Graduation May 4 for 667 seniors

(Anchor) - 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 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 Human Letters (L.H.D) degree at 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 An- derson 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 Seminars 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 indoors, is by ticket only.

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Looking into Hope's diversity

Hilary Cason
Guest Writer

Diversity includes religion, socioeconomic status, demographics, ethnicity, gender, etc. The following facts reflect the ethnic diversity programs and offices on Hope's campus:

**Phelps Scholar Program**

The Phelps Scholar Program (PSP) began in 1999, for all first-year Hope students interested in learning about race and culture. Students of every race and culture are equally welcome to participate.

Information and an application about the program are sent out to all prospective students before they come to Hope College. Students are interested in learning about race and culture.

**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 campus, these events including:

- Student Leadership Retreats
- Multicultural Enrichment Series (Monthly educational seminars)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Luncheon
- Civil Rights Celebration Week
- Women of Virtue/Men of Honor and César Chávez Celebration week

**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.

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Office of Multicultural Education (OME)
www.hope.edu/multicultural

La Raza Unida (LARU)
www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/laru/index.html

International Education Office (IEO)
www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/irc

The International Education Office (IEO) also located on the first floor of the Martha Miller Center, is a great resource for all students on campus. The IEO provides the Hope community with learning opportunities that promote global understanding in the classroom and beyond. The IEO prepares students to step beyond the borders of Hope, challenging them to integrate their academic and cultural learning, and empowering them to be informed, caring and active world citizens of the 21st century.

The following events and educational opportunities hosted by the IEO are open to the entire campus.

- International Food Fair
- Images: A reflection of culture
- International Education week
- Islam Focus week

Also in the International Education Office there are a number of study abroad resources. All interested in studying off-campus should visit Rm 109 to find off-campus study materials.

International Relations Club (IRC)
www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/irc

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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 met with President Bush April 16, which incidentally was 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.”

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 Nationals 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, there were several key terms used in his speech that help explain the full meaning of his “dense and complex speech.”

Among 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 “rediscover 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 re-solve the emergent crisis,” Mulder said.

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Shannon Craig (’09)

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Craig expressed disappointment that McCain was unable to attend the forum because she would have liked to hear his viewpoints. Ryden also noted the Republican absence from the Compassion Forum and said, “This year the tables have turned and the Democrats are the ones discussing faith.”

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Senators Obama and Clinton discuss faith and politics

Laura Stritzke
Snr. Staff Writer

On April 13, CNN held an event called the Compassion Forum for the presidential candidates to discuss faith and politics. While all of the candidates were invited only Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), chose to participate in the forum. There was a question-and-answer format, and faith leaders were able to ask the candidates about key faith issues that are relevant to the presidential election.

Is faith relevant to politics? Hope College political science department chair Dr. David Ryden has written several articles and written and edited many books on the subject of faith and politics.

When asked about the relevance of faith and politics Ryden said, “This campaign cycle evidences religion’s relevance to politics. ... It’s good that the democrats are discussing faith because within the party there has been an unrelaxing with religion, and it’s not always been a party where expression has been appreciated.”

When asked if religion should influence public policy, Ryden said, “If the candidates are people of genuine faith, I don’t see how they can’t incorporate their faith with their policy. However, if they want to be effective, they have to make the case for their policy in terms that are more broadly accessible to more than just people of faith.”

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Summarizing the importance of faith in politics, Ryden said, “Faith gives us a way of thinking about current issues, but there is still ground to cover in terms of translating that thinking into practical policy.”

Craig agrees that the role of faith needs to be discussed, saying, “I think we as a society need to figure out how we talk about the role our faith plays in informing our morality and our politics, and I think the Compassion Forum was an excellent opportunity to begin the conversation.”

Senator Obama and Clinton discuss their faith and political views.
High food prices ignite global crisis

Taylor Hughes
Assot. Arts Editor

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 uproar for the rising cost of the human’s most essential necessity. Some attribute it to the rising gas prices whereas others point their fingers at the use of biofuel to replace gasoline. However, environmentalists are pointing their fingers 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 a few years ago, there will be a row over food.

The increasing stipend for food prices is taking the largest toll on the lesser developed countries. Recently riots have broken out over food and fuel in both Haiti and Egypt. The uproar 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 last 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 State’s 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 swelling in global food prices could severely reduce 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 come to 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 boarders 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 enjoyed their time in Greek life. Bultman, Paul Boersma (’82, Arcadian), Ellen Awad (’90, Delphi), Carol, Helvie, Davis, and even Ogles agree that it’s 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 into the person that 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 calling “wholesome activities” related to the 2008 Greeks. These are the types of positive things that are never really mentioned in the Anchor,” 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 Awad.

Everyone interviewed agreed with Boersma’s statement that there are “a lot of good things going on,” but so did most agree with Helvic’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.”

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Musicians rock Earth Jam

Julie Kocis

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 Kenny Yttrocker. 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,” Yttrocker said after the event. “I played for about 45 minutes. The first 25-30 minutes I 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.”

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

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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 Bultman, also President 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. When asked if the committee had an opportunity to discuss the Ranchor article, entitled "New diversity campaign draws public attention." Due to the different interpretations about race and diversity at Hope College, the committee decided that it would be beneficial to clarify their own understanding and perceptions. President Bultman was strongly in support of this decision. Our hope is that we might all become better informed with regards to diversity initiatives 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, and experiences. At Hope, we are aiming for an inclusive environment in which all members of our campus community can feel comfortable, valued, and have achieved to their greatest potential. We must respect and encourage cultural unity and solidarity, understanding that cultural diversity is not something that cuts across social divides. We do have spaces for uses focused on diversity. By creating spaces that are truly inclusive and ensure that everyone can be a part of the program, this Ranchor article was not about "perpetuating" these mistaken ideas but about making us admit that they're not true. We are a part of an institution and a community — and too often pretend that these viewpoints do not exist, we will not be able to move forward.

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To the Editors:

As the director of the Phelps Scholars Program, I’d like to let the campus know more about who we are, what we do, and why.

We are a program for first-year students interested in race and culture. Planning the program a decade ago, our research showed that living together and studying together make a powerful combination. Because true understanding of race and culture is both first, foundational, year. In the 1980s and 1990s very few students of color enrolled at Hope, and most who did left. For some, it was culture shock. Others, sadly, had unfortunate experiences. We want to provide all students a warm, encouraging welcome to the Hope campus will one day look more like the community in Hope Sc.
In pursuit of knowledge

Beyond the lines

Do you remember when the Janet Chandler case was finally resolved? Twenty-eight years after Chandler’s murder during her senior year at Hope, six individuals were convicted of conspiring to kill her. The conviction was finally resolved? Chandler’s case was finally resolved?

The Anchors staff members past and present. Do you remember when the Amtrak train crashed off route from Holland to Chicago with Hope students on board? Seventy-one people were hospitalized and the story received national coverage. The story served as an immobilizing reminder that the Hope community is inextricably linked with the world outside of “the bubble.”

Do you remember when The Anchor profiled the Baha’i Faith on Hope’s campus? The faith focuses on human unity and world peace, and is merely one example of many religions represented at Hope. This instance showed us that there is much more to religion than lies on the surface; sometimes it only takes the initiative to look deeper.

Every year this week, our staff did its best to bring you the most objective, accurate and up-to-date news available at press time. We tried to raise awareness and understanding without avoiding the difficult issues.

That does not mean, however, that The Anchor succeeded in every case. Whether you found our words agreeable or disagreeable, we hope what we presented here impacted your life in some way; your actions are gone. Whether you found our words agreeable or disagreeable, we hope what we presented here impacted your life in some way; your actions are gone.

VOCES

Senior Slainte

Joe Seymour

Raining cats & cliches

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 clichés; it hurts to keep them in, and I will—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 Lemonellos. Sadly that will never happen, for there is simply never enough time. Now we must focus on reading 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 is 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. I join Greek Life so, among other things, I can learn the proper way to handle attending senior parties well, only by first name, a few from awkward party encounters and many 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 Lemonellos. Sadly that will never happen, for there is simply never enough time. Now we must focus on reading ourselves for the real world, real life or other trite phrase.

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

3. I bought for parronts. I know that I’m too old, and I shouldn’t break the rules, but that violation is a badge of courage, especially for self-proclaimed Dykstra-rats.

4. I work for Campus Safety. Who wouldn’t want to take the Shuttle Van to Taco Bell or know the inside story on Incident #67092?

5. I be a member of the Dev 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 to let your friends know how proud you are of them and how much you’ll miss them. I won’t, though, because my exhortations will fall off decent 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, ran harder, proudly represented Hope, yet also condemned it, slept too little, drank too much, grew intellectually, knew my native nittiness, loved, cried, broken the law and written for the Anchor. I’ve said enough and enough, and now it’s your turn. Cheers, Slainte, 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 Ezekiel, knowing there is hope in middle life, there is hope in middle life, there is hope in middle life.

The child 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 of raising a child who could pose, and yet fell of love for her son would get down on her knees and reassure him: “You are always going to be in my 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? And this is the love of our God. I don’t have a favorite Bible verse, but I do have a favorite punctuation. I 1 John 4:16 says, “God is love.” You see that little black circle thingy 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 comfortably 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 wish in some way I could document it all—let the world in on my secrets of these past four years, but instead I am for one last time, confiding in you. This is in my farewell present, my locked box of imperfection, my gift of insecurity—my confessions:

1. First semester freshman year I was scheduled to take my 100-level religion class with Professor Powers. The class began the second half of the semester, but I got the starting dates wrong. I walked in on the class the day of the final for the first half. Everyone was staring at me as I sat down and Professor Powers asked me if I wanted to take the final. I tuned red and the class started laughing. As I left the room I swore to myself I would never tell a soul.

2. My coffee addiction began with my introduction to Lemonjello's. I was told freshman year that you are either a LJ's person or a JP's person. I was instantly intrigued. I quickly found that without a visit to Lemonjello's my day is not complete. I am now struggling with limiting myself to three cups a day.

3. My Legacy Chapel can be absolutely miserable when you are walking to and from class three or four times a day. Although the snow can reach my knees at times I hate wearing boots—I refuse to wear boots. It is typical with the icy, slick sidewalks. I would prefer to wear my canvas converse so I can sneak ski my way to class. I have fallen down the stairs by Phelps three times, in the middle of the road by The Martha, on the open sidewalk twice, down the stairs of Dykstra twice, down the ramp at Dev't, by the four-way by the Dow, and down my own front steps as well. I would say that with these falls, I am carrying a hot cup of coffee at least 90 percent of the time, but still—no boots.

4. Sometimes when I am sad or lonely I escape to Nykerk late at night to play music. I can only play a few songs. I can read music—play by ear, but most of my friends don't know I can play at all. This secret satisfies me in a strange way. Here it is.

5. During the month of May I love to venture out to Tulip Time and pretend I am a tourist. I meet people, talk with the vendors, and take pictures. The fact of the matter is, I hate tulips. Instead of pulling them out of the ground, I throw my used gum at the prettiest ones and hope someone compares it to one of their pictures.

6. When I find the time to go to the farmer's market I pretend I am in a movie and think of music that would be playing in the background and what actors/actresses I would pick each of you I encounter. I make up back-stories and relationships between the vendors. This is one of the most entertaining parts of my weekends in the summer. Sometimes I write them down.

7. Freshman year, when Facebook was fairly new and all the rage, I requested to be friends with my new crush I had just met so I could figure out his schedule and "happen" to show up at a building right as he was exiting class. I did this for weeks pretending it was coincidence.

There are more, plenty more Hope College, but that is all I have for you today. These years have been good playing music in the park, watching fireworks stream from the seminary, capture the flag; Wednesday nights downtown, and playing board games in the gusebo in Central Park.

The other secret moments will inevitably seep out at campfires, class reunions, family get-togethers, and barbecues, but for today let's keep things the way they should be. Then, for one more day, my safe haven, my confidant—my home. Fare thee well Hope College, surely I will miss you more than words can say.

Heart, r.

Jeremy Benson

Good Riddance

Instead of doing actual work, I've been reading lists at Msueweezy's website (www.mcsweeneys.net/lists). So, instead of writing an actual column as my final contribution to The Anchor, here are some lists, all pertaining to Hope College and my experience here. Enjoy, and thanks for tuning in.

My favorite weekly events throughout the years

Thursday evening nap time in Voorhees 302

"Amazed Development" (before its cancellation Thursday evening)

My favorite books, according to Facebook

1. "Captivating"
2. "Blue Like Jazz"
3. "Pride and Prejudice"
4. "The Office"
5. "Catcher in the Rye"
6. "To Kill A Mockingbird"
7. "Angels and Demons"
8. "Employee of the Weak"
9. "Angry and Demons"
10. "Blue Like Jazz"

My Legacy Chapel-vandalizing poet "employee of the week" sign in scene shop

"the Jeremy Benson Memorial Swing Set" (Baltman—we'll talk)

Jeremy Benson has nothing left to say. That's a lie. If you want to read more lists, see Jeremy's blog at www.jeremybenson.blogspot.com. Goodnight

Rumbleweeds

"Arrcstcd Development" (before its cancellation)

The years

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3. "Pride and Prejudice"
4. "Angels and Demons"
5. "Employee of the Weak"
6. "To Kill A Mockingbird"
7. "Employee of the Week"
8. "The Office"
9. "Catcher in the Rye"
10. "Blue Like Jazz"

"What's your vocation?" Jeremy Benson has nothing left to say.
Diversity dialogue continues

To the Editors:

What are you doing here? It’s a question I’ve always asked myself, and so I am not the only one asking it.

I’ve come to the conclusion that the student body is divided on the subject of diversity. Some students believe that the program is beneficial, while others believe it is not.

I’ve always written with the intention of drawing the attention of the student body to the issue of diversity. However, I have been accused of writing about diversity in a way that is not appropriate.

I believe there is a need for the PFP in our community.

Outside of the program itself, some students have expressed concern that the Phelps Scholars Program is a way for the administration to control the student body.

Diversity Campaign Draws Public Attention

The series of events that have been held in conjunction with the Diversity Campaign have been well attended. However, some students have expressed concern about the way in which the program has been presented.

I’ve finally made a distinction between what we do most of the time is “exist.” We do so, the more we extend our own tranquility, since we are simultaneously incorporating and loving campus.

The more inclusive the student body, the richer they have to offer. Therefore, I don’t believe that this is a true representation of the program.

It’s a question she was asked because she was a part of the Hope community. Tliis discussion challenged everyone present and brought up difficult ideas. But I do believe that if one reads the story objectively and in the context in which it was presented — as a satire — its meaning is easily understood.

I’ve heard the complaints on Mexican Food cafeteria in Phelps on Soul Food Night; I also go out there and claim it. Alternatively, I’ve seen the nearly empty cafeteria in Phelps on Soul Food Night; I also go out there and claim it. I sit with people beside me to people who know about American or different religions. Talk is cheap folks, so let this be a wake up call.

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

— Grace Olamiulu (’11)

Dead fish and the nature of being

To the Editors:

The other day at my Senior Seminar we played a fun little guessing game. "How many dead fish did you count along the shore of Lake Macataw?" The answer was 191.

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 contact with the richly they have to offer. "Confessions" — Saint Augustine. "Confessions" — among those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ, I realize that not everyone at Hope community can regard the words of Jesus Christ.

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More be 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 nation, 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 community can regard the words of Jesus Christ.

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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 many of campus’ serious issues, and I know from experience that it has occurred within my own personal life. Perhaps it didn’t make you reflect to see differences divide opinions on issues rather than people on campus.

For all of our efforts at dialogue, cross-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 engaging on this trash along the banks with 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 into it. It made me want to spin.

The world is the well of water, 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 the earth? From what storehouse 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 Ott (’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 off Tommy Yamaoka (08) just that. On April 19, Yamaoka shot a 65 in his final tournament round before the NCAA tournament. His 65 tied the course record for the Diamond Waves 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 improved by 12 shots from his first round to his second, but he did not think he hit the ball differently in either round.

"I didn’t do too much different," Yamaoka said. "I hit the ball well in the first and second round. It came down to putting in the second round. I just put it all together and finished with three straight birdies (in the second round)."

Now all focus will be on the NCAA tournament on May 13-15. Tommy and four others will travel to Braselton, Ga., but everyone will still play an important role in preparing the team.

"I definitely think staying competitive in practice and working hard will prepare us well and make the biggest difference," Yamaoka said. The season is not over for everyone just because of nationals. We will still practice together and keep challenging one another.

Last year, the Dutchmen finished in 18 place at the NCAA tournament. This year Yamaoka and the team have a different 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 Martindale, who will travel to Braselton, Ga., but everyone will still play an important role in preparing the team.

"I knew 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 round scoring average for Hope (76.5 in 2007) and was named MIAA most valuable player in 2004 and 2007.

"It will be sad to walk off the final green at nationals, but it has been a great experience," 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.

"I think we will be going down with a goal in mind," Yamaoka said. "The game."
Six spring sports finishing conference seasons with some preparing for NCAA competition

**Women's Golf**

After failing to 3-9 in the MIAA and 5-17 overall, the Hope College men's baseball team bounced back winning three out of their four games against Tri-State University on April 16 and 19. The Dutchmen lost the first game 4-10, only to come back and win 5-4 at home.

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-leader Olivet College. Captain Julie Hoogerhyde ('08) also has a chance to advance to the NCAA tournament in div. 2.

The Hope College women's tennis team improved 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 Albion College. The conference championship 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 NCAA regional tournament will be on May 2-4 and the NCAA Division III tournament will be on May 13-18 in St. Paul, Minn.

**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 bested by Calvin College in the jamboree despite strong performances throughout the team.

The Hope College men's track and field team has continued to improve as the year moves forward. The team finished in a close second at the MIAA Conference Jamboree on April 12. The jamboree was won by Calvin College with a score of 924 points. Hope ended in 957.5 points. The team has had many strong individual performances as they prepare for the conference finals on May 1 and 2.

Notable performances this far in the season include, Jeff Minkins ('10) who set a new school record in the triple jump with 66-4.4 feet; John Donderslot ('11) who had the second highest high jump in school history (6-10/3-4 feet). Finally, Chad Rector ('08) set a school record in the hammer throw (169-3 feet).

**Men's Golf**

The Hope College men's golf team follows up their second-place finish at the Spring Arbor Tournament with another second at the Malone Invitational on April 19. The eight-team invitational was played at Tannenberg golf course and it seemed to suit the game of captain Tommy Yamaoka ('08), who tied the course record with a 65. Yamaoka finished second individually. Hope was bested by Olivet College the team stands in fourth place and will need perfect performance for the rest of the season in order to have a shot at the MIAA title. The conference championship, determined by best MIAA record, will automatically earn an NCAA berth.

Most recently, on April 21, Hope split their doubleheader against Olivet College 2-1, 3-4, Kylce Brouwer ('08) couldn't fight back despite Eric Webber's ('11) seven goals and three assists. Following the conclusion of the regular season, the Hope College men's lacrosse team will finish up the regular season at home against Albion on April 23. The team dropped a tough contest against rival Calvin College on April 19 with a final score of 13-20. The Dutchmen were behind 7-10 at half and 7-11 at the end.

**Men's Track & Field**

The Hope College men's track team has worked their way to a 3-3 record in the MIAA and 23-10 overall. The team is currently in fourth place in the conference heading into the MIAA Tournament May 1-3. In individual successes, pitcher Leah Van Enk ('10) pitched her fourth straight shutout April 19 against Kalamazoo.

With two games remaining in the regular season, the Hope College softball team has an 9-5 record in the MIAA and 23-10 overall. The team is currently in fourth place in the conference heading into the MIAA Tournament May 1-3. In individual successes, pitcher Leah Van Enk ('10) pitched her fourth straight shutout April 19 against Kalamazoo.

**Softball**

Standing at 4-5 overall, the Hope College men's lacrosse team will finish up the regular season at home against Albion on April 23. The team dropped a tough contest against rival Calvin College on April 19 with a final score of 13-20. The Dutchmen were behind 7-10 at half and 7-11 at the end.

The Hope College men's tennis team has worked their way to a 3-3 record in the MIAA and 23-10 overall. The team started the MIAA dual season with three strong wins but have dropped recent contests to Calvin College, Albion College, Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo College. On April 22, Hope lost to Kalamazoo 8-1 to complete its dual meet back with a team total of 591, while host school Malone had a total of 372. Other Hope scores include, Hope splits with Davenport 108-74-76, captain Ryan Sheets (108) 76-81.

On April 22, Hope finished second to Davenport at the 36-hole Furniture City Classic. Finishing second individually, Lapham led Hope with a 143 total.

Hope will travel to Braxton, Ga. on May 13-16 for the NCAA Division III Championships. Last year, the team finished 18th.

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