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Words of care

Vigil denounces hate crimes through prayer and compassion.

DANA LAMERS
infocus editor

A prayer vigil for Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was killed by his own classmates, was held in the Pine Grove during the few dry moments of a rainy last Thursday evening.

During an emotional moment of the vigil, a few raindrops fell on approximately 60 people encircled with candles.

"A friend commented to me that God started crying with us," said Amanda Schneider (’99), who helped to lead the vigil.

On Oct. 12 Matthew Shepard, a homosexual 21-year-old student, was reportedly pistol-whipped, and left on a fence post in near-freezing temperature until he was found hours later. Shepard died five days later.

Participants of the vigil prayed for various blessings such as courage and unity, as the crowd stood in still and quiet reflection for a few moments.

Schneider said one of the reasons the vigil was arranged was to give people the chance to pray for healing, for unity in such a violent society, in which there is so much fear about homosexuality and sexual orientation.

Changes in place

New member education policy approved by Campus Life Board.

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

A new policy approved by the Campus Life Board should provide more stability in Greek Life. The policy comes as a result of a previous policy concerning New Member Education passed in September.

The policy will guarantee that the earlier policy will remain in place for four years.

"It's not really a policy because in essence it's a promise," said Interfraternity President Adam Hudson ('99).

"With this policy the administration won't make any major changes each year without really looking at the policy.

The proposal resulted from concern over frequent changes in New Member Education policy over the past years. Leaders of Greek Life were concerned that by changing the policy each year, instability of the program could result. They hope that by keeping the new policy in place, New Member Education will have the opportunity to become more stable.

"Change happens very rapidly and it's hard to keep

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Series to provide a mix of poetry and fiction

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

The second installment of the 1998-1999 Poetry Series will showcase both well-established and up-and-coming performers. When poet Conrad Hilberry and fictionist Alison McGhee take stage on Monday, November 9. The event will be held at the Knickerbocker Theater, beginning at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30.

Hilberry, professor of English at Kalamazoo College, will make his third Hope appearance. "My poems have a pretty clear story," he said. "I'm not one to share any secrets in my writing and I'm not a confessional writer. A lot of my poems are about simple things, like friends and family.

Hilberry does like to add a certain element of surprise into his writings. "If I like it best when something a little strange comes up, when I'm not sure what to expect or where the poem is taking me," he said. "I hope that each poem will be a surprise.

Hilberry often finds his creative talents challenging and time-consuming. "It takes me longer to switch over from one kind of writing to the next," he said. "I find the business-like way of thinking and

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Flying Dutch men's soccer game against the Olivet Comets, page 8.

"Michigan Arts Award."

While Hilberry's writing career has been long and extensive, McGhee only recently published her first novel, which was chosen as the Great Lakes Colleges Association fiction prize winner and was also a nominee for the 1995 Pushcart Prize.

"Writing fiction is my way of trying to understand life," she said. "As a fiction writer, I can transform a part of the world - an inner one, the landscape of human emotion. Writing fiction is a way to take intense emotions, that powerful happiness and those hard lumps of grief and transform them into

Anchor photo by Amanda Black

ENGELER TIME: Governor John Engler and other hopeful Republican candidates encouraged party support for yesterday's election at a rally held on Friday, Oct. 30. Elections were held Tuesday as candidates made last their push for vital votes.

Engler looks to next century

SARA E LAMERS
campusbeat editor

"Make Michigan first in the 21st Century" was the battle-cry of candidates for the Republican ticket at a rally sponsored by the Hope Republicans on Friday, Oct. 30, 98 hours before the polls opened the following Tuesday.

Numerous hopeful candidates met an enthusiastic crowd of about 200 who cheered and waved signs of support as the Holland Christian High School pep band played.

"The foundation for Michigan's success is in place," said Governor John Engler. "Michigan is stronger now than it has ever been."

Along with Governor Engler, the rally featured lieutenant governor candidate Dick Posthumus, attorney general candidate John Smietanka, and Secretary of State Campbell Miller.

"I am proud to be a part of the Engler team," Posthumus said. "Looking at the Republican ticket, there should be no doubt that Michigan will be first in the 21st Century."

Before they arrived, various members of the Hope Republican endorsed the efforts of the candidates. Throughout the rally, candidates focused on the strides Engler has made in Welfare reform, caging statistics confirming an increase in new jobs.
More and more each day, computers are making their mark on Hope’s campus. From e-mail in dorm rooms to terminals in the library, technology is permanently entering the lives of just about every student. Hopeing to keep up with the advances in technology, Hope College is bringing computers into the classroom.

German professor Dr. Lee Forrester has been developing ideas for a multimedia software to integrate the audio, visual, and written methods of teaching a foreign language. Entitled “Germany: Live!”, Forrester’s project recently received a $50,000 grant from the Foundation for Independent Higher Education’s 1998 “American Distance Education Public Access” program. This money will enable Dr. Forrester to take a sabbatical this spring to work on the software design full-time.

“Forrester said. “I hope that they [students] will learn German in little as much as an hour a day.”

“I don’t want Hope to contribute to that kind of society,” she said. “And by being silent we would be, Si- lence inquietly condoning what is happening.”

Individuals went to the vigil for different reasons.

“We went for two reasons,” said A.J. Cameron ’11, “to express my great disapproval in the hatred that killed him and to come together with other people for prayer and in memory of hate crimes.”

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up with it,” said Panhellenic President Sara Van Hoose ’99. “I think this new policy is a good way to implement change and shows we are taking responsibility of how New Member Education takes place.

The policy, which requires that the newly-adopted NME policy must stay in place for four years, will be subject to review if the need arises. The board of representatives from Campus Life and the PanHellenic and Interfraternity councils will evaluate the policy and offer suggestions to improve the program. In order for any change to take place, two out of the three groups must agree on a need exists.

A number of factors dealing with the specifics of New Member Education were addressed by the earlier policy. Changes made include a program called “Greek Life 101” which will educate new members on various aspects of Greek Life. The policy also allows each organization to choose a day of the week in which new members will be “unveiled”.

The policy was drafted by Kate MacDoniels ’99, who also wrote the earlier policy accepted in Sep- tember. “Since we were in agreement with the first policy I thought it was a good time to go before Campus Life again,” MacDoniels said. “People want consistency and a program that can remain in place for a long time so that it can become stable.”

Van Hoose, Hudson, and MacDoniels felt that the policy was welcomed by generally all Greek presidents, as well as the Campus Life Board.

“Campus Life was very receptive and I think that was a very positive thing about this,” MacDoniels said. “I feel it’s a good idea for students who share a common concern to take an active role in the policy planning.”

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Hope, along with the rest of the world, prepares for the year 2000.

Hope solves and spends on computer “bug”

CHRIS WINKLER
staff reporter

There is a phrase known around the world that strikes fear into the hearts of computer programmers and company executives alike. The phrase? The Year 2000. At Hope College, the problem that has caused so much disturbance in major companies is under wraps. Computing and Information Technology (CIT) has implemented a plan to solve the significant computer glitch, known as the Year 2000 bug. In short, Y2K.

Y2K is what will happen to computers when their calendars turn over into the year 2000. A number of possibilities could occur, from complete shutdown of the computer to absolutely nothing at all. At Hope, when Jan. 1, 2000 arrives, every system will be up and running.

According to Carl Heideman, director of CIT, the problem was first recognized on the Hope campus in the early 90’s. This was when the Admissions Office began dealing with members of the Class of 2000. That problem was fixed, and it opened the eyes of the college to begin working to correct the bug.

“About a year and a half ago we took a thorough inventory of our systems,” Heideman said. “Many had problems, but some were okay.”

Early this summer, a major half-million dollar project began to overhaul Hope’s computer system. Part of that includes efforts to head off the Y2K problem before difficulties arise.

“Be’re working on the most critical areas first,” said CIT project coordinator Kris Witsko. “And the project is coming along fine.”

Heideman said that CIT has been replacing some systems with updated models. Others have undergone repairs and ways around Y2K. CIT will also be converting all data to a new system that is Y2K compliant.

“Eventually,” Heideman said, “all solutions will be permanent.”

While many large companies are hiring special teams and forming Y2K specific budgets to combat the bug, Hope’s small size allows the school to work internally. The project is being headed by Heideman and Witsko, and the entire CIT staff is working on it.

“We’re taking some risks with this, but we feel comfortable with that. We are realistic, and are hoping that our mistakes will be minimal,” Heideman said.

The final portion of the project will be the alumni system, which is the last office that will be working with the Class of 2000.

What the Year 2000 crisis could mean to you

CHRIS WINKLER
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A student slowly clicks his left mouse button, setting the clock on the computer screen to near midnight, Dec. 31, 1999, and then waits. As the date changes on the monitor, a smile crosses the student’s face, followed by a short prayer and a leap into the air. Thankful, at that moment, for only one thing.

That was scenario number one. Here is scenario two.

A student slowly clicks the left mouse button, setting the clock on the computer screen to near midnight, Dec. 31, 1999, and then waits. The monitor goes blank just as the clock hits Jan. 1, 2000, and the student groans, sighs, then punches the desk, realizing the money invested is now gone. Not the least bit thankful for what is called the Year 2000 problem.

This glitch, given the abbreviation Y2K, affects some computers when the system clock turns over to the year 2000. But for those who know the basics of the problem, scenario one is more likely to occur for personal computer owners, including students.

Unlike major corporations and other organizations, including Hope College, the majority of students have an advantage over the Y2K bug. Because most student-owned computers do not rely heavily on dates, the amount of damage Y2K can do is limited.

“With a majority of personal computers, this mistake will not affect users nearly as much as it will banks, airports, and Internet service providers,” said Josiah Dykstra ’02.

Dykstra, who plans to major in computer science, has worked for Gateway the past two summers. This past year he was an engineer working on Gateway’s mobile systems.

“The only way this will affect us as students is with programs like Excel spreadsheets and others that are very dependent on numbers,” Dykstra said.

Although the outlook for smaller systems is optimistic, the worldwide effect is yet to be known, and there are differing views on the issue.

“I’ve spent more and more time looking at and reading about Y2K,” said Carl Heideman, director of CIT. “And I’ve found there is little concrete info. There is a lot of opinion that is based on small, anecdotal information. It is really hard to see what is truly going to happen, and that is what makes this unique.”

Heideman is optimistic, but still sees where problems could occur. For instance, if there is a threat that banks will crash, then people will panic and draw their money out of banks, and a financial crisis could ensue.

For students with hardware and software that may not be Y2K compliant, there are ways to find out what could happen Jan. 1, 2000. Many websites, including those of computer companies, offer descriptions of Y2K problems with different programs. Others contain links to download and enact on personal computers to see what they will do with Y2K.

One of them, the Microsoft Corporation, is located at www.microsoft.com/ . Other information about Y2K is located through the Popular Science website, at www.popsci.com/
An issue of human interest

About 60 people attended last Thursday’s prayer vigil for Matthew Shepard in the Pine Grove. Out of well over 1,000 members of the Hope community, only 60 could find time in their busy schedules to attend the vigil for a homosexual man, brutally murdered by narrow-minded individuals.

The same sort of apathy could be seen at the Take Back the March rally, held earlier this year.

The apathy that exists on this campus may be no different than that existing anywhere else in the world. Violence against women and homosexuals are often seen as low on the totem pole of life priorities, and that definitely rings true on the Hope campus.

The religious implications that are involved with homosexuality are still discussed, and may never fully be resolved. But the amount of hostility and negative images that are associated with homosexuals in this area is unacceptable.

Individuals at Hope are outraged. The vigil itself supports the idea, but the amount of apathy present on this campus indicates how individuals feel: By not attending the rally, a large proportion showed just where homosexuals stand. By not attending, these people support the harsh treatment that those like Matt Shepard receive.

While schedules may be cramped, there is no excuse for 2,900 people not attending the vigil. Homosexuality has become one of those topics people support when asked, yet take no action when those backs are turned.

Kidding about homosexuals can be heard daily with the “usual” woman, race, and blonde jokes. Many don’t see this as wrong, and many see this joking as light and I will list them and why I am distressed below.

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3. “We cannot be held accountable for the every student who does not exercise a proper level of maturity in such discussions.” Having been raised by a pastor, I was taught that one of a pastor’s responsibilities is to provide an education on what is right and wrong. Therefore, this statement is a cop out and an attempt at institutional legitimacy of an unchristian behavior. A pastor can and should be held accountable for how his/her/their behavior in contact with people of different faiths and theological views.

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Senior shares concerns over Chaplain study

To the Editor:

I am writing to share with you and the campus community some reflections I have had after reading the chapel review last week. I feel that it is important for everyone to go and examine it for themselves and who would like to emphasize that this is my opinion and my opinion alone.

I found several things concerning about the review that I like to share with the community in hopes that others will examine it not in hopes of causing damage to any part of the college community. My aim is not to cause anyone pain about the matter and apologize profusely in advance if my writing this letter hurts someone somewhere on this campus. In the chapel self study there are several quotes distressing me and I will list them and why I am distressed below.

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Program meets criteria for vim and vigor.


Christopher Morgan
Theatre forum thrives on student participation

W. HADANEK
staff reporter

Through determination and hard work, the Hope Theatre Forum has given life to plays, musicals, and improvisational groups while at the same time providing many students with a unique opportunity to get involved in the world of theatre.

"Our main focus is to promote student productions. As long as someone has a deep dedication for student productions. As long as someone has a deep dedication for student productions, they are going to want to be involved in one of the Forum's activities. The group is also working with SAC and is planning on getting involved in the annual Casino Night. An improvisational comedy group also is being organized on campus. All of the Theatre Forum's meeting minutes are posted on a bulletin board by the ticket office and everyone is welcome to attend their meetings. Kathy Cleveland ('02) is just starting to get involved with the group." said Fleming.

"It's been a great experience," she said. "The fact that it is open to anyone really appealed to me. Even though I'm just a freshman and haven't really established a reputation in the department, the Theatre Forum is willing to let me jump right in and get involved."

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McGhee combined her interest and knowledge of the eastern world with experiences of her birthplace, the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, to write Rainlight, which centers on the loss of a family member and how the surviving family member and how the surviving family member copes with the loss.

"Since I was a child, I've been drawn to China," she said. "The cadence of the language, the physical movements of Chinese people, all feel familiar to me. In Rainlight I transferred my love of the country and my own longing for it to the..."
It’s getting close to Thanksgiving time, and those of us who are out-of-state are beginning to plan how to make the long journey home to spend time eating turkey and laughing at the Lions’ attempt to pass themselves off as a football team. For many of us, that journey involves air travel, a prospect I find quite frightening. I don’t have a fear of crashing or of making an emergency landing in freezing, shark-infested waters, but rather an intense dread of the “seateats,” the person who you are assigned by a computer in Tokyo to spend the next hour and a half of flight time with. It is a fear shared by everyone who has ever flown coach, and don’t try and deny it. When you step on that plane, you instantly begin scanning your seat to see if someone is sitting in the aisle who will waste you to your window seat. In your rush to board the plane, you usually beat your seatmate and fearfully wait for them to arrive. You sit there, dreading passenger 22-C more than Satan himself, and finally your seatmate enters. You know them: the instant you see them, like ant soldiers recognizing a marauding ant from another colony, they move down the aisle and when arriving at row 22, inevitably says to you “I’m 22-C. Looks like we’ll be flying together.” Of course you all want to fly together if you’re on the same plane. The statements just keep coming.

“Nice weather we’re having. Boy, Minneapolis is a big airport. I’m a Sagittarius, what’s your sign? Can I set my carry-on underneath your seat? I’m from Michigan.”

You may hate the comments at Mr. Clean hears dirt, but please don’t excuse yourself to your garage with the car running just yet. The bad seatmate can make the most simple commute a harrowing journey of constant prayer for technical malfunction or a pilot drunk on Peppermint Schnapps who flies your DC-10 straight into a mountainside. The one that gets to me the most is the baby seatmate. The baby is great. I love to sit next to the baby. Mom only worries about her vain quest to stuff baby’s cries, which can be easily drowned out by the music of your headphones (that you can use only after you reach that certain height where the sound waves of R.E.M. won’t cause the plane to go into an instant tailspin dive toward the earth).

The kid is not so easily ignored. The kid, without fail, a male child. He’s always wearing a cowboy hat, or boots, or a cape, or something else making recognition simple. He’s devious because he’s innocent. You can’t ignore him or he’ll cry and you’ll feel bad. You can’t yell at him to shut up or he’ll cry and you’ll feel bad. You don’t beat him to death with your flotational seat cushion or you’ll go to jail and you’ll feel bad. You just have to sit there and answer questions and play with him. Sounds like fun? Kind of relaxing; getting to touch the child inside? Of course not.

You are always the villain. In every kid’s game all those who are not that kid trust, by law of the cosmos, lose. It’s impossible. Maybe he whips out some Star Wars figures. Who does he hand them to? Of course he doesn’t hand them to you. He tells you that you were killed when his figure (a Luke Skywalker with an arm missing) blew up the death star. You tell him you weren’t on the death star. He laughs. He tells you were ripped apart by shrapnel from the blast. You tell him you had your shield on. He tells you that you should piercing shrapnel. He tells you that you had a second shield that blocked it, it was only single shield piercing shrapnel. He starts to cry. You feel bad. You say you were ripped apart. He laughs and tells you a different story that his figure (now a dirty Han Solo) killed you. You just can’t win, so don’t try.

If you are assigned the seat next to the kid, there is only one option. Twenty minutes into the flight, excuse yourself under the pretense of needing to use the facilities. When walking to the bathroom, head toward the exit hatch instead, pull the lever, and let your body be sucked out by the pressure difference. Hope that the plane crashes and that the kid dies, ripped apart by shrapnel, as you fall to your death, overjoyed to finally be free of the horror that is the bad seatmate.

**Influenza. It’s Coming.**

**How do you tell if it’s the flu or just a cold?**

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**Influenza. It’s Preventable.**

Don’t risk your health or your classes. If you have asthma, diabetes, or any chronic illness, a flu shot is a must.

**Flu shots available for $7 at the Health Clinic, Call x7585 for an appointment.**

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**MIKE MANLEY**

**Staff reporter**

If you see someone walking across campus dressed in a camouflage outfit, don’t be alarmed. You’re probably looking atJeremy Latchaw (‘00) in his Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) outfit. Latchaw, who is currently a staff sergeant, finds that ROTC offers him a chance to experience college and military life simultaneously. His strong patriotic beliefs are another reason for his involvement in ROTC.

“I don’t understand why people don’t want to be in the military,” Latchaw said.

Because Hope College does not have a specific ROTC program, Latchaw makes a 60-mile round trip to Grand Rapids once a week to take classes through Western Michigan University’s ROTC program.

ROTC provides college students with the opportunity to engage in military training and classes alongside their regular college curriculum. Latchaw’s classes are worth three credit hours and are transferrable to Hope College.

The classes deal mainly with the development of leadership skills. The ROTC classes, along with a full course load at Hope, make for a demanding schedule.

"The Registrar is good at class scheduling," Latchaw said. "Latchaw is the only Hope College student currently involved in the ROTC program."

"When walking across the campus in uniform I get a lot of weird looks," Latchaw said.

Richard Frost, the Hope College Dean of Students, has not been approached with the idea of starting a ROTC program on Hope’s campus.

“One factor that may hinder the development on one [an ROTC program] would be the expense involved in creating a program for what is currently a limited number of interested people,” Frost said.

Once a semester, Latchaw joins Western’s ROTC battalion and participates in weekend combat training at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan. The training exercises are conducted in full combat attire and camouflage.

Next summer, Latchaw is attending a five-week “advanced camp,” the ROTC equivalent of boot camp, where he will be given further tactical training.

“Latchaw has performed his duty well,” said Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Breecher, the officer in charge of Western’s ROTC program. “Even though he had to travel extra miles to fulfill his requirements.”

Latchaw may be switched to the ROTC program in Kalamazoo next semester to place him in classes with a larger group of cadets, allowing him to gain more from leadership training by interacting with greater numbers of people.

Latchaw describes the leadership skills gained through ROTC as one of the most beneficial aspects of the program.

“Being an Assistant Assistant in Scott Hall is a natural and easy experience for me, thanks largely to the leadership abilities I have acquired through ROTC,” Latchaw said. Another beneficial factor of ROTC to Latchaw is the financial assistance he receives from the military to pay for his college education. Tuition scholarships and a textbook allowance offset the price of attending Hope College.

But Latchaw also gives back to the Army ROTC. After graduation, Latchaw has an eight year military commitment, a term of service which can be spent doing active duty, National Guard, or Army Reserve.

Transferring to Western would make participating in ROTC much easier for Latchaw, but he doesn’t even consider that option.

“I love it at Hope College,” Latchaw said. “I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

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**Michael C. Lockwood**

**Anchor photo by Chandler Poh**

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**CAMO’S BACK:** Jeremy Latchaw (‘00) displays his field uniform for the ROTC program.

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Football moves one step closer to MIAA title

MIKE ZUIDEMA
editor-in-chief

The showdown has been set for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

With Hope defeating Olivet 46-13, and Albion defeating Adrian 20-13, Saturday, each team will head into next Saturday's showdown in Albion undefeated.

The Flying Dutchmen stand 4-0 in the MIAA, while the Britons are 3-0 overall. Hope is 5-2, and Albion is 7-1.

"We're on the right swing leading up to the MIAA title," said head coach Dean Kreps. "I don't think we'll have any problems with focus this week."

The Flying Dutchmen came out focused against Olivet, as they completely stymied any chance for a Comet victory.

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Weinmeister continued the onslaught by completing touchdowns passes of 22 and 21 yards to Matt Handido ('00). A 3-yard interception return for a touchdown by CasCumnally ('99) put the Flying Dutchmen up 36-0 at halftime.

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The defense was able to stop every Comet attack on the day. Hope's defense limited the Comets to just 135 yards in total offense.

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