 17 years, retiring in 1987. The program will feature a variety of faculty and students performing a range of pieces which reflect Kooker’s own diverse musical interests. Kooker was a professional pianist before coming to Hope in 1950. Here he served as professor of piano and harpsichord in addition to chairing the department of music for four years. Among his many honors, he was named “Teacher of the Year” by the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs as well as “Teacher of the Year” by the Holland Piano Forum in 1982.
How is the Anchor made?

A special thanks to our co-editors-in-chief for all their hard work and commitment. We could not have done it without you!
To the Editors:

April 9-11, Dr. James Baldwin, along with presidents of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) sponsored a diversity summit, in which a team of faculty, administrators, and students from each college within the GLCA were selected to work together supportively to build more diverse, inclusive and equitable campus communities.

The forum that our committee had an opportunity to attend titled "New diversity campaign draws public attention." Due to the recent discussions about race and diversity at Hope College, the committee decided that it would be beneficial to have a conversation on these perceptions. President Baldwin was strongly in support of this decision. Our hope is that we might all become better informed with regards to diversity in malactic studies at Hope and our overall commitment to an inclusive and equitable campus community.

If we are truly committed to growing world citizens, Christians, we must be open to new ideas, life styles, experiences and lives. At Hope, we are aiming for an inclusive environment in which all members of our campus community are represented, valued, and are able to achieve their greatest potential. We must appreciate and encourage a cultural and religious diversity, understanding that we are not monolithic. Hope is not monolithic. Diversity is not something that is simply achieved. Instead it is a active and continuous process of engagement with other cultures that leads to an own understanding of the limits and gaps in our experiences. Extensive funding, along with dedicated space is allocated to other groups, such as sports teams, fraternities and sororities, various clubs, and professional organizations. However, minimal reflection is given to these groups. But, when the "minority" subcultures are excluded, what is often met with condescension and unfair assumptions. We seem to forget that these are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are a part of us.

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In pursuit of knowledge

Joe Seymour

Raining cats & clitches

I promised myself that I wouldn’t dive into a senseless senior moment, but like crying during “Grey’s Anatomy,” it’s hard to avoid. I want to vomit graduation clichés; it hurts to keep in them, and I know that I will feel better once they’re out. So here are my thoughts. First, let me say that I despise people who keep Facebook graduation countdowns. Step rubbing the side of the bottle. Second, there is a supernova of questions spanning in my head about what I’ll travel, work, and study after this year ends; what will I do, who will I be, and what will I eat when I get there?

At the Senior Celebration last week, my clichés intensified. I knew some of the attending seniors well, only by first name, a few from awkward party encounters and many not at all. I will—and already do—miss my friends, but allow me to apologize to those of you whom I will never meet. We could have had inside jokes, a special handshake or a reserved “coffee hour” at Lemoine’s. Sadly that will never happen, for there is simply never enough time. Now we must focus on readying ourselves for the real world, real life or other trite phrase that authority figures use to torture us.

As customary at graduation, we seniors feel that it’s our clichéd duty to share unwanted truths and failures with the younger generation. I want to inspire returning students with my list of regrets with the hope that others will fulfill the dreams I never achieved.

1. Join Greek Life so, among other things, one can learn the proper way to handle one’s troubles well, only by first name, a few from awkward party encounters and many not at all.

2. Set fire to the skate park. Anyone living in Parkview Apartments, Dykstra and Gilmour understand, and I’m sure President Boltrman would contribute lighter fluid.

3. Get busted for parietals. I know it’s too old, and I should break the rules, but that violation is a badge of courage, especially for self-proclaimed Dykstra-rats.

4. Work for Campus Safety. Who wouldn’t want to take the Shuttle Van to Taco Bell or know the inside story on Incident #670327?

5. Be a member of the Dew Crew. Fascism has never looked so good in orange and blue.

6. I want to know what love is. I want you to show me.” Thank you, Foreigner.

I could tell you to Senior Scramble now, or try for that ring in the fall instead of spring, and even if you decide those people you know how proud you are of them and how much you’ll miss them. I won’t, though, because my exhortations will fall on deaf ears as they have for millennia prior. In the chance that I sound bitter or fatalistic, please understand this. I have worked for my grades, fought for my friends, played hard, run harder, proudly represented Hope, yet also condemned it, slept too little, drank too much, grew intellectually, shrunk my naive notions, loved, cried, broken the law and written for the Anchor. I’ve said enough and enough, and now it’s your turn. Cheers, Slainite, and good luck.

Joe is actually coming back to Hope for the fall semester, so feel free to ignore his emotions.

Beautiful feet

Bryant Russ

My favorite window

Of all the stained-glass window saints in the chapel, there is one that speaks to me the most. I like the testimony of Moses, leading God’s people to the Promised Land. I like the witness of Elijah, knowing there is hope in middle of suffering. I like the message of James, a bold disciple for Christ. But in the midst of confusion, stress, and weary up-hill days, there is a window that declares of God’s love above the rest. In the very heart of the chapel, composed of soft blue glass, there is a little child safe and sound in the arms of Jesus—this is my favorite window.

Looking at it I’m reminded of a family who has recently adopted a child. Before the little boy came to live with them at the age of four, he’d been handed off and traded between at least four different homes. As you can imagine, adjusting to a permanent home took some time. Whenever he made a mistake or did something wrong, the boy would come to his new mom with trembling tears in his eyes and ask, “Are you going to send me away now?” His mother, fully aware of the challenges the child could pose, and yet full of love for her son would get down on her knees and reassure him: “You are always going to be in his family. Always.”

Though not completely aware of his place in the family, this little kid is secure in his parents love. This is the type of love that spares curiosity. What? You’re not going to send me away? This is the love of our God. I don’t have a favorite Bible verse, but I do have a favorite Bible punctuation. I John 6:16 says, “God is love.” You see that little black circley thing at the bottom right corner of the word “love.” It’s called a period and it means the sentence is done. Finished. No more. It’s not, “God is love until...” or “God is love unless...” but plain and simple,”God is love.”

When I’m frantically looking for ways I can get God’s attention and earn his love, I remember that he is love, and there’s not much I can do about it. The little child in Jesus’ arms speaks comfort to me when I sizzle-out like a runner near exhaustion. Though challenged and stretched and called to action, every move of faith stems from a security in Christ. In my Savior’s arms I am part of a family and held firm in a love that will never send me away. This is his offer to all who are weary and carry heavy burdens. “Come” (Matthew 11:28).

Bryant is so glad to have the best friends of all time. I’m gonna miss you all this summer.
Dear Hope College,

I find it very strange that today of all days you choose to put me in a box. As I bid thee farewell I am too lazy for a warm embrace, a gentle cry, a smile to say, "I’ll come back for a visit."

Today, our last day, you have asked me to conform to the mold of colorless robes, a service and breakfast of obligation, to spend my last day attached to you. Possibly imagine, yet in some respects the we've shared, every late night moment of goodbye. I am recounting every little secret home. In just one day I am asked to say (www.mcsweeneys.net/links/lists). So, some lists, all pertaining to Hope College for tuning in.

"Arrcstcd Development" (before its cancellation the years My favorite weekly events throughout the years.

To the Editor:

To spring and the campus reawakened Suddenly, the Pine Grove went from snow piles with students only passing through up with some friends and laid out my blanket. It began to rain. I looked around to see people smoking in the Pine Grove, which was one of the locations of my Saturdays. I was told that smoking is illegal and that the new policy was put into effect at the beginning of the semester, but instead I am for one last visit to Lemonjellos my day is not complete. I am now struggling with limiting myself to three cups a day.

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Our (Non-) smoky campus

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Diversity dialogue continues

To the Editors:

"What are you doing here?" It's a question that came to mind when I attended the "Conversations with the Community." It was one of the many questions that I pondered as I tried to open my heart to the sense of vastness that the world gives me since I left Arkansas.

Dead fish and the nature of being

To the Editors:

The numbers of my class had taken a field trip, first to the cemetery to get in touch with mortality, and then to Kollen Park to practice just "being." We were in touch with ourselves, with nature.

It has taken me a while to understand what this word "being" really means, and I never thought I'd reflect on it so deeply over the course of one year. That gets thrown out the window when you take an existential philosophy class at the same time as a class called "Dying, Healing, Trusting God, I trust it; it's a good idea that will feel like a very bad one.

I'm sincerely sorry if individuals were offended by the story. I wrote it to combat stereotypes and definitions of diversity that I believe the bigger picture than just ideas. But I do believe that if one reads the story objectively and in the context in which it was presented — as a satire — it's meaning is clear.

I won't summarize the article, but only that I was in no way speaking about the Phelps Scholars Program, or other efforts to promote programs already present on campus. But such opinions create a notion of comparison and competition with the rest of society, which makes both sides defensive. I don't believe that this is a true representation of the program. Perhaps we should ask the same question of the Hope community, not just us, but the Hope community. I believe that our community is the bigger one, and that the campus can be more influenced by diversity; so everyone can partake in the richness they have to offer. We still need to be silent and simply relax. I've seen the nearly empty cafetera in Phelps on Soul Food Night; I also heard the complaints from Mexican Food Night. I sit with people alongside me to learn about American, or "divergent" or "different" races. Talk is cheap, folks, let us wake up call for action.

If you want the well rounded, diverse education that you claim to have, you will have to go out there and claim it.

Grace Oramuldi ('11)

Be more accepting of alternate faiths

To the Editors:

As a proud member of the Hope community, I am amazed to hear stories of people criticizing the lifestyles, religions, and other beliefs of fellow classmates and colleagues. Because this is a Christian community, I had expected more love and acceptance — the spirit of Christ — among those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ. I realize that not everyone at Hope is a Christian, but God knows those Christians who judge members of lifestyles, religions and practices that differ from their own, I ask that you evaluate your judgments about others and take steps toward understanding and peace.

Earlier this year, I attended the "Conversations with the Community." A dialogue set up by the Gray-Straight Forum on Hope's campus. This discussion challenged everyone present and brought up difficult emotions, but after the discussion on issues of homosexuality and the church, I was relieved. All present made some progress, some little steps towards understanding. I would like to commend and appreciate the Gray-Straight Forum and other groups on campus that address issues of diversity on campus.

Ten resort to a "convert or die" mentality which only tolerates agreement. Perhaps I'm as guilty as the next of this, but it's certainly occurred this year with my campus's serious issues, and I know from experience that it has occurred within my own, and I don't believe that it would be refreshing to see differences divide opinions on issues rather than people on campus.

For all of our efforts at dialogue across-cultural understanding, and yes, diversity we can't seem to diversify without feeling the need to homogenize. And that should be our focus for campus - to disagree more.

-Sam Ogles ('99)

No such luck. Everywhere around me were the tracks of people encroaching on this trash along the banks a huge factory in the background of the immigrants' memorial. No more discoveries for them. Instead of spending time with just trying to "be." I spent it wishing that I could cleanse the filthy water by crying it. It made me want to spit. The same goes for the war, the seat of being, the font of being. How can we ever learn to "be," to enjoy our leisure, to feel non-exploitative pleasure as long as we destroy that? From what standpoint of inner peace will we ever give "peace" and "freedom" to the people of the world, if we ourselves can never achieve the tranquility of walking along a "free" lakeshore?

-Clayton Ort ('08)
Athlete profile: senior Tommy Yamaoka

Nick Hinkle

A seven-under par, bogey-free 65, seems like a great way to end a golf season and cap-free, 65, seems like a great way to round before the NCAA tournament. His 65 tied the course record at the Terminus golf course, which played host to the Malone Invitational.

Malone won the 36-hole event with a team total of 572, while Hope shot 591. Yamaoka finished in second individually by only two shots with a 77-65.

Yamaoka finished in second place in mind. “I think we will be going down with a goal in mind,” Yamaoka said. “For me personally and the team, winning is the goal and I think it is obtainable. When we get there, I just need to execute my game plan.”

Currently, Hope is led by four seniors who have played all four years. Along with Yamaoka, the seniors include captain Ryan Sheets, Matt Lapham and Steve Martindale, who will travel to another NCAA tournament. “I know Steve and I had played with him, but I didn’t know anything about Ryan or Matt,” Yamaoka said. “It’s kind of weird how the four of us have come together. We have been strong core of the program and built a lot of memories.”

Yamaoka will miss Hope and his teammates after the NCAA tournament. “Over his career, he has earned All-American honors, achieved the lowest NCAA four-round scoring average for Hope (76.5 in 2007) and was named MIAA most valuable player in 2004 and 2007,” Yamaoka said.

Outside of golf, Yamaoka will earn a double major in economics and management. His ultimate goal is to find a career in finance.

Asked about pursuing a professional golfing career, Yamaoka said and said, “I haven’t given the PGA tour a thought. I am trying to get into finance somewhere, but I definitely will not give up the game.”
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Six spring sports finishing conference seasons with some preparing for NCAA competition

Women's Golf

After finishing fourth in their first MIAA match, the Hope College women's golf team defeated Albion College 351-400 at the Weskowhan Players Club on April 21. Hope was led by Cassie Sneller ('10), who shot 80 and earned medalist honors. Other Hope contributors included Katie Bledgett ('11), 89; Cassie Hildebrandt ('08), 92; Julie Hoogerhyde ('08), 97; and Lori Niemann ('11), 106.

The Dutch will try to advance to the NCAA tournament at their final 36-hole MIAA match at the Medalist golf course on April 25 and 26. Currently, the team stands in fourth place and will need to make up 36 shots on MIAA-lead Olivet College. Captain Julie Hoogerhyde ('08) also has a chance to advance to the NCAA tournament in divi-

The Hope College women's tennis team improves their MIAA record to 6-2 after defeating Kalamazoo College 5-4 on April 21. The Dutch ended 13-6 in overall duals.

With the win, Hope is third in the MIAA standings heading into the MIAA Tournament on April 25 and 26 at Adrian College. The conference champion is determined by a point system which includes dual meet results and tournament results. The team with the most points from the dual season and MIAA tournament will be declared champions and receive an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament. The MIAA regional tournament will be on May 2-4 and the NCAA Division III tournament will be on May 13-18 in St. Paul, Minn.

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When they traveled to Tri-State, the team continued its winning form 14-3 and 4-0.

With the victories, Hope improves to fifth in the MIAA standings with a 6-10 conference record. The team's next league doubleheader will be an April 24 at Kalamazoo College. Hope will need perfect performance for the rest of the season in order to have a shot at the MIAA title. The conference championship is determined by best MIAA record, which will automatically earn an NCAA berth. Currently, Adrian College leads the MIAA with a 13-3 record.

Photos by Dave Moore

Women's Track & Field

With a strong second-place finish at the MIAA Conference Jamboree, the Hope College women's track team is looking to improve for the upcoming conference finals.

Hope was hosted by Calvin College in the jamboree despite strong performances throughout the team.

Hope had five individual winners in the conference meet including the 8000 meter team which won on to set a new school record April 19 (48:17). Top performances for the year include Lindsay Lange ('08) in the 110 meter hurdles and Christina Lis ('09) in the high jump, both have provisionally qualified for nationals.

The Dutchmen lost the first game 4-10, Tri-State University on April 16 and 19. Three out of their four games against the baseball team bounced back winning 5-17 overall, the Hope College mens track team is looking to place finish at the MIAA Conference Jambo-