A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE—Students and Holland community members gathered at Lemonjello’s in Downtown Holland to share their experiences through song or poetry Wednesday at Open Mic night, part of the Perspectives Series, an activism and advocacy week with events organized by several departments and organizations at Hope. Pictured is Charity Taitt (‘11) sharing her slam poetry.

Disability Awareness Week: education through experience

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In the midst of Earth Week, National Undergraduate Research Week and other events, Hope celebrated Disability Awareness Week April 11-15. The activities and events were intended to raise awareness about a variety of disabilities and help to educate the campus.

The highlight of this year’s Disability Awareness Week was a wheelchair basketball game between the Grand Rapids Pacers Wheelchair Basketball team and a co-ed Hope team featuring members of both the Hope men’s and women’s basketball teams.

Hope players were given brief instructions on techniques and rules changes, but it seemed the advantage lay with the Pacers. Meaning to raise awareness of sports for those who are disabled, the event took place Wednesday at the DeVos Fieldhouse.

The week began Monday with a wheelchair challenge that invited students, faculty and staff to undergo a mobility impairment situation for either six, 12 or 24 hours. Students were also able to gather information about several kinds of disabilities on Tuesday during a disability simulation. Some disabilities are noticeable, while others are concealed. Several disabilities that often go unnoticed were displayed, as well as simulations in hearing and vision impairment and learning disabilities.

Educational sessions about a variety of disabilities took place throughout the week. On Monday, Kristen Lambires, an entertainment sign language interpreter and owner of Hand-made Sounds, presented a two-hour sign language workshop that included instructions on general sign language and signing to music. Those who attended learned to sign “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Those participating found the event to be enriching, whether they had previous experience with sign language or not. Along with learning the alphabet, we also learned words for every letter of the alphabet. It was a really fun experience, especially for people just learning. What I thought was most fun was learning how to say "I love you" in sign language.

Kathryn Keedy (‘11) explained her motivation for attending the presentation.

“I’m interested in hearing the male side of it because we always hear the female side. I work at a women’s center so it’s always just women all the time talking about the issue. So it’s refreshing to hear a man that’s talking about it,” Keedy said.

Katz spoke on a range of topics, showing video clips from films he has made, as well as documentaries that pertain to his subject matter. One of the first concerns he raised was in regard to the way male-female violence is discussed in America.

“Historically, the issues of domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment and sexual abuse against children have been seen as women’s issues that some good men help out with. I’m here to say that I have a problem with that frame of mind, and the very act of calling gender violence a women’s issue is itself part of the problem,” Katz said.

Katz said the term “women’s issues,” gives men a chance to not pay attention. In addition, he said the term “violence against women,” avoided naming who committed the act of violence and instead suggested that the term be replaced with “men’s violence against women.”

Katz also took issue with the manner in which statistics were presented. A student noticed Katz’s meticulous record-keeping and reported his 99 percent mastery of the male population. Katz readily agreed, but reminded the audience of his goal to educate the general public.

On April 11, members of the Hope community gathered at an event titled “DenyStifying Hope College’s Position Statement on Human Sexuality: The Beginnings of a Conversation.” The panel discussion was sponsored by the Programming Committee on Issues of Sexuality in an effort to continue ongoing conversations about the topic of sexuality and how it relates to Hope College.

The event’s intent was to provide an “opportunity to better understand” Hope’s position statement on human sexuality passed by the college’s Board of Trustees in January.

The panel was comprised of five members: Katie Sawyer (‘11), Student Congress President; Dr. James Herrick of the communication department; Dr. David Myers from the psychology department; Provost Dr. Rich Ray; and Mary Bauman, a community member who served on the Board of Trustees committee that reviewed and revised the statement.

The panel fielded three previously prepared questions before the floor was opened to questions submitted by audience members. The questions were “Which phrases of the policy do you support? Which ones make you uneasy?” “Does the college have an obligation to provide guidance on moral areas, including issues on sexuality?” and “What is gained or lost in Hope’s presentation to the public as a result of this statement?”

The event was originally scheduled to be held in Maas Auditorium but moved to Hasworth Inn to accommodate more people. The audience was comprised solely of Hope students and faculty. Moderator Mark Hubands explained that the forum in general was to help further Hope’s understanding of the issue of sexuality, not to explain to the general public.

The committee announced no future events, but multiple panel members encouraged further discussion of the topic both in large group settings and in smaller group conversations.
Budget crunch hits Hope students

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On March 7, Hope College President James Bultman testified before the Michigan House Subcommittee on Education to voice support for the Tuition Grant program. He opposes a proposal by Gov. Rick Snyder that would cut the Michigan Tuition Grant fund for private and public college students.

This potential reduction follows a year in which some Hope students lost $1,000 after state funds including the Michigan Promise Scholarship were cut. Phyllis Hooyman, director of financial aid assisted students dealing with last year’s cuts.

“We heard a lot of anxiety and we tried to do the best between our office and business services to give them more time to pay their bill or to tell them about private loans, anything we could do,” Hooyman said. Hooyman did express optimism for fewer cuts in state education funding now that Gov. Jennifer Granholm is no longer in office. “The state has been challenging especially over the tenure of Gov. Granholm, because every year she was working to diminish our state aid program. That’s the Michigan Competitive scholarship and the Michigan tuition grant and we fought the battle hard. She was trying to dismantle the support for private higher education. But we had wonderful representation in Lansing, and we’ve been able to retain a good portion for the state funding for our students.”

According to Hooyman, it appears that any impending cuts in private education funding, whether private or federal will be minimal in 2011, however she had an clear message for Hope students. “It’s not that hard to write a letter, if something starts affecting you, write a letter,” Hooyman said. Michigan’s Department of Social Services recently announced another cut that will affect college students. Beginning in April, college students will not be eligible for the Michigan Food Assistance Program merely because of their standing as college students. There were complaints of students abusing this program and obtaining “Bridge Cards” to pay for their groceries when they did not have a financial need.

MANAGING THE MONEY—A Michigan threatens to reduce fund.

Students raise awareness of homelessness

Aleeza Ribbens
Staff Writer

Despite heavy winds and 30 degree weather, students gathered in the center of campus last Thursday night for the fourth annual Pine Grove Sleep-Out sponsored by Hope’s Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization whose purpose is to provide housing at an affordable cost to families around the Holland area in need.

The sleep out, according to Habitat for Humanity President Danielle Silletti (’11), is an opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness and to give students and faculty the chance to experience firsthand what it feels like to be homeless.

Thirty-five students and two faculty members braved the cold to participate in this event. At 8:30 p.m. everyone gathered in the Pine Grove to construct temporary shelters to sleep in during the night. Cardboard boxes were provided by Habitat for Humanity, while participants were responsible for bringing their own sleeping bags, blankets or any other belongings they could bring to make their night more comfortable.

The event was part of the Perspectives Series, organized by Hope is Ready. Perspectives began on April 4 and concluded on April 16 with the organization’s second annual “Be In” Events included a women’s health fair, a performance by poet Andrea Gibson, and an open mic night at Lemonjello’s Coffee.

“The goal of the event is to raise issues of diversity in all areas: race, socioeconomic status, gender,” Jeffrey Shade (’12) said.

“We wanted to establish Hope is Ready as a group that doesn’t just deal with LGBT issues, but with broader issues of diversity as well,” Sammie Madson (’12) said.

Speaker discusses men’s role in violence against women

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reported, noting that statistics listing how many women have been abused are commonplace, while you rarely hears statistics examining how many men abused women.

The media was another target for Katz, who made a case that Disney films and popular music were negative societal influences. Throughout the discussion, Katz emphasized that men had to take an active role in preventing sexual assault.

“Prevention means going to the root cause of the problem, and the root cause of the sexual assault problem in this country is not girls and women. It’s men,” Katz said.

Disability Awareness promotes education through experience

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interesting was the fact that ASL is essentially its own language. If I were to sign to a deaf person, I would sign in ASL, whereas if I were to sign to an English-speaking person, I would sign in English,” Celeste Norlander (’13) said.

In addition to education about sign language, the week included a session on Tourette’s syndrome by Bryan Bolea of Hope’s counseling and psychological services staff. A documentary film followed by a talk-back session provided more information about the disability that affects 200,000 Americans.

The week closed with an ice cream social on Friday in the Kletz, where students were able to come together in friendship to discuss their experiences and newfound knowledge.
Clinton urges trade with S. Korea

SEUL (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday asked the Obama administration to complete the largest such agreement for the U.S. since her husband was president. Clinton told American and Korean business leaders that the U.S. and its close ally already have one of the strongest trading relationships in the world, with nearly $88 billion in two-way commerce last year. The $38.8 billion in U.S. exports supported some 210,000 American jobs, she said.

"But the truth is, we know we can do even more if we remove the barriers to trade between our countries," Clinton said, claiming that tariff cuts in the agreement would lead to $11 billion in increased sales of American goods and a sharp jump in Korean economic growth. On a brief stopover in South Korea to discuss trade and how to get North Korea back to nuclear disarmament talks, Clinton told Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan on Tuesday evening that she was looking forward to meeting with President Lee Myung-bak on Wednesday. She was in the capital city of Seoul.

"We see our economic relationships with South Korea and other partners across Asia as vital to America's economic renewal," the secretary of state said Sunday, explaining that.

Clinton and Lee began their discussion by speaking about NATO's commitments in Afghanistan and Libya, and reporters were ushered out of the room before any mention of North Korea. Earlier, Kim said Clinton's visit would provide a fresh impetus for the trade agreement's ratification. The pact, which slashes tariffs and removes other barriers to commerce, requires approval by Congress and South Korea's National Assembly before it can take effect. It is the biggest deal of its kind for the U.S. since the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico in 1994, when Bill Clinton was president.

TOKYO (AP) — The operator of Japan's crippled nuclear plant laid out a blueprint Sunday for stopping radiation leaks and stabilizing damaged reactors within the next six to nine months as a first step toward allowing some of the tens of thousands of evacuees to return home. While the government said the timeframe was realistic, those forced to flee their homes, and farmers were frustrated that their exile is not going to end soon. And officials acknowledge that unforeseen complications, or even another natural disaster, could set that timetable back even further.

Pressure has been building on the government and plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. to resolve Japan's worst-ever nuclear power accident since a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami hit the country March 11, knocking out power and cooling systems at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex. On orders from Prime Minister Naoto Kan, TEPCO drew up the blueprint and publicly explained its long-term strategy for the first time since the disaster for containing the crisis that has cast a cloud of fear over the country.

"We sincerely apologize for causing troubles," TEPCO Chairman Tsuruehashi Katsumata said. "We are doing our utmost to prevent the crisis from further worsening." Under the roadmap, TEPCO will deal with the crisis in two stages. In the first stage, the company will focus on cooling the reactors and spent fuel pools and reducing the level of leaking radiation. It will also aim to decontaminate water that has become radioactive, reduce the amount of radiation released into the atmosphere and soil, and lower radiation levels in the evacuation area, Katsumata said.

In the next stage, TEPCO aims to firmly control the release of radioactive materials, achieve a cold shutdown of the reactors and temporarily cover the reactor buildings, possibly with a form of industrial cloth. Longer-term goals include removing fuel from the spent fuel pools and putting permanent covers over the buildings. TEPCO also plans to establish a system to recycle cooling water that will remove radioactivity as well as corrosive salt left behind.

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NEW TRADE DEAL? — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton waits for South Korean President Lee Myung-bak at the Presidential House in Seoul, South Korea, on April 17. Clinton urged South Korea and other partners across Asia as vital to America's economic renewal, the secretary of state said Sunday, explaining that.

SEVRE STORMS HIT South

At least 43 people are dead after a devastating storm ripped through the South and became increasingly stronger through North Carolina and Virginia. The storm grew in intensity as it spawned tornadoes, softball-sized hail and flash floods. Emergency crews searched for victims in the devastated areas of North Carolina, where MSNBC reported that a total of 62 tornadoes ripped through areas of the state. This is reportedly the worst spring storm to hit the state of North Carolina in two decades. According to MSNBC, county manager Zee Lamb said 11 people were confirmed dead in Bertie County, bringing the state's death toll to at least 18 people on Sunday. NBC News reported at least 24 dead at the time.

In the capital city of Raleigh, three family members died in a mobile home park, Wake County spokesman Sarah Williamson-Baker told MSNBC. Gov. Beverly Perdue told MSNBC on Sunday that state emergency management officials told her more than 20 were killed by the storms in North Carolina. However, the amount of devastation made it very hard to determine the exact number of casualties. MSNBC reported that the emergency management agency said it had reports of 22 fatalities, and media outlets and government agency tallies did not all match.

The first casualty from the storm was on Thursday night in Oklahoma before the storm ripped through Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Authorities told MSNBC there are seven dead in Arkansas, seven in Alabama, two in Oklahoma and one in Mississippi. At least five died in Virginia. Perdue declared a state of emergency for North Carolina and said the reported 62 tornadoes were the most in the state since 1984 when 22 tornadoes ripped through North and South Carolina, claiming the lives of 57 people and injuring hundreds.

In Virginia, Department of Emergency Management spokesman Bob Spieldenner told MSNBC that one apparent tornado ripped across more than 12 miles through Gloucester County, uprooting trees and pounding homes to rubble while claiming three lives. Spieldenner said two others were killed when a vehicle ran into flash flooding near Waynesboro.
Women join protest against Yemeni president

A young woman first led anti-Saleh demonstrations on a university campus in late January, but women didn’t begin taking part in large numbers until early March. It was a startling step in a nation with deeply conservative social and Islamic traditions. But Saleh clung to power despite the near-daily protests and defections by key allies in the military, powerful tribes and diplomatic corps amid calls to fight poverty and open up the country’s restricted political life.

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New reactor plan to be tested

• TEPCO, from page 3 by seawater that was earlier used as an emergency cooling measure.

Goshi Hosono, an advisor to the prime minister and member of his nuclear crisis management task force, said the government would closely monitor TEPCO’s implementation of the plan and hoped the work could be concluded ahead of the six to nine month schedule. He said he understood people were frustrated by the timeline, but he called it “realistic.”

There is no shortcut to resolving these issues. Though it will be difficult, we have to go step by step to resolve these problems,” he said.

Even with the announcement of the timeline, it remained unclear when evacuees might be able to return home.

The area would need to be decontaminated, including removing and replacing the soil, Nishiyama said.

Hosono said the evacuees would not have to stay in gymnasiums for such a long period, but could move into temporary housing.

Activists criticized the delay in the roadmap’s announcement.

The government announced plans to give 1 million yen ($12,000) in initial compensation to each evacuee, though, with much more expected later.

Government officials fanned out across the affected areas over the weekend seeking to explain evacuation decisions and calm nerves. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshi Edano met with Sunday as several thousand protesters marched near the special government building headed by Saleh’s son. Witnesses said the forces fired live ammunition, and used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd. Security agents chased protesters in side streets.

Mohammed el-Ahadi, the head doctor at the protesters’ field hospital, said at least 220 people were wounded, including 20 people hit by gunfire.

Witnesses said ambulances were prevented by security forces from reaching some of the wounded, many of whom were bleeding heavily.

A youth movement leading the anti-Salah protests called for mass demonstrations Sunday, dubbed a day of “honor and dignity” that brought out a strong outpouring of women upset at the president’s comments on Friday.

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Asian nations now make up five of the top 10 U.S. trading partners. She said the U.S.-Korea treaty would protect labor and environment standards, and patents and copyrights to ensure a level playing field. And beyond the economic bottom line, she said it would cement the two nations’ long-term partnership.

The two countries worked out a hard-fought compromise in early December altering the original deal, signed in June 2007, because of U.S. complaints that it didn’t secure enough access for American automakers.

Moves for ratification had also stalled amid changes in government in both countries and the global financial crisis.

“We will be consulting and making the case together to our respective legislatures and I’m very confident that there will be a positive outcome that will benefit both of our countries,” Clinton said.

Clinton did not mention North Korea in public remarks before holding talks with Kim or at the business event she attended afterward. But the South Korean foreign minister thanked her for U.S. support in dealing with the North and said he looked forward to “working closely with you in resolving the North Korean nuclear issues.”

Bilateral efforts to achieve North Korea’s denuclearization have stalled and tensions between the two Koreas have spiked, especially since the sinking in March last year of a South Korean warship that killed 46 sailors and a deadly North Korean attack on a front-line South Korean island in November.

South Korea and the U.S. have blamed North Korea for the ship sinking, although the North has denied involvement.

Clinton traveled to Tokyo last Sunday to show U.S. support for Japan as it recovers from a major earthquake and tsunami as well as the world’s worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl a quarter century ago.

Clinton is in South Korea on Saturday after two days of NATO meetings. She assured NATO allies that Washington is prepared to do what it takes to ensure the success of the Libya mission and called on U.S. partners in the region and elsewhere to boost pressure on Moammar Gadhafi to step down from power.

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This Week in News

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SAMANA, Yemen (AP) — Security forces fired on anti-government protesters in Yemen’s capital Sunday as hundreds of thousands of marchers including many women packed cities around the country in throng to denounce the president and remarks he made against women taking part in rallies demanding his ouster.

The massive turnout suggests opposition forces have been able to tap into fresh outrage against Ali Abdullah Saleh after his comments Friday that mingling of men and women at protests violated Islamic law.

Meanwhile, representatives from Yemen’s opposition met with regional mediators in the Saudi capital to discuss a proposal by the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council for ending the unrest in which Saleh would transfer power to his deputy.

The Yemeni opposition says nothing short of Saleh’s immediate departure would end the unrest in the impoverished Gulf nation at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula. The GCC proposal also offers the president immunity from prosecution, which the opposition rejected.

Security forces opened fire on protesters in the capital on Sunday as marchers neared the office of the special President Saleh’s latest statement about women and men protesting together.

“If things go south in Syria, blood-thirsty sectarian demons risk being unleashed, and the entire region could be consumed in an orgy of violence.”

— Patrick Seale, arguing on ForeignPolicy.com why the U.S. should pay more attention to Syria.

“I’ve interviewed countless rebels who recite to me al-Mukhtar’s famous phrase: ‘We don’t surrender – we win or we die.’

— Ryan Calder, a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, describing interviews with Libyan revolutionaries.

“They are trying to fo- ment discord in the region. They are trying to cause destruction and provoke wars between nations and govern- ments in order to sell their weapons. They are seeking destruction and a reinforcement of their evil dominance in the region.”

— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad criticizes the U.S. for spreading unrest in the Middle East.

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**ARTS**

‘Nine Types of Light’ shows TVotR's progression

**Chris Russ**

TV on the Radio sang 15 words I can't type here on their first proper full-length, “Desperate Youth, Bloodthirsty Babes,” On their second record, 2006’s “Return to Cookie Mountain,” the number was five.

On “Dear Science,” their 2008 release, it was only three and it has again been kept to a minimum for their latest gem, “Nine Types of Light,” which was released April 12. This decrease in profanity corresponds almost directly with the amount of raw anger that a single word can elicit. Not everyone needs to be driven to a scream by a single, harsh word.

The group’s first two albums, which were a 90-minute show about the age of the character or the attachment they had to an item that seemed less interesting, but through the events that unfolded surrounding this missing item, the characters were forever changed. One of the standout stories, perhaps, was that of a mother crooning her guarantee that, “If the world all falls apart, I’m gonna keep your heart.” The dance and song in Spanish, full of heartache, was a beautiful portrait of the true meaning of family.

The feelings it stirred up of family road trips in younger days, snow piles eight feet high, and love (most of all love) was part of the reason “Gone Missing” succeeded overall as a cabaret.

Some stories were forgettable, but some stories truly captured that twinge of loss and sadness over the loss of a loved one’s photo. Filled with heartache, happiness and garbage (which all stories need) was a beautiful portrait of the true meaning of family. The story concludes with a mumble. As the song unfolds, that resolve is questioned, but the song concludes with a commitment to eternal love. This sense of optimism is conveyed through which we understand the world.

“Nine Types of Light” is their first project that could be characterized as warm. Even the dance cuts on “Dear Science” were dripping with parallelism and the lyrics are recited in English with the dour themes, bassist Gerard Smith was recently diagnosed with cancer and will miss the show. The stories shared in “Gone Missing” range from happy to sad. The show runs on the DeWitt Theater production comes to a close this week. Final performances start at 8 p.m. in the DeWitt Theatre.

This Week In Arts

**Wednesday April 20**

Wind Ensemble Concert

Olmsted Memorial Chapel

**Tuesday-Thursday April 19-21**

“Gone Missing”

Theater production comes to a close this week. Final performances start at 8 p.m. in the DeWitt Theatre.

**Through Sunday May 8**

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“Inhabit”

The senior art exhibit will be through Sunday May 8. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m.

**MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING — Sky Edwards**

Sky Edwards’ (’23) shares his monologue with the audience while the rest of the cast looks on. The stories shared in “Gone Missing” range from happy to thought-provoking and even sad. The show runs on the DeWitt Theater mainstage through April 21. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or online.

**“Gone Missing” succeeds as a ‘cabaret about lost things’**

**Elena Rivera**

Senior Staff Writer

On “Gone Missing”—s songs, it states that the show is a cabaret about lost things. A glass display in front of the A glass display in front of the TV on the Radio Graffiti of TV on the Radio. TV on the Radio doesn’t sound like a band that’s not as angry because they’re mellowing out. They sound like they’re five people who are at peace after realizing that even in the midst of an apocalypse, all you need is love.

**STANDING STRONG— TV on the Radio members (from left) Kyp Malone, David Sitek, Tunde Adebimpe, Gerard Smith and Jaleel Burnton began a international tour for their latest album, “Nine Types of Light” on April 8 and will perform in Detroit this week.**
The school year is almost over. It may not feel that way because of the piles of papers to turn in and the finals to get through; but nonetheless, there are only a couple more weeks until classes are finished. Here at The Anchor, many of the staff members are seniors. They shared some of the highlights of their time at Hope and imparted advice to those returning to campus next year.

**Karen Patterson**

One thing that I definitely wish I’d found out about sooner was the concept of a Bucket List. Most of us know what a Bucket List is, but don’t think to start making one until we’re just a few months short of graduation. A few things on mine are a trip to Googies, watching a sunset at Tunnel Park and stopping at Captain Sundae on the way back and taking a picture with the Bultmans. While that last one still hasn’t happened (maybe at Graduation?), writing down things that I want to do before leaving Hope has given me an opportunity to really value the things that I have already done while finding new, creative things to do. So yeah, Holland may not be as exciting as Chicago or Detroit, but there are definitely things to do. I just wish I’d found out about more of them before this year!

In terms of the best thing about my time at Hope, the best thing hands down was the small moments: laughing with friends at 2 a.m. because it’s laugh or cry day. Have a movie marathon. Do whatever. Don’t worry too much about one assignment or test. Chances are, you are going to get a similar grade whether you put two hours or two days into an assignment. Ten years down the road I doubt you are still going to be upset about that B that could have been an A+. Once you get that degree in your hand, businesses don’t care too much about grades (unless they’re terrible).

The best thing about my time here at Hope has been the people I’m surrounded with. There are many memories that I have shared with so many people; I’ll never forget. Some nights we order pizza and somethings we play mini sticker bars and raccoon peanut butter cups into our mouths we’re pretty healthy bunch. I couldn’t be happier to be around such a gifted and well rounded group of individuals. Everybody on staff is willing to give a helping hand.

The best thing about my time here at Hope has been the people I’m surrounded with. There are many memories that I have shared with so many people. I don’t think I could pick a specific time that was the best. I could never forget the day trips to Tunnel Park and taking boy band photos in front of the sunset over Lake Michigan with the Lightbunch freshmen and sophomore year. On the Thursday night trips to Applebee’s for half off appetizers. Or running through the huge puddles of rain in front of the DeVos after a thunderstorm. Or playing a laser tag game that covers the whole campus. Or stuffing ketchup into Phillips jelly filled donuts, just for a good laugh. All of these memories and tons more would be in my top ten without the people I surrounded myself with. My experiences at Hope were not great because of the things that I accomplished, but the people I accomplished things with and the bonds and friendships I made.

My advice: take advantage of the friendly environment at Hope. Get to know your professors and colleagues in class. Those connections will make you feel like you belong while you’re here and could help you later in your career.

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**Aftan Snyder**

Advised: get involved. Attend to your studies, work hard in your classes, but he sure to eat lunch every once and a while too. Stay up too late, eat too many cookies and french fries, and laugh a lot. College is about receiving an education, but it’s also about new experiences and the people you share them with.

**Raina Khatri**

My advice: take advantage of the friendly environment at Hope. Get to know your professors and colleagues in class. Those connections will make you feel like you belong while you’re here and could help you later in your career.

**James Nichols**

Here’s my advice: College is easier than you think. Even though it gets overwhelming with papers, readings, tests, etc. you always have more time than you think. Use that time wisely. Spend it doing things you love with your friends. Take a day-trip on a Saturday. Have a movie marathon. Do whatever. Don’t worry too much about one assignment or test. Chances are, you are going to get a similar grade whether you put two hours or two days into an assignment. Ten years down the road I doubt you are still going to be upset about that B that could have been an A+. Once you get that degree in your hand, businesses don’t care too much about grades (unless they’re terrible).

My advice: take advantage of the friendly environment at Hope. Get to know your professors and colleagues in class. Those connections will make you feel like you belong while you’re here and could help you later in your career.

**Maggie Almdale**

Tips:

1. Go on walks to Kollen Park.
2. Eat tiramisu at Pereddie’s.
3. Take a creative writing class.
4. Stop thinking so much and
5. Start thanking more.

**Jolene Jeske**

My experiences as being part of The Anchor staff has been exciting and full of opportunity. I have always loved writing and The Anchor gave me the ability to write and read other student work. Being part of the Anchor is like being part of a small family, we share laughs, get frustrated, and love being around each other. Producing on Monday nights is something I will never forget. Some nights we order pizza and sometimes we play mini-sticker bars and raccoon peanut butter cups into our mouths, we’re pretty healthy bunch. I couldn’t be happier to be around such a gifted and well-rounded group of individuals. Everybody on staff is willing to give a helping hand.

The best thing about my time here at Hope has been the people I’m surrounded with. There are many memories that I have shared with so many people. I don’t think I could pick a specific time that was the best. I could never forget the day trips to Tunnel Park and taking boy band photos in front of the sunset over Lake Michigan with the Lightbunch freshmen and sophomore year. On the Thursday night trips to Applebee’s for half off appetizers. Or running through the huge puddles of rain in front of the DeVos after a thunderstorm. Or playing a laser tag game that covers the whole campus. Or stuffing ketchup into Phillips jelly filled donuts, just for a good laugh. All of these memories and tons more would be in my top ten without the people I surrounded myself with. My experiences at Hope were not great because of the things that I accomplished, but the people I accomplished things with and the bonds and friendships I made.

If I could give any advice to underclassmen it would be to cherish every moment you have with your friends, even if it’s just a trip to Captain Sundae on a Tuesday afternoon or a bike ride to Kollen after dinner. Take advantage of the time that you have and don’t hold any regrets when you leave. After all the only thing you’re leaving Hope College with is your degree, memories and the friends you made with them.
Paradoxical perspectives

Three orange whips
James Nichols
Co-Editor-in-Chief

One of my favorite things to do is wake up at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, get a sprinkle donut and some orange juice, and watch the "Sports Reporters." My favorite segment is at the end, in which they call their "pairing shots." I like it because it shows that journalists can have a little personality; they don’t always have to be objective.

I’m not planning on writing my “pairing shots.” I don’t want to lambast Hope College and everybody here. Instead I want to share a list of five things I have learned while at Hope College. Hopefully the 17 people that read this will have noticed the same things too.

5. Intramurals
Just do it. I didn’t start playing intramural sports until junior year and I definitely regret it. I wish I had gotten out there sooner and, if you play with the right people, it can be an eight week whirlwind of fun. They even give you a free shirt if your team is the champion for your respective sport.

4. Alcohol
It’s everywhere. Much to the chagrin of the health administration, alcohol is prevalent on our dry campus. It’s in the dorms. It’s in the cottages. It’s in the apartments. It’s off campus. It’s on campus. Freshmen drink. Seniors drink. Everybody knows it, nobody says anything about it.

3. RateMyProfessor.com
Use it. I haven’t had a bad professor since I’ve started scheduling for myself. I’m fairly certain that all of the professors at Hope are adequate. But some are exceptional. Choosing between two classes always came down to which professor had better reviews. RateMyProfessor.com helped me make the right decision (60 percent of the time, it works every time).

2. Meal Plan
Drop it. As soon as you move out of the dorms get rid of your meal plan. It’s a waste of money. The $15-meal plan equated to $125 a week for the 2009-10 school years. I’m positive you can spend less than $125 a week in groceries. The convenience of walking a few minutes to a buffet for every meal is gone but so is the enormous hole in your (or, more than likely, your parent’s) check book. You can still buy everything in Phelps or Cook at the store except now you can prepare it for your own liking, assuming you know how to cook.

1. Friends
Friends are it. They are the reason Hope College is such a great place. They are the reason you stay up all night. The reason you don’t get your homework done until Monday morning. The reason you don’t feel homesick after the first few weeks or months of college. The reason you eat too much. Taco Bell and frozen pizzas. The reason you never have any money but don’t seem to mind. The reason you long to return to Holland after a long summer vacation. The reason you tell stories to your parents every time you go home. The reason your 21st birthday is both the best and worst night of your life. The reason you don’t want to leave. The reason you are cherishing these last few weeks together. The reason you would give anything for one more weekend with them. The reason your future is bitter-sweet. The reason you will look back at your college years as some of the best of your life. The reason you live. The reason you are.

James would like to thank Kathy, Karen and Ashley especially. Without you three I would never have had the same.

Lyricality

Burning
Becca Hawkins
Columnist

Have you ever had a burning in your heart? No, I’m not talking about the pizza you ate last night, or that it’s finally-spring Captain Sundae trip you just had to take last Friday, or that third Red Bull of the day just to keep you awake. It’s more than acid-reflux. It’s passion. It’s what’s supposed to be for our major, for the classes we take, the activities we involve ourselves in, and our relationships. That burning in your heart can come in so many different forms.

For me, it takes awhile to find out what’s causing the burning. Coming to college, I was passionate about (what many would argue), too many things. I wanted to be an art education, creative writing, and dance triple major. Ha. I laugh it at now, but it then seemed as if letting one of those go would be sacrificing a part of myself.

Death Cab for Cutie is right in saying “When there’s a burning in your heart/an endless yearning in your heart/build it bigger than the sun/let it grow, let it grow.” I aimed to build all of my passions bigger than the sun. I felt as if the sun was bursting through my chest, illuminating the path toward my gigantic triple major, eight-year college career.

However, soon enough I had to rank my passions, sacrificing a part of myself, or so I thought. Although Death Cab for Cutie is right in saying you should let your passions grow bigger than the sun, it is OK to moderate them too.

In a fiery debate with my heart that probably would have looked a lot like the surface of the sun, I made my decision. While dance was and still is, one of my passions, the burning in my heart drove me to be an art education major and a creative writing minor. I had to choose what I would let grow and what passion might stay stagnant for a bit. It’s funny though, how things pan out. After choosing my major, I nev- er thought I would dance again—a 10-year love left in high school. But, as a testament to Hope College’s nurturing of passions, I am still danc- ing, not in the capacity I was previously, but enough to feel good. Maybe it’s true that there is a time to rank your passions and decide which ones need to grow. And maybe even more so, college is the time to do that: a time to experiment and a time to grow.

It takes time to decide what lights you up. Sometimes it takes a scary wrestling with your heart, and maybe, hopefully, it will be very easy to choose that one thing you love. And hopefully, if you go about it the right way, that passionate burning will feel a lot better than that pizza you ate last night.

Have you ever had a burning in your heart?

From the inside out

Arrivederci,
Hope College
Matt Lee
National News Co-Editor

Before my freshman year here at Hope, a friend of my parents told me after my high school graduation, “Now the real world starts Matt.” Since he was an adult I didn’t really think twice about what he said. But now, looking back on my time since, he could not have been more wrong. I have come to realize that his statement is actually more applicable now.

I’m not sure what these past four years have been, but I do know they were far from being “the real world.” Start-
Letter to the Editor

Brooke McDonald
Guest Columnist

April is Organ Donation Awareness month and God has put it on my heart to talk a little bit about it. When I was 8 years old I was diagnosed with a heart disease where my heart grew to be two and a half times the size it was supposed to be. After a while of trying different medications I realized the only thing that could save my life was a new heart. On the evening of Sept. 13 of 1999, while my heart function began to decline, a little boy named Oliver was in a tragic accident. However, because of the decision his parents made on that day, his heart saved my life. No words can describe how grateful I am to him and his family. Not a day goes by that I don’t think of my amazing donor and how blessed I am to be alive because of him.

Nine years later my kidneys began to fail because of some of the medication I’m on for my heart. My doctors told me I would need a kidney transplant within the next month. Again, I was blessed. My mom was nearly a perfect match for me.

It was my first week ever at summer church camp. When the camp directors announced a contest, I knew I had to win. The contest was two-fold: memorize Isaiah 53 and give away an entire sheet of smelly-face stickers. Stickers could be given to fellow campers who exhibited two things: Christ-like qualities or random acts of kindness.

The prize? A beautiful journal and... and a pie. I wanted that journal and pie. So memorizing Isaiah 53, the oft-quoted passage prophesying the Messiah’s future suffering, was easy. Giving out stickers, I soon realized, was not. Third-graders did not engage in random acts of kindness. They were too busy yelling and digging holes in the sand.

After two days, I still had three-fourths of the sheet left.

So I reverted to dishonesty. Children looked amazed when I stuck one out, but two stickers on their dirty T-shirts. “You are just so delightful!” I would say. “Your joy is very Christ-like.” With my friends, I would pounce on each and every vaguely nice action. “Thank you for passing the salt!” I gasped to my friend Mara. Sticker. “Thank you for not tracking sand in the cabin,” I told my little cabin-mates. Sticker, sticker, sticker.

Needless to say, I won the journal and the pie. (Lemon meringue pie, my choice. I ate every bite.)

But for years afterwards, I couldn’t bring myself to write in that journal. Looking back, I know I never really intended to be dishonest. Sometimes I just needed it. It saved my skin.

By the time I reached middle school however, I had partially reformed. Still, general shyness kept me from correcting undeserved praise. I still wanted to be a celebrity. Sometimes people, quick to praise, misunderstood my accomplishments... and I let them.

Once, my gym teacher took one look at my T-shirt and said, “Wow, you ran the Elm Creek Race last weekend? Me too! What was your time?”

We had the surgery in April of 2008 and have both been doing wonderful ever since. It is hard to say “thank you” for such an amazing gift, but I am so grateful. Giving of life is an extremely unselfish decision. According to organdonor.gov, there are currently 110,586 people on the waiting list for an organ transplant. Of these people, 18 will die each day because they won’t get an organ in time. Every 11 minutes a new person is added to the waiting list. As an organ donor, you can save up to eight lives and even give a blind person sight! Registering to be a donor is easy and only takes a couple minutes on the computer. If you feel led, just go to organdonor.gov and select the state you live in to sign up!

Organ donation has had a huge impact on my life and I just wanted to share a little information about it. If anything, it is good to be aware of the facts. If you would like any more information, feel free to contact me!
Sleepout in Pine Grove

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other type of means to keep themselves warm. Silletti was pleasantly surprised by the amount of students and faculty who turned out to partake in the sleep-out. She noted that many students filtered in and out of the Pine Grove throughout the night to support their friends who were participating.

The only requirement for the participants was that they stick it out for the entire night. Silletti commented that this was accepted with absolutely no objection. "Everyone that slept out was very enthusiastic about the event...people seemed to think that it was a really neat thing to get to experience."

Della Fetzer ('14) decided to participate in the sleep-out after seeing advertisements posted around campus.

"Being a student at Hope is pretty fancy compared to most things and especially compared to what a lot of people have. People don't know how difficult homeless people have it and this event helps show us what they have to do in their everyday life," said Fetzer.

The sleep-out, Silletti is, beneficial for Hope's students because "it's good for students to understand the difficulties that the homeless are faced with and gives an idea of what the circumstances [the homeless] have to deal with are."

But most importantly, "it gives the students of Hope a chance to give back to the community we live in."

Letter to the Editors
Think twice before judging someone for who they are, think hard about what you have been preaching.

When I arrived at the panel discussion on Hope’s statement on sexuality, I quickly took note of some curious hypocrisy that occurred. I completely agree with our student government president that we each, all of us, have a responsibility, especially as human beings and members of an academic college, to think for ourselves and produce our own conclusions through discovery, searching for facts, and critically thinking about issues, instead of devouring and internalizing what others, often people in power, tell us is the truth.

But, there is one specific problem with this especially on this campus. Because of a number of factors and a very strong connection to religious leadership, the majority of students here look to our campus leaders and especially our administration to tell them what is right and acceptable, and look to them for greater wisdom and see a role model of how to act and what to think. You see, it is just easier that way, and that is what students are used to.

At the panel discussion today, members of the administration constantly stressed the need for students here to think for themselves, and to not be afraid to engage in dialogue with others and truthfully state what their position is and what their beliefs are on this issue, and other issues, even if they were afraid they might offend somebody. That is an excellent statement I completely agree with.

But, and here is the central core problem, when, in the discussion, a very difficult and personally insinuated question was given to be answered, members of the administration consistently dodged giving a straightforward and specific answer to the exact question that was given, never really saying what they truly felt.

So, to sum things up in a nice little package, students admire and follow the lead of the administration, the administration preaches one thing, and then goes around and refutes their own logic (that is, avoiding speaking their minds truthfully after they just urged students to openly express their beliefs in dialogue), and thus, the students get an image that they shouldn't think for themselves, they should take what is regurgitated in the new statement as fact, and should not openly express what their true feelings are in an open dialogue setting.

And one more thing, on a more personal note, everyone here believes that God is the ultimate judge of the soul, that no one person on earth has the authority or the right to judge someone, know their mind or soul or heart, or know where they are headed after this life is over.

Now, for how many people here claim to believe that, I hear innumerable streams of judgement about homosexuals (among other groups of people) and how wrong they are and where they are headed when they die. Hmm...inconsistency. Isn't it just an interesting thing?

The presence of a statement on sexuality and a banning of homosexual organizations is this exact inconsistency in the form of institutional discrimination. If you want to look at it simply and follow Christ like you claim, you should remember that Christ loved everybody, especially the marginalized and ostracized members of society. He said to love your neighbor as yourself, and reserve any judgement for the Almighty God, for we can not peer into the minds or hearts of souls of anyone, and have no right or power to judge.

None of us is better than Christ or God, and every day I observe students and leaders on this campus acting in the exact opposite manner that Christ would act, and trying to justify their actions and social opinions as Christlike.

So, as a challenge, I urge every single one of you to think twice before judging someone for who they are; think hard about what you have been preaching, and decide for yourself if you have, in actuality, been practicing your own proclaimed doctrine. And if you haven’t, have the self-dignity to recognize your mistakes, and grow and change and become a better person. Thank you.

Emma Dittmar ('14)
Men’s lacrosse preps for CCLA tourney

Charlotte Park
ASS'T. SPORTS EDITOR

For the third year in a row, the men’s lacrosse team has made it to the Central Association Lacrosse CCLA playoffs. This year is the number two seed in the Northern Division. Their current record of 9-1 has proved their strength and success this season, suffering only one loss to Davenport last Thursday (20-12).

“I think our nerves got to us a little bit in the first quarter because we were a little bit on edge from the first set but we are setting ourselves and our team up for good things to happen. ’” said Schanhals. “Our impact in the CCLA conference is away at Calvin today at 5:30 p.m. The first annual Hopeys to take place in Denver. The CCLA however comes with tough competition, with three of the top five teams in the nation in Hope’s conference."

“We look to make a strong impact in the CCLA conference tournament and prove the quality of the Hope Lacrosse program,” said Norden. “Ultimately we hope to earn the opportunity to compete in the national tournament and show how our program has developed since we first joined the MCLA (Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association) and CCLA." The Dutchmen’s next game is away at Calvin today at 5:30 p.m.

FAST BREAK—Freshman Michael Schofield cradles the ball during Hope’s game versus Ferris State. In Hope’s game versus Davenport last Thursday Schofield won 11-19 faceoffs for the day. The Dutchmen’s loss to Davenport (20-12) was their first of the season.

Women’s tennis undefeated, #1 in MIAA

Jolene Jeske
SPORTS EDITOR

The women’s tennis team remained undefeated after gaining a victory against the Calvin Knights on Saturday. The Dutch just edged the Knights, pulling a 5-4 win, capturing the number one spot in the conference. The Dutch now have a 6-0 league record and an 11-5 record overall record.

The Dutch fought the adversity of playing not only on Calvin’s home court, but also on track surface courts. But the conditions didn’t affect the women. After doubles, the Dutch proved a force to be reckoned with, leading 2-1.

The doubles gave the women a lift in spirits, but the Knights came fighting back hard in the singles. The first, second and third round of singles were tough for the Dutch, resulting in three straight losses. But, the fourth single proved victorious for the Dutch, resulting in a 3-4 deficit, the Knights pulled ahead. The sixth set of singles was promising for the Dutch as freshmen Malory Smith quickly pulled the victory, leaving the score 4-4.

It all came up to Melissa Bieri (’13) to pull the Dutch out of the tie. Bieri fell back a game in the first set but stuck with it. She came out winning the first and second set, pulling victory for the Dutch.

The win against Calvin wasn’t expected for the Dutch. They knew they had to work to pull off a victory.

"Everyone did their job today, and we got the job done. We came in with respect for Calvin knowing they are the returning MIAA champions, but we knew we were beatable and that we had what it takes to be beat," said Shelley Shultz (’13). “We stayed focused and moved well and did what we went to Calvin to do.”

The win prepared the women both mentally and physically for their upcoming match against undefeated Albion College April 20.

"This season, we have focused a lot on the mental side of tennis, and I think that is what puts us one step ahead of a lot of teams," said Schultz. "We stayed focused and composed through out our matches, whether we are up or down, and by doing that we are setting ourselves and our team up for good things to happen."

The undefeated Dutch will put their mental and physical skills to the test this week, hoping to pull another victory and remain number one in the MIAA.

This Week In Sports

Wednesday
Women’s Tennis
vs. Allison at 4 p.m.

Thursday
Softball
vs. Kalamazoo at 3:30 p.m.

April 23
Baseball
vs. Adrian at 2 p.m.

In Brief

MEN’S GOLF KICKS OFF SPRING SEASON

The Dutchmen began their spring season by placing seventh in the 12 team hosted by Trine tournament last Wednesday. Hope tied for Rochester with 311 strokes, while Davenport led the field with 299. Leading the men were Austin Farah (’13) with 75, followed by Adam Pepinis (’13) 77, Jason Vandekerck (’14) 79, and John Cannon (’13) 80. The men’s next event is the Spring Arbor Tournament Thursday at Cascades Golf Course.

The first annual hopeys

On April 27, Hope College’s student athletes will be honored at the first annual Hopeys to take place in the DeVos Fieldhouse. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. with the presentation of senior student-athletes. Numerous awards will be presented including outstanding team, male and female student athletes of the year, most beats, breaking performance and many others. Tickets will be available at the door for $10 and with free admission for all Hope students. Semi-formal dress is required with all proceeds benefitting the Hope Cancer Research Fund.

Women’s golf finishes third at MIAA Jamboree

The Flying Dutch finished third in their first of three MIAA rounds to determine who will qualify for the NCAA championships. Olivet College took first at The Medalist Golf Course in Marshall with a score of 321. St. Mary’s College was second with 333 with Hope following at 347. Leading the women for the day was Lauren Zandstra (’12) with 81 strokes. Other Hope scores were Charlotte Park (’13) 86, Megan Scholten (’12) 87, Katie Blodgett (’11) 93 and Shali Clark (’13) 94. The final two MIAA rounds for the women will be played next weekend April 29-30 away at Saint Mary’s.

UNDEFEATED—Captain Katherine Garcia (’11) has greatly contributed to the team’s stellar record this season. Their recent victory over Calvin on Saturday (6-4) brought the women’s league record to 6-0 and overall record to 11-5.
The men's and women's track teams traveled to Adrian for the MIAA Jambo-ree Saturday, which despite the rain and wind proved to be a victorious day for both teams.

Pulling a first place victory at the Jam- boree was the men's team, defeating rival Calvin for the win, topping the Knights with 887.5 points versus Calvin's 842.5. The Jamboree represented only half of the team's effort for second place against the Calvin Knights in a home doubleheader at Wolt- er Stadium with 887.5 points versus Calvin's 842.5. Both of the teams of the Jamboree, "Cole said. "Calvin has men's and women's teams.

The president with the results of the Jamboree, "Cole said. "Calvin has never been beaten in the Jamboree and it was really exciting. Both of the teams were really excited and we had a lot of fun." Although the weather was not the best, Hope runners made up for the conditions with constant support and posi- tive attitudes. "The rainy and windy weather slowed times down a lot, but everyone was out there supporting their teammates and having a good time," said Nate Love ('12). 

Leading the Dutchmen were Nickolas Rinck ('11) in both the 110-meter hurdles (15.48) and 400-meter hurdles (55.93); Cameron Lampkin ('11) in the 200-meter dash (23.21); John Donkerdood ('11) in high jump (2.06m); and the 4x400-meter relay team of Jacob Hurrell ('14), Eli- liott Barney ('13), Joel Rietsema ('13) and Rinck with a time of 3:23.00.

Although the women's team didn't pull a victory, they contributed a great effort for second place against the Calvin Knights. The women came up short to the Knights scoring 933.5 to their 996. Cole knew the meet would be more challenging for the women than the men, since the com- petition on the women's side has always been stronger. "I thought we had a good shot of win- ning the men's meet if we performed to our abilities, and they surpassed my expectations," Cole said. "I knew the women would have a tough time overcoming a strong Calvin team and made a great effort."

Winning for the women were Kate Nelson ('12) in the 1,500-meter (4:47.28); Katina Gobrogge ('12) in the 800-meters (2:20.23); and the 4x400 relay team of Sarah VenLet ('13), Caitlin Schwark ('14), Katie Carlson ('14), and VandeGuche ('11) with a time of 3:40.66.

Special recognition goes to VandeGu- chte for scoring in eight events through- out the day.


d," said. "They are doing a great job, and with only two main pitchers on the team, we really rely on them to have strong performances each time we play. When they pitch like that, I think it then fuels our offense to support them."

Leadership has also been fueling the Dutch's success. In her first year at the helm, Vande Hoef loves to be around the team and sees great encouragement and leadership amongst the team. "Our seniors are giving us great lead- ership on and off the field, which is what I expect," Vande Hoef said. "Our team is very unified, and we get leadership from a lot of different sources in different situations."

The Dutch were supposed to play a doubleheader against Trine on Saturday, but the games were postponed due to weather conditions. Vande Hoef gave her team the day off to rest and relax. The two victories against Calvin improved Hope's overall record to 17-10. They are off to a great start in a conference play, boasting a 5-1 record in the MIAA. They are sched- uled to play at Saint Mary's Tuesday, April 19th in an MIAA doubleheader.