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Faculty divided over word use

Some offended by the term “exotic,” used to announce a concert

Matt Cook
Sports Editor

There is currently a debate among the faculty and staff of Hope College concerning the use of the term “exotic” because some find the word offensive to minorities.

The discussion was sparked on Monday, September 18, when Paula Savaglio, instructor for world music, sent out a no-promotional demo of Zimbabwean mbira music at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Savaglio used the word exotic once in the beginning of her message. “To all interested in exotic music: On Thursday September 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the Knickerbocker, musician Forward Kwenda and Erika Arin will present a lecture-demonstration of Zimbabwean mbira music,” said Savaglio in her invitation.

After she was alerted by another faculty member that the word could be offensive, Savaglio sent out an apology for the use of the word. Some who thought this was a misuderstanding or a misunderstanding of the term “exotic,” or what it means. It is about the acceptance of a large portion of the world. “I came to the rescue of a colleague that other people, in the rush of being offended, infringed upon her freedom of speech,” Craioveanu said.

Some faculty members thought that she didn’t need to apologize, and that opinion was voiced over Campusmail, which provoked responses from people of different opinions. It grew into a full-scale e-mail discussion.

After receiving criticism from some who thought this was a misuse of the Campusmail system, and because of the amount of e-mails being sent, Tom Renner, director of public relations, is in charge of the system which is generally used for announcements, decided to move the debate onto DISCUS. DISCUS is Hope’s on-line discussion program that allows users to send messages to each other about a specific topic. The “exotic” discussion was restricted to faculty and staff.

“We’re really trying to be sensitive to what is sent out,” Renner said. “Not because of the content, but because of the sheer volume.”

One of Savaglio’s earliest defenders was Mihai Craioveanu, professor of music. Craioveanu felt that Savaglio had no reason to apologize. He cited that the Webster’s Dictionary definition of the term is “introduced from another country.”

Craioveanu said that the word is accepted by a large portion of the world. “Romanian folk music is referred to as exotic.” However, Miguel De La Torre, assistant professor of religion, disagreed. He felt that the issue was not necessarily about the word “exotic,” or what it means. It is about whether a group of people have the more EXOTIC on 4

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Opinion

Free from to speak

Members of the campus community are up in arms over the use of the word "exotic" in combination with ethnic music, and more broadly ethnic groups in general. Some people are claiming that the term is offensive, a word that is used by those in power to those who are not in power. Others defend the choice of the word as a person's expression, and maintain that no apology was necessary for the use of the word.

Compounding the issue is the fact that both sides of the argument have valid points. Those who feel the word is slanderous to themselves or others have the right to feel this way, just like the people who used the word also have the right to express themselves in the way that they feel, and if they stand by the usage of the word exotic, they have the right to speak the way that they do. Both sides are fully entitled to their opinions—thank the First Amendment for that.

The freedom of speech is a wonderful right, one that many people around this world do n ot enjoy. But in the community of a college, or any other place where multiple viewpoints are represented, these freedoms can lead to unrest. In the case of the word exotic, it seems that each side is respecting its own freedom to speak, but not respecting the other side's freedom.

Those who feel that exotic was wrong seem to be unwilling to allow others in the Hope community to feel that the use of the word is okay. Similarly, those who feel that the word exotic was rightfully expressed may be fearing to at least understand that others may take offense to a word that they themselves find offensive. Both sides are free to express themselves, but they are forgetting that for them to have the freedom to feel the way they do, the other side must have that freedom as well. Like all arguments, it takes some understanding of the future of so- cial security. Let's take a minute and touch on the proposals put forth by George W. Bush and Al Gore.

Right now you are thinking that you've still got 45 years until retirement, so what does social security matter to me? But you must not forget that during those 45 years between now and then you will be giving a good chunk of your paycheck to the government so that they, in turn, can give your money to senior citizens. Since its implementation this what social security has meant — you will be giving money to the people you are working and then you get that money back when you retire. Unfortunately this program is a disaster and is about to happen. Government economic forecasters say that people like us will not likely see any of the money we put into social security until our old age.

But this does not mean that tax cuts are in the budget. Government would be able to get by on 98% of our m oney, don't you? But what does all of this mean for us? Simply it means that we will be able to choose whether we put our hard earned income into a sure loser, social security accounts or a raging stock market that has a decades-long streak of returning at least 8% in every single year. During two years your current profits have investors in the stock market failed to make 7% a year. That means the money that we would put in would be able to grow immeasurably, leaving us with more money than we put in. All this while the money that we put into the social security fund would dwindle until the whole program goes bankrupt.

Al Gore's predictable response to this was to call it risky, it's apparent that Al Gore would like us to go broke in the future with no risk, and let the government take care of everything for us. Of course shortly after Bush proposed a Social Security reform plan that really just means more taxes for us while at the same time creating more dependency on gov- ernment.

What it comes down to is that Bush's plan gives us a chance to have a lot of money when we retire, while at the same time not spending a whole lot while we are working. Al Gore's plan is for us to have more and more each year with little promise of anything in return.

I encourage you to take a look at the issues, you may find that they really do make a difference in your life. Exercise your right as an American citizen and go out and vote.

Eric Ringnalda
Hope Republicans

Gore's environmental stance emphasized by student

To the Editor:

Soon it will be time for us to decide who will be the next presi- dent of the United States. College students are not heard enough during the campaign, too often simply because they do not know or understand the issues. As a political science major I feel everyone should know the issues before they vote, and not just vote on party lines. The environment, like education, is an impor- tant issue to college students. If we do not protect the environment now we may not be able to save it in the future. This election we have an important choice to make.

George W. Bush has not shown that the environment is important to him. As one Texas said, "We've contacted George W. Bush's office and he had the attitude that he's not interested." Texas has the third worst environment in the United States and has some of the nation's worst air and wa- ter pollution. Bush even appointed industry representatives to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission who have worked for businesses who fought environmental regulations. George W. Bush has all the ideas to help the environment but he has never en- acted any of them in Texas. It makes you wonder if he is just play- ing for votes.

Vice President Gore, on the other hand, has already taken the initia- tive to help the environment. Gore has helped to implement stronger clean air standards while in office and has also helped to implement stronger standards in the auto industry. Vice President Gore has helped to make more fuel-efficient cars. The Safe Drinking Water Act has helped auto makers form a program to make more fuel-efficient cars.

This election we can make a dif-ference for all of those who are concerned about the environment. Gore will implement tougher new technologies, and by phasing out ozone-depleting chemicals. Gore will continue to strengthen the Clean Water Act and will work at expanding the moratorium on oil and gas drilling off the coasts of Florida and California. Al Gore will also support new reforms in which environmental factors will be im- portant to trade negotiations. This election we can make a dif-ference for all of those who are concerned about the environment.

Sincerely,
Sarah Skirloff

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To the Editor:

I would like to start by congratulating Eric Bruns on making a complete fool of himself with his letter to the editor in last week's issue. If you are going to insult someone (or a group of people) it's always best to get the facts straight or learn proper procedure.

First and foremost, if you are going to ask to borrow the Juliana room, you should go to the right person. That person being the stage manager, not whoever you talked to in the theatre office. It is the stage manager's duty to know who rehearsal is, and when we will be in the Juliana room, not the secretary of the department.

Next, you say that in the past 2 years, we've never been in the department programs that, surprisingly, are not doing what the politicians promised they would, there are candidates out there taking real issues.

I have chosen this campaign season to promote the candidacy of Harry Browne. Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party seek to abolish the income tax, thereby destroying the IRS, reduce the size and the role of government, and demand the War on Drugs, and give the people the power to make decisions for themselves. The United States finished for over a hundred years without any income tax and by staying within the confines of the constitution. The politicians we see and hear everyday do not follow the restrictions of the constitution. They feel that it is their right to take 47% of our income, lose much of it in the growing size of bureaucracy, and give it back to the few. In the words of Harry Browne, "the government likes to break your legs and give it back to the few."

The Libertarian Party is the third largest party in the United States. There are already 300 libertarians serving in public office today and party membership has grown 2 1/2 times since Harry Browne ran in 1996. Harry is on the ballot in all 50 states. In the latest Zogby poll issued he had a 1% lead over Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan. I grew up in a middle-class Republican home. Personally, I am not in total agreement with everything Harry advocates, but I wholeheartedly believe that his ideas and principles need to be heard. Neither of the major party candidates are advocating reducing any specific government programs. They are not planning on cutting anything, just adding more programs that won't live up to the promises they are making. Setting for the lesser of two evils was not the design of our democracy when the framers formed it. Take a stand. If you have any questions about the Libertarian Party or would like to help out, please feel free to give me a call or check out www.HarryBrowne2000.org. Most of all get out and vote. You can make a difference.

John McDonald '01
Vice Chairman, Hope Democrats.

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Recycle the Anchor:

It's the least you can do for the world in which you live.
Well, actually the least you can do is nothing. but work a little harder and recycle this newspaper. It will give you good karma if nothing else.

This show has nothing to do with a home, there's no place like the show without work something out. Vanderpump was started by two theatre students through the theatre forum, and the department is very supportive. There's no need to write a letter that was, if I may use a quote, "Childish, utterly childish I tell you."

Kathryn Cleveland '02

Anchor Opinions October 4, 2000

Student opposes previous room reservation

To The Editor:

As Campaign 2000 quickly reaches in climax, I want to the students of Hope College to know, if you don't already, that there are options in choosing representatives that go beyond the two party system. Many of these candidates don’t have a prayer of getting into office in 2000 but the more voice they receive the more their ideas will be heard. While Bush and Gore debate over how to spend the projected surplus of our money in the coming decade and how to change government programs, they are not someone provoked very easily. I often fought the silent battle, making comments to friends rather than in a public forum. On October 2, this all changed during what I hoped to be an uneventful lunch in Phillips Hall.

Furthermore, for a group that is involved with not only campaign during a few months in an election year but one that sponsors speakers and other campus events year round is important to me. I downright angers me when someone initiates a backhanded attack on the people that I am involved with and this, me.

Chris Vande Bunte '01
Vice Chairman, Hope Democrats.
Rash of automotive vandalism hits Hope’s lots

19 broken windshield in three days

October 4, 2000

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8-911 will not reach Public Safety operator

Dialing 8-911 will not reach Central Dispatch

Matt Cook

In the Anchor two weeks ago, the opinion column "Our Voice" reported that to reach 911 directly, a student should dial 8-911. It is not correct. Dialing 8-911 results in a busy signal.

If there is an emergency, students should dial 911 from any campus phone, including from extensions that start with 4. This will put them in touch with Public Safety.

There is no way to directly reach 911 Central Dispatch from campus phones.

According to Mike Lafata, Public Safety patrol sergeant, when anyone on campus dials 911, the call goes to an operator at Public Safety. The operator then immediately dispatches a Public Safety officer to the scene.

If additional help is needed, such as an ambulance or a fire truck, Public Safety has the option of calling Central Dispatch, or directly referring for help themselves. Most often, Public Safety officers choose the latter option.

"Cutting out the middle man is basically what we're doing," Lafata said.

This system allows for a Public Safety officer, the closest available trained help, to respond promptly to any situation.

In the event of a fire alarm, the fire department is automatically called before the officer arrives on the scene. However, if it is a false alarm, usually the officer will arrive on time to assess the scene and cancel the fire alarm before the fire trucks arrive.

According to Lafata, this is the safest way to do things, because although a fire truck is always called, false alarms are fairly common and a Public Safety officer can tell that to the fire department. Lessening the chance of a truck being diverted from a real fire.

Fee from 1

Last year, over $300,000 was requested by student organizations, however, only $232,000 was available.

Because of the difference, the Student Congress Appropriations Committee, Morrison, approached Student Congress last week to request that the Student Activities Bureau fund Pull from 1.

Practices began three weeks ago and included many hours on the rope during the two Saturdays before the Pull to prepare for the contest. "Put all the hard work in for three weeks, and to see them feel the win, it's better than actually feeling it," said Morrison.

Fee be raised to $30.00 per semester in the 2001-2002 school year.

"We don't want to drastically increase the fees, but we do want to provide financial improvement for the budget. For the current situation, this will remedy the problem we have," Morrison said.

There were five new student organizations started during the 1999-2000 school year.

Although there is no way to reach Central Dispatch from campus, Lafata said that it makes no difference in the response time to an emergency.

"It has never been a problem in the past," Lafata said. "This has never been an issue as far as time." Lafata said that often response time to an emergency may seem slow, for example three minutes could seem like fifteen. However, that is only because it is a high stress situation.

"This is one area of campus that we can control, yet there is currently, a need for more money," said Morrison.

"I feel so great for these guys, they deserved it," said J.H. VandenBerg, ('01) Odd Year Pull coach.

Do you think the word exotic is offensive when applied to people?

Why or why not?

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"No, because I think it means you're unique. I would take it as a compliment." --Markeen Kostus ('01)

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"No, because I don't see it as a derogatory term, rather a compliment saying you are extraordinary in some aspect." --Brian Sutter ('02)

"I want to see cameras (installed), but I don't know if that's going to happen," Lafata said.

For now, about the only thing students can do to protect their cars is by making sure never to leave valuables in sight. Lafata said that often people who break windshields proceed to steal whatever is inside the car.

"I would like to see cameras (installed), but I don't know if that's going to happen," Lafata said.
Odd Year Pull team captures the win and 36-feet-8-inches of rope at the 103rd Pull

Jane Bast and Rand Arwady

The cold murky waters of the Black River were a welcome baptism for the victorious members of the '03 Pull Team. After tasting a bitter defeat as freshman, the team returned to the river banks with one goal, to become the ultimate Pull team.

"We knew our dream and we made it come true," said Megan Braxton ('03), '03 Morale Coach. "They knew they had all our hopes. They knew we were proud of them already and what we told them today was to come out here and make them proud of themselves." The road to victory began with a call to selfishness.

"This is our rope from here on out," said Jon Plummer ('01), '03 Pull Coach. "Get greedy." The team took Plummer's words seriously, owning the rope throughout the entire Pull. In the end, '03 took 36-feet-8-inches of rope from the Even Year team, an unusually large margin of victory.

"I'm just proud of every guy on this team," said Nate Moore ('03). "They all pulled their hearts out and I don't think they could have done any more. We won by over 36 feet, which is one of the biggest wins I've ever heard of."

During the three hour event spectators and fans surrounded the team cheering on the Pullers and their Moralers. Among the crowd was Mary VandenBerg, whose son J.B. coached the '03 team.

"We found out that three generations of our family have done this," said Mary VandenBerg ('69). "Rick and I met through the Pull. I was a moraler back when they were called morale girls. I think I'm giddy now with J.B. doing this, I want him to be proud." When time was called, '03 Pull coaches gathered in a huddle before turning to the team to announce the victory. When the team heard Coach Joel Neckers ('01) call to reel in the rope, they knew they had won.

"It was the best three weeks, three hours of my life," said Liz Knooihuizen ('03). "It's pretty bad when at nineteen, you think you've hit the highlight of your life and that from here on out it's never going to be the same." After receiving hugs, cheers and high-fives from teammates and spectators, the '03 Pull Team took the traditional victory dip in the Black River. From the middle of the river, which had separated the two teams for the past three hours, Odd Year shouted: "Odd Team! Odd Team!

The team went on to celebrate its victory with a chant.

"We come together! We win together! We pray together! We love each other! We pull together! We pull to death!"

REELING IT IN: Dan Hinz ('03) braces the heave with a foot at the front of the pit while moraler Allison DeMarise ('03) keeps him focused.

WARRIOR Face: In preparation for the battle ahead, puller Josh Egedy ('03) painted the left half of his face black. This year, most of the Odd Year team took advantage of the face paint.

SNACK TIME: Moraler Elizabeth Bos ('03) feeds puller Tim Folkert ('03) an orange between heaves. One of the jobs of a moraler is to hydrate their puller, as well as relay calls and keep the puller focused.
103rd Pull

03 Victory

'03 PULL TEAM'S GONNA GET WET:
Odd year takes the traditional swim in the Black River.

FRONT LINE:
Odd year coaches Jon Plummer ('01), Jeremy VanDenBerg ('01), Justin Savara ('01) and Bill Serrano ('01) watch as Joel Neckers ('01) gives the strain call.

LOOK: Noah Weiss ('01) watch closely to be certain.

WAR: Mike Dolislager ('03) pours out everything he has while moraler Kristen Sheehan ('03) is ready for anything.

Rock Solid: Nate Moore ('03) odd year anchor holds up his team with the help of Sasha Snapp ('03).

HEAVE: Chad Sampson ('03) and moraler Emily Selden ('03) fight to gain rope.

FEMINIST MOVEMENT: Elizabeth Tyndell ('04) fourth woman ever to pull, holds the line.

The And
KILL THE PAIN: Rob Ondra ('04) holds the rope with everything he has as Liz Tyndell ('04) relays the calls.

INCH UP: Chris Ledike ('03) and Kelly Cleland hold the rope as odd year readys to heave.

SEVEN-TEEN UP: Donald Hart ('04) stands, giving the anchor a chance to re-tie his knot. Rachel Peckenpaugh ('04) his moraler makes sure that he doesn’t fall.

THAT’S ALL SHE WROTE: After a long battle Even year stands at the side of the Black River.

TONGUE ACTION: James Manojlovich ('04) lets it loose on the rope.

STRAIN: Aron Devos ('02) gives the strain call, warning that odd year is about to heave.
EMOTIONAL ROLLER-COASTER: Above: Moraler Mary Beth D’Agosta (’04) encourages puller Ross Dieleman (’04) during the final minutes of the Pull. Right: Puller Elizabeth DeGraaf (’04) heaves while moraler Anne Slaughter (’04) cheers her on.

HANGING TOUGH: Anchor Matt Clouse (’04) receives support from his moraler Katie Van Dam (’04).

TRENCH WARFARE: The Even Year team fights a losing battle on the south side of the Black River.

Even Year tastes the agony of defeat as they lose to Odd Year

Andrew Kleczek
Staff Reporter

For a few seconds all that could be heard on the Even Year (’04) side of the Black River was the quiet dragging of the rope as it rubbed against the pits. Following tradition, the winning year was reeling in the rope. Odd Year (’03) had won the 103rd Pull.

For Even Year coaches, the loss was difficult but the pullers had to be told of their defeat.

“We’re very proud of you for everything you did today. But unfortunately, Odd Year has more rope,” said Aaron DeVos (’02), ’04 Pull coach.

After the announcement, pullers wept and hugged. Later, Even Year pullers, coaches, and alumni gathered in front of the first pit to congratulate Odd Year.

“03 Pull team, awesome Pull team,” chanted the pullers. Odd Year then returned the favor.

Using a new, thinner rope, Odd Year out-gained Even Year by 36 feet 8 inches.

Despite the sadness, Even Year Pull coaches were still able to cheer for their team.

“’04, you pulled very hard today. You put your heart and soul into this,” DeVos told the pullers while they were still gathered in the pits, arms empty of the two and a half inch rope.

It was a long way to this end for Even Year anchor, Matt Clouse (’04), who struggled to keep consciousness through-out the Pull. To keep him on his feet and keep him going, he was given smelling salts as well as some back support by Pull coaches, moralers and college officials.

After a couple of hours of strenuous pulling, Clouse was fighting hard and had to be held up entirely by Pull coaches and moralers.

“Didn’t expect to feel the way I did... terrible,” Clouse said.

Despite his struggles, Pull coaches knew Clouse would be all right.

“You always worry about them,” said Jen Peeks (’02), ’04 Morale coach. “But I had faith in him. I had seen him in practice the last three weeks, and I knew he could hold his own.”

The crowd also fell into supporting Clouse, chanting “Anchor,” to boost his spirits.

“It helped a lot,” Clouse said. “I could hear it when they chanted... sometimes.”

In one day, Clouse and others found the Pull to be one of the most demanding events of their lives.

“It was unbelievable - the most intense thing I’ve ever done, and most emotional. I’m just in a trance,” said Donny Hart (’04).

Through everything, even loss, the pullers of Even Year bonded and developed a sense of unity.

“It’s what they say ‘04 Pull team, Family Pull team,’” said Mary Beth D’Agosta (’04), reciting a chant. “You spend so much time building a family with these people, you know it means as much to them as it does to you.”

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Jazz Ensemble gets groove on

Emily Moellman and Kyle Delhagen
Arts Editor and Staff Reporters

Hope’s Jazz Ensemble has a lot in store this year, including its first performance this Tuesday, October 10 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

Directed by Brian Coyle, professor of jazz studies, Jazz Ensemble is comprised of Hope student musicians in each class.

The Jazz Ensemble is looking forward to the possibility of going on a joint tour with the Winds Symphony sometime later this year. These tours would bring the Jazz Ensemble to local high schools in neighboring towns, and possible performances at some community events.

“Coyle also likes to get the band to perform at a club at least once a semester,” Wesselink said.

One of these groups, the Jazz Combo, performs every Thursday night 7:30-9:30 in the Kletz Center. This year’s Jazz Ensemble will play a wide variety of music at its concerts. They are currently working on some standard swing tunes like “Queen Bee” and “Willow Weep for Me.”

For the upcoming concert, Coyle has selected other recognizable jazz favorites, such as Charles Mingus’ “Haitian Fight Song” and Bill Holman’s Grammy award-winning piece “A View from the Side.”

“Holman is probably the most important jazz composer in the last thirty years,” Coyle said. Coyle is confident that this year’s group will be quite successful.

“This year’s group is great,” said Coyle. “It’s early yet, but we have some outstanding freshmen.”

Paul Wesselink (’04) is a newcomer to the ensemble, but it is not his first time playing in a jazz ensemble. He has been playing the trombone in jazz bands for eight years and finds that being in the jazz band at Hope is quite different than being in a high school jazz band.

“They are more a mature ensemble,” said Wesselink. “Students want to take care of business and they want to be here. They practice and it shows.”

Coyle himself has quite a passion for directing the Jazz Ensemble and teaching jazz studies at Hope.

“I love it! I can’t imagine doing anything else!” Coyle said. “It’s not even like work. I get to come to school and talk about what I love: Jazz and music.”

Coyle encourages all students to attend the concert this Tuesday.

“Come on out. It’s gonna be a great performance,” Coyle said. “They play their tails off!”

Nightlife:


Arts at Hope:

SAC movie this weekend: “Keeping the Faith”. Gravels. $2. Fri. & Sat. 7 p.m. & 11p.m. Sun. 3p.m.

SAC coffee house: Weds. Sept. 27, 9-11 p.m. in the Kletz. Coffee and non-coffee drinks.

Jazz Nite at the Kletz. Every Thursday 7:30-30.

Play “A Piece of My Heart” in Dewitt Studio Theatre Opens Weds., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. $4 students/ $5 Faculty

Concerts:


10-6 Molly. Aragon Ballroom. Chicago.


First play of season full of heart

Emily Moellman, Andrea Cleary and Lauren Pike
Arts Editor and Staff Reporters

After being postponed a week from its original start, the first theater production of the year on Hope’s campus, “A Piece of My Heart”, will finally open in Dewitt Studio Theatre on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Performances will continue through October.

Written by Shirley Lauro and directed by Hope theater professor John Tammi, “A Piece of My Heart”, is the story of six women who serve in the Vietnam War, and their experiences living life after the war.

“The play is a resounding testimony to the bravery and dedication of the women who went to serve on Vietnam,” said Tammi. “It’s also, on more universal level, a powerful anti-war statement.”

The cast, a combination of Hope students and alumni, has been immersed in the play from the very beginning of rehearsals, as the experiences of their characters are intense. Tammi brought in three Vietnam veterans, a former nurse and two infantrymen to speak to the actors on the war.

“Whenever we’re doing a play that confronts or taken on a critical issue, we try to inform the experience that the student actors have in rehearsal by putting them in contact with people that can speak to the issue at hand from a personal experience,” Tammi said.

The cast was also prepared for their roles by viewing a documentary on Vietnam relating to the story.

“It brought tears to my eyes to think that this character I am portraying went through all of these things,” said cast member Jeannete Austin (’94).

The play is a transformational drama, which means that any character can become another character that is necessary to tell the story at any given moment.

Tammi encourages all audience members to come to the performances with open mind and a healthy measure of curiosity.

All of the productions on Hope’s campus are open to the campus community as there are a number of non-theater majors in the play and some actors have never been in a play before at all.

Daniel Bruggers (’03) is one of the first-time actors in “A Piece of My Heart”, and actually plays all of the twenty different male characters in the play. He has found that his experience in the play has expanded his knowledge of and respect for actors and the theater.

"Since I’ve never been in a play before, it’s been a good learning experience," said Bruggers. "It’s hard trying to think of ways to keep the character as different as I can, and I have gained a lot more respect for actors who have to learn lines on such a short notice."

"A Piece of My Heart" is running at the Dewitt Studio Theatre October 11, 12, 18, 19, 27, and 28 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $4.00 for students, $5.00 for faculty/staff, and $7.00 for adults. The box office is currently open in the lobby of Dewitt Theatre and seats are still available.

The cast is confident and ready for the opening.

"Not only do we rehearse every day, but we also put in a lot of time and energy outside of practice," said Austin. "This drama needs the kind of intensity to bring life to the text on the page. This show has become our life."
3 Pull is a machine. Sweet day on Saturday.

Seth Palmer... I want your body!

Warboss Nick- When will we clash again? My daemons wait to slay your puny ores.

M- You are in no way like Jeff. You have a great future. And you don't talk like Johnny Carson, either. Hi-yo.

-A

To Amanda: You look familiar...

Free Mumia!

Want to place your own classified? E-mail your classified message to Anchor@hope.edu or drop it off in the plastic box just outside the Anchor office.

Jane- I miss you. Andrew

President Bultman- Happy birthday.

Arianna- sorry for the mislabeled pictures. I appreciate your work. -Matt

Dangermouse- you rock, thanks for saving all my custards. I appreciate the service greatly. -A

To Amanda: You look familiar...

Free Mumia!

Vanderprov- Check out our newly updated website at http://vanderprov.knowhope.org. It's better than magic pants that allow you to walk through walls.

Ari, kt, calster: al gore on thursday? let's take a little trip, maybe he'll grab our hoohahs.

manda; let's end this long-distance relationship. jane

Dyk, D, and King: Syrinxes are frightening. -Emily.

Fatboy Slim is rad.

The first CIS was the political trauma in the mid east. what happened?

Nykerk

It's a competition between the freshmen and sophomore classes in song, play, and oration.

Men's Rally; Sunday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of Phelps dining hall. Free Pizza will be served.

Women's Rally: Monday, October 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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(Restrictions may apply)
The Admissions staff seeks to recruit students while telling the truth about life at Hope.

Julie Green
Stella Swanson

With a record enrollment of 2015, some would say that Hope's Admissions is doing its job. But some question whether new students are given an accurate description of Hope College before they enroll.

"The administration staff aren't students so they won't have the same perspectives—but I know they are still aware of the truth," said Rachel Gaida (03).

Gaida didn't feel Hope was misrepresented to her, but she did find some things here that she didn't represent to her, but she did find something she didn't know about Hope abroad. —Jane Austen.

The day before I left for Scotland, I saw that Coca-Cola had finally surpassed tea as the most popular beverage in the U.K.

My heart sank to my navel as my plane touched down. I realized that the poisoned of toilet paper that decides it is about to have a long-lasting relationship with the bottom of your shoe.

As well, when one of my friends told me to turn around and "look at the cute guy in the jumper," I laughed around expecting a transvestite. It was a man in a sweater.

But over these past few weeks, it is the differences that I have fallen in love with here. I've discovered ruined castles, men in kilts, pub grub, and bagpipes. At the same time, I've learned to celebrate the similarities of prison (dorm) life and being pursued by alcohol.

While Hope may not have the strongest foundation to attract students, Gazda thinks the best way to represent Hope is to be honest.

"We realize there are deep Christians at Hope," Bekkering said. "It was the difference being alone without any faith who can thrive at Hope. For other students, it is not a positive experience, it is very threatening.

Although Gazda still has a warm feeling towards the religious expression represented on campus, she has found a lot of good experiences at Hope. As a student planner, Gazda thinks it is best way to represent Hope is to be honest.

"I was asked (by a prospective student) if I enjoyed the Christian dimension at Hope, I said it was not for me, but many find that it suits them," Gazda said. "I think that if everyone were honest, there would not be a problem."

Even though some students like Gazda do come to Hope and find things they didn't expect, Admissions believes the system is working well. High retention rates indicate that for the vast majority it works. We are doing everything we can to portray this place honestly, forthrightly and with integrity." Bekkering said.

Before attempting to introduce you to the students who can thrive at Hope, let me first explain to you what you need to do to apply.

Students host potential freshmen

Jenny Alderink
Sara Werth

Throughout the school year, prospective students are given the option of an overnight stay. While admisssions staff organizes the visit, it is hoped students who do the real work. Hope students act as hosts, taking prospective students to Phelps, classes, possibly a chapel service, and generally providing a fun, informative stay.

"We try to give (prospective students) the actual feel of dorm and college life," said student host Josh Rumpa '03. "We have fun, introduce them to other people and make them feel welcome with an extra fun twist."

To become a host, Hope students must first apply for the position with the admissions staff. Then go through a series of interviews. It's a pretty rigorous experience," said student host Emily Manakee '03.

Once student hosts are hired, they attended an informal training session that prepared them to be hosts.

"We talked about how to handle different situations, like students who don't talk much or ask a lot of questions," Rumpa said.

The admissions staff believes in giving student hosts the freedom to answer potential student questions by using their own knowledge and judgement of the college.

"We do not give (hosts) any kind of speech," said Assistant Director of Admissions, Beth Mulder. "We do not tell them how they should answer questions."

Part of the host's job is to network potential students with Hope students who share the same interests, majors or hobbies.

"It's difficult to know how what it takes to make people feel comfortable," Manakee said. "We try to introduce (potential students) to a lot of different people who can answer questions."

Since many potential students may find college life unfamiliar or intimidating, host students become an important resource in the college decision process.

"I've gotten positive reactions because of the personal, one-on-one treatment we give to students," Manakee said. "It makes a difference."

Rumpa feels that the program benefits both incoming students and the Hope students who host them. We like to share with people how cool college life is and how excited we are to have them here," Rumpa said.

Why are these children so excited? They've never visited the Vanderprov website! Don't be a loser. Check it out, vanderprov.knowhope.org
Calling all presidents

I'm using my power of the press to cordially invite both President Bill Clinton and President Al Gore to the volleyball game Thursday night in the Dow Center.

The winner of the match between the Hope College Flying Dutch and the Calvin College Knights will be in the driver's seat for the MIAA championship.

President Clinton's victory over Calvin would be as easy to sell Gore on as the president of Hope coming to Hope for the game, because both men would be the most important reason Gore should come to Hope.

The third and most important reason Gore should come to Hope is that it would give him a great opportunity to show how cool he is to college students.

Who is from Holland wouldn't want the next president to be a man that painted "GO HOPE" in blue and orange letters on his chest at the Hope/Calvin Volleyball game? You'd think he was just one of the guys.

This is a game that not only these two men should attend, but every Hope student.

President Gore's birthday is October 5 at 6:30 PM in the Dow. The winner of the match will also be the running game Saturday, and tailback Adam Magers ('01) led the way with 25 carries for a career-high 164 yards, scoring twice for Hope on carries of 4 and 6 yards respectively. There was only one loss in the season, when the Dutch swept the Knights in three games.

Hope's one loss on the season came as a surprise, losing to Alma in three straight sets.

This I think should be a great way for President Bill Clinton to celebrate his birthday on Thursday. What gift would be better for the president of Hope then a victory over Calvin?

I understand that it might not be as easy to sell Gore on coming to Hope for the game, but I'm going to give him three reasons why he should make it to the game Thursday night.

First off, it would be easy for him to make the 20-minute drive from Grand Rapids (where he's speaking that afternoon) to beautiful Holland, Michigan.

In order to have tulips lining the streets, we do still have a massive wooden stork across from the Steak and Shake on U.S. 31, and you know Gore's got to give that props.

The second reason Gore should come to Holland is that it would help his chances of winning the state of Michigan. I have learned in my time at Hope College that Holland is a very Republican community.

So, where else could Gore meet all the many minds that he wants to change grouped together in Holland? Besides.

I promise that if Gore comes to this volleyball game I will pick Gore to win hands down, and believe me, people love to follow "Arwady's picks."