“Virtues of Public Discourse” will aid campus discussion

5 virtues from Sexuality
Task Force’s report issued as stand-alone document

Jamie Pierce  
Campus Beat Editor

“What kind of community is Hope College?” This question is asked on the cover of a pamphlet released recently by Hope in conjunction with the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality. The pamphlet contains five “Virtues of Public Discourse” and is one product of last semester’s report from the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality. According to James Herrick, head of the task force, “When we were doing the [task force] work, one of the things that we heard from people around campus was that we need to have some guidelines for campus discussions that help us engage in controversial issues without hurting one another.”

Herrick said, “I showed it to someone in the Registrar’s office who works with FYS, and the response has been very positive, and so I said, ‘Would it be helpful to have this in the form of a brochure?’ and people seemed to think it would.” Multiple copies are available for classes and the campus links menu on KnowHope. The page was recently featured with a KnowHope headline.

According to Herrick, other colleges are more VIRTUES on 2

Rebekah Oegema  
Staff Reporter

The rumors are flying: 6 females to every male. Ideal dating environment. Senior seminar. Females out of luck in finding a mate. We at the Anchor have decided to explore this issue and offer a male and female perspective on the ratio debate. We welcome your ideas, too. Hope’s campus has 2 males for every 5 females. What do you think?

Rebekah’s Point:

Beyond controversy, minority divisions, and campus group issues, a topic of great discussion as of late on Hope’s Campus is mathematics. A developing trend in the ratio of males to females. This discussion is unique to our campus, and the debate over the recent trend in colleges and universities has been increasing media attention. The Grand Rapids Press published a recent article discussing the trend, which show that female college attendance is on the rise, while male attendance is falling. In response, I’ve heard males rejoicing in one ear and women despairing “where the men at?” in the other.

However, this is not necessarily a gender-divided argument. There are many views on the social and educational ramifications these statistics show. This current trend is a surprising reversal to most of our country’s history, thinking back to a time where women were denied a formal education, and even as recently as the early seventies when males continued to be the majority in the educational institutions.

It is my opinion that a more evenly-diversified student population would be beneficial to students in both the educational and social realms. So many of my female friends come to me in despair, asking me if I know of a male available for a dating relationship, or even a friendship where they’re able to get a male perspective on a problem. They, of course, are grateful that they are able to get a quality education in an environment supportive of their educational pursuits, but when Fantasia time rolls around, they fear for the available males because it brings on suicidal tendencies.
From the President

Welcome back to school! After a long summer in California, it’s great to be back to my Hope College family. I’m really excited to be serving as your Student Congress President this year. I have already been challenged this fall as the campus ministry team kicked off the year with the theme “Changes.” It’s an exciting time to be a part of the Hope community as many great changes will be taking place on campus.

One of our highest priorities last year was to improve the facilities in the Dow Center. I was amazed at the substantial renovations that were done over the summer. I encourage you all to take advantage of the new equipment available to you.

We’re also excited to see the Christian Concert Series that is coming to Hope this year. There was an overwhelming response to the kick-off concert with Jennifer Knapp. Keep your eye out for future performers throughout the year!

As you all get into the swing of classes, Bryan Rimenske, Jeremy Breve and I want you to think about how your ideas and voices can be heard on campus. You all have unbelievable potential to make an impact on your cottages, clusters, sororities, sports teams, music groups, and classmates.

I know that a representative student government can only be as good as its members, so let me encourage you to consider running for a Student Congress position. Petitions are now available at the Student Union Desk and right outside the Student Congress office. Election details will be explained on these petitions.

Also, if you would like to give input to the Student Congress leadership team, please call x7881. There is an awesome team of students ready and willing to serve you this year. Christopher Avery and Lucas Austin will serve as sophomore class representatives. Sara Barber and Liz Tynedall will serve as junior class representatives. Finally, Rachel Romansa and Jessica Oosting will serve as the senior class representatives.

We look to this upcoming school year with great expectation. We pray that this year will be filled with God’s favor. We hope to be in touch with all of you!

HOUSING from 1

soon,” said Garrison.

Garrison said that despite a drop in freshmen enrollment, more students were choosing to live on campus. “We did have fifty less students who are parent commuters. We have more students staying on campus throughout all four years,” said Garrison.

Most students are not affected by the housing shortages.

“They are usually the freshmen that turn in [their] housing cards late,” said Garrison.

This is not the first time there has been a housing shortage at Hope College. In the fall of 2000, several students began their college careers living in converted study halls. The college also increased the number of triple rooms. Garrison also felt that Hope’s housing woes are not as serious as those often experienced by larger schools.

“I wouldn’t see it as a huge crunch as opposed to a larger school where there would be hundreds of over-assignments. Even some of the smaller schools experience the same issue. When you’re a smaller college, 20 people can impact it [housing] more than at larger schools,” said Garrison.

While the college is not presently planning any new buildings to address the housing shortage, it attempts to be proactive about the situation.

“We try to have the foresight to plan for these things. We have a formula: the percentage of students staying on campus; and what our incoming freshmen enrollment, more students are parent commuters. We have more students staying on campus throughout all four years,” said Garrison.

Our incoming class tends to look like. We try to look at that over the course of the year when we do off-campus permissions, room draw and the whole housing process,” said Garrison.

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Dining service changes commuter pass system

The paper card and hole punch commuter pass system is “new and improved” according to an information sheet about the change. Hope ID cards will replace the old paper punch cards.

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So ladies, here’s some advice: while the odds aren’t as favorable for us socially at the moment, our education at an institution such as Hope will make us quite eligible after graduation.

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It’s my view that the gender imbalance at Hope College is one that academically benefits the student population.

Hope College is an institution of academic advancement, not a hunting ground for female (or male) students who wish to find their life mate before graduation. It is this skewed mentality that contributes more kindling to the fire of this argument. Of course, humans do seek companionship, but to spend over $20,000 a year to pine over a potential date for the next formal is a horrid misappropriation of money.

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Nate Cassie presents
his exhibit, Bivouac, opening this Friday
Rebecca Hillyard
and
Maureen Yonovitz
STAFF REPORTER, ARTS

A fresh perspective on familiar sights is set to make its debut at Hope’s DePree Art Gallery this Friday. The exhibit, Bivouac, reflects Alumnus Nate Cassie’s unique outlook and love of Hope College and its architecture. "I think it will be something fairly different that’s shown in DePree Gallery," said Cassie. "I spent a lot of time in this space so it’s kind of interesting to have my stuff in here.”

Bivouac is a new exhibit designed specifically for the DePree Gallery. Cassie pointed out that he decided to incorporate the golden mean in his exhibit while looking at a spiral on his computer, saying it seemed to work well with the dimensions of the gallery itself. "As I was looking at the gallery drawings with the spiral, they fit pretty well. They all corresponded to points," said Cassie.

He chose to title the exhibit Bivouac, a military term for a temporary encampment, based on the thought that, like his exhibit, college is also a "temporary encampment…this temporary transition in your life to whatever you’re going to do as an adult.” He also sought to “utilize the space and envelop the person who came to see it with something that feeds on the environment.” "All the construction materials I’m using are temporary," said Cassie. "It’s stuff that everybody uses, whether they’re building a mansion or something in a third-world country.”

Nate Cassie holds a B.A in Studio Art from Hope College and went on to receive his MFA in Sculpture at the University of Texas in San Antonio. Since then, he has been featured in the Contemporary Art Museum in Houston, Texas, and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. He is also a past fellow in the ArtPace Foundation’s International Artist in Residence Program in San Antonio and the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts’ FIVA residency program in Miami.

The exhibit will commence with an opening reception and artist’s lecture this Friday from 5-7 p.m. and will continue through Sept. 29. Admission is free and open to the public.

STAFF REPORTER, ARTS
Anjey Dykhuis

As Labor Day weekend fades into the past and students prepare to buckle down to a schedule of classes, studies, and jobs, weekends seem to come few and far between. But fear not, events of interest do come to Holland for those with eyes to see, and, in this case, ears to hear.

This coming Saturday, September 7, the New Reformation Jazz Band is coming to Centennial Park to perform for the general public. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the gazebo, which is positioned on the northwest corner of the park. The band has been playing for over 30 years and original founders, brothers Dave and Nick Oppermann, are still going strong as the ‘elders’ of the band. New Reformation Band (NRB) is one of the most prominent bands in the United States, performing traditional jazz, which includes Dixieland, ragtime, swing, and big band. Despite their continued success, bandleader Dave Oppermann stated that the group has agreed to allow the band to die a slow death once the momentum leaves the performances. Until then, they plan to play their music as long as there is demand and just have a good time while they’re at it. Oppermann offers one reason why the band has lasted so long without burning out. "We have so much fun and the audience has fun as well...it’s all genuine," said Oppermann.

The NRB is one traditional band not composed of older jazz aficionados, but instead integrates a younger man with a fresh style and a contemporary outlook on performance. Acclaimed as "America’s Most Entertaining Jazz Band," the band has one of the youngest and best clarinetists in the country. Eighteen-year-old Dave Bennett has been compared to Benny Goodman. "He is probably better than Benny Goodman was at his age," said Oppermann.

So if you have heard of the New Reformation Band, or if you simply love classic jazz and want to be entertained, grab a blanket, a chair and a few friends and enjoy some great music for free in Centennial Park. It’s another great way for the community of Holland to celebrate the beginning of the year.

The New Reformation Jazz Band will perform in the Centennial Park Gazebo this Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m.
Editor's voice

"If you don’t have anything nice to say..."

Last year, President Buttman appointed a Task Force on Issues of Sexuality at Hope. This group had a multitude of purposes, one of which was to find effective ways to communicate its thoughts and opinions on sexuality. After a year of debate, they published their findings in a 30-page report. This report contained their biblically rooted suggestions of how to conduct oneself in a social conversation. Humility, hospitality, patience, courage, and honesty made up these “virtues” that are nothing but a restatement of common knowledge. I know that, for at least some of us, they aren’t.

For a real life example of the attitude toward different ideals, you need to look no farther than this page. The letter to the editor this week, from G.L.O.B.E., is signed “Madame Prez and Madame V.P.” It is an absolute shame that the leaders of this group have reason to fear harassment from members of this college community.

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G.L.O.B.E. invites students to participate

To the Editor:

With the beginning of another semester, we, the leadership of G.L.O.B.E., would like to extend an invitation to all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students, faculty and staff to join us for another exciting year. G.L.O.B.E. (Gay, Lesbian Or Bisexual Equality) is a group for the GLBT community on Hope’s campus.

We hold bi-monthly meetings to build unity and to have fun! If you are interested in learning more or if you have any questions, feel free to email us at globehope@hotmail.com.

Madame Prez and Madame V.P.
The inside story from the ones who know

Administrative assistants from around campus talk about what happens behind the scenes.

Jen Troke
Spotlight Editor

For Lannelte Carson, administrative assistant to James Boelkins, provost, spending time on Hope's campus is nothing new. She has only worked in her current position for a little less than a year, but Hope College has been a part of her life ever since she began taking piano lessons on campus as a child.

"My dad went to Hope, my brother went to Hope, so I just always knew that I wanted to come back and be involved with Hope somehow," Carson said.

From dorm life in Kollen Hall to the provost's office next to the provost's, where she handles projects, schedules and major events like the pre-college conference for faculty, "We're kind of a personnel department for the faculty as far as we administer the salary process in the spring when we're issuing contracts for the faculty for the next year," Carson said. "All the recruiting and hiring of new faculty comes through our office."

Although Carson may seem relatively new to the provost's office scene, she out-dates the provost himself.

"He's brand-new, so I have a little idea, but this year's just going to be totally different," Carson said.

Some of the projects Carson and Boelkins have to tackle this semester are Baccalaureate, Commencement, Honors Convocation and other awards ceremonies. Carson also receives help from Barb Westrate, who is the secretary for Alfredo Gonzales, assistant provost.

When Carson isn't working on projects, she works on her outside interests, like accompanying the Christ Memorial Church choir on the piano.

"I'm a huge Michigan football fan and a huge Hope basketball fan," Carson said. "I love Hope basketball, men's and women's. I'll go to every game I can."

With September 11 coming up, Carson is reminded of something else she loves about Hope.

"My second day on the job was September 11 last year, and when President Bultman called that service in the Pine Grove right away, I just thought to myself, 'Man this is a cool place to be working.'"

Wilma Hart, administrative assistant for Diana Breclaw, director of student activities, and Glinda Rawls, director of multi-cultural life, agrees with Carson.

"I feel like I'm too busy. I can't always get everything done that I need to get done, and that makes me feel inadequate sometimes," Hart said.

"It's a very fun job," Schamper said. "Being an assistant is just that - you assist with the job."

"I'm learning Spanish by taking a class here, and I love that... I like to fly, although, currently, we don't have our own plane. We used to. And I love reading."

Carson, Hart and Schamper are a small sample of the many assistants who work around Hope's campus. They keep the college functioning smoothly with their love of the students, their jobs and having fun.

My second day on the job was September 11...
-Lannelte Carson, administrative assistant, provost's office

I picture my kids in a college setting and needing a place to feel safe...
-Wilma Hart, administrative assistant, student development

The World on their Shoulders:
These are some of Hope's administrative assistants who work everyday to beat the clock.

* Lori Bouwman - Timothy Brown, dean of chapel
* Laurie Brock - James Bekkering, V.P. admissions
* Lannelte Carson - James Boelkins, provost
* Wilma Hart - Glinda Rawls, multi-cultural life director; Diana Breclaw, student activities director
* Katherine Mervau - James Bultman, president
* Terri Schamper - Richard Frost, dean of students

Recycle The Anchor!
Tobacco: Dragging out the issue

Students, school speak about tobacco at Hope

David Gutierrez, Ollim Alimov, Brianna DiSalvio, and Katy Korenstra

The remnants can be seen around campus. The soft flick of a lighter can be heard as it ignites dried tobacco leaves, and the curious thump of a finger packing a fresh tin of chew resonates in the ears of those nearby. The aroma of these habits drift through campus, or an open window. Some may even taste the flavor. Some may even realize until it had taken control.

It wasn’t like I thought to myself, “I’m gonna start smoking today.” It just kinda happened,” says Kristin, a female student, (’06). “If I get to my morning class and haven’t had at least a few drags on my way there, I’m going to go nuts.”

As long as no smoking ordinances exist, Hope College students can still enjoy their cigarettes on the steps of college buildings.

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“Smoking tobacco is not the only form of the drug that exists within the Hope College community. Many forms of smokeless tobacco are available," says one avid user, "It’s a more subtle approach to tobacco use," says one avid user, "I think it’s your personal choice as to whether or not you are smoking, but you can stand outside an academic building and smoke?"

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Nick
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Anchor emo joke of the week: What do you call emo that woke up on the wrong side of the bed? Crabby-mo

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Two ducks are swimming in a pond. One duck says to the other, “Fetch me the soap.” To which the other duck replies, “What do I look like? Your typewriter?”

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YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD ANCHOR STAFF

This year's Anchor staff, from left to right, top to bottom: Mark Lewison (Faculty Advisor), Rob Ondra ('04), Maureen Yonovitz ('05), Nick Denis ('03), Jamie Pierce ('03), Rebekah Oegema ('04), Danielle Koski ('04), David Gutierrez ('04), Ben DeHaan ('05)

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In 2001, Student Congress used $500 of the student activity fee to buy this scrolling marque sign in the lobby of the DeWitt Center. Although active in 2001, the sign has yet to display anything since. As a service to you, The Anchor will keep track of how many weeks it has been blank since installed.

Today's Count: 49

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Dutch runners stride right at home meet

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

After finishing last season in second place in both the men’s and women’s teams, the Hope cross-country teams began the first chapter of their 2002 season last Saturday at the Bill Vanderbilt Invitational at Van Rock Farm. With three other MIAA teams present, the Dutch faced competition throughout the races.

The women’s cross-country team had to watch their season begin on the right foot, as they were able to win the meet by placing runners in the top six-placed positions.

While Hope finished with 20 points, Albion came in second with 69 points. Alma placed in third with 101 points. "I thought the team did really well, especially the newcomers," said Kristin Post ('03), co-captain for the Dutch. "Our competition was pretty good, so we were weary of them."

The Dutch’s top runner was Leticia Granda ('03), who clocked in at 19:36. Chris Alcus ('06) came in third at 19:40. Katie Veldman ('04), Kristin Post ('03) and Rachel Rieter ('04) finished up the Dutch win.

The men’s team also had a strong showing by putting two runners inside the top five. However, Albion proved to be too strong on the day, and placed their top five runners in the top ten of the race, taking the victory. This was the second consecutive year that Albion and Hope finished first and second in the invitational.

Olivet finished in third place with 93 points, Alma finished fourth with 98 points, and Cornerstone took the last spot in the race with 126 points.

The Dutchmen runners were led by a young crowd. Tyson Warner ('06) took runner-up honors in the race, finishing in 26:17, while Kyle Williams ('06) finished in fourth with a time of 27:24.

Topping off the last of the Dutchmen’s times were Justin Blazeck ('06), Matt Dill ('06), and Donovan Hornbeck ('04). Both the men and women’s teams will return to competition at the Aquinas Invitational on Sept 13th.

Cora Hensley
Sports Editor

Flying Dutch open V-ball with a strong win at home

Jared Gall
Staff Reporter

The Hope women’s volleyball team had to watch Saturday’s match, but fell short, losing 30-28. Against the Tri-State University Tripp came up from the J.V. squad for the match on Saturday and will start MIAA competition on Sept 27th.

Men’s soccer wins two on road

Kristen Morin
Staff Reporter

The Dutchmen soccer team was only allowed to play with the Flying Dutch. Along with winning the game, the Dutch were attempting to adjusting to a few new rules. Last year, the MIAA made the switch to "rally scoring." In rally scoring a team scores on every serve, whether or not that team served. Traditionally, a team had to serve in order to get a point.

New this year is the MIAA’s use of a "libero" player. The libero player, also called a defensive specialist, wears a different color jersey than her teammates and plays in the back row. She can be switched in as many times as necessary, but only on a serve by the opposing team. The Dutch were able to adjust to these new rules, putting two runners inside the top five service aces. Caitlin Diers ('05) tallied up five aces, and Laura Luhden ('03) added five of her own. Sam Hornak ('06) also notched three aces to wind out the service leaders.

At the net, co-captain Martha Liudens ('03) played an excellent game, providing 10 kills. Along with winning the game, the Dutchmen feel they can accomplish anything as long as they continue to act as a team, which so far, has come easily to them. Even with the new players, the Dutchmen are working quite together and feel a strong sense of unity with each other, which is a great combination for a successful season.

Although the team does have high aspirations for this fall, including winning the league and going all the way in the NCAA tournament, they agree to focus on one game at a time. Their next focus is this weekend against Concordia College. Kickoff is scheduled for 4:00 PM.

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