

ACEH MEETING

Selma documentary to be shown

Staff report

“Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot” will be shown at the next meeting of Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony taking place 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, in Winants Auditorium, Graves Hall, 263 College Ave.

The event is co-sponsored with TRIO/Upward Bound at Hope College. Members of the Adelante youth group at Latin Americans United for Progress also have been invited.

The program will feature the 40-minute documentary produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center/Teaching Tolerance project. “Selma” is the story of Alabama students, teachers and other activists who

fought a nonviolent battle to win voting rights for African Americans in the South.

ACEH president John Yelding, associate professor of education at Hope College, said, “Voting rights for all are more important today than ever. In July, as we celebrate our country’s independence, we especially want young people in West Michigan to learn more about this period in U.S. history, the hardships that many endured at that time in order to secure their right to vote, and the responsibility we all have to freely and regularly exercise that right.”

Information on registering to vote will be presented by Judy Karandjeff of East Lansing, president of the League of Women Voters of

Michigan, and Anna Perales, clerk of the city of Holland. When she was a student at Southern Methodist University in Texas, Karandjeff traveled to Alabama and marched at Selma.

The meeting will be followed by discussion and refreshments. An accessible entrance to Graves Hall is at the back of the building, and an elevator is available to reach the main floor of the auditorium.

ACEH is a grass-roots, nonpartisan group founded in Holland in 1999 to work for justice, equal opportunity, appreciation for diversity and cross-cultural understanding. For more information, visit harmony-alliance.org or call (616) 566-0957.