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WANT TENURE? WORK SUNDAY

Sista Shannana
VOTE OR I’LL HIT YOU WITH A GOAT
Dane DeFired, assistant professor in the department of religion, will be leaving Pope College at the end of the current semester as the result of being denied tenure.

OFFICIAL documents report that DeFired had “an insufficient number of publications and little involvement in faculty-student activities.”

DeFired, however, asserts that his denial of tenure is the result of columns he wrote for the Vatican City Sentinel, specifically his most recent, entitled, “When Sunday is Used for Work.”

“Basically I wrote an article where I lampooned the Pope College administration for prohibiting rest on the Sabbath,” he said. “I received a letter from the President saying I was costing the college money, and was fired,” said DeFired.

An official statement released by the Pope College Office of Public Relations yesterday read, “As a matter of practice, and especially out of consideration for the employee involved, Pope College will not speak publicly about personnel matters. We respect these matters between an employer and employee. It is our longstanding commitment to see TENURE, page 6

DEVOS GIVEIETH, DEVOS TAKETH AWAY

DeVos threatened to personally drive a bulldozer through Pope College’s field house if not elected on Nov. 7. “DeVos given, DeVos taken away,” said DeVos shortly after revealing plans to also burn the DeVos Communication Center at Kalvin College. DeVos funded the construction of the college’s $22 million field house last year. His threat was made after hearing that only 49 percent of Michi- gan residents are expected to vote in his favor.

In an effort to save Pope College basketball, public relations sent out a campus-wide email stating that all students must “Vote Dick” or face a 52 percent increase in tuition cost.

“This man’s serious,” said Tom Runner. “Since this is a crucial mat- ter and we’re a private college, we believe Pope has this authority.”

DeVos has also threatened to pull funding from Focus on the Family, Grand Rapids Christian School Association, Center for Kids Who Can’t Read Good and Want to Do Other Things Good Too and the American Cancer Society if the or- ganizations’ leaders do not support DeVos’ opponent, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who also supported DeVos.

CIS: BEAR RACISM TO BE NEXT TOPIC

Brother Methuselah
GENERAL SECRETARY
Due to this year’s lack of a Critical Issues Symposium, senior officials at Pope College have promised the student body that next year’s CIS will be one for the record books.

In a recent announcement, Pope College President stated that the CIS for the 2007-2008 academic year would focus on an issue dear to the hearts of many Pope College students: the growing rift between the various bear species.

This issue has been seen as unfairly unimportant for most of recorded history, but has quickly risen to prominence in the past decade due to certain advances in communication, most notably the Internet weblogs of prominent bear celebrities.

The polar bear contingent believes they are the perfect specimen of bear because of the harsh climate in which they literally fight for survival day after day.

“We have survived and thrived in the arctic wastes of the north for generations untold. The other races have not. If nothing else, this proves that we are the quintessential bear species,” said Archibald Thelonius Superior Snarl — McDougal feigns humility before paparazzi but does not deny that he is the perfection of bear.

McDougal, the spokesbear for the polar bears.

Proud corporate sponsor Coca-Cola supports the claim of the polar bears, and will be distributing free samples of their products at a rally for polar bear superiority to be held next February in Anchorage, Alaska. Coca-Cola’s polar bear mascots, called “Ben” and “Jerry” by the company to protect the bears’ identities and preserve their safety, will also make a brief appearance at this rally.

The grizzly bears disagree with their northern cousins. “Harsh winters and hot summers force us to constantly adapt to our surroundings. We also have other predators, such as wolves, constantly competing with us for our prey,” said William Montgomery, the grizzlies’ spokesbear.

Next July, Chamrin’ will hold a cha-cha dance party in conjunction with a rally in support of the grizzly bears. This event will be televised by a national network that has yet to be announced, and Chamrin’ will print advertisements and invitations to this dance and rally starting in March on rolls of its toilet paper.

The panda bears have decided to remain neutral in this conflict, and focus on their own community, especially on their youth.
Congress passes $40 million Canada-U.S. fence bill

Ineeda Jhob
Message Control Guru

Oct. 19, grounds crews unearthed a bevy of obdicious spear points near Graves while repairing a sprinkler. The Vatican City Historical Society was immediately assigned to excavate the site, beneath one of the oldest and foulest-smelling buildings on campus. Painsstakingly analyzing each precious load of soil, the society members huzza’d in ecstasy when their load of soil, the disease will be contained within the perimeter of the bubble to keep the college ruffians from invading our holy city.”

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POPE COLLEGE GOES POLYNESIAN — A Pope College student smiles while standing next to Tikis, despite the curse the Tikis have spread to the college’s campus.

Students said, “Our emergency phone tree is unstoppable; the disease will be contained within the hour and students will be able to work day and night as always from their cubicles, I mean, dorms.”

A mass cellophane bubble was also erected over the Pope College property, preventing the students from infecting the town donors and those of the renowned ancestral names.

“No need to fret, our DeWitts and Van Raaltes are all healthy,” Big Al McRaalte, mayor of Vatican City said. “I have deployed Swiss Guard special forces to the perimeter of the bubble to keep the college ruffians from invading our holy city.”

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Hey Ranchor fans!

Color this page and submit it to the Anchor Office, Room 151, Martha Miller Center. We will post your submissions in the windows until the administration gets mad! Prizes will be awarded!
Requited Love

Tammy L’amour

5’6” and Romantics

The site was not pretty in the Pine Grove on Saturday night. Witnesses heard screaming, yelling and the sound of forlorn footsteps. The ultimate sin has been committed - The October Rule has been broken. Kathy and Jim met on move-in day. She was a freshman moving into Dykstra; he, an OA helping her move in. It was meant to be. But at Dimnent Chapel, the last day of Orientation Weekend, the law was laid down.

“Freshman cannot date until October,” said Dean of Chapel Tryger Johanson. Freshmen, he explained, need some time to settle in before getting tied up in a relationships. However, his logic was not apparent to two fated people. Kathy and Jim did not hear this rule; their ears were muffled by love.

From the first day, their relationship was perfect. They spent time each day talking and laughing, and always saved time for homework. They attended chapel together and had lovely dinner dates in Phelps. All their friends knew they were meant to be.

“I’ve never seen Kathy so happy. I just know that in four years, they will be living happily ever after,” said Marlene, Kathy’s best friend.

Homecoming was like a fairy tale. Kathy looked gorgeous, and Jim was proud to have the love of his life on his arm. Their parents came to visit and to take pictures of course. More love was in the air. Jim’s parents couldn’t have been happier with his choice.

How did it end as a screaming match in the Pine Grove? On Thursday, Jim told Kathy he couldn’t meet her in Phelps for dinner because he was going to play Frisbee golf with some of the guys. She was okay with this, until later that night when he couldn’t hang out because he was doing homework. Friday he was at Relay For Life all night. On Saturday, Kathy couldn’t take it anymore. It had to end.

When the star-struck lovers met at the Kletz for some coffee, Kathy was prepared to dump Jim where he stood. In the time it took for the two to order their beverages, Kathy had a change of heart. Over a magical latte, Kathy easily forgave Jim for not including her.

It was when they were taking a walk in the Pine Grove later that night that something happened. Kathy yelled, and Jim yelled back. Jim walked away, and so did Kathy. There was no explanation. There was nothing that could be done. The October Rule had been broken.

Ineeda Jhob

Haunin’ Cordall Girl

Sources reveal that there is a network of tunnels below Pope College just trembling to be explored! The same unnamed sources recommend swiping a headlamp from biology storage room, having yourself a side splitting good time chalking up one side of campus, and escaping likely split through a convenient getaway route. Tunnel entrances are cleverly disguised, and pretending to shoot his fiancé.

TRYGER HAPPY

Pitter patter of ill Trygeries

15 Trygers in the entire United States, they’ve decided to produce one themselves.

“And God said ‘Go forth and multiply,’” Tryger preached last week in Chapel, while performing a little arm-flailing, foot-shuffling dance that the religion department is still analyzing in slow motion replays to determine its theological soundness.

“Oh, we plan on multiplying,” Gretchen Vanderveerverdenhoven’s (97’ S8) said.

The Frost Research Center reported that by the year 2020, the United States population of Trygers should reach 357, if all goes according to plan.

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Shuttle Van graveyard discovered by local child

Casper Friendly

In a startling discovery, an archaeological site of sorts has been unearthed in the unassuming location of Holland, Mich. The remains found at the site are not dinosaur bones, but exoskeletons of mechanical beasts.

Shuttle Vans – dozens of them – are being unearthed after a local child came across part of one when digging with his shovel in a grassy mound near the campus of Pope College. The vehicles are held together in a conglomerate of ice and moss.

Archaeologists are dubbing the area the “Shuttle Van Graveyard.”

“We have never come across anything of this nature in our time,” one of them stated at the site, which is drawing crowds of visitors every day as more is uncovered.

The vehicles are a part of a service program by the Department of Campus Safety. The program is designed to give Pope College students free transportation to and from college locations. It is reportedly used the most during the winter season.

“When I see them off-duty, the drivers are sleeping at the wheel,” an anonymous student said when asked about the subject.

“They’re always busy taking other people somewhere, or whatever,” another said. “When I need to get somewhere that’s block away, I expect the vans to be there. This is serious business.”

From the information given by students who have had experiences with shuttle vans in the past, archaeologists have determined that a whole group of van drivers fell asleep in their vehicles in winter. During that time, the automobiles apparently froze and merged together to form a huge, icy cube of vans. This mass sunk into the earth under the combined weight.

“Naturally, the extreme cold put the drivers into a state of preservation over this time,” a member of the team said. “We’re 100 percent sure that they’re all still alive, but in a frozen slammer. This site needs to be slowly heated, and then we’ll be able to revive them from their hibernation.”

Scientists around the world wait for more information to be released as this event develops.

COFFEEHOUSE DEBATE INCITES BRAWL!!!!!!!!!

Carla Berndum

According to a survey conducted at Pope, the majority of students polled said that Lemonjello’s Coffee Shop was “cooler” than J.P.'s Coffee Shop. Located on 8th Street near the Brewery, J.P.’s is known for its clean-cut baristas. Several yards away on 9th Street, Lemonjello’s flanks Roxie’s Vintage and vegan-friendly Pocket Sandwich Company. Lemonjello’s caters to a more eclectic crowd.

“J.P.’s is so square,” said a randomly chosen customer leaving Lemonjello’s. “If you want good vibes, go to Lemonjello’s.”

Other coffee drinkers, however, were less than convinced by Lemonjello’s “vibes.”

“I would never take my grandchild to that Lemon Jello’s place. Lots of people there wear metal on their clothes. Someone could get hurt,” Lillian Snow (’48) said while leaving J.P.’s.

Regardless of the popularity poll, both coffee shops do get a steady flow of business.

“I’m glad J.P.’s is doing well,” said Jason Archip (’08), Lemonjello’s enthusiast. “It’s good that we have a place for cool people who drink coffee and a place for ‘other’ people.”

J.P.’s frequenter Robbie Bartlow (’13) noted, “I did all that ‘cool coffee house’ stuff when I was in high school. Some people just prefer to be comfortable and have a private conversation when they go out for coffee.”

“Private conversations with yourself, Bartlow?” Archip retorted. “Because you’re so lame?”

To which Bartlow replied, “If by lame you mean not stuck in junior high, then yes.”

“Shut up! I’m not your friend anymore!” Archip added.

“To the coffee shop poll question “which coffee shop is cooler”, 33% of students answered “Lemonjello’s”, 25% answered “J.P.’s”, 11% answered “I don’t drink coffee” and 31% answered “This is stupid they’re both overpriced.”

Hope Republicans Welcome:

Rep. Pete Hoekstra
House Intelligence Committee, Chairman

Mike Bouchard
Republican US Senate Candidate

Talk on Values and Public Policies @ 2 p.m. Maas Auditorium, this Friday, 10.27.06
Ecce potestas casei (Don’t understand? Look it up!)  

Mackenzie Smith was born 21 long years ago on a potato farm in the southwest portion of France. Shortly after her birth, her parents decided to move to a dairy farm in Wisconsin. Even at a young age Mackenzie was environmentally aware. Feeling that “cows are an inefficient used of the environment,” Mackenzie protested her parents’ decision. However being French she promptly surrendered while wearing a very stylish ensemble.

Growing up in Wisconsin, she developed an addiction to cheese. Mackenzie began sneaking cheese with her wherever she went in a small box that formerly housed almonds. Her favorite cheese was Muenster.

When Mackenzie was 13, her parents stumbled upon her cheese stash. The Smiths felt Mackenzie was on a path of destruction, so they sent her to the Institute for the Dairy Dependant in California.

As part of the therapy program at the Institute for the Dairy Dependant, Mackenzie learned to live without a clock in order to maintain the fluidity of routine and instigate a faster recovery. The dairy dependants learned to funnel the energy from their cravings for cheese into constructive activity.

Mackenzie successfully completed the program at 18 and was integrated back into society at Pope College, a cheese-free campus. To help facilitate Mackenzie’s reentry into society, her family moved to a small town in Michigan located 0.8 hours away from Vatican City, a town where it is illegal to sell cheese. Her junior year was spent in places where cheese was readily available. In a moment of weakness, while away from Pope College, Mackenzie once again began eating cheese. However, upon her return to Pope College for a final year, Mackenzie knew she would have to give up cheese again.

Remembering her days at the Institute for the Dairy Dependant, Mackenzie returned to life without a watch or clock and funneled her energy into becoming the editor-in-chief of The Ranchor, Pope’s student newspaper.

The staff, under Mackenzie’s leadership, has begun frequently staying up past 3:00 a.m. to bring Pope College students their news, as they too converted to life where time was not an object and cheese is viewed as the root of all evil. The Biographer (sometimes known as Shannon) was born without nostrils, but with hard work and a determined spirit, learned to breathe through her ears. She now channels her angst into writing fake news for the Ranchor.

Voicing my opinion. Or, lack thereof. I think. Maybe.

To the editor:

I decided to write this letter because I have a voice and it should be heard. People are always telling students that we can make a difference just by speaking out so that is my purpose, to speak out. What am I speaking out against you might ask, and rightly so.

Well I haven’t quite decided yet. There are so many issues in the world that one can stand for or against. You can be against AIDS epidemic or global poverty or global warming or political apathy or just plain ignorance. Actually, you’d be against all those things wouldn’t you? Right. You get my drift. There are so many things to care for in this world and so many people to care for—how is one to choose?

Do you write the issues on pieces of paper and stick them to the walls, then spin around in a circle with your finger pointing out while singing a stupid song until it stops? Or should you get an idea of what I should stand for (or against) from the hundreds of celebrities I watch on TV? Angelina Jolie adopted an international baby—should I? What if I pick my political battles based on the commercials that come on during dating time election? I could vote for education and against Michiganders losing their jobs to outsourcing.

It’s so confusing navigating this new world of adulthood, which includes not only personal but social responsibility, where one has to care not only for himself but also for his neighbor. How much caring is too much? This is so overwhelming! Perhaps I’m better off sticking with the circle idea. I don’t know. Oh well. At least I’ve written this letter and my voice has been heard.

P. A. Theic

Tenure

Pope College treats all students with respect and dignity. Any suggestion that this has not happened in this matter is incorrect. Reportedly, DeFired, who joined the Pope College staff in 2002, received positive evaluations from students who enjoyed taking naps on Sundays.

“When the decision came down that I would not be receiving tenure, I was shocked,” DeFired said in an interview last week.

Students have begun to speak out about the situation with DeFired.

“We all deserve the right to choose not to work on Sundays,” said Melanie VanderLary (’08), a student organizer.

In an interview prior to the rally, DeFired stated, “If Jesus rose from the dead on a Sabbath, why can’t students rest safe from the notion of studying and reading on a Sabbath?”

Satirist emeritus, Kirk Cameron, came out of retirement to contribute to this article.

P. A. Theic
Dear President Bush,

I admire your plans for a wall around the United States. The dome will be constructed on the beach along the border shared with Mexico. Surely our new rate of consumption, but also our rate of pollution, will cause damage to our environment. For the next 200 or so years, the dome will be closed to tourism and help us protect our purple mountain majesties and amber waves of grain from unwanted Mexicans flying anything, including Arabs and bird flu.

If you choose to construct a gigantic dome over the entire continental United States, the dome will protect our precious majesties and amber waves of grain from unwanted Mexicans and foreign-born Arabs and bird flu. It is always a good idea to construct a gigantic dome under glass, indivisible majesties and amber waves of grain from unwanted Mexicans and flying anything, including Arabs and bird flu.

As I have written in a previous letter, I am sure that the wall will be built across my country, just as the U.S. shall become one nation, under glass, indivisible majesties and amber waves of grain from unwanted Mexicans and flying anything, including Arabs and bird flu.

The dome will provide a much-needed solution to the energy crisis, involving fat people in stationary bicycles. Have your hands on the wheel, insist that you stop the car at an intersection, and then ask him hypothetically what he would say if you told him you had had a sex change to become a woman. Bite your fingernails while he thinks of an answer.

But I propose we could take it one step further. In the mid-17th century, Japan had closed its borders to tourism and trade. For the next 200 or so years, zero percent of Japan’s work force had any contact with foreigners. It had no trade. For the next 200 or so years, zero terrorist attacks. I propose we could take it one step further.

Let him know what you plan on wearing to classes for the upcoming month. Tell him why you wear what on which day. Do this whenever you can. “Brad’s hugs always felt stronger than yours” or “Your hands are a lot like my ex’s, except smaller” etc. Remember, personality is key; abrasive, memorable personality.

Sincerely,
Dear Dateless,

Dating in college can be tough, especially when you don’t completely understand the male psyche as I do. Here are some important points for you to remember when meeting and dating college men:

1. Couples are closer who have been through a lot together. On the first date, throw up in his car. That way he will remember you. It’s also a great conversation starter on the second date.

2. Men love to be the one to cheer you up. When you’re around him, sigh and cry as often as possible. This will make him feel that he’s needed.

3. When you call him, don’t just call him once and leave a message. Call him 80 times and leave very similar messages every time. Or if you don’t have time to talk, just call and hang up a lot. He will admire your persistence.

4. When he takes you out to dinner, always order a small side salad, on the way home, insist that you stop for a burger because you’re “practically starving!” Never let him think he’s picked a good restaurant. This shows him that you have unique tastes.

5. Act like you’re too good for his friends. Men absolutely love this. It makes them feel that they’ve laded a great catch.

6. Tell him how different from or the same he is as other men you’ve dated. Do this whenever you can. “Brad’s hug style always felt stronger than yours” or “Your hands are a lot like my ex’s, except smaller” etc.

Remember, personality is key; abrasive, memorable personality.

Dr. Cedric is exceedingly qualified...for something. He holds a doctoral degree in astrophysics. Since retiring last spring, he has been working on a book titled "Astrology and You: How the Zodiac affects your life and what you can do to change it!"

OctOber 25, 2006

...IN YOUR HEAD

Understanding the male psyche

Dr. Cedric Barrington

Dear Dr. Cedric,

I don’t know how to get guys to notice me. It seems like even when I finally catch someone’s attention, we go on one date and then it doesn’t go anywhere. The harder I try the more they ignore me. What am I doing wrong?

Sincerely,
Dateless in the Dorms

Dear Dateless,

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Let him know what you plan on wearing to classes for the upcoming month. Tell him why you wear what on which day. Your attention to detail will be a real turn-on.

8. When he asks you a question, answer 10 questions, but don’t answer what he asked. Always leave him wanting more.

Ask him hypothetically what he would say if you told him you had had a sex change to become a woman. Bite your fingernails while he thinks of an answer. Men love mystery.

These simple methods should make you succeed where so many others have failed. Remember, personality is key; abrasive, memorable personality.

A misdirected letter containing Solution B to the border issue

Dear President Bush:

I admire your plans for a wall and fence system along our border shared with Mexico. Surely once they build it, the wall will protect our precious jobs, like lawn care specialists and migrant farm workers, from the hands of illegal immigrants. However, I think we could take it one step further.

In the mid-17th century, Japan had closed its borders to tourism and trade. For the next 200 or so years, zero percent of Japan’s work force was foreign-born. It had no trade deficit. And most importantly, during this time Japan experienced zero terrorist attacks. I propose we enter our own sakoku era.

In order to ensure we will be protected from anyone or anything trying to get inside our great nation, as well as prevent anyone from leaving (I know, who would want to?), we must expand the wall along the border. I suggest we use our biosphere experience to construct a gigantic dome over the entire continental United States. The dome will protect our precious majesties and amber waves of grain from unwanted Mexicans and flying anything, including Arabs and bird flu.

Furthermore, we will be living under a synthesized and recycled atmosphere, pollution should no longer be of any concern. People, like hippies, who have always dreamed of owning an SUV if only pollution wasn’t a problem, will flock to dealerships in droves. Of course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption, but course, we might need to annex land high in oil content to fuel our new rate of consumption.

Mr. President, I advise you to contact me regarding this and other ideas, including one I have for the energy crisis, involving fat people on stationary bicycles. Have your people call me.

Shoot Cheney a hello for me.

Respectfully sincere,
Charles Washington Smith

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Squirrels SHOW THE POWER

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ThROUGh BLACK Squirrel RepresentatIve

A strange gathering of Vatican City’s familiar black squirrels was spotted in the Pine Grove yesterday afternoon. It is estimated that the squirrels were about 60 in number and varied in size, age and coloring. Some were of average size for a squirrel, some were a deep mahogany brown, some had fur streaked with tan and others had tails.

Although the sheer number of the mysterious rodents was enough to warrant curiosity, their behavior certainly added to it. The squirrels were seen moving in a huge circle formation. Three others stood in the center.

“It’s like they were rallying or something. It’s definitely one of the weirdest things that I have ever laid eyes on,” Jemmi Blair (’09) said. “And I’m from Los Angeles, so I’m not surprised by much.”

Prof. Gill Friedmeyer, animal behaviorist at Pope College, has more insight into the phenomenon.

“Squirrels are creatures adaptable to diverse environments,” Friedmeyer said. “Few things cause them enough distress to warrant behavioral changes of this magnitude.”

When asked what could cause such distress, Friedmeyer answered, “I’m not particularly sure, although I have noticed that Pope College squirrels tend to be more astute rodents than others of the same variety that I have studied. It could be any number of things.”

While no one is sure what distress could have caused this mysterious gathering, Cory Reed (’10) found a note when investigating the scene.

“It was stuck to a tree in the Pine Grove by a piece of old gum. Its edges have small pin-like holes poked in them as if by claws,” Reed said. “And in bold black letters it says, ‘Creatures of Color United!’”

THE SIMS, POPE COLLEGE STYLE: ‘Makin’ Multicultural Magic

Sir Arthur Pendragon (Esq.)
MOn WITH SWEET NAME

In keeping with the changing technological age, Pope College will adopt the use of video games in its recruiting process, a method recently introduced by the U.S. military. Pope College will use the video games to target potential diverse students.

The announcement comes directly from Guy L’Entree, Pope College president of admissions, in response to reports that Pope College has failed to meet its diversity quota for the 95th straight year.

“Pope College needs to diversify its student body and one way is to recruit through methods that are innovative and one way is to recruit through video games that simulate real life environments,” L’Entree said. “Our aim is to slowly move away from strategies such as calls and visits. Frankly, personal recruiting processes just aren’t working. Video games are the wave of the future.”

Pope has reached a deal with Sawthrop wheretranational, a Vatican City-based software development company founded by alumnus A. Tad Moore (’72), that will send every Pope College computer science major 1/2), that will send every Pope College computer science major an internship, in exchange for the college’s use of the nation’s best-selling software games. Sawthrop, started in 2005 in Moore’s basement, will develop a series of video games loosely based upon one of the nation’s best-selling software series, Electronic Arts’ The Sims.

“Our hope for Pope College’s video games is to give the prospective student a glance into everyday life at Pope College; a life full of color in many different aspects. We feel that The Sims sets a great precedent for what games that simulate real life should look like,” Moore said.

Features of the games will allow the player to customize his or her own Pope College student by selecting specifics such as the virtual student’s courses, clothing, group memberships and race.

“We don’t, as we like to say, ‘mess around’ when it comes to race. We are going all out; these are going to be huge!” Moore said.

Abby Dooby of the Multicultural Life office expressed her joy, elation and delight about the changeable race feature of the video games, noting it may benefit diversity on campus.

“This definitely is one small step forward for humankind, and one gnomorous leap forward for diversity. Hopefully, it will show our prospective students how much Pope College embraces all students,” Dooby said.

Possible titles for the video games include Pope College: Makin’ Multicultural Magic, Pope College: Race Unleashed, Pope College: Multicultural Superstar and Pope College: Dorm Party.

Alcohol Awareness Group

Support group for Hope College students only!

Location

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Dewitt Counseling Center
TUESDAY
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THURSDAY
7:00 pm

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Flubbers

This unfairness caused such distress. New offices are being advertised, but they are not yet available.

The question still remains whether the professors who meet at the Kletz for lunch and spend Kletz card points are actually helping to lead a healthy lifestyle. But, there is happy trails ahead for all Pope College faculty, and that is all that matters.