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UPPERCLASSMEN TEST NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Online registration will possibly expand

Jared Gall
Senior Staff Reporter

For all those techno-nerds who worry that computers are taking over, there's a new cause for panic—online registration.

It is the result of a group of student and computer enthusiasts who have embraced the convenience of our Delta, Gateways and Macs, online registration could be a relief. No more long lines in Mass on registration day; now you can wake up just in time and register in your underwear (assuming you have a computer in your room). The downside, of course, will be the loss of those delicious cookies set out by Dining Services for your post-registration enjoyment.

“Online registration levels the playing field for students who have the same number of credits,” said Adam Schrier (‘04). He points out that, rather than having to get up early to get in line ahead of students with the same registration time as themselves, students can instead sign up for a computer without having to worry about lines.

There are other reasons than the comfort of undergrad for online registration, however. “It is easier, and quicker,” said John Huisken, registrar. “Students have told us that it has taken them very little time to complete the process.”

He also commented that it has added efficiency to registration. Huisken said that, although only juniors and seniors registered online for spring 2003, hopefully the future will see the process reach all Hope students.

“It was a pilot program for online registration. We wanted the process to succeed, so we started with those who typically have fewer problems with registration,” he said.

He pointed to more frequent encounters with closed classes and wait-lists for freshmen and sophomore majors as the main reasons for not expanding the process to include them.

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Hope history lectures stir interest

Lectures on Dutch history have brought in Holland community members as well as students

Kurt Koehler
Senior Staff Reporter

For Ryan Wells (‘03), the Dutch history lecture series has been a unique opportunity to interact with the Holland community.

The diversity of the community is that issue, it’s because it has given me a chance to interact with some community members,” Wells said. “Simple fact that there are community members interested enough in this topic to come shows how privileged we are, as Hope students, to attend classes day and day out.

The lecture series has indeed attracted significant interest in the Holland community. In fact, the series was designed for a general audience.

“There have been a total of 25 people from the community in addition to my nine enrolled students. Most of them are of retirement age,” said James Kennedy, professor of history and series lecturer. “Most, but not all have a Dutch background. There are also a few people in their 40s.”

The lectures cover Duck history since 1800.

The lectures are presented every Thursday evening from October 17 to December 5, with the exception of Thanksgiving, in Libbey Hall 111. Each evening consists of two 50-minute lectures. One begins at 7 p.m. and the other at 8 p.m. Hope College’s A.C. Van Raalte Institute is sponsoring the lecture series.

James Kennedy

The first five of the seven lectures have been given. They have covered nineteenth century issues such as how the Dutch lost their status, Dutch royality survived democarcy, the Dutch record as a colonial power and Dutch religious tolerance. Twentieth century issues such as the Dutch under the Nazi’s and how the Netherlands were rebuilt after World War II have also been covered.

The final two lectures, which will be held on November 21 and December 5, will examine how the Netherlands became “the pleasure dome of Europe,” determine why the Dutch “banished God” and look at Dutch tolerance towards homosexuality, drugs, and new immigrants.

Kennedy started the lecture series because he felt there was a lot of community interest. “One of my areas of specialization is Dutch history. One of the things I have noticed in the past year that I’ve been here is that there is a lot of community interest in the history of the Netherlands,” Kennedy said. “I taught a small version of this class back in 1998, and 50 people from the community came up to sign up for it. I knew there was a lot of interest, so I decided to try it again.”

Kennedy believes that his audience will get a lot out of the lectures. “They get background knowledge to complete connections for them: things that they thought they knew or thought they knew about, but didn’t understand how that fit into a larger pattern.” Kennedy said. “For example, I talk about the Dutch presence in Java. I think that students who are going to Java as part of their Dutch studies will be able to make connections.”

Both Kennedy and Huisken have heard that students are looking into the community lectures as a way to satisfy course requirements.

“Some students would like to see happen on campus and what we would like to see happen on campus as far as diversity education,” and they want a student-led dialogue, said Amber Garrison, assistant director of housing and judicial and Greek adviser.

Wednesday’s conversation, held at 6:30 in the Kletz, will address the topic of privilege. The dialogue is hoped to be the first of a series.

“We’re training the students about how to facilitate conversations, making sure they have all the information they need, and then they will go on Wednesday,” Garrison said. “There won’t be any faculty or staff people in the room at all; it’s just going to be students.”

The four students receiving training to facilitate dialogue are: Susan Matusiak (‘04), Kimberly Strebler (‘03), Phillip Johnson (‘03) and Angela Matusiak (‘04).

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I'll tell you when I've had enough

David Gutierrez

College can sometimes be seen as a four-year window in which a student can shed the protective covering of their parents and enjoy the freedom of making their own decisions on how to live their life. Some of these freedoms include the decision on whether to use alcohol, and not all students choose the same path.

"The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in College property, in College housing units, or College vehicles is prohibited," according to Student Behavior Policy 1.1. To put it more simply, Hope is a "dry campus," and this applies to legal and nonlegal drinkers. Despite such regulations, on-campus drinking does take place. A small group of students were willing to share their experiences with alcohol within the Hope College setting. (To protect these sources, they will be referred to by first name only.)

"In middle school you wanted to go to high school parties, in high school you wanted to go to college parties, when you finally get to college, you really don't want to be told what to do," said Josh ('05).

"Even though you may not be legal, it's normal for college kids to drink." While an off campus house may be the preferred location for some, on campus venues sometimes harbor the same activities.

"I know we're not the only ones who have stayed in our dorm rooms to drink," said Daniel ('04). "I really don't think it's that uncommon. I know lots of people who have had friends over to drink beer in their rooms."

Although common in some circles, not all students feel the need to be part of the rebellious " status quo," but emphasizes that judging those who are is not the way to deal with the issue.

"We're told to respect the authorities around us, but we're not told to judge others for their choices," said Ben Sanders ('05).

"There are things that are wrong, but people do them all the time. Wrong is wrong, but we're called to love first, not judge." The college does recognize the use of alcohol as being the choice of the individual, but holds a number of guidelines to "maintain an atmosphere supportive of its educational purposes."

"Hope is not alone in supporting an alcohol-free environment and community. Recently Ottawa County formed "Attributes Matter" in efforts to increase awareness of underage drinking. The "Party Patrol" formed in October has visions of preventing any large social gatherings where minors may drink. While some results may be positive, others within the campus community see negatives.

"A lot of us are scared to get a Minor In Possession," said Chris ('04). "You can go out to a party and risk a fine and a court date, or go to someone's room or cottage and not worry as much." Along with the possible ticket and court appearance, the school can impose additional disciplinary action to minors under policy 18.0, "Violations of the Law."

"It makes [drinking] more criminal," said Daniel ('04). "You're getting punished twice. It almost makes it better to get caught on campus and deal with your RA or RD instead of a cop."

Along with occasional dorm room drinking, some students have taken trips to nearby Canadian cities that have a drinking age of 19, and are only a short drive away.

"Where I'm from, the drinking laws really didn't solve anything," said Ryan Barwick ('04). "You just had to go across the border into Canada for a few hours and you could drink without having to worry."

While this may have been an easy solution allowing under 21-year-olds to drink, it does create other concerns.

"You're asking for trouble when you start driving for a few hours just to go and drink," Barwick said. "Nobody wants to spend the extra money for a hotel, and that just increases the chances for underage drinking."

Regardless of any one opinion, Hope College upholds the state and federal laws as well as their own regulations when dealing with alcohol consumption. While these rules and laws are in place, some see the individual as the one who must take responsibility for their decisions.

"They can make rules and regulations, but it's not going to stop kids from drinking if they really want to, it might just change how and where they do it," said Phil Lepper ('06). "I think it's a personal choice that most people have made by the time they get to college."
Hope needn't apologize for its Christian foundations

To the Editor:

The mission statement of Hope College claims that we are a college that is rooted "...in the context of the historic Christian faith." Hope College is getting too liberal; what happened to the conservative Christian practices this school was founded upon? Two weeks ago someone finally stood up for Christianitiy when Brian Barry wrote a brilliant editorial giving the biblical view of what Christians should think about homosexuality. The following week the editor of the Anchor proceeded to minimize Brian's point.

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New student group Sigma Lambda Gamma introduces itself

To the Editor:

In response to the article, "Student groups launch on campus" written in the November 13 Anchor, we would like to clarify that nobody contacted for comment by The Anchor was excluded from making comments. We just wanted to give the new student group on Hope's campus a little more recognition.

The name of the organization is Sigma Lambda Gamma, National Sorority Inc. Sigma Lambda Gamma will not only be the first national sorority, but also the first Minority Greek based organization on Hope's campus. The interest group on Hope's Campus is called Colores de Esperanza, which means Colors of Hope. The main principle of this sorority are academic, community service, cultural awareness, social interaction, and morals and ethics. If you would like more information contact us at colors_de_esperanza@hotmail.com or visit the national website at http://www.sigmalambdagaamma.com.

Jeffery Konfara ('03)

OPINION

November 20, 2002

Expanding your world

Jeffery Konfara's letter on this page has sparked a few interesting points that deserve to be addressed.

First, Jeffery references my column from the 11/13 edition of The Anchor when he says that I "...proceeded to minimize Brian's point." This was not my intention with this column, however, interesting points that deserve to be addressed.

Second, a theme arises in the letter. In all of the issues that Jeffery has points of contention with, it seems that he is not willing to even consider these other views. He is frustrated with the Sexuality Roundtable and their recognition, and even the consideration that homosexuality may not be wrong. The problem with this is that it leaves no room for conversation or discussion to take place. Discussion is the wrong. The problem with this is that it leaves no room for discussion or discussion to take place. Discussion is the problem. It is the process of coming to a logical view of what Christians should think about homosexuality. The following week the editor of the Anchor proceeded to minimize Brian's point.

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Jazz/pep groups come together in the Kletz

The Anchor Band rehearses for Thursday's 8 p.m. concert in the Kletz. The free performance will also feature the Jazz Ensemble.

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The Anchor Band is not a required class and, as a result, the people in it are not music majors.

"We just set up and play and it's fun," Janus said.

Jazz Ensemble I and Anchor Band perform

Maureen Yanovitz

On Thursday night, the Jazz Ensemble I and the Anchor Band will join forces for a night of music. The performance is at 8 p.m. in the Kletz. Admission is free.

"It's not a formal concert," said Derek Brody (04), vocal soloist for Jazz Ensemble I. "Students can socialize, hang out, and get some food while listening to some good tunes.

Both the Jazz Ensemble and the Anchor Band will play a variety of music that the performers believe all students can enjoy.

"I'm most looking forward to the song "Saint Thomas," said Chris Pajak (06), trumpet player for Jazz Ensemble I. "It's an uplifting, happy song, featuring the saxophones and the flugelhorn, that seems to per joy its audience like melting whipped cream over hot cocoa."

As usual, this concert will leave much room for improvisation.

"Jazz I does interesting things like sax on flute and crossovers with classical arrangements for jazz," said Ryan James, Instructor for Saxophone and Anchor Band director.

The Anchor Band is a combination of what used to be the pep band and Jazz Ensemble II. They perform both standard jazz charts and pep music in concerts, with Jazz Ensemble I and the Anchor Band taking separate groups of men and women's basketball games and women's volleyball games.

Student dance showcases original choreography

Vocal groups present concert

Women's Choir and 12th Street Harmony perform Monday

Nick Denis

Two very unique student ensembles, the Women's Choir and 12th Street Harmony, will be performing on Monday.

These ensembles both present a performance that is out of the ordinary for a Hope music performance. The Women's Choir is a moderately young ensemble on Hope's campus; this year marks only its third year of existence. It also presents music of a different kind from the usual.

"A women's choir is a remarkable thing because the ranges and tone qualities of the voices are so close. You can achieve a good blend and sing in close harmonies," said Jennifer Wolfe, Women's Choir director.

The Women's Choir's part of the concert will contain a setting of Psalm 150 with organ, as well as some old American hymns, and three pieces.

"There will be lots of contrast, piano, organ, and percussion," Wolfe said.

The Women's Choir will be joined by 12th Street Harmony, Hope's student directed men's Capella ensemble. 12th Street Harmony is also a young group on campus; they have only been in existence since the spring of 2003, when they were founded by Jesse Bolinder (03).

"Basically...I put up signs, and a few of us got together. The first year, we never had more than six or seven members," Bolinder said.

Since then, the group has grown to its current size of twelve members.

12th Street Harmony will be performing close-harmony arrangements of popular songs, including "Babylon" by David Gray, "People Change" by Rockapella, and "Soon I Will Be Done," an African-American spiritual arranged by Andrew Dawson.

The concert will be a time for students to hear both new music and old favorites in a new way. This joint concert happens every semester and gives the audience an opportunity to hear a wide variety of music, said Dan Ebeling (04), 12th Street Harmony member.

Wolfe also recommends the concert: "It's free, it's short, it's in English, and it's fun!"

The free performance will be in Dimninen Memorial Chapel at 8 p.m. on Monday.
Seniors look forward to finding jobs, but is the job market ready to accept them?

Nicole Lantz
Biological Engineer
Christine Powers
Guest Writer

With Christmas break just a few weeks away, graduating seniors will only have one final semester standing between them and life after Hope. The college bubble is about to burst and pour its graduates out into the real world. Come March, seniors will embark on an entirely different journey and while some have made advanced preparations for their futures, others have not even begun to think about it.

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"I don't want to get a job and be in the real world," said Lisa Hardy (03), a biology major. "I need to prolong school." Hardy plans to head off to medical school after graduation.

She decided in high school that she wanted to become a doctor. Because of this, she knew what path to take at Hope. The college’s strong science department and focus on pre-med program provided her with an excellent science education. She is currently interviewing with medical schools all across the country, including Indiana State University and St. Louis University. Hardy will graduate in the spring with 20 other pre-med students.

Continued education is frequently the case for many graduates.

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Action Steps for Seniors provided by Career Services

* Attend CS workshops targeted for seniors
  * Finalize graduate school search timelines and plan
  * Take standardized tests for grad school entrance
  * Choose faculty and employers who will refer seniors
  * Decide what professional work you are seeking
  * Revise and update your resume and cover letter
  * Sign up for a mock interview at CS
  * Get an internship or work-related experience
  * Formulate alternate plans
  * Research companies/organizations
  * Create a career letter file at CS if you are an education major
  * Build network of contacts in field of interest
  * Take advantage of on- and off-campus interviews
  * Keep a record of contacts with employers and grad schools

Dale F. Austin, Career Services director, practices an interview with Sue Berghorst (02).

Having a well-rounded major is the key to being marketable.

-Amanda Hitesman (03)

Hitesman, a senior management major, made visiting Hope’s career services a priority and felt that they offered a lot. "There is a contact list of Hope grads and the office can help me get job search started," she said.

A career advisor told Hitesman that she is at an advantage because she is career specific and headed to a particular destination after graduation.

Hitesman admits she should be more concerned with the economic crunch when it comes to finding a job after graduation.

"I should be worried," Hitesman said, "but I feel like it (the slow economy) won’t affect me." She plans to move to Orlando, FL. after graduation and pursue a career in corporate event planning.

"Having a well-rounded major is the key to being marketable," Hitesman said. She is confident in her resume and has established a good cover letter.

Many Hope seniors do not have specific career plans.

"I really don’t have a plan," said Jamie Pierce (04), a communications major.

Pierce has great respect for his professors and believes that the “did really good stuff while here (at Hope)." He has considered joining the Peace Corps or getting a job after graduation. As a member of the band Lyle!, though. Pierce is keeping his career options open for after graduation.

"I know a lot of people have struggled getting a job," Voelker said. "But because I’m not in one specific area, I can be a number of different things.

Voelker has advice for all students graduating this year.

"Don’t be shy. Shake hands. Smile.

Many Hope seniors use career services to prepare for their future careers.

The office has plenty of other services for seniors entering the job market or pursuing graduate school. A simple visit to the Web site or stopping by the office provides a wealth of information.

"It is all about being out and business will be recruiting and interviewing on campus. Dates are prominently displayed on the Web site and are open to all students.

Those who are interested in attending workshops to create a resume and cover letter can schedule themselfs to attend.

A new feature of online career services is e-Recruiting. Students can upload their resume on to the career service e-Recruiting network, making it available to prospective employers. This allows a student to access career information and connect to thousands of employers that are available through the network.

If seniors want personal career advice they can set up an appointment. Mock interviews are recommended for those who need experience interviewing and can easily be done by a member of the staff.

In addition to this service, the career service library has a multitude of books and information pertaining to hundreds of careers.

The office has drop-in hours set aside Monday through Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. Students can stop in to get career advice, to have their resume proofed, or to receive other assistance.

Career services also helps with graduate school planning. Personal can set up a senior interested in furthering their education with information about graduate school programs along with necessary timelines and deadlines for applying application.

With graduation only a few months away, seniors will soon have to start planning their lives around semesters and begin planning for their futures.

Those entering the job market face uncertainty. Depending on the economy, grads may face a lack of jobs. However, they are encouraged to expand their job search to consider positions they normally would not.

Those entering graduate school look forward to a few more years of education. Whether graduates have taken the steps to make a smooth transition from college to the real world or are still unsure of what the future may hold, May 2003 will mark the end of one life chapter and the start of another.
ALL CAMPUS FUN NIGHT
This Friday from 8-11 pm Phelps Dining Hall
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Second Semester Auditions!
The Hope theatre department announces auditions for spring semester productions:
THE LARAMIE PROJECT, about the murder of Matthew Shepard, and THE BIRDS, an Athenian farce.
Auditions will be held Sunday evening, November 24, and Monday evening, November 25, with callbacks on Tuesday evening, November 26, in the DeWitt Studio Theatre. Scripts are available for checkout in the theatre department office. It is especially important that people interested in THE LARAMIE PROJECT are familiar with the play. Questions can be addressed to either John Tammi or Daina Robbins in the theatre department.

Women’s Issues Organization and Independent Music Club present
More than Music
A night of music and discussion
Featuring:
The Launch of the Ultra-Spider
The Cautions
Friday, November 22 at 7 pm
Timmer Cottage
corner of College and 13th
open dialogue on women in music following the show.

IN CONCERT
Saturday, January 11, 2003
Hope College - 9 pm - Durnnet Chapel
$10 Hope Students with valid student ID $7 and $5 non students
$25 Hope College Faculty & Staff and General Public
Reserve your seats as all seats are assigned. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 6, 2003 in the Hope Student Center, Hope College, and on line at www.hopecollege.edu/tickets. A limited number of standing room tickets will be available at the door.

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Dutchmen have strong run in NCAA tourney

Hope defeats Dominican and Oshkosh before falling to Wheaton in PK's

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

For the first time in five years, the men's soccer team was in the NCAA Division III tournament, fresh off a MIAA championship. As they began competition last Wednesday, it was apparent that the Dutchmen were going to make their time in the tournament well-spent. And that's exactly what they did.

The Dutchmen rolled over Dominican (III) 4-0 at home last Wednesday, then went on to defeat Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2-0 on the road on Friday before being defeated the next day by Wheaton (III) 4-2 on penalty kicks in the round of sixteen in the NCAA tournament.

Hope ends their stellar season at 17-4-2, the winningest season ever recorded by Hope. The Dutchmen also scored 73 goals this season, tying the record set by the 1996 varsity squad.

Hope had no problems dealing with Dominican at home, playing in front of nearly 500 students. In the first three minutes of game play, Bryant Loomis ('03) took a pass from Steve Lepper ('06) and put the ball in the back of the net. Devin McNeil ('06) would give Hope a 2-0 lead taking a cross from Eric Plewka ('04). Only four minutes later, Geoff Meyer ('06) would add his names to the scoresheet as he tallied an unassisted goal for a 3-0 lead with still over 20 minutes left in the half.

Loomis would add one more score to his name with four minutes left in the half for a 4-0 Dutchmen lead. The Hope defense would continue to shut down the Stars in the second half, sending Hope to the next round of the playoffs. The win also preserved Hope's record of going to the NCAA tournament every year since 1996.

Hope traveled to Wisconsin on Friday to take on Oshkosh in the regional semi-finals. The Dutchmen had already defeated Oshkosh once this season, and were looking to accomplish it again.

After nearly 60 minutes of scoreless play, Ed Huebner ('06) took an assist from Meyer and booted it in from eighteen yards out to put Hope ahead 1-0. Tyler Basler ('06) added another goal, taking the assist from Tim Kelly ('03), just three minutes later to give Hope a 2-0 lead. The margin proved insurmountable, as the Dutchmen defense held strong for another shutout victory.

Against Wheaton, the Dutchmen were able to hold a 1-4-6 advantage on shots, but could not convert on any of them. However, another strong defensive performance kept the Wheaton offense silent as well. After two halves of regulation, along with two overtime periods, the game was decided in penalty kicks, where Wheaton defeated Hope 4-2 in the shootout.

"It was a tough loss," said Marcus Voss ('03). "We were focused on the entire game, and we were confident we were the better team, so to have it end in a shootout was hard for us."

Swimmers split results at tourney

John Rodstrom
Sports Editor

The Hope College men's and women's swimming & diving teams competed at Eastern Michigan University in a quad meet last weekend. The scores were kept as dual meets.

On the men's side, the results were: Calvin 119, Hope 109; Denison 140, Hope 94; and Kalamazoo 161.5, Hope 78.5. For the women, the scores were: Hope 133, Calvin 108; Denison 172, Hope 69; and Hope 171, Kalamazoo 60.

For the men, Ian Kobes ('04) won the 200-yard backstroke (1:58.45), while Brian Sliah ('03) took 1st place in the 500 freestyle (4:24.51) and 2nd place in the 200 freestyle (1:42.51). Both times earned Sliah a conditional berth for the National meet.

Several other Hope swimmers turned in season-best times in their events: Matt Cook, 1,000 freestyle (10:26.57); Ross Gourquin ('04), 200 breaststroke (2:18.79); Jeff Heydlauff ('05), 100 freestyle (49.19); Jake Taber ('06), 50 freestyle (22.22); Matt Waterston ('05), 200 L.M. (2:03.59); Dan Bouwens ('03), 200 butterfly (2:03.85), the 400 freestyle relay and the 400 medley relay.

"We turned in some really good times this weekend, the other teams just had a little bit faster ones," said John Wright ('00).

For the women, Michelle Smith ('04) was a double winner, taking first in both the 100 freestyle (10:33.96) and the 500 freestyle (5:07.02). Smith was awarded a conditional berth for Nationals for her time in the 500.

Meggan O'Neil ('06) won the 200-yard backstroke (2:12.57), while season-best times were recorded by Elizabeth Fredericks ('05) in the 50 freestyle (25.18) and 200 butterfly (2:13.73), and by the 400 medley relay (4:02.22) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:44.06).

"We're happy with our performance. This meet gave us a good idea of where we stand and what our team needs to do to improve," Wright said.