Diversity tension comes to a head at Hope

Daniele Koski
Business Manager

If asked the question in 1945 of what is a ghetto, the response from most people would have been, “It is where the Jewish people of Europe live.” In today’s society the definition of the word ghetto has changed, and to some, as Hope College learned before fall break, it can be offensive when used in a certain context.

On Friday, September 27, a party was planned behind Lincoln School that involved dancing and root beer. Fliers were spread across campus to promote the party. The problem with these fliers was that they promoted the party as “Ghetto” and used phrases on the sign like “the Hood”, “Bling-Bling”, “Ghetto Fabolous” and other sayings. This use of language offended students, especially minority students, some who have lived in “the Ghetto” and know it is a completely different culture than what is encountered everyday here at Hope. For some, it was hurtful, and seemed like a direct attack on their race and ethnicity.

The concerns over the language on the flier and the theme of the party were brought to the planners of the party. In response, the planners of the party, headed up by John Ornee (’03), issued a campus wide apology.

“On behalf of myself and those who organize these parties with me, I apologize to any and all who have been offended,” the message from Ornee said.

The apology continued in stating that no group was singled out and that the planners of the party did not intend to label anyone with stereotypes. It also made clear that the party would still happen and everyone was invited.

The party did still happen, and the reactions did too. A letter was sent out campus wide from “Concerned Students” and another from President Bultman, both discussing the party and the language used in describing it. Chapel was changed so that Tim Brown, Dean of Chapel, and C.J. Kingdom-Grice, Gospel more DIVERSITY on 2
Greek groups hold additional fall rush

Fraternities look to boost membership a bit early
Rebecca Hilliard

Alpha Kappa Pi, the Prometheans, pride themselves on their academic excellence. They are the youngest fraternity on campus, founded in 1997.

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This made for some hastily scheduled meetings. CIS is a tradition on campus, and some professors had already scheduled around it when they realized it was canceled.

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The Emersonians currently have eighteen members but are still looking for new ones. "We have a really close brotherhood," said Eric MacKenzie ('04), an Emersonian.

"Everything's going great. It's going to be a really good year."

This year, three fraternities have decided to sponsor a fall rush in addition to their traditional spring rushes.

The three fraternities may have different purposes for the parties, but they all have similar goals of community, leadership and service that they strive to achieve; each of these organizations also wants to add to their members in order to keep their groups strong.

The following organizations met together and decided to hold a rush since each group wanted to add more members.

Choir director, could speak about the issue.

"Hope College students were permitted into the party and were observed wearing upside down visors, bandanas, weird colors, some offensive, giving the impression that the party was a gang party. Even though he is a proponent of the non-alcoholic parties that Omee and his friends have been sponsoring, he did not approve of the manner in which the party took place.

On top of the "Ghetto" party issue, this newspaper also published an advertisement in the week of the party that depicted a werewolf-type character speaking in Ebonics. The "Concerned Students" also addressed this advertisement.

"This simple advertisement
out. There's a clause saying that we have to stay in for a certain amount of time."

The Round Table also has been receiving financial support for publicity so that students did not have to pay these costs out of their own pockets, so Student Development agreed to set aside some discretion-
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 for Rush and New Member Education (NME).

Currently, there are fraternities 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 NME program due to judicial sanctions. This fall the Prometheus, Centurians, and Emersonians have taken the initiative to hold abbreviated fall Rush and NME programs.

"We're the smallest fraternity on campus," said Matt Boes ('03), Prometheus 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 are trying to start a national fraternity chapter this year, and have been 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. "We've been getting a lot of people who don't support what we're trying to do," Viel said. "Hope there's a strong Greek community, we just want to add to that."

In a previous interview, the current Interfraternity Council president stated his feelings on the matter. "I think it's analogous to a Starbucks moving in next door to JP's," said Eric Terpstra, IPC 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 strength of the Greek community," said Boes. "It can be as simple as supply and demand."

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Prometheans hang out during "Stupid movie night."

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The Centurian fraternity and Dorian sorority march in the homecoming 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 Theatre

Anjey Dykhuis
Senior Staff Reporter

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, October 23, Liebman comes to the Knickerbocker Theatre to perform for the public. Admission is free.

Dave is not only an amazing saxophonist, but also an amazing teacher. He is a conceptual individual; he is an author, educator, and a performer. 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 2003.

"Dave's a very good compromiser. His harmonic knowledge is unparalleled," Coyle said. "Everyone should come out. Whether you're serious about jazz or you just want to hear amazing music."

Pianist Wang Xiaohan performs for GPS

Eleventh Van Cliburn finalist comes to Hope on Thursday

Maureen Yonovitz
Art Editor

The first of two performances by finalists of the Eleventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition are coming to Hope this year, and will start off with a bang on Thursday night at 7 p.m. Wang Xiaohan takes his energy and talent to Dimnent Chapel as part of the Great Performances Series.

The Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, which is held every four years, and of which Wang was a 2002 finalist, is one of the most prestigious piano competitions in the world.

Only six finalists are selected, and they are always outstanding," said Derek Emerson, Arts coordinator. "Simply having been a finalist will get Wang Xiaohan plenty of attention for years to come, and judging from early reviews, he is building on his success."

In his winning performance, Wang went against standard procedure and played one of his own compositions. This tendency of daring to play challenging pieces will be apparent in Thursday night's program which includes works by Balderas Galuppi, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Alexander Scriabin, and an especially complex piece by Franz Schubert.

This year's finalist is the youngest of the finalists, and it also tends to agree. "I've always admired Aerial, they do great work," White said. "They always push limits and keep things interesting."

White's piece, "Hiccough," (known as a Rapps in America) is about "temporary insanity, which is resolved by the dancer himself," White said. The choreography is abrupt and changes focus often to reflect this theme.

"Aerial provides a remarkably innovative and professional contemporary dance theatre experience for the community. We intentionally present a mix of pieces but we always try to bring accessible as well as challenging works to the community; to entertain, enlighten, and educate as a part of our mission," said Linda Graham, professor of dance and co-artistic director and founder of Aerial. The company was founded in 1996 by Brad Williams and Bonnie Gore (now of Pocatello, Idaho, married to an eye surgeon and raising 3 children) and the late Judith Brookby.

Steve Inatome, who is currently on sabatical, joined the Hope faculty about twelve years ago, and began to work with Aerial first in a guest capacity, and then eventually became co-artistic director. The company has performed to critical acclaim, both at home and abroad since its founding.

Tickets for the performances are $7 for regular adult admission and $5 for senior citizens and students, and $3 for members, which is $4 for all adults. Admission for children under 12 years of age is free for all performances. Tickets will be available at the door.

A photo of 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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Richard Russo is year's second VWS author

Richard Russo reads next Monday.

As a finalist, Wang was awarded two years of concert performances, funded by the competition. Since then, he has already started touring throughout the U.S. and is quickly gaining prestige. "It is interesting to see someone of college age doing something different," Emerson said.

Having already performed in Arizona, California, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Oklahoma, Wang now comes to Michigan for a recital Emerson believes no one will want to miss. "Students who think they will bored should really go," Emerson said.

Wang began his piano career at the age of 10, choosing the pre-college division of the Central Conservatory of music in Beijing. He was only 20 years old when he became the youngest of the finalists in the 2002 Van Cliburn Competition.
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 provokes a doubt that the Sexuality Roundtable is needed on this campus. I know that many students were just as upset about this issue and many students are about the current controversy. But where was the rallying call to help students? What actions were taken to make them feel immediately comfortable?

The Task Force was formed, but their task was a never-ending one, and it was even expanded to cover more than just the issue of homosexuality. In fact, homosexuality was only a small part of the not so 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...
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 herodic 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 it? And what are white girls thinking, 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 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. Is that 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 Matsuiski (’04)
Dutchmen win homecoming over K-zoo

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Alma scored the crucial points to win back six catches for 161 yards, and contributed to the missed conversion that would have won the game.

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All MIAA Honors

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Brittany Philo (‘06) 7th

2nd Team
Alden Hoksbergen (‘06)

All MIAA Honors Women

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Emily Colenbrander (‘03) 3rd overall

2nd Team
Sarah Scholten (‘04) 6th
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Golf wraps up MIAA

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2. Hope
3. Albion
4. Calvin
5. Olivet

Final Seasonal Standings for Men’s Golf
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2. Hope
3. Alma
4. Calvin
5. Albion

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1st overall (medallist)

2nd Team
Alden Hoksbergen (‘06)
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Hope is now 1-1 in the conference, and must win their remaining games to have any chance at the playoffs. But even if this is accomplished, they must also hope that Alma drops two games in the remaining season, as they are the Dutchmen’s lone conference loss.

Hope continues their conference play when they travel to Adrian to take on the Bulldogs this Saturday. Kickoff is at 2 pm.

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 (‘09) and put it in the back of the net.

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 thirty-third of his career.

The Flying Dutch were also able to make their mark this week.

Volleyball loses to Alma in 3 games

John Rodstrom
Sports Editor

The Flying Dutch (9-11, 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. Kelley Hutchins (‘05) with 22 assists and 10 digs, and Laura Hanfield (‘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 Shawna Buche (‘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.

“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 the game. We’re focusing on having fun, playing hard, and winning games. We just need to learn how to play our game,” VanAssen said.