Homes and Curry take sides in political debate

by Heather Mumby
production editor

Professors Jack Holmes and Earl Curry brought their own political showdown Wednesday in an effort to clarify the platforms of presidential candidates George Bush and Bill Clinton. Holmes, chairperson of the Political Science department, defended Republican President Bush and stressed his plans for using the government to aid in creating jobs and solving the country's economic problems.

"Governor Clinton's view is that government is not the problem, but an essential part of the solution to the country's economic problems," Holmes said.

Both speakers spent much of their time pointing out the reasons not to vote for the other candidate. Holmes dismissed Clinton's economic plan as utopianistic because Clinton believes he can raise federal revenue by taxing the rich. Holmes claims that the rich are very resourceful and will find ways to avoid paying these increased taxes. He also claims that even if these taxes were collected, they wouldn't pay for all the programs Clinton is proposing.

"The cry to soak the rich is good politics and terrible economics," Holmes said.

On the topic of economics, Curry expressed contempt with the way Bush has been handling things. He criticized Bush for not wanting to get the government involved in guiding the United States to economic recovery.

"This view [Bush's] holds that when facing the "recession thing" just sit tight and wait for the economy to recover," Curry said.

Holmes attacked Governor Clinton as a tax and spend Democrat with strategic, rather than special interest groups. He criticized him for not admitting that he would have to raise taxes in order to fund all these proposed programs.

Curry defended Clinton by claiming that he has never said he would not raise taxes. He claimed that Clinton does not foresee the need for tax increases at present, but also does not claim that he will not have to raise taxes in the future.

"[Clinton] has widely and honestly retracted from making promises whose guarantee is an unstatesmanlike invitation to read his lips," Curry said.

One ongoing theme of the debate involved the relevancy of Clinton's role as Governor of Arkansas. Holmes claims, much as Bush does, that the records of Arkansas show that Clinton has not shown effective leadership in solving problems.

"Arkansas is, after all, near the bottom on a number of indicators," Bill Clinton has not changed that," Holmes said.

The indicator Holmes speaks of are the facts that Arkansas ranks in one of the ten worst states in regards to tax fairness (44th), personal income (47th), overall worker climate (49th), labor opportunities (46th), polluted rivers and streams (42nd), the well-being of children (45th), and number of people not living in poverty (48th).

"What we can say about Arkansas is that at least we're moving in the right direction, whereas the national state we're not," Curry said.

Holmes did not have all negative things to say about Democrat Bill Clinton. He said, "he's kept himself in office."

One might notice that there is something missing from this debate. There were only two candidates represented. However, independent candidates are also running.

Campus survey shows Bush in lead

Over 42 percent of Hope students who are registered to vote plan to pull the lever for George Bush next Tuesday in the presidential election, according to a poll taken on October 20 and 21.

22 percent plan to vote for Bill Clinton, 10 percent for Perot and 25 percent were undecided.

The poll was organized and run by Scott Sawicki ('95) and seven other National Government (Pol 101) students. They polled a total of 423 students living on campus.

Approximately every third door on campus was visited and the occupants were questioned to answer a questionnaire that had been approved by representatives of the political science department, residential life, and the dean of students.

11.1 percent of those polled said they would register and plan to vote.

11.1 percent of those polled said Bush's visit to Hope on October 12 influenced their vote, while 68.9 percent said it did not and 20.1 percent said the question did not apply.

When asked if the presence of Perot in the race influenced their vote, 42 percent indicated it had.

The students polled were also asked if they had positive or negative feelings on the past four years of the Bush administration. 35.0 percent had positive feelings, 32.4 percent had negative feelings, and 32.6 percent were undecided about the past four years.

The final question on the poll asked what issues students felt were the most important in the campaign. Top responses were: the Economy, with 40.9 percent, followed, with 12.3 percent and the debt at 9.9 percent.

To see a complete set of poll results contact The Anchor at X7877.

What issues do the students of Hope College feel are most important in this election?

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Working
by Sarahbeth Robie
staff writer

Much more goes into the production of a musical than meets the eye on the stage. Those who go to see a musical are likely to be impressed by the set design, costume and lighting, but there is a whole lot of preparation that goes on behind the scenes.

For example, the auditions were a two-step process. Actors were required to prepare a monologue and sing a small selection from any song. Then, the director selected those he wanted to see and set up an interview with them.

The scenes were also a two-step process. Actors were required to prepare a monologue and sing a small selection from any song. Then, the director selected those he wanted to see and set up an interview with them. The director was looking for specific qualities in the actors, such as a strong voice, good movement, and a good understanding of the script.

The sets were designed by a professional set designer, and then built by a team of carpenters and scenic artists. The costumes were designed by a professional costume designer, and then sewn together by a team of seamstresses. The lighting was designed by a professional lighting designer, and then programmed by a team of technicians.

In addition to the main crew, there were also technicians who worked behind the scenes to make sure the show ran smoothly. This includes the stage manager, who is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the production, from the set changes to the lighting cues. There are also the props master, who is responsible for the collection and arrangement of all of the props, and the wardrobe master, who is responsible for the organization and distribution of the costumes.

The performers also played a key role in the production of the musical. They rehearsed for weeks on end, learning their lines and musical numbers. They also worked closely with the director to interpret the character they were playing.

The show was a success, and the audience was impressed by the talent and hard work of the performers, directors, and technicians. The musical was a beautiful production, and it was a testament to the dedication and passion of everyone involved.
Letters to the editors

Homosexuality, continued discussion

Assumptions, overuse

Dear Editor,

Thank you for The Anchor's large letters section! After graduation, work, three years work overseas, and more work, I still look for a copy each week. The

readings does not come out often or regularly enough for the kind of debates that spring up in your pages. Long after the Gentleman's editor subsides, or the bloom of Miss Grier's article about homosexuality.

Her editorial and all of its (painful) responses are careful and restrained; but I see several problems which will give us trouble if not attended to.

(1) We see too many assumptions in this matter with no solid evidence. For example, Miss Grier in her editorial, called the Bible "ambiguous" on subjects like homosexuality. This has been strenuously denied by our forefathers and mothers, and still is so denied by many today.

If Miss Grier had said that the Earth is a sphere she would only have left behind a few cranks from the Flat Earth Society. However, when she asserts such things like "The Bible is ambiguous" and "You cannot condemn something as wrong if it hurts no one," she has not told behind merely cranks, but a majority of our college and later a large part of the religious.

In her second editorial, she implies that if Christ didn't specifically condemn it, then neither can 'mere human beings.' Indeed, I suppose that insider trading and shooting "fire" in crowded theatres are equally to be allowed, since He did not specially condemn them. (Sorry, I digress; this isn't lack of proof, this is a faulty proof.)

The Bible is ambiguous simply by citing the ambiguity of the Bible. I ask you: if the Bible is ambiguous, then can it be the basis of your position? What is the unambiguous basis of your position? Does upholding the choice of such acts grant tacit endorsement of them? Or is like, saying, supporting a choice to smoke—you wouldn't stop a man from doing it, but you don't approve of it. What proof have you of either these positions, or for some third one?

Bennink and Dahlman are more forthcoming; they certainly show the evidence for their position—homosexual acts are wrong. But again, I'm not satisfied. I have heard Verheek's and Grier's objections before—are they right after all? Have Christians, both theologians and laymen, been mistaken in these passages all this time? (Verheek hints so much when he accused some people of implying that homosexuality are like prostitutes; his hint hinges on the Greek used in the New Testament.)

I don't find textual proof satisfying enough, and I suspect many people are in the same quandary. There must be ways other than hermeneutics to find out if homosexual is good for us or not.

Some non-Christians simply use the ambiguity issue to sow confusion; they could hardly care if homosexuality is illegal; that problems arise. The Bible unequivocally states that homosexuality is a sin, first in the Law (which Jesus affirms in Matthew 5:17-20) and then in the Epistles. However, it is also a Biblical principle that sin is sin, that no one sin is worse than any other. In short, we should not treat homosexuals any differently than we treat other sinners. Those homosexuals who are not Christian need to be brought back as prescribed by Christ. Those professing Christians who are practicing homosexuals need to be lovingly brought back as prescribed by Christ in Matt. 18:15-17. Love is the key word. We are charged as Christians to speak the truth in love; whatever we do toward homosexuals or anyone else must be the truth and it must be done in love. If we do not have the truth, God is not in it, for He is true, and if we do not have love, God is not in it, for He is love.

May God always be glorified in this process. We do, however, have to repent of our sins. God is holy and can never tolerate sin. That is why Christ died on the cross—so that we could be set free from it. It is when we refuse to give up our sins, whether homosexual, heterosexual or non-sexual, that problems arise.

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May God always be glorified in this process.

Sincerely,

Rob Harrison ('96)

Paul, love, sin

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Stephanie Grier's response in the October 21st Anchor. I appreciate her clarification of her position and I appreciate the opportunity to answer her arguments.

First of all, the fact that Paul was only human is not relevant; the only issue is whether his writings were inspired by God. If they were, then the prohibition of homosexual acts (see Romans 1:27-28), for it was dictated by God. If not, if Paul's writings can be set aside at will because he was a human being, then the whole Bible falls; because every book was written by someone merely human.

Second, I was interested in her question, "What is it like to be disliked unworthy of God's love?" I can say from personal experience that it is an unpleasant but necessary lesson. We are all unworthy of God's love. Before we can be saved we must learn that we need a Savior, that we are sinners without any hope of earning our way to God. That is what makes the grace of God so extraordinary—there is nothing we can do to make ourselves worthy of God's love.

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Kirk Speaks ('85)
Demons left out of criticism

Dear Editor,

This is in reply to Dai Weisman's letter in last week's Accent. He writes that journalists should only criticize the Republican party for bringing together to America its many religious dogmas and leave the Democratic party alone. We believe that journalists should not use their position to further their own political careers. They should do their job as journalists by investigating and reporting the truth, regardless of their political affiliations.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

PS. Support your local clerical counselor!

The residence halls should be more than just a place to sleep, students want to come

Wendy Sturrus, Phelps RD

Frost Center supports research

By Tara Stomlies

Van Zoemen joins to give back to Hope

Tara Stomlies staff reporter

Why was Van Zoemen dedicated in memory of a woman who graduated from Teachers College in 1934?

Anna Elizabeth Van Zoemen was the wife of Dr. Gerrit Van Zoemen (1888-1970), a professor at Hope College from 1925 to 1952. She was an active member of the Women's League of Hope College and was deeply involved in the community. In memory of her contributions to the community and Hope College, Van Zoemen joined to give back to Hope College.

The Frost Center supports research

The Frost Center for Social Science Research offers both students and faculty an opportunity to research in the social sciences. Interested faculty members had begun talking about creating a social science research center for many years, and the Center was finally established when a filmed expose and confession of a particular group revealed the existence of a group of Psychics. Since the broadcast aired, no one has appeared on national television or have been contacted by Ms. Stollenmaier as representatives of the group.

The Frost Center has received a number of benefits from its establishment. First, the Center provides additional resources for faculty and student research. Second, the Center has helped to establish a sense of community among students and faculty. Finally, the Frost Center has helped to establish a sense of community among students and faculty.
Halloweenish flick ripe for viewing

by Sanabeth Robie

Staff Reporter

Kevin Kline is a favorite actor of mine, so I scammed right down to the theater to see if I was in for a treat in *Adulta*, his new movie. I hadn't really heard much about this movie except that it was censored by a town because it featured a woman clad only in a bra. (This little controversy really doesn't have a lot to do with the film itself. I just thought I'd throw that little tidbit in to seem knowledgeable and well read.)

This movie is a lot like *Jagged Edge* and not very much at all like *Big Top Pee Wee*, because this film is about murder and suspense and has little to do with elephants and clowns. However, I could've wrong. *Jagged Edge*, if you remember, starred Glenn Close, Harry Hurt, and Patricia Heaton. The thing I liked about that movie is that it was scary, but at a very manageable level. I also like the fact that I didn't have to watch Pee Wee Herman for two hours straight. I just thought *Jagged Edge* every once in a while, and it's frightening and suspenseful every time.

I was looking for a film to review that captured that eerie Halloween feeling. (It is always nice to be seasonal, don't you think?) At the suggestion of a friend, I decided to go to the theater opening day for just the movie for this season. *Conceiving Adults* is totally spooky and would be incredible to see on Halloween. It doesn't contain a lot of blood, or much sex (there is one scene designed to capture the R rating, I'm sure), but this movie does the job. It deals with real life, substring, though it's rather gory. My fiancé really gets into violent action movies—they don't really get me all that jaded up. This movie would be great. Basically, this movie is warped and twisted and strangely real.

Robie Rating System

• Don't pass up an opportunity to watch grass grow
• Reminded me of a White Castle burger
• Better than *Realtime for Bonzo*, but not quite *Casablanca*
• Two extraordinary OPUS-sponsored storytellers shocked some, but delighted many on Thursday Oct. 22.

OPUS readers delight and amaze

by Greg Brown

News Editor

Two extraordinary OPUS-sponsored storytellers shocked some, but delighted many on Thursday, Oct. 22.

At the presentation of *Bread and Angels*: A reading by Jutri Gordon and Stuart Dybeck, the OPUS heard kicked off their year of activities. As he stepped to the podium, Dybeck, the first reader, removed gun from his mouth and began by explaining, "My faded poems almost snuffed out my voice. With that explanation, he began an intense journey through a teenage romance.

An almost full auditorium rumbled with laughter at the half-hour reading of Dybeck's story of love on the sand.

His storytelling ability almost obscured the fact that the audience while the story called up the things that are important, while the things that are minor, fade away in the background.

Dybeck's reading also included "This Month's Rest" (an excerpt from Vacancy) and "Baz" (opening section feature of tidbits and moviegoing), as well as truly excellent photography.

Take special note of the captions that go with the photos used in the *People of the Technicolor* story.
Men's soccer sets record with 15th win

The Hope College men’s soccer team had the motor running on Saturday when they ripped Manchester (Ind.) College 4-0.

For the Flying Dutchmen (15-1-1), they set a school record for victories in a season (14) in 1980. The win also helped show why the players are ranked 23rd in the NCAA Division III rankings.

Forward Darren Bennett ('93) had a hat trick for the second straight game and forward Brad Pagratis ('94) also notched three for the Flying Dutchmen, Midfielders Jeff Utzinger ('93) and Chris Hoefland ('95) both accounted for one goal apiece.

The Flying Dutchmen are also currently ranked 19-3 and used three goalies on the day.

Sports Briefs

Flying Dutchmen return to form, win 19-17

What a difference a week makes. Coming off of a tough 3-1-0 homecoming defeat, the Hope College football team could have packed it in until next year.

Instead, they saw Hope return to their winning ways against Kalamazoo, who they have not beaten in their four years of play.

The Flying Dutchmen are now 7-1-1 on the year and have only two games remaining in their season. Wednesday, the women host Kalamazoo, who have not beaten them in their four years of play.

The team is now 2-1 in the MIAA conference championship. Today the men travel to Kalamazoo for their two games to clinch the MIAA conference title.

With only two games remaining, the Flying Dutchmen hit the road this Saturday to clash with Kalamazoo. "They'll probably be sky high after beating us last year," Gruppen said. "We're looking for revenge."

NOTEBOOK

Kelly Clark ('93) intercepted his 15th career pass, setting a new Hope College record. Scott Vencav ('93) blocked a punt for the Dutchmen.
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candidate H. Ross Perot was not
completely ignored by the speakers.
For the most part, Perot was
criticized for his lack of experience
in governmental affairs. It was
generally believed that he did not
have what it would take to be an
effective world leader.

"If Arkansas is like running
the corner retail store in comparison
to a Wal-Mart sized organization of
commerial stores, experience is like
that of a travelling salesman who
has had one success,
... a lot of one-week stands and likes to
move on whenever it comes time for
a commitment," Holmes said.

Early in his speech, Holmes
addressed the issue of Clinton's
character.

"I want a person who has set an
example by serving this country," he
said, "not a person who
evaded the draft and demonstrated
against his country on foreign soil
during a war."

"This is not, pure and simple,"
Curry responded. "It is true that
Governor Clinton avoided the draft,
but he was not alone. Neither speaker
sounded overly

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Neither speaker sounded overly
confident that their candidate would
come out the victor in this election.
"It might be quite impossible
for George Bush to win re-election
based on the state of the economy.
Republicans often do not do well in
times of deflationary economy," Holmes
said. "If this is so, this does
not make Bill Clinton the best
candidate, only the luckiest one."

Curry responded, "I believe in
good luck."