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Dialogue on Race Series educates Hope's campus

Series included panel discussions and video presentations.

Angela Matusiak

Several important racial issues were discussed in this semester's dialogue on race series, sponsored by the office of multicultural life. The series ran from September 26 to November 13, concluding with "In Whose Honor?", a discussion on the Native American figures in the sports arena in America. Other topics have included property issues in minority neighborhoods and the struggles of immigrants in the United States.

Each dialogue presented a video that was followed by a panel discussion.

Glenda Rawls, interim director of the office of multicultural life, has been very pleased with the student turnout to these events.

"We've seen over 140 people at the dialogues, and covered a gamut of issues," Rawls said.

Rawls has also been especially pleased with the level of eagerness and emotional responses that she has seen from the students. Last Thursday, the discussion featured "First Person Plural," a video about the life of a Korean adoptee, Deann Borshay Liem, and the struggles she met trying to come to terms with all the different identities she had to play in her life.

A panel discussion followed the video with Korean adoptees Keisha Rawls Pike (’04) and Emily Crockatt (’04) representing the adoptee side of cross-cultural adoptions, while Margaret Kennedy Dygas, professor of music, Gary Camp, director of admissions, and Debra Swanson, professor of sociology, presented the parent's viewpoint. Cronkite commented "I thought it went really well, and it was interesting to see how both parents and students viewed these issues." Cronkite said.

Tuesday night's dialogue featured Sharon Dettz as a guest facilitator. Dettz is from the Amish-khabe-que Turtle Clan of the Ottawa Indians. She has been a former coordinator of the Institute of Healing Racism for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is currently the Director of Native American music there. The film examines the justification of using cultural images in athletics, and raises awareness of the issues of degradation that Native Americans are plagued with because of these images.

The Dialogue on Race Series will continue again in February, with "Black Union," March and April will feature "Ancient Roots in America," a film about Asian contributions and history in America, "Twilight," and "Journey Toward Peace." Rawls is also excited about these upcoming discussions. She hopes to get more faculty involved in the discussions, and is trying to get more guest facilitators. Although Rawls has been pleased with the turnout this fall, she hopes that next spring there will be an even bigger student interest.

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WIO posters, table tents removed, written on

Phelp cafeteria asked to replace the items they removed.

Courtney Klein

Women's Issues Organization put up posters and a poster table in Phelps last week, only to have them removed by the Phelps staff.

"Apparently the table tents were taken down immediately. They were broken down and put in the compactor. The table tents were destroyed by staff in the cafeteria" Rachel Gazda (’02) WIO President said.

According to Gazda, the table tents were like the posters, but in a table tent form, and that the table weren't advertising issues, although there was an explanation of what the issue was.

Gazda believes that the tables were removed by the staff because they were too racy. After the disposal of the table tents, Gazda talked to Richard Frost, dean of students.

"Frost called them [Phelps workers] and told them that the posters needed to go back up. He was pretty supportive," Gazda said. "There hasn't been any hard feelings because Phelps paid for the repainting costs and put the tables back up."

Phelps however was not the only place where conflict over these posters arose. Heather Verbeke (’03), WIO member, reported that in Voorhees Hall, comments have been written on the posters there.

"For all I know, the posters were put up in Voorhees. We put ours up, and the next day there was a message written next to each of them," Verbeke said.

So far, some of the messages written throughout Voorhees hall have included: "Not all those with eating disorders are models, they are not all stick-thin, they are not all women, they are people, be more considerate."

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Habitat for Humanity sponsors Sleep Out

Wednesday's event aims to raise awareness about homelessness problems

Courtney Klein

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Sleep Out in the Pine Grove on Wednesday, November 14th at 11 p.m. The Sleep Out will be held every year in order to raise awareness about homelessness.

This event is open to the entire campus. Students who choose to participate in the Sleep Out will bring only their sleeping bags, and will sleep in boxes provided for them. Habitat for Humanity hopes that having students sleep outdoors will help the issue of homelessness.

In a press release, Kami King (‘03), Habitat for Humanity Publicity Director, shares information about Habitat for Humanity.

"Inadequate housing is a worldwide problem even if it can't be directly seen in Holland. Habitat for Humanity builds on the principle that all of God's people deserve a decent place to live, and that our community is a safer, stronger place when that occurs," King said. "Habitat for Humanity relies on donations from individuals, churches and organizations, and welcomes the involvement of all who support its mission."

"The Sleep Out is not only about inadequate housing. "Hopefully this experience will bring people together as a group, and that will motivate people to work," King said.

"For the next several months, Hope students will work every other Saturday on homes mostly within walking distance of Hope."
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-Josiah Dykstra

"The Administration [College] was behind me, but the committee [Nykerk] was very reluctant, understandably. They were open enough to least consider the proposition, however. Originally, the committee agreed, but then a number of weeks later they rescinded and said they didn't have before. More than half of the music majors at Hope are women, more than half of the theatre majors at Hope are women, all but one dance major is a woman. They obviously have the majority now," Dykstra said.

"Nykerk is founded on the principle in the '50s that women didn't have fair competition, but things have changed since then. Women have opportunities that they didn't have before. More than half of the music majors at Hope are women, more than half of the theatre majors at Hope are women, all but one dance major is a woman. They obviously have the majority now," Dykstra said.

Christina Van Regenmorter

"I don't think that Nykerk is sexless in the demeaning sense. I didn't come out of Nykerk thinking that I'd been put in my place," De Avila said. "And, maybe it is old-fashioned and sexist, but it is fun to have guys shower you with flowers and candy."

De Avila thinks that is just part of the fun.

"Nykerk from what I have seen and what I have heard is a celebration of women. It is a display of strength in a way," De Avila said.

Dykstra still believes in his cause.

"There's a lot to be said for tradition, but there's a lot to be said about adapting traditions," Dykstra said. "I think that some boy should keep pursuing this until it happens."

'88 Song girls are helped up the stairs, a Nykerk tradition, by their Morale in the 1988 Nykerk Competition. Morale girls support, encourage, and keep their girls smiling.
Editor's voice

Controversy not "media driven"

In his comments in the story about the Sexuality Task Force in this week's issue, (Campus Beat, 1), Matt Scogin ('02), Student Congress president and member of the Task Force, said, "The issue of homosexuality over the last few years has been a media-driven controversy, and it's kind of gotten out of hand at times."

Unfortunately, this has been a common complaint over the past few years. As a representative of the most read member of the Hope College media, I have to disagree with that statement.

The role of the Anchor, as the staff sees it, is twofold. One, to inform the students of Hope College of what is happening in their community. If there are people in this community that disagree with the college's stance on sexual issues, then that is news, and we are obligated to report it. The second role of the Anchor is to engage the students in thinking about the news. We use our editorials, columns and letters to the editor to present opinions about the news. Students may then choose to agree or disagree with the opinions reported. Either way, they are engaging themselves in the news, and our mission is somewhat accomplished.

It's true that without the media the homosexual controversy would probably not exist, but that is not our fault. If it wasn't for the media, the students would not be aware of what decisions were being made at this college. Whether they agree or disagree with the decisions is not in our control.

Take advantage of the arts

Read this week's Arts and Spotlight section, and you'll see that there are a whole bunch of things going on in the Hope College art world. There is a play, a Visiting Writers Series, a presentation by a courageous group of women, former films at the Knik and as always, a ton of recitals and concerts coming from the music department.

One thing I have always been impressed with at Hope College is the quality of the arts. Those in the arts departments are some of the hardest working and creative people at Hope College, and I really appreciate their efforts.

If you're looking for something to do or feel like being expanded, you don't have to drive very far. Just check out the latest arts event at Hope College.

Ben DeHaan

Your voice

Student disagrees with column's view of truth

To the Editor:

I both agree and disagree with the column in last week's Anchor on the distribution of tracts (Spotlight, 10/17). I am far from being a fan of tracts. I agree that the tracts mentioned in this article in particular spread a misconception of what Christianity is about and even about the beliefs of the church. One of my best friends from home is not a Christian and nothing turns her off faster than when someone tries to tell her that she will be damned for eternity because she chooses to believe differently than me.

But I cannot help but cringe at the thought that we should only speak a gospel of "right action and right love". We have let ourselves become lax and we settle for this great notion of relativism. The idea that there is an Absolute Truth is becoming more and more offensive to people. This should not be! Without an absolute truth to govern this universe, we would destroy not only ourselves, but the entire creation as well. I call God the absolute truth. The author of this column tells us not to take seriously what we believe because we're probably wrong anyway. While I completely agree that we don't know it all, I don't believe it is God's way of revealing himself to himself in this world. Not only can he reveal himself, he has revealed himself through the Bible. If we do not stand firm in our beliefs and do not take seriously our beliefs, we will fall for anything. We are given free will. We choose where we want to go, what we want to do. What we forget is that there are consequences for our actions. What we believe, how we think, and how we behave all are taken into account by a just God. We too often forget that justice comes at a cost. I'm glad I'm on his side, because the consequences for my un-saved sins are too great for me to bear. We love to focus on the nice old grandfather figure that sits up in the sky and loves unconditionally all his people without punishment or reprimand. I'd say that if this were truly the case, God's gone soft. He's a pushover. We need to wake up and smell the coffee and realize that damnation is real and is a real consequence to our real actions and beliefs.

For years the church existed because people realized the real terror of sin. God is our only solution to this. While I think that is the wrong focus, it is still relevant to us even today. I would rather think about a loving God who's on our side than to think of the possibilities of being damned because I don't believe the right things. Still, there is a legitimate argument for keeping this kind of mind-frame alive.

I've tasted a hint of both heaven and hell. Frankly, for a while it was my fear of being sent to hell that kept me Christian. I might not have been too thrilled with God, but I knew the alternative was far worse. So while the rest of the American Christian world preaches only love and kindness from a benevolent God, I will always remember the consequences for my beliefs and actions if I were to ever turn away from God. I would encourage everyone else to as well.

Anne Ottenezer ('02)

Video Game Wars

The biggest match-up of the year is not Michael Jordan and the Wizards taking on the Lakers. It isn't even the US government taking on the Taliban rebels. The only place that you can find this match-up is on the shelves of video gaming software—and that's even if you can find it.

As we showed in the Anchor two weeks ago, video games are a huge part of college life. With two new game systems being released soon, I decided to take it upon myself to weigh the pros and cons of these devices.

The battle consists of Microsoft teaming up with Sega to create Microsoft's premier system: the X-Box. In the other corner lurks a system from Nintendo, known as the GameCube. Both of these systems are expected to send gamers into a new dimension of play. The X-Box enters the battle as the slight favorite. The system was created with the help of over 5,000 gamers and game testers. It includes an Intel MMX 733 processor and an Ethernet port for incredibly fast on-line gaming. The large processor heavily improves the gaming graphics, which are rumored to be over three times sharper than any other console. The Box also holds plenty of memory with the processor, so you won't have to sacrifice your saved game of Tekken for your season settings of Madden Football. X-Box also boasts a CD burner, so you can listen to your favorite CD instead of having to listen to that cheap gaming music. Finally, X-Box is capable of playing DVD's.

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Something may have happened on Thursday

"No comment," say college officials

Chattie Sims
Princeton Echo

After a long bout of complete and utter boredom, Dope students thought that there might be something happening, but their hopes were quickly squashed by the administration.

"I was so excited," said Donald Neep ('04). "Everybody was talking about how something was happening on Dope's campus. I even stopped watching the grass grow in the Pine Grove, which was a hard thing to see as how one of the pieces had grown .03 centimeters today seeing as how one of the pieces had grown .03 centimeters this week."

The students expressed a lot of disappointment, however, when nobody would tell them what happened.

"All I know is that there were all these trucks driving around and there were some Public Safety officers in riot gear, I almost got knocked over by the scuba-wearing clowns riding that walrus," said Dan Jeepers ('05). "I wonder what they were there for."

There have been other clues to what might have happened. Yesterday, Jan Limber ('02) reported seeing five masked men coating the Dimwit patio with 50 pounds of fish eggs.

Later that day, Rick Stafford ('03) noticed two Dope students stripping a tennis racket to a disgruntled looking pig. It is not yet known how the two events are connected.

Public Safety reported that the even happened as a "disturbance."

Jimbo Bulmanis, Dope college president, denied that anything at all was happening on Dope's campus.

"Things are the same as they have always been. Nothing ever happens around here, and pay no attention to the man behind the curtain," Bulmanis said.

At about 9 p.m., yesterday night, Public Safety removed the yellow caution tape and the "Don't worry nothing is going on here, move along," sign.

CAT also released a campus wide e-mail involving a spinning black and white spiral with the words "You will forget that anything happened today involving a cattle prod, a bucket full of jello and two circular midgets."

Despite administration assurances, some students are still skeptical.

"I don't care what the administration says," Neep said. "I'm going to find out what happened, and what it has to do with all of my Barry Manilow CD's getting covered with shortening. Copa Cabana hasn't sounded the same since then."

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'??: A Ranchor photographer was on hand for this event that happened on Thursday, but unfortunately, his flash malfunctioned.

Ranchor drops F-bomb

F-word in print sends innocent Dope student into intensive care

Flat Book
Booster in Chief

The Dope College administration reacted with anger last week, as the last student on campus never to hear the "F-word" was exposed to it in the pages of the Ranchor, Dope's student newspaper.

"I am outraged," said Jimbo Bulmanis, Dope College president. "After all we've gone through to protect her, including the white noise and the soundproof rooms, it's hugely disappointing to see it all ruined with one printed word."

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"I've heard that Hobbes has entire f-word free dorms," Bulmanis said. "How are we to become the top liberal arts college rooted in the historic Christian faith with all these f-words floating around?"

The f-word has become so common on campus that professors are using it in class. For his course, Advanced Thermo-Nuclear Synthesis Seminar, George Scoormma, associate professor of chemistry, has changed over from the usual letter grading system to a system in which the best possible grade is "[expletive] brilliant," and the worst is "[expletive] up."

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Ranrb ranchor photo by Bob Mantra

Tarah and Steve, before God's perfect will caused them to break up, and get back together again, and break...

Tarah and Steve

For the second time this month, Tarah Vandervan ('02) decided to break up with Steve Smith ('02), boyfriend of one year, three weeks, four days and fifteen point seven hours.

"I totally felt like God was telling me that this guy was not the one for me," said Vandervan.

Vandervan maintains that the break-up has nothing to do with Smith.

"This is totally about me and Jesus," Vandervan said. "I have to strengthen my relationship with Him before I can find peace with Steve."

Steve does not completely agree.

"If by Him, she means her ex-boyfriend from high school, then yes, she will be strengthening her relationship with him," Vandervan said.

God could not be reached for comment but did release a brief statement.

"I sincerely thank Tarah for breaking up with Steve," God said. "My plan for the universe is now complete."

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Dope to reenact War Between the States

Minervian frat kicked out of campus house

Fraternity suspected of Advanced Dungeons and Dragons

Chattie Sims

The Minervian Fraternity received a letter this summer from Dope College saying that their organization would be suspended when school began and no longer be allowed to live in their on-campus house.

During the summer Richard Snow, dean of students, entered the campus house of the Minervians when school began and no longer was open. As of yesterday, the Minervians were involved with Northland's exclusive organization, involving hazing, late night gaming, and the use of a random number generator rather than real dice. Said Teddy Pinkerton (‘02), "I mean, who would have known that our battle with the vicious storm giants of Velkemp would have lasted until tomorrow?" Snow declined comment, but he did deny being in league with the Demogorgan's Goblin Horde. "Under our new sanctions we have to notify Dean Snow of every activity beforehand, especially Dungeons and Dragons," said Lewis Honeycutt Jr. (‘03), fraternity member and dungeon master.

"I know that it's because [Snow] wants to come play again, but I can't stand his Elven Cleric and its sword of Docielan: everyone knows that clerics can't use swords." The current location of the character sheets and rule books are unknown at this time. "Without our character sheets we can't do anything," Pinkerton said. "My halfing thief, Gubbins the Grand, will not be able to use the bubble horn that we captured in the Ice Dragon's cave."

As of yesterday, the Minervians filed a compliant with Geek Life over the suspension, loss of house and illegal seizure of role playing materials. "Other Geek groups have gotten in trouble for pretending violations," said Honeycutt, "but none of them lost their house or had their Dungeons and Dragons books taken. I'll bet the reason they took them in because the Board of Trustees can't find any first edition books for their meetings now that the third edition is out." Amy Harrison, director of Geek Life, does not intend to act on the Minervian's complaint. "We understand that the Geeks on campus are going to drink, but the Minervians were involved with role playing games. Our campus is a non-role playing campus and we have zero tolerance for that kind of devil worship."

Despite the events that have occurred to date, the Minervians say that they are optimistic. "This whole situation reminds me of the time that we returned to Melphore's castle with Fizban's cloak of featherfall," Honeycutt said. "Melphore tried to put us in prison for touching the Sacred Sphere Semox. We cast Tasha's uncontrollable laughter on him and escaped. I think this might work on [Dope College President Jimbo] Bultmanis."

Bultmanis declined comment.

**REENACTIN' IT:** Jimbo Bultmanis, Dope College president, practices for the role of Stonewall Jackson. The campus production of "the Civil War" begins in March.

Tony VanderMucks (‘05), who plays a bloody Union corpse in the Battle of Antietam, "I think our professors will understand."

To prepare the campus for the event, there will be a showing of the film Burns documentary, "the Civil War," in the Maas Auditorium on Thursday.

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**Paperin' It:** Some members of the Ranchor staff prepare to meet another deadline. They are, from left to right, Michael Keaton (‘02), Editor in Chief, Marissa Tomet (‘05), InFocus Editor, Robert Duvall (‘00), Sports Editor, Glenn Close (‘04), Copy Editor and Randy Quaid (‘03), Ad Representative.

We are not going to make this as easy as possible, because every time we refer to one of the Ranchor, you’re pretty much dead and gone. No? Did that stuff really happen? The answer is, yes, of course not. The Ranchor is a work of satire, parody, and lunatics. It is our attempt not to take ourselves too seriously and to keep some of the steam out of a semester of dorm life and turmoil. We hope you enjoy it. As a special extra in Ranchor articles are stories of the individual writers.
Dating rumors found on the Dope College campus

Bob Mantra
THE REAL SLIM SHODY

An email was sent out from Campus Clearwater Revival regarding a rumor that two or more Dope students may have been involved in the dangerous act of dating. The email reminded us that the campus was completely celibate.

“We’re doing everything we can to preserve the purity of the student body in general,” said Spoon of the Chapel Dr. Pink.

According to a frantic call made to Public Chastity Monday night, two shadowy figures were seen within each other’s personal space.

“We received the call and responded, but by the time we arrived the suspects had fled the scene,” said Sergeant Strong of Public Chastity. He also believes that visitation hours may have been broken as well.

Dr. Pink expressed his concern about the gradual decline of student morals over the years.

“It’s a shame how this younger generation swings. Girls showing their arms! That would earn a last rap on the knees of a ruler,” Pink commented.

And where do they get their underwear? Our female parishioners always wear floor-length dresses.

LOVIN’ IT: Susan Peeps (‘03) and Wally Ferguson (‘02) are rumored to be dating just for the fun of it.

The email contained some tips to help you to avoid the dangers of dating:

First, only talk to members of your own gender. Second, read only the Bible, as all other books are heresies. Third, purchase and use the XBOX, as it prevents you from having a life. Following these guidelines will guard you against the evils of dating. If you must get married, Campus Clearwater Revival urges you to have your parents arrange your marriage to benefit your family by acquiring land and prestige.

The Counseling Center as well as Campus Clearwater Revival are available for students who may feel defiled by the recent events.

学生 puts his trust in Csonka & feels the light

Chattie Sims
THE Dope One

Student Jeremy Beeman’s (‘05) life was totally changed by reading a command to “Feel his presence” written on the stairs to the Dim Witt Center this Tuesday.

“Well, I was walking up the stairs and I read the message on the side walk chalk,” said Beeman.

“Suddenly I felt that my life had meaning. I could feel his presence, the wonderful presence of my favorite football player Larry Csonka.”

Students noticed a change in Beeman from the start.

“I was trying to walk to class today,” said Abe “Winkler” Dixon (‘01). “I saw this guy writing Feel Larry Csonka on the side walk. It was then that I knew that Larry Csonka was the answer to that emptiness inside of me. Save me oh great St. Larry Csonka.”

After Beeman finished his side walk command there was a resurgence of faith in Larry Csonka on Dope’s campus, but not everyone was happy about this.

“I don’t understand the need for sidewalk messages on a campus where most of the students already believe in Larry Csonka,” said Tim Green, Dean of Chapel. “I was really offended by the side walk signs,” said Richard VanVandervan (‘02). I can understand people liking Larry Csonka, but they need to remember that other football players, like Dan Marino, are just as valid.”

Earlier today, Dope Runner, director of Dopes cover up department, released a statement saying that maybe the “has” in “Feel his presence” wasn’t referring to Larry Csonka.

Runner is now holding firing Beeman’s wrath.

Beeman says that there will be more spreading of the truth by means of sidewalk writing. His next couple of messages designed to convince people of Larry Csonka’s greatness are: “He is the way, the truth and the life.” “Trust in his love” and “He doesn’t doubt your existence.”

K-ZOON’ IT: This man once graduated from Portage High School. His whereabouts are currently questionable. Contact the Ranchor if you find him at 395-7877 (It works.)

Student puts his trust in Csonka & feels the light

Csonkin’ IT: The great and powerful Larry Csonka. (This image appeared to Beeman and fortunately, he was able to photograph it.)

Don’t drink and withdraw.
John Paul II makes visit to Dope College

November 40, 2001

The Ranchor

Some Sinatra?

John Paul II makes visit to Dope College

Pontiff overbooks heaven
Sonja Kuznova Shepekkin
The Bass Player

Ever since Pope John Paul II visited Dope College last week, many people have been complaining. It could be asked why people would complain about a visit from such a blessed man as the Pope, but it turns out his visit caused more controversy than good.

"It's just a cryin' shame" said Billie Jo Smith (’05).

During his visit, the Pope held a special service in Dimwit Chapel, which was open to the community. The focus of his message was two-fold: First, he encouraged the congregation pardons from their sins.

I couldn't believe it," said Father John Miller, of the Dolland area diocese. "The Pope knew full well that there aren't enough spaces in heaven for all of the people he freely handed pardons to. There's going to be an overflow issue."

The chaplain's office declined to comment.

According to estimates, there were over 1500 people attending the Pope's service, and it is only logically possible to offer 1000 pardons per congregation, but the Pope responded to the concern by saying, "I will keep handing [pardons] out as long as there are people who ask for them."

Many regular attendees of Dimwit chapel are concerned that there will only be a certain number of spaces in heaven, and, because of the limited spaces, they might have to be penalized.

"I got pardoned a long time ago, and the mere fact that I'm an upperclassmen should assure me a secure place in the kingdom. However, with the surplus of [pardons] to heaven, I'm worried my spot won't be reserved for me when I need it," said Daniel Vandercrmaaza (’02).

Vandercrmaaza is among a group of students who are suggesting the Pope not pardon freshmen.

"Freshmen don't need to get into heaven," Vandercrmaaza said. "I know I didn't when I was a freshman."

When Pope's Hoard of Trustees commented in a written letter to the campus from the balcony of the president's house.

Lunch staff becoming violent towards students

Don't forget your ID card
Payzly Matters
Eve Evans

Several students have been complaining about the dramatic decrease in the friendliness of the Phelps Cafeteria card scanning ladies. There have been numerous reports of degrading gestures and verbal comments, from the workers, about the student ID photographs.

I was walking into Phelps early, at around 4:35 for dinner. I was alone when I gave my card to the lady to get scanned. As she handed the card back to me, I overheard her mumbling something about me having a 'fat ugly face' with 'happy hair.' When I went to confront her, she just turned to me and said, "have a good one" with a grandma-like smile," said Susan Perkenson (’05).

The sporadic hazing by the lunch workers doesn't stop at the discouraging verbal remarks and rude gestures towards random student ID photographs. Apparently, there have been two reported cases of severe attacks, by the lunch ladies, on students who have forgotten their lunch cards.

"I got up to the scanner and realized that I was a moron and had forgotten my lunch card. I was just starting to ask the lunch lady if I could just give her my student number instead of walking all the way back to my room, when she gently grabbed my wrist and slapped my hand. I thought she was kidding around... than she went ballistic on me and twisted my arm around; it freaked me out so I tried to get her off. That's when she came out from behind her podium and slammed me on the ground, knocking the wind out of me," said Kim Tirkman (’04).

The lunch ladies say that they know nothing of these attacks or verbal hazing and are very offended by these false accusations.

"The students are probably just trying to stir up some action in the food service department again. It's not like we need anymore, things are always really exciting over here," said the lunch ladies. "However, we are sick of being called lunch ladies. After all, we also serve breakfast and dinner."

Though there have been many complaints regarding the lunch workers actions, none of these occurrences can be proven. For safety reasons, students are advised not to go to eat at Phelps alone. Use the buddy system to its full advantage and do not forget your meal cards.

Mean & Nerd

Have you ever gotten your feelings hurt by a fellow Hope student?

Mean & Nerd

"Yeah. This one time at Anchor Band, this boy called me 'Mad Dog'. I went after him."

-Delora Wiper (’05)

"No. Hope students are nice to me. But my football coach called me a sissy."

-Vinny P Vinstra (’05)

"Yes. Sometimes people snicker at me when I pass them. It makes me feel funny, and I really don't like it at all. Do you think that you could make them stop? My twin sister Ura never gets any say."

-Sally Vanverven (’05)

"I don't get my feelings hurt. But those freaks with mullets sure get it around here."

-Eugene, Royce, Haheroff III (’05)

[Edward refused to comment further on his experiences. He was overcome by his own emotions.]
Visiting Writers to give series grand finale

Alicia Abood  Staff Reporter

The last chance of the semester to be inspired by a Visiting Writer is quickly approaching. Poet Richard Jones and fiction writer Lan Samantha Chang will read at the Knickerbocker Theater this Thursday, November 15, at 7 p.m.

Jones' poetry has won him international acclaim, as well as the Posen Award and two IAC Literary Awards. His work has been read in five different languages, and he has written eleven books of poetry, including his latest collection, “The Blessing: New and Selected Poems.” Earlier publications include “Country of Air,” “A Perfect Time,” and “At Last We Enter Paradise.”

The students are in charge of every piece of the show as they see fit.

Students may have the opportunity to gain credits as a choreographer, performer, and production elements, while entertaining the Hope community.

Dancers to showcase talents

Ashley North  Staff Reporter

Dance students will have full reign over the 2001 Fall Student Dance Concert, making intricate, artistic choices. At the Knickerbocker Theater on Monday and Tuesday, November 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., this unique opportunity for dance students will further explore choreography, performing, and production elements, while entertaining the Hope community.

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Supplementary events include a panel discussion with the writers on the day of the reading at 3 p.m. in Lakeside Lounge and an Afterwords session with Natalie Dykstra on November 16 at 3 p.m. in the Gribble room of Van Wylen Library.

WHAT'S UP?

Out & About:

Lyle! (Hope student band)
11/14, 11 p.m.
The Rosebud: Grand Haven

DJ Saint
11/19, 8 p.m.
Knickerbocker

Susan Atefat Peckham & Joe Peckham, live reading
11/24, 7 p.m.
Barnes & Noble, Grandville

4th St. Village Inn Karaoke
Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9:30-1:30 a.m.
singers must be 21

Coffee House, Kletz
Wednesdays, 9-11 p.m.

Visiting Writers will read from their latest collection, “Blessings.”

PHOTO COURTESY VWS

Poet Richard Jones will read from his latest collection, “Blessings.”

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Lan Samantha Chang won the California Book Award.

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The task force is not going to be a closed conversation, it’s going to be a conversation with lots of different people,” Frost said.

Bultman feels it will not be easy to obtain the opinions of everyone interested in the issues.

It will take some time not only to engage these people, but also to process what they say,” Bultman said.

The group’s main purpose is to discover the most effective ways to talk about the sexuality issues that have come up over the last several years on Hope’s campus.

There has been some considerable discussion about this on campus, not only in the time that I’ve been here, but well before that. It has been kind of a festering issue, not just the homosexuality issue, but other sexuality issues that certainly is part of it, but also just human sexuality in general.”

Bultman said that the Board of Trustees has already publicly stated their position on homosexuality. They feel their position is parallel to that of the Reformed Church in America. They make a distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual practice, which they think is contrary to Biblical teaching.

“As the issue about the Gay Straight Alliance made its way through the committee system last year, it just seemed to me that there was enough discussion about it that it would be helpful to have a group focus more directly on the issue of sexuality,” Bultman said.

Scogin and Evans were chosen to serve on the committee because they are the two highest elected students on campus. Although there are only two students in the group, Scogin did not feel that this would be a problem. He is looking forward to stopping hurtful disagreements and approaching issues such as homosexuality from a more compassionate standpoint than before.

The issue of homosexuality over the last few years has been a media driven controversy, and it’s kind of gotten out of hand at times,” Scogin said.

The Task Force will report to the president on its findings in March. The Task Force is to make a recommendation to me, and I would envision that there would be some helpful suggestions as to how we can best treat the campus community with the care and compassion relative to issues of sexuality,” Bultman said. “I don’t think that it’s too long a time, it may be too short.”

According to members, they will endeavor to serve the community through looking at all the viewpoints on behalf of community members.

We need the prayers and support of the entire community,” Frost said.

Evans shares Scogin’s views of the Task Force. I feel that this Task Force is not only valid but also necessary. Taking a closer look at the basics of Christian sexuality will benefit the Hope students as well as the entire Hope community,” Evans said.

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**The Anchor**

November 14, 2001

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STAFF REPORTER

class, according to event coordinator Rachel Gazda. A group of masked feminists will address discrimination that the art world is immune to discrimination, because it is seen as liberal and progressive," said Gazda, Women’s Issues Organization president. The group was invited to appear at Hope to address these issues.

"Being aware that discrimination exists even in the art industry is important," Gazda said.

The group is known for using humor, wit, and sarcasm to attract attention to its message. Members wear gorilla masks to obscure their identity and to keep the focus on the issues.

According to the organization’s official website, www.guerillagirls.com, the group began making public appearances around the nation in 1985 to increase awareness about inequality in the art industry. They have produced over 70 posters, billboards, and other printed objects to spread their message to the general population, and the Guerrilla Girls have declared themselves specialty from people involved in Women's Studies and the Art Department.

Today’s presentation will include a short video and slides of the group’s posters and presentations and is open to the public free of charge.

The question and answer period is also open to the public, and will be held at 1:30 p.m. in room 219 of the Peake Science Center. The event is sponsored by a number of college departments and organizations including student development, WEO, the cultural affairs committee, the Great Performance Series, encounter with cultures, and the departments of psychology, theater, art and art history, and women’s studies.

Guerrilla Girls fight inequality in arts

A group of masked feminists will address racism and sexism in the art industry tomorrow morning in the Dewitt Studio Theater.

The Guerrilla Girls, a band of female artists who are famous for their unorthodox methods of activism, will speak at 11 a.m. about the group’s efforts to fight discrimination.

They will also be available for a question and answer period in a Women’s Studies class, according to event coordinator Rachel Gazda.

"A big misunderstanding is the assumption that the art world is immune to discrimination, because it is seen as liberal and progressive," said Gazda, Women’s Issues Organization president.

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The Conscience of Culture.”

Gazda said that she began working to coordinate the event last April after reading the Guerrilla Girls’ book, “Confessions of the Guerrilla Girls.”

“I read the book and thought it was fabulous,” Gazda said. “There seems to be a lot of support and excitement for the event, especially from people involved in Women’s Studies and the Art Department.”

The Guerrilla Girls have been challenging the art world for over 15 years; they will be at Hope this Thursday.

The Hope Water Ski Club faces tough competition mixed with good memories on the road.

Jen Troke

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WATER SKI CLUB

Jack Klunder (’05) takes a jump at ski club tournament.

There is only one way Hope College students can fly over 40 feet in the air without a parachute and still not break a bone: the Hope Water Ski Club.

"The idea [of the club] is to represent Hope in the collegiate tournaments," said Scott Robertson (’04), a club member.

The club members compete in tournaments across the Midwest during the fall and spring seasons. So far this year, they have participated in the Ball State Fling in Van Wert, Ohio, the Dual Conference Meet at Purdue University and the Great Lakes Conference Meet. They competed against major universities such as Western Michigan University, Purdue University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Ohio State University. Although the team is not always at the top when it comes to winning tournaments, the club is more about developing skills and having fun.

“Though competitive in nature, the Water Ski Club is about fun. We don’t care how we do overall as long as each member goes out and tries their hardest and comes back on shore with a smile,” said Steve Van Dyk (’03), the team captain.

Although the idea of forming a water ski club had been attempted several years ago, the response was limited.

An informational meeting was held last spring for anyone interested in joining, and about 20 students showed interest.

The Water Ski Club is now made up of Van Dyk, Robertson, Timothy Speyer (’04), Jack Klunder (’05), Josh VanNamen (’05) and several other guys for the male team. Kayleen Vannette (’04) is the women’s team. Typically, each team member owns his or her own equipment, and each participates in the three traditional events of the competition: Slalom, Trick, and Jump.

Slalom competition is scored by the number of buoys a skier rounds at different speeds and rope lengths. Each skier has a maximum speed, and once that is reached, they begin to shorten the rope until the skier can no longer ski around all six buoys," Van Dyk said.

The jump event is an effort to fly as far as possible off a five-foot ramp.

Trick competition is scored by the tricks a skier does on specially designed skis. Tricks vary from 360’s to flipping over boat wake.

“When you are out competing, it is an individual performance, yet the team gets scored as a whole, much like a track or cross country meet," Van Dyk said.

The team is scored together, and each member contributes.

“It’s half way between individual and a team tournament," Robertson said.

The competitive side is intense, but team members have fond memories of tournaments.

“I think one of my fondest memories happened this past September at the Ball State Fling when sophomore Jack Klunder jumped for the first time ever. He crashed his first and third jumps, but jump number two was a 40+ foot jump, and for a first time jumper, that is incredible," Van Dyk said.

One of Robertson’s favorite memories is from the Dual Conference Meet. Former coaches from Purdue University have a mentor relationship with the Hope club.

“Our so-called coaches brought a Jacuzzi behind their RV," Robertson said. "It was a warm welcome.”

The Water Ski Club is not officially recognized by the college, but they hope to change that soon. They plan on applying early in the spring semester for official recognition. The only possible obstacle Van Dyk sees is the fact that the tournaments are held on weekends, which means participants must compete on Sundays.

“I think [weekend] long tournaments are a good thing because we get to stay down there all weekend and kind of be away from college life and just relax and ski and hang out,” Klunder said.

Students interested in the Water Ski Club should call Van Dyk at 772-7228 or Speyer at x6410. They will contact the students when the seasons starts again this spring.

Water Ski Club: wipe-outs and success

The Hope Water Ski Club faces tough competition mixed with good memories on the road.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WATER SKI CLUB

Coach Brent Overmire, Tim Speyer (’04) and Josh VanNamen (’05) pose with the skis at a club tournament.
Swimming sweeps Alma

John Rodstrom  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

The Flying Dutchmen brought in several good recruits and are looking to have yet another strong season this year.

“We have a solid group of kids that came in and they are really working hard this year,” Albrecht said. “Our goal as a team, as a whole for the MIAA is just to enjoy it, have fun, and swim as hard as we can.”

Hope swimmer Brian Slagh (‘03) has recently been named the NCAA Division III national swimmer of the week by Collegeswimming.com. Slagh received the award for his performance two weeks ago in a double dual meet victory over Calvin College and Olivet College.

In doing so, his times already qualify him for the Division III national championships in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle.

Slagh’s times in the 200 and 500 were conditional qualifying performances for the Division III national championships.

“I think this year is probably one of the years that we will have the most guys going to the NCAAs,” said Gary Albrecht, Hope’s head coach. “I think the wind really was a big factor to Phil,” Kreps said. “However, he never got really frustrated or let it get to him. I don’t think he was nervous, he was just off today.”

Albrecht said. “We’ve got a couple of relays that are going to be really good. I know that we are looking at definitely placing in the top 10, if not the top five easily.”

Football falls at Albion

Ben DeLhaan  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

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