Intervarsity speaker reiterates 'God loves gays'

by Melissa Endesty editor

People turned out in record numbers for an Intervarsity meeting Thursday night after several weeks of tacked up posters reading "God loves gays" early last week.

More than 50 people listened to Intervarsity representative Joel Perry's talk on homosexuality from a Christian perspective.

"The goal of the meeting was to bring out the issue," said Fath Yet ('96), president of Hope's Intervarsity chapter. "We want homosexuals to know that God loves them and that we as Christians are all in this boat together—we are all sinners, but God's grace will save all." Perry's presentation concentrated not only on bringing issues of homosexuality to the forefront, but also addressed Christian's treatment of homosexuals and the issues that surround homosexual behavior.

"It went extremely well," said Jen Kattehineen ('96), large group coordinator for Intervarsity. "It was very well received and respectful and they asked thoughtful, "serious questions. Kristie Evans ('94) echoed the sentiments. "For the most part it was a positive discussion, those who had nothing to say, just thought how they felt when they walked in," she said.

While the meeting remained peaceful, the controversy of whether or not homosexual behavior is a sin according to the teachings of the Bible remained heated.

Perry began his presentation by restating the message: God loves gays. "If you can't say that God loves gays, then you can't say Jesus loves sinners," said Perry. "I can't say God loves sinners, then you can't say that you love gays," Perry said. He went on to explain how he feels that according to the Bible, homosexual behavior is a sin.

Perry, who admitted to once being a practicing homosexual before "God washed him of his sins," stated that he feels homosexual behavior does not fulfill the purpose of sexuality as God intended it. He suggested several Bible passages which he feels forbids homosexual practices in support of his argument.

A Christian, and a former practicing homosexual, Perry said he felt that he had two options: to be part of a heterosexual marriage or to be a practicing homosexual. He decided that his homosexuality was indeed a sin, Perry. "I have chosen celibacy," he said, "but I do decide that I wanted Jesus more than my sin," Perry said.

It was with Perry's interpretation with his argument in the sense that I view the Bible as more of a historical text, something that connotes specific stories of certain kinds of meat...things that we don't live by today," Evans said.

Clayton Gibson ('96), who considers himself a Christian and a homosexual, also disagrees with Perry's argument. "I am a Christian because I believe in the teachings of the Bible as a more of a historical text than a literal one," Gibson said.

Charlie Graznak ('98), a bisexual who said that she is "trying to find my faith," also has trouble with Perry's argument. "I cannot accept how terrorists," she said.

Swirling monthly, however, that nobody was created to be a homosexual. "Homosexual temptations are all part of the fall, not a part of creation," he said.

Perry spent the majority of his time focusing on how many Christians, in his opinion, do not behave according to the teachings of Scripture in regard to homosexuality. "If you make a choice see SPEAKER page 8

Concert packs Santa's sleigh

by Amy Sebest)

production editor

Though the third annual Toys For Tots Bash sponsored by WHTS 89.9 FM went as packed as its requests, the gathered-selling fests full of toys to make the holidays a little brighter for many of West Michigan's underprivileged children.

Five bands hailing from western Michigan and Chicago performed five hours of alternative music for a packed party Friday night at the Holland Police Department in order to benefit Toys For Tots, a charity affiliated with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

"People come wrapped up in the spirit of giving," said the first Toys For Tots Bash not held in Hope's campus. The new location cut down a bit on attendance, yet resulted in more variety in a variety of toys made up of Hope students and people from the surrounding community, said co-organizer Anne Bertelsvigne ('97).

The risk of a smaller turnout when we moved off campus. Also, the only band we had that had an album out was The Voice," said co-organizer Eric Hultgren ('97), WHTS general manager. "I wasn't disappointed. If there were only five people, I wouldn't have been disappointed."

What the event lacked in turn- out, it made up in spirit to raise a lot of money for children. The first band of the evening was Hooked On Sonya, composed of Hope students David Van Farowe ('96), Toby Schuler ('96), Matt Allens ('95) and Russell Nelson ('96). Two-time veterans of Hope's All College Sing, the group combined with tribute to popular pop culture in songs like "Greg Brady is a dork," "Sister Fun," and "Six Million.

The crowd warmed up to Hooked On Sonya's playful tone and took full advantage of the open dance floor by creating a swirling mosh pit.

"The Hope kids were really see TOYS page 2
Local bands perform for kids' charity

into it. They made it exciting," said Allen. "I was encircled by crowds, so I thought I'd watch "Mrs. Martin," can be heard on 97.9 WGRD. Their whimsical sound was praised by the distinctive voice of the lead singer, Michael Crittenton, and his skill on the harmonica.

One factor that may have been responsible for drawing the most people to the event was the performance by Holland’s Toys. The members of Dimestore Hoods hooked up with the Toys for Tots event through an acquaintance with Tanis, who turned up to see his son, Joel, perform at the Anchor Room in the Chicago area. As-
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Dear Editor,

The recent spate of articles on racial tension in Hope's community, especially as a minority (also international) student, I feel that the atmosphere at Hope has been reasonably free of any racist incidents. So, every time I read the columns in the Anchor, I feel that another student of color that has been arrested, or is being mistreated because of his minority status. The answer is: of course—listening to the steady dose that has been appearing in The Anchor. One can only believe that people's experiences are different. But美丽 is not a goal for us because of the impact. What I've seen is that the good and the bad others, zits, and zombie-like behavior patterns. More-stress are not so wonderful either—things like fa-

The Kletz for hot chocolate.

lines—just snow, an endless downpour of beauty. And

Students address racism and hiring policy

Dear Editor,

In regards to the letters expressing dissatisfaction with the minority status of Hope's faculty, we feel that if people were looking for role models of specific ethnic backgrounds, they ought to have made sure that this school meet their particular need before they enrolled here. As a visiting professor, one could easily have seen that Hope's population is not made up of a good make-up of black students and professors. If minority diversity was a main criteria for choosing a school, perhaps Hope was not the best choice for this person. If so, they should have known that the blacks (as Roberts called them...tad separatist?) come from this background.

Students are proud role models. They are proud to be caring, concerned, and consistently willing to provide the individual attention required to make each student feel important.

Another issue that we would like to address is the controversy concerning Hope's policy of only hiring Christian professors. We wonder if those who disapprove of this policy realize before they express their sentiments that Hope College is, in fact, a school based on the fundamentals of Christianity. Hope is a college affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church. It is not funded by the government, and therefore it has the right to require its professors to be Christians. Part of the reason that many students, including myself, attend Hope College is for the religious atmosphere that is found here. Hope is a pious place, not a place for non-Christian professors. We are not op-

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the racial environment at Hope College Ad-Hoc Committee. Throughout the second half of the semester, we have been concentrating on obtaining quantifiable data on the retention rates of minority students as well as data on enrollment. We believe, however, that the key to having an understanding of the racial climate here at Hope is for students to share their experiences in the form of a letter. We are asking for all students, regardless of background, to write to me, to the Student Congress offices expressing your experiences and views regarding race.
At 16, Elise Penna (’96) dreamed she'd be windsurfing in Florida during her college years. Instead, she’s spending her time maintaining a tikkish balance between the responsibilities of motherhood and 15 credit hours toward a degree in social work.

Like many students at Hope, Penna, now 20, crams for classes, holds down a waitressing job and looks forward to finishing an education, so that we could have a future. “I like Rudolph because without him Santa wouldn't be able to deliver his presents,” Hope students said. “I like all of them except Rudolph, because he’s always upstaging the others. He’s always getting his nose in things.” —Nicole Duquette (’98)

The Anchor’s Campus Pulse feature usually focuses on serious issues facing Hope’s campus, the student publication. —Colleen Antvelink (’97)

When student staffers of the Harpoon, a Grand Valley State University satirical newsletter published a prank declaration of war against Western Michigan University, they had no idea of the possible consequences which was about to begin.

On its January 1994 issue, the joking staff declared war to take over the campus of Western Michigan University in a letter drafted in President Arend Lubbers’ name. This “war” would benefit GVUS students because, as newsletter founder Mike McFall said, the Allendale campus could reap the benefits of better facilities and a prime location in a “real city.”

“Real city,” Pennsylvania, now 20, crams for classes, studying to support me, had to give up her daughter’s Sunday mornings. “I like all of them except Rudolph, because he's always upstaging the others. He's always getting his nose in things.” —Nicole Duquette (’98)

A rippled potato wedge. Her impish grin and infectious giggle. Her parents fund her schooling and have to handle being single and being a parent full-time. “It’s not about funding,” said Mike McFall, Harpoon founder. “It's something that needs to be prevented from happening in the future.”

The Supreme Court has ruled against a university for violating the First Amendment through its power of the purse, said Eric Spies, Harpoon staffer. “No one informed us that there was such a policy. Since we had access to the letterhead, we thought we could use it,” McFall said.

Reinstatement of funds was denied this year as well, and Spies, who plans to attend law school, said: “No one informed us that there was such a policy. Since we had access to the letterhead, we thought we could use it.”

Erin Fles, Helly Hansen

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Although the Anchor’s Campus Pulse feature usually focuses on serious issues facing Hope’s campus, the holiday season necessitates a more festive topic. Therefore, students were asked, “If all Santa’s reindeer, which is your favorite?” Hope students said...

“Vixen, because she was the July Playboy Playmate of the Month.” —Matt Hennman (’97)

“Rudolph, because he was a total screw-up and couldn’t do a dang thing right.” —Chris Legg (’97)

“If all of them except Rudolph, because he's always upstaging the others. He's always getting his nose in things.” —Nicole Duquette (’98)

“Dancer is far by the best of Santa’s reindeer because he exemplifies the spirit and hard work of the season.” —Elayne Provost (’98)

The Harpoon has tried to follow proper channels to get funding reinstated, having gone through the Student Senate, President Arend Lubbers, and Board of Control, but has had no luck. The administration has let the Student Senate maintain jurisdiction over the issue, refusing to take a stance either way, McFall said. The Harpoon was recently contacted by the Student Law Press Center, which is in the process of finding legal representation for the newsletter from area attorneys. The Harpoon is avoiding court at all possible, however.

Only a year old, the Harpoon has been received positively by students. McFall said. Distribution of the four to eight page letter began at 1000 copies in two weeks, but the thousand copies are now gone within two days.

“At a form of entertainment and also a forum of student writers, it should be funded by the Student Life fee,” McFall said.
Sportswrites weekend series

by Glyn Williams

Staff Reporter

The presession predictions were

exemplary. The Flying Dutchmen

would win it all, some said. They

would be the top ten, others said. As it

appears thus far this season, the men's

basketball Dutchmen would win it all,

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(3-6) in a battle that was not exactly

crystal ball, as they hit a three followed by a

tip-up to cut it down to a one point ball game,

77-76 with 1:50 minutes remaining. Finally,

Hope secured the win when Kevin Brinnett

(96) and VanFossan each hit their free

ths to make Hope's lead three points.

Troll for a difficult, yet crucial

bounced back to win the Hillsdale

championship game of the tournament

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non-starter, led the Flying Dutchmen

scored a season-high 10-13 in the second

of the second half, after Duistermars

worked his magic and buried four

minutes span, giving the Dutchmen

a single opportunity to score.

With little defense in the second half, as they

allowed Concordia to hit 3 of 10 shots from

three point land, defense in the second half, as

they hurt the Dutchmen big time.

while Duistermars began taking the

long shot, Bosma was left free and
turn-around on all remounts, sizing, repairs etc.

Working together as a team, while

a non-starter, led the Flying Dutchmen

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Duistermars had 24 points, 10 rebounds, and

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Hope's next home game will be on

Wednesday, January 4 against

MIAA rival Kalamazoo at 7:30pm

in the Holland Civic Center.

Last chance to send the game into

playoffs. Doing that alone is

gonna be no small miracle, but

wants it. Once in the playoffs I want them to
go all the way to the Super Bowl and win.

MIAA championship team.
Getting dragged by horses, from 10 feet, and tippin' down cable cars help to harden your biceps. But when you put it all together from a 15-foot tower and land on your head, you're trying to live up to the body standards set by Barbie.

One of the latest Barbies hits the stores in "My Size Barbies," a doll that's big enough for girls to wear clothes. As if little girls don't have enough body-image woes knowing that bootsy TV heres won't bother to save their lives unless they can shape up with the human equivalent of cardboard cutouts set together.

Even Barbie herself has been created, young American girls have a headache of a time trying to live up to the body standards set by Barbie and her little plastic friends. Who knew that our favorite figure role model was human size? She'd be 58"-16"-32"! What if a chubby kid got one of these? "My Size Barbies" for Christmas and she couldn't fit into her bridal gown? She'd probably cry for weeks.

Eldean and deLeon say they generally take free counseling to all students, Penna, said. "They just get lit on fire and explosions. In qualifying "pyro," or fire breathing for Jim Gray (86), it is this distinction which the Kwanzaa festival celebrates the harvest of the first fruits. Last Thursday, Hope students were introduced to the increasingly popular har-
Death

David was a teacher at Blue Earth Area High School where he coached tennis. He graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. in 1992 with a B.A. in math education.

Both are survived by their parents, a brother and his wife, Kevin and Pamela Aasen of Chicago; their paternal grandparents, Mabel and Inge Aasen of Westphal, Wash.; and a nephew. They were preceded in death by his maternal grandparents.

Funeral services were held at the Klein Funeral Home in St. Peter. Burial followed at Resurrection Cemetery.

We have three sons, and it’s hard to understand why at one mo-

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don’t run from change.
“Life is always evolving,” she said. “You have to learn how to ad-
just.”

But, Houston said, one of the most important qualities that a leader possesses is the ability to communicate well and listen to what others are saying, as well as understand what is not said.

“Effective leaders are good lis-
teners and hearers,” she said. “They listen to what others are saying and hear what they’re not saying.”

In addition, leaders desire to learn and have the authority of knowledge, Houston said. They never stop learning and have the ability to back up what they are saying with knowledge.

Finally, leaders are ethical, she said.

“People will not follow you, if they don’t trust you,” she said. “The truth always prevails. You’ve got to be ethical.”

Houston concluded by encour-
gaging audience members to pursue their dreams.

“Make the best of who and what you are,” she said. “And know that you can be anything that you want to.”

“All people have a story,” she told them. “A story of how they
were very enthusiastic and energetic,” Kathleen Dominiak (“95) said. “I could make a connec-
tion with what she was saying. Any-
time you can make a connection with what someone is saying, you can’t help but want to make a dif-
cernce.”

The anchor’s next issue will be on January 18, 1995.

Make someone smile...

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Van Wylen Library
Exam Week
and
Christmas Break
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8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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8 a.m. - midnight
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Dec. 19 - 22
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Dec. 27 - 30
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 31 - Jan. 2
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Jan. 3 - Jan. 5
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Jan. 10
8 a.m. - midnight

Exam week is just around the corner, and what better way to say thank you to your professors than to give them a Domino’s Pizza. Or even better, buy one for yourself. Or buy 30 pizzas and have a half party.

“Tis best to eat before study, because you will not retain any knowledge without food in the stomach and a smile on your face.” — Sir Pierre

The only way to do this is to call Domino’s and order yourself and your friends pizza, delivered HOT AND FRESH to your door faster than you can finish that calculus problem. So call Domino’s now, and find out how they can raise your GPA.

Domino’s Pizza — It’s the only way you’re gonna pass.

Speaker

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to harass, condemn and ignore homosexuals because they have sinned, you are making a choice other than Jesus would have,” Perry said. “Jesus did anything but shun sinners, he befriended them, hung out with them, he loved them.”

He went on to advise Christians to “accept, respect and love all of God’s children,” and then sug-
gested ways that they could do that. According to Perry, people should not worry about changing and heal-
ing people. “Bring them to Jesus,” he said. “Jesus will do the healing.” Furthermore, Perry advised people to refrain from constantly bringing the sin up to homosexuals and to continue reading the scriptures and working on your own mission to follow Jesus.

Jim Herrick, professor of com-
munication and author of Argumentation: Understanding and Shaping Arguments, was “very impressed with the balance and integrity of Perry’s presentation.” “Working from a literalist framework, which doesn’t allow very much freedom to depart from the text, Perry pre-
vented a clear and thoughtful argu-
ment,” Herrick said.

Perry is also involved in a na-
tional Interfaith task force which is working to form a specific com-
mittee to deal with issues of homo-

sexuality in the context of Chris-
tianity.

While many people feel that the meeting was a positive step toward dealing with the controversy con-
cerning homosexuality on campus, the issue is still under examination.

Yesterday, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a story that appeared on the front page of The Echo Thường of The Grand Rapids Press, written by Jodi McFarland (“97) was snatched up by the Associated Press wire. The story appeared in its original form with the exception of a spilled in comment from Tom Renner, director of public relations, who stated that Hope College, as an institution does not support a gay, lesbian and bi-sexual support group.

According to Renner, he did confer with President Jacobson be-
fore releasing the statement.

“More than likely, he was speaking about financial support,” said Boyd Wilson, professor of reli-
gion and a contact person for the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Support group on campus. “I believe that emotional and spiritual support does exist on campus,” he said.

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Student Organizations
Amnesty International
Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Kriez
Enviromental Issues Group
Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Lebbers 101
Chemistry Club Meeting
Wed., 7 p.m., Mac Lab, Peale
Inter wszyst Christian Fellowship
Mon., 7:30 p.m., Mass
Fellowship of Christian Students
Fri., 7 p.m., Phelps
Inquiring Minds Discussion Group
Thurs., 4 p.m., Kriez
Student Congress
Thurs., 8 p.m., Mass Conference

The Anchor (x7877) with additional times and dates of campus events

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