History Professor Fred Johnson addresses students at last Wednesday's diversity forum in the Kletz.

Hope sexuality forum finally recognized

GSF gains recognition and funding under the new name of the Sexuality Round Table

Kurt Koehler
Senior Staff Reporter

Though once denied both recognition and funding as an organization, the Gay Straight Forum now has both as the result of a compromise between the Gay Straight Forum and the Programming Committee on Issues of Sexuality.

"The task force had come to the realization that we would never become a student group. President Bultman told me himself we will never become a student group," said Elisabeth Van Houwelingen ('03) President of the organization formerly known as the Gay Straight Forum and now known as the Sexuality Round Table. "A Forum for Gay and Straight Students. This was a way for the task force, realizing there is a need for this kind of a thing, to compromise with our group. "Yes, we're not a student group which is basically what we have strived to be for the last two years, something we still want to be, but we realized this semester that the important thing is that we are a group."

The approval of the Round Table as a group under the auspices of the Programming Committee was contingent on its changing its name from the Gay Straight Forum and dropping its efforts to be recognized as a student organization.

"We would have preferred to remain the Gay-Straight Forum because that is how we were identified. That is how the struggle has been known," Van Houwelingen said. "Other titles were thrown around and we wanted to make sure that didn’t happen. We’re about issues of gay and straights together."

The organization was able to maintain its setup, officers, and autonomy.

"Basically, we are going to be a self-run group. We are trying it this way to see if the administration and our group can compromise. We can't even apply to be a student group for two years anyway. (This spring, the GSF petition to be recognized was tabled by the Campus Life Board for two years.) We are going to try this out," Van Houwelingen said. "There is also the understanding between us and the task force that if something doesn’t go the way we see necessary for our group to go on we can always get more GSF on 2"
Greeks groups hold additional fall rush

Alpha Kappa Pi, the Prometheans, pride themselves on diversity. They are the youngest fraternity on campus, founded in 1997. They have eleven members and they want to find ways for the group to grow. "We have a lot of ethnic diversity, but we would like to add more academic diversity to our group," said Matt Boes ('03), Promethean president. "We also want to have greater involvement in Hope's campus and increase our visibility."

CIS from 1

This made for some hasty scheduling. CIS is a tradition on campus, and some professors had already scheduled around it when they realized it was cancelled.

"It is an academic event, and there is strong support for CIS on campus, but I could not find time to do it in addition to the other work we had to do," Gonzales said.

CIS is organized by a staff chosen by James Bolton, Hope president. They select a current social issue and prepare to address it over the day-and-a-half-long Symposium.

Dr. Gordon VanWylten, former Hope College president, established the program in 1980, bringing a professional and a student to discuss with participants about the chosen issue.

CIS will, however, continue next year. Next year marks the opening of the new Peale addition, and the committee is already looking ahead and correlating the theme of CIS to go with the future of the new science building.

The working theme for next year is 'Science and technology — wherein does the issue of science and technology fit into the future of our students?' Gonzales said. This one-year postponement has allowed the committee to look for ways to strengthen and make more meaningful the Critical Issues Symposium for students and faculty.

Alfredo Gonzales, assistant provost, sees CIS’s return as important. "I recognize a strong interest for this program, and I’ve been pleased for that. It is our expectation to continue CIS with the next academic year on September 30 and October 1, 2003."

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Destroying the monster we created

With all the talk and rhetoric concerning the impending war against Iraq, I think that we are failing to realize that our nation is once again trying to destroy a monster that we helped create. Saddam wasn’t always an enemy of the United States government. In 1983, future Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld paid visit to Hussein when Iran was our big concern. Shortly after his visit, the American government began giving military intelligence, economic aid, and secret munitions to our then ally when one of their sailors, and used the incident to our then ally in the fight against the Red Army: Osmany Bin Laden.

It seems as though we have yet to learn from history. Perhaps our past concern with the communist threat and our greed with Middle Eastern oil supplies have finally caught up with us. Maybe now would be a good time for the United States government and its people to look back at what didn’t work to prevent this seemingly continuous conflicts from happening. There’s no denying that the terrorist attacks by Al Qaeda were horrific, and that something should be done to prevent this kind of travesty from happening again. But, I would suggest caution for our government, and skepticism on the part of the American people. Look past the rhetoric of the president and the military leaders. We must realize that whatever actions we take, we must be ready for their consequences. Who are we going to turn to for support, and will we someday see them again through the scopes of our rifles?

Greeks feel the crunch, new competition

Organizations hurt for numbers this year

David Gutierrez

It can be as simple as supply and demand. 13 Greek organizations and roughly 3,000 students eligible for membership. Factor in the possibility of a new national fraternity and the current organizations may find themselves with more competition than ever before. Currently, three fraternities are facing the reality of a small numbered organization. Some are newer groups that are still in the first few years of establishing their organization, others have faced difficulties in recruitment, and others had to forgo a national program due to judicial sanctions. This fall the Prometheans, Centurians, and Emersonians have taken the initative to hold abbreviated fall Rush and NME programs. “We’re the smallest fraternity on campus,” said Matt Boes (’03), Promethean president. “It’s hard being small, and we can always use more numbers.”

While these three groups look for new members, another group of students is trying to start a national fraternity chapter this year, and have faced with early opposition from the Greek community. “We see it as something that’s not going to be positive for Greek life because it’s creating conflict with who gets what,” Boes said. “This new group has national support and funding, none of the existing organizations do.”

One of the hopeful founders looks at the opposition with a level of optimism, hoping to expand the Greek community. “I think it’s analogous to a Starbucks moving in next door to IP’s,” said Eric Terpstra, BPC president. “There is a limited number of coffee drinkers.”

The issue of numbers is influencing the opinions of the various groups. “We’re not interested in losing more potential members,” Boes said. “The Greek system has gone through some tough times lately, and we’re not interested in the possibility of making it worse by adding another group to the mix.”

Despite such sentiments, the organizers behind the Sigma Kappa Pi national fraternity see their integration as a good thing. “I think it can potentially add to the number of people who join Greek organizations,” Viel said. “A lot of the guys who are interested in this new group didn’t find their place in any of the existing fraternities.”

Expansion, not increased competition, is what Viel is hoping for. “We don’t want to take anything away from anyone, and I hope we don’t push out any groups,” Viel said. “We want to support the system that already exists, and I think our addition can do that.”

The school appears to be in support of such a proposal. “The administration has been supportive of what we’re trying to do,” Viel said. “We still have to wait for approval, but they’ve been helpful throughout the whole process.”

The school-sponsored support presents a rather scary situation to those still fighting for numbers. “The administration seems positive about adding a new group,” Boes said, “and it’s scary to some of us because we’re battling to stay alive.”

Even though the administration may see the integration of the national organization as a good thing, some feel now is not the time. “The administration tries to keep a very positive outlook when it comes to Greeks, but I don’t think that we are hurting too much to support the addition,” said Will Wiess (’03), Centurian president. “It just doesn’t seem like the right time.”
The Centurian fraternity and Dorian sorority march in the home coming parade.

At the homecoming ball, students danced to live music.

Kristin Asimakoupoulos enjoys herself at the homecoming hoedown.

The Sibylline sorority and Emersonian fraternity ride on a dual float for the homecoming parade.
Aerial Theater comes to the Knickerbocker

Richard Russo is year’s second VWS author

Anjey Dykhuis
Senior Staff Reporter

What do a nook, HBO, an Irish professor and Bruce Willis all have in common? They’re all connected to renowned author Richard Russo. On Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., Pulitzer Prize winner Russo will appear at the Knickerbocker Theatre as the second writer in this year’s Visiting Writers Series. Hope’s jazz ensemble will open the evening with a half-hour of music beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Russo has published seven publications, including Nobody’s Fool, which was made into a film starring Paul Newman and Bruce Willis. He is also transforming his fifth novel, Empire Falls, into a screenplay for HBO. Empire Falls is the book that won Russo his 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as the title of Year’s Best Novel, according to Time Magazine. Russo’s newest publication, The Vanishing Point and Other Stories, is a compilation of short fiction stories that range from one end of the emotional spectrum to the other. His works are comedies with an insight into human nature. He takes the serious circumstances in his character’s lives and extracts the comic nature of their experiences.

“He shows good humor for serious characters,” said Evan Klooster, English professor. Russo hails from the coast of Maine and sets much of his writing in small town New England. He writes about issues in American life, the kinds of economic and social issues that are really compelling to American,” Klooster said.

So why should students go see Richard Russo? “He does about the best job representing his work in a humorous way,” Klooster said. “He writes with real and hilarious insight into the academic world.”

Pianist Wang Xiaohan performs for GPS

Wang Xiaohan at the Van Cliburn Piano Competition Finals earlier this year. He will perform at Dimnent Chapel on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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It’s not the Great Performances Series, it’s not the Visiting Writers Series, and it’s not Hope’s Jazz Ensemble. It’s Dave Liebman, Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, Liebman comes to the Knickerbocker Theatre to perform for the public. Admission is free.

Brian Coyle, professor of jazz studies, invited Liebman to present his third performance here at Hope. With Liebman will appear his group, the David Liebman Group, with Vic Juris on guitar, Marko Marcinko on drums, and Tony Marino on bass.

“This is a good opportunity for students to hear his whole group making music that will change the way that serious listeners perceive music,” Coyle said.

Liebman has been involved with several prominent jazz groups, as well as publishing books, videos, and CDs. His discography includes hundreds of CD’s since the 1970’s. He is a talented performer with knowledge of many facets of music. In 1998, he was nominated for a Grammy for Best Jazz Solo for his recording of “My Favorite Things.” Additionally, Liebman had the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of The International Association of Jazz Educators in 2002.

“Benedy Michael Brecker, Dave is arguably one of the most important jazz saxophonists in the post-Coltrane era,” Coyle said. “Dave is not only an amazing musician, but also an amazing teacher. He is a conceptual individual; he is an author, educator, and a performer.” Coyle said.

Liebman also established the International Association of Schools of Jazz, for which he now serves as Artistic Director. “Dave led jazz improvisation. His harmonic knowledge is unparalleled,” Coyle said. “Everyone should come out. Whether you are serious about jazz or you just want to hear amazing music.”

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Hope ignores the real problems

With all of the attention that has been given to the recent diversity developments on campus, I am afraid that other areas of concern have fallen to the wayside. At the forefront of my mind at the beginning of the year, and even now, is the GSF, or as they are now called, the Sexuality Roundtable. A forum for Gay and Straight Students.

Last year, an anonymous group of students under the name, “The Take Back Our Campus Crew,” put up signs all around campus that were derogatory toward homo-sexuals. The signs quoted verses from the Bible that they thought helped to prove their point of homosexuality being wrong. To me, this proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Sexuality Roundtable is needed on this campus. I know that many students were just as upset about this issue as many students are about the current controversy. But where was the rallying call to help students out? What actions were taken to make them feel immediately comfortable?

The Task Force was formed, but their task was a never-ending one, and was even expanded to cover more than just the issue of homosexuality. In fact, homosexuality was only a small part of the not very definitive conclusions that were published. If we are so motivated to promote diversity and understanding with students of color, then why are we not worried about promoting sexual diversity?

I know that I said this in my column in the 10/2 edition, but it needs to be said again: everyone needs to contribute to diversity. Taking this statement further, we all need to see the diversity all around us that does not manifest itself in the form of differently colored skin. Recognizing the cultural differences between people of different sexual orientations is just as valid as honoring those of students of color.

The “Concerned Students” that wrote the campus-wide letter were right when they stated that, “All students have the right to... not be offended. All students have the right to be comfortable.” So here is my solution for Hope College to ensure no one is offended: 1. Stop showing SAC movies. Having seen one movie offended someone (16 Candles, and Training Day for example). 2. Events like Vanderprov and comedians should not be allowed in case a joke should go to far, or a swear word is muttered. 3. Ban all these parties because dressing up, even in the case of the Homecoming dance, is wrong of those of our past history. 4. Do not allow any discussion groups to be formed on any contro- versial issues, especially sexual-orientation (Oh wait, that already happened). 5. Disconnect cable from all of campus. Shows like “Templation Island” may min purity of thought. 6. And, of course, most importantly, we need to start banning, no better yet, burning books. They contain ideas and stories that contradict our philosophies, ideals, morals and religion.

Are we saying that slang words can only be used by the race or so- cial class from which they origi- nate? So rich white kids can only use the large words and long sentences, while black kids from the inner-city can only speak in Esponas? Give me a break! I completely agree that there are boundaries and lines that should not be crossed because they are racist or discriminating. However, slang words are called “slang” because they are not used by the dictionary definition. I would like congratulate Jon Orme (and his group) for trying to bring alcohol-free (the real reason for the posters if you’ll remember). Also, hats off to Amy Sporer and the crew of Vanderprov for putting up with so much crap before, during, and after each perfor- mance.

Please remember to put things into perspective and open your mind a little more each day... think of it as planning for the future.

Christina Wiggam (07)

Hope professor discusses hypersensitivity

To the Editor:

I’d like to respond to the com- ment in one of last week’s letters to the editor that “hypersensitivity does not by nature.” While I agree with that statement, it leads me to ask an important question: What defines hypersensitivity? If someone reacts negatively to- wards something I’ve done or said, and I conclude that they are being hypersensitive, doesn’t that imply that I understand the nuances as to what they do or do not find offen- sive? This seems to be a fairly large assumption, particularly if my ex- periences and background are dif- ferent than theirs. If someone reacts negatively to- wards something I’ve done or said, and a majority of my peers agree that they are being hypersensitive, doesn’t that imply that the person or group taking offense think like, act like, and react like myself and the majority of my peers? If so, what room is there for a minor- ity viewpoint?

Just because I do not intention- ally mean to cause offense, this does not mean that I cannot still do so or that the hurt I unknowingly cause is not genuine. In my opinion, this is where real conversation needs to take place.

Janet Anderson, Dept. of Math- ematics

Anchor reader calls for more attention to grammer

I have a couple suggestions for the copy editors which usually works for me when I write: first check everything with spell check, but be careful as it doesn’t catch everything; read each article carefully out loud—if it doesn’t make sense, something’s wrong. Yes, I will con- tinue to read the Anchor, as is it the best way to keep up on campus events, but please clean up your act. Parents and alumni who receive this paper would like to see how good Hope College really is. Thanks.

Paul Jackson (02)

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Student attributes stereotypes to ignorance, arrogance and apathy

To the Editor:

The 102 edition of the Anchor brought me some much needed relief in the form of permission to exploit stereotypes of other people. So I’d like to put them in print. First of all, I get the willies whenever I pass by a group of barbers, white football players. And pullers? What person of adequate intelligence would pull a rope for 3 hours just to see how much they can stretch? And what are white girls hiding, with their 50 lbs. of makeup on their faces? Plain and simple, white people can’t be trusted. After all, they did put Native Americans, Latinos, Africans, and Asians into slavery. Anyone who committed such despicable acts or is even remotely related to people who did is surely evil.

Offended? Good. Now think how you would feel if those stereotypes were in your face every single day. Think what it would be like to have your fellow students go to lengths to avoid looking in your eyes, make it obvious that they are scared of you. Think what it would be like to have people assume that you don’t speak English because your eyes slant a different way. Imagine your fellow students calling you the (N-word) or sending you threatening letters because of the color of your skin. That is what students of color go through on this campus. They have to put up with their food, their choice of music, and their clothes being labeled as “ethnic.” In classes, they are asked to speak for their whole race.

Many students on this campus have never had to deal with these issues before, and don’t understand what students of color go through on this campus. So why do many of the white students on this campus constantly undermine issues of discrimination and racism? I’m not trying to put the blame on white people in general. There are several white students on this campus who do understand the severity of these issues, and who support and rally for them.

The ghetto party was a symptom. The disease is ignorance, arrogance, and apathy. This is an ongoing issue. Tired of hearing about it? As long as your fellow students suffer at the hands of your other peers, as long as there is something that needs to be said, it will be said. Enough is enough.

This campus talks a good talk about Christian love and Christian community. What would Jesus do? I’m sure that he wouldn’t scorn those that are hurting. Look to your peers. Our friends, our brothers and sisters, are hurting. See their tears. And cry with them. Heal with them. There will be no healing until people realize that there is a problem and that it needs to be dealt with.

Angela Matusiak (’04)
Dutchmen win homecoming over K-zoo

Hope stops game-winning conversion to seal victory, 42-41

Ben DeHaan

Sometimes the greatest risk is not taking any risk at all, sometimes, risking it isn’t worth it, either.

With a tight homecoming game on the line, the Hope College defense refused to take a stand to save the game. Kalamazoo had scored with only 37 seconds left, and instead of tying the game with the extra point, they decided to go for the two-point conversion for the lead. With little time remaining, a successful conversion would almost assure victory.

But thanks to the pressure of Josh Baumbach ('03) and Bill Rozema ('03), the conversion fell incomplete, giving the Flying Dutchmen a hard-fought 42-41 victory over the Hornets.

The play was certainly not short of thrills, nor action, as Hope and Kalamazoo combined for over 1,000 yards of total offense. Hope also moved the first down chains 25 times throughout the game, while Kalamazoo was close behind with 22.

The game also saw some amazing statistics for the Dutchmen. In the second quarter, with Hope leading the game 14-7, quarterback Phil Butler ('04) hit Joel Solomon ('03) for an 83-yard score, setting a new record for the longest touchdown reception. Butler would end his incredible day with 343 passing yards, and completing 21 of his 27 passing attempts. His five touchdowns on the day came one shy of tying his own record.

Solomon proved to be the go-to receiver on the day, as he racked up six catches for 161 yards, and caught three touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, Baumbach played a major role in stopping the Kalamazoo drives, as he tallied up 17 tackles, and contributed to the missed conversion that would have won the game.

The Dutchmen never trailed in the game, but had trouble keeping the Hornets from coming back. Hope took a quick 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, and scored again with Butler’s 83-yard pass to Solomon, but the Hornets closed the gap to 14-21 in three plays. At one point in the second quarter, the Dutchmen led 35-14, but allowed Kalamazoo to take the next two scores and lower the deficit to 35-28. Late in the third quarter, Jamie Buijema ('03) then put the Dutchmen up 42-28 with a six-yard touchdown reception. But the Hornets would continue to fight, and shut Hope out in the fourth quarter.

Win and draw keep Hope soccer teams atop the MIAA

Ben DeHaan

Having a battle with "The Arch Rivals seemed to have no effect on Hope's soccer teams last weekend. Not only were both teams able to avoid a loss, but both were able to hold on to their first place ranking in the MIAA.

The men, playing at home, confronted the Knights with some strong defense, and were able to defeat Calvin for the second time this season with a 1-0 victory. The lone goal of the game came in the 37th minute, when Geoff Meyer ('06) took the assist from Devin McNeil ('00) and put it in the net of the back.

Goalkeeper Marcus Voss was and the rest of the Hope College defense soundly handled the Calvin offense, allowing only one shot the entire game. The shutout was Voss's fifth of the season and the third of his career. The Flying Dutch were also able to make their mark this week-end when they competed against the Lady Knights at Calvin. After being down 2-0 at the end of the first half, the Dutch scored early in the second half with a goal from Tessa Scholte ('06) on an assist from Dawn Gilliam ('05). Only four minutes later, Gilliam would come up with a score of her own to tie the score, 2-2. Both teams would hold each other to a stand-still through regulation, and not even overtime could decide a winner. But the tie keeps Hope in first place of the MIAA with a record of 6-1-1. Calvin follows closely with a 5-1-2 record.

John Rodstrom

The Flying Dutch (9-11-4, 4-5 MIAA) dropped a deceptively close game to Alma College in three games, 30-27, 30-28, 30-18. Hope played well and nearly came out on top in the first two games before Alma scored the crucial points to assure victory.

"Alma just played really well. They're a good team," said Kara VanAssen ('03), Hope's co-captain. Leading the attack for Hope was Martha Luidens ('03) with 10 kills and 16 digs. Kelsey Hutchins ('05) with 22 assists and 10 digs, and Laura Hanfeld ('03) who came up with 11 blocks and 8 kills. Rounding out the defense were Caitlin Deis ('05), who added 8 blocks and an ace, and Shari George ('06), who contributed 26 digs.

Although winning the MIAA regular season title is almost entirely out of the question, all hope for a post season appearance in the NCAA tournament is not lost. However, the odds are definitely stacked against the Dutch.

Volleyball loses to Alma in 3 games

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There’s a slight chance if we finish fourth in the MIAA and beat Alma early on in the tournament, we could go to the NCAA tournament," VanAssen said. However, the Dutch are more focused on the task at hand. They have the talent and experience, but something has yet to click.

"Right now we’re not thinking about all the what if’s it’s our tournament. We’re focusing on having fun, playing hard, and winning games. We just need to learn how to play our game," VanAssen said.