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Gay-Straight Forum denied recognition

Once again the Campus Life Board fails to recognize the GSF as a student group

Courtney Klein
Carnegie Hall Features

The Gay-Straight Forum (GSF) has been turned down as an official student organization for the second year in a row.

On Thursday, January 10, the Campus Life Board voted 6-1 against a recommendation from the Extracurricular Activities Committee (ECAC) that the GSF be approved as an official student group.

In order for any group to become an officially recognized student group, it has to submit a constitution to the ECAC for approval and recommendation to the Campus Life Board. The Campus Life Board must then approve the ECAC’s recommendation.

The GSF constitution was approved by the ECAC in early December.

According to the minutes of the Campus Life Board’s meeting, the ECAC recommended the GSF under the stipulation that the recommendation be reviewed after the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality makes a recommendation to the president on how to deal with such requests. According to the recommendation presented at the Campus Life Board meeting, “The recommendation was also made with the stipulation that the group work with the Task Force over the coming time period to ensure that the campus community was coming together to create a safe, educational experience.”

However, the Campus Life Board preferred not to act until the Task Force came to a decision about sexuality at Hope.

“I sense that those voting against the recommendation did so in part because they wanted the Sexuality Task Force to complete its work, in the hope that its contribution would address the concerns voiced by the Gay Straight Forum,” said Phil Manos, associate professor of religion and Campus Life Board chair.

The Campus Life Board members are not the only ones who are helping the Task Force do their job. Howard recognizes that the Task Force might help Hope.

“We’ve already met with the task force once this semester. Anytime the task force would like to have students from the forum more GSF on 2

Students “penny” doors of Cosmopolitan Hall

Retraction of formal charges leaves Hope to deal with students

Abby Stauffer and Leland Toering

Staff Reporter

Public Safety used hidden surveillance equipment late last semester to identify those responsible for disabling Cosmopolitan Hall’s exterior locks with pennies, according to school officials.

A surveillance camera, which was placed in Brumler’s RD apartment facing Cosmo Hall’s front entrance, caught six students involved in “pennying” the dorm repeatedly over a week period, which Mike Lafata, Public Safety Sergeant said created a potentially dangerous situation.

“It’s not safe for any of the students living there,” Lafata said, “Anyone could walk into the dorm, walk into a room and take anything they want.”

The students involved, however, said they felt the issue is trivial, and that pennying the dormitory door is merely a convenience that poses little or no threat.

Richard Frost, Dean of Students, said that door propping and pennying has been an ongoing problem in both Cosmo Hall and others over the past years. According to Frost the situation was more PENNY on 2

Temporary solution may help solve parking problem

New proposal limits number of permits sold to Hope students

Becca Haynes

Staff Reporter

For many students on Hope’s campus, searching for a parking space is something akin to hunting on an African safari. But those long, frustrating searches may soon become a thing of the past.

Student Congress has recently submitted and approved a new proposal concerning student parking. There are 763 student parking spots on Hope’s campus, yet 1,050 parking permits have been sold this year.

The new proposal limits the number of permits sold to 900. There will be permits available for sophomore, junior, and senior students at spring registration.

At the end of May, the number of permits sold will be subtracted from 850. The remaining number will equal the number of parking permits available for first year student applications.

A designated committee will more PARKING on 2

ANCHOR PHOTO BY RICK OCHION

Jeff Howard (‘02) is interviewed by Channel 8 News on Tuesday about the denial of the Campus Life Board to recognize the Gay-Straight Forum as a student group on Hope’s campus. Howard is the president of the GSF.
New ministry formed for Greek students

James Pierce
Campus Beat Editor

Hope’s newest Christian ministry is Greek Life, and as its name suggests, it is a ministry for Greeks and is similar to Young Life. According to Paul Hendricks (‘02), the creation of a ministry group for Hope’s Greek students began early last semester when he and Dan Boersma, senior chaplain, discussed the need for such a group.

“God really put this on my heart this summer,” Hendricks said. A group “campus vision” was formed to make the Greek Life vision a reality, Hendricks said, and after much prayer and planning a retreat to Boersma’s cabin helped the leaders to finalize plans.

When describing the Greek Life program, Hendricks makes comparisons to Young Life, an established and popular Christian ministry Greek Life will feature praise singing, skits, and mixer activities. The group will also receive a message at its meetings, either from a member of Greek Life or from an invited speaker. Hendricks was the featured speaker at last week’s Greek Life meeting. He led the group with a message on relationships, both with each other and with Christ.

“I thought it was received very well,” said Rachel Peckenpaugh (‘04), speaking about last week’s program. Peckenpaugh is a member of the Delta Phi sorority and is involved with the leadership of Greek Life.

Greek Life is open to all Greeks and usually meets every other Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Herrick Room. There is a meeting next Thursday, however, to open to those involved in rush this spring. This meeting will be held in the DeVitt Center’s Herrick Room. Peckenpaugh described Greek Life as being necessary for the survival of the Greek system at Hope.

“I think it’s going to be an amazing outcome,” Peckenpaugh said.

Hendricks was very pleased with the turnout at last week’s meeting, estimating the attendance at around 100 students.

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Review first year applications and reward permits based upon predetermined, need-based criteria.

A minimum of 50 permits will be designated as Overflow permits.

Throughout the school year, any Hope student living in a privately purchased parking lot will be unable to apply for a permit, pending review by the committee.

Problems concerning student parking have occurred in the past due to the large Hope community. The prices of permits are raised every year, yet this does not appear to deter students from buying permits.

Hope's Transportation Department, but its services are only available to students who have field placements or jobs in the Holland-Zeeland area.

As a result, the number of permits issued continues to exceed the number of parking spaces that are actually available. Puzzlement mounts as a number of spaces become unavailable during winter months to allow for snow removal from parking lots.

Matt Scogin (‘02), Student Congress president, feels that the new proposal is necessary to alleviate the many problems with student parking.

“If such a large percentage of students are having trouble finding a parking spot, that is a big concern,” Scogin said.

The new proposal will likely draw mixed reactions from the Hope College community. Currently, there is some hesitation on the part of Admissions, considering that the allotment of first year students to have cars on campus is an attractive selling point.

Yet in a survey done by the Frost Center, only 9.1% of students stated that they would not have attended Hope if first year students were not allowed to have cars on campus. Meanwhile, 95.7% of students surveyed reported frequent difficulty in finding parking spots.

The parking committee is aware of the concerns about the effect of restricting freshmen parking on first year enrollment. Yet the committee feels that implementing the proposal will be a successful change, considering that other colleges have implemented similar policies with apparent success.

Research has indicated that Kalamazoo College, the University of Michigan, Albion College, Wheaton College, and Spring Arbor College, among others, currently employ policies that are similar to the new proposal. Scogin is optimistic that the implementation of the proposal will be successful.

“This is a short-term solution that [the committee] feels would work. Hopefully in the future, the college will purchase more land to allow for more parking, but currently this is a practical short-term solution,” Scogin said.

**PENNY from 1**

Escalating and was brought up during the monthly Faculty Security and Safety Committee meeting.

Public Safety initially decided to refer the case against the two students involved—Billy Norden (’04) and Eric Goltz (‘04)—to the Ottawa County Prosecutor.

The college has since retracted the charges and decided to handle the situation internally. The result of this situation will be handled internally, specific disciplinary action remains undisclosed.

“Problems like this can’t happen again in the future,” Norden said.

He expressed annoyance at the possibility that the locks could be disabled again.

Amber Garrison, Assistant Coordinator of Housing, said that the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants were made aware of the problem.

However, students involved in the case were not alarmed by the seriousness of the incident that disabling the locks could involve, although Garrison said she hopes this situation will prevent pennying from happening again in the future.

**GSF from 1**

we are more than willing to do that. I think the task force is a step in the right direction for Hope,” Howard said.

Lorna Jarvis, associate professor of psychology, Campus Life Board member and EGCAC chair, said that the board struggled to determine how the decision would affect the college community.

“The vote by the board, as difficult as it was, was not meant to invalidate the students, or the need for such discussions,” Jarvis said. “It is in this sense that the decision was considered to be in the best interest of the community.”

According to Manoa, the board did not ignore the feelings of the GSF members.

“I can understand how supporters of the Gay-Straight Forum feel that the good they can officially provide the Hope community has been denied,” Manoa said.

The college has made a conscious effort of caring people who stand on both sides of this issue.”

According to Jeff Howard, GSF president, the Campus Life vote was a surprise because he was told that they wouldn’t make a decision until after the Task Force made their recommendation to the President. Because they did not know what the vote was taking place, no GSF members were in attendance at the meeting.

Howard feels that the Campus Life Board has not made enough effort to learn about the GSF.

“I am extremely disappointed by the administration and some of the faculty and students that serve on the Campus Life Board because invitations have been extended in the past to these people to join us at our meetings and they do not like the picture of educating themselves about this issue,” Howard said.

“They are not educating themselves on this issue, and they are going into the meetings closed-minded.”

Last April, the Campus Life Board turned down the GSF, which was then called the Gay-Straight Forum, by a vote of 5-3.

As previously reported in the Anchor, the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality plan on reporting to the President in March.
Student shares her experience with blindness

Erica Heeg
InFocus Boston

Allison Hilliker ('05) doesn't consider blindness such a terrible thing.

"I've dealt with it more or less my entire life. I never really had much of a choice, you either live with it or you don't." Hilliker said.

And Hilliker has definitely chosen the former; she lives. Born in Shelby Township, MI. Hilliker was born with glaucoma and has been blind in some form all of her life.

"There are a lot of different levels of blindness. When I started out dous eye strain." Hilliker decided to postpone going to college for a year and attend the Louisiana Center for the Blind. "Lots of times the teachers working in the field of blindness have very low expectations because they think that blindness is really terrible, like a tragedy. They are shocked and they think that if you can't see, you can't do much. But, most of the staff and instructors at the Louisiana Center were blind." Hilliker said. "It was such a confidence builder to see people who do what you're learning everyday and who are professional and successful and have such good attitudes."

Hilliker spent eight months in Louisiana improving her Braille reading, becoming a better cane traveler, and learning to cook, clean, do laundry, grocery shop, and other similar skills. After applying to five schools and being accepted at all five, Hilliker decided to come to Hope for the typical reasons. "Hope, because of its size, doesn't have an awful lot of services for disabled students. They have them, but they are very small. I don't mind that though, because they are there when I need them, and they don't interfere with my life."

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Hilliker tries to buy most of her books on tape. "I can scan the book, and there is software that I can use to convert text to spoken word. And if that doesn't work I can hire readers." Hilliker said. "I also use a Braille notetaker to take notes. It's like a little lap top, and I can make files and folders and then put them onto a disk and insert them in my computer. There is a special printer in the library too called a Braille embosser which prints in Braille."

While at Hope, Hilliker will become certified to teach elementary education. She then plans to receive her Masters degree to teach blind children, a particular passion of hers. Throughout her life, Hilliker has been very involved in the National Federation of the Blind.

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Approximately
750,000 Americans are blind.

An additional
50,000 Americans will become blind each year.

Studies show that
only AIDS and cancer are feared more than blindness.

"The real problem of blindness is not the loss of eyesight but the misunderstanding and lack of information which exist."

-The National Federation of the Blind

Information provided by the National Federation of the Blind

www.nfb.org

A Braille notetaker similar to the one that Hilliker uses to take notes.
Campus Life Board made wrong decision

In the minutes to the January 10 Campus Life Board meeting that denied the Gay-Straight Forum another shot at being an official student organization (Campus Beat, 1), it says "The Board's deliberations were extremely serious and thoughtful. It is our priority to care for the entire community, to struggle to discern what is best for Hope College, take into account the role of the Task Force, and listened to one another with genuine concern for their differences."

I'd like to thank the Campus Life Board for me and hundreds of other Hope students. Thanks. It's good to know you're looking out for us.

In reality, it sounds like the Campus Life Board is patting themselves on the back for not rocking the boat. If they actually had considered the proposal seriously, the vote wouldn't have been 6-1 against.

The Board is right though, it is time for Hope to get serious. Because, how can an educational institution in the twenty-first century seriously deny a group of students the right to educate others about themselves? How can an educational institution seriously not acknowledge the fact that the world is a diverse place, and when students leave this place, they are going to encounter gay people in the workplace, in the neighborhood and in their families?

Hope College needs to stop procrastinating. Task forces and committees aren't the answer, they are only a way to put off what other colleges have done decades ago. Students want to address the issue now, and the GSF is the best way to address it.

When this story gets on the TV news and in the local newspapers, it is going to be embarrassing to the college. And for good reason. It's embarrassing for me and for other students to put down on our applications to graduate school that we went here. I don't want that to be embarrassing. I've learned a lot here. But it is.

If Hope wants to continue seriously calling itself an educational institution, it has to start acting now. It can start with the GSF.

Don't romanticize graduation speaker

The student who wrote a letter to the editor about graduation speakers (Opinion, 4) has obviously never been to a college graduation before. As a member of the Wind Symphony, I've attended every Hope graduation since I was a freshman, and believe me, the speaker does not give a lesson "that the entire class will encounter through all the tests of life." A good graduation speaker is one that gets everybody out of the sun as soon as possible. Unless somebody's taking notes, nobody's going to remember a single word he or she said.

Local PFLAG member thanks Anchor

Welcome back to campus! As you returned from break last week you may have noticed the new aerobics fitness room in the Dow. While we were home for the holidays, Dow room 201 was converted from a classroom into a new exercise room. The new equipment includes recumbent bikes, upright bikes, elliptical machines, and stair-steppers.

In a Student Congress survey last year, 74.6% of Hope students indicated that expanding the workout equipment in the Dow was important or very important. Thus, at the beginning of this year Vice President Colleen Evans and I, as members of the Student Congress, pacman. Following student concerns. Going into second semester, I am excited about working further with the administration to make even more improvements to student facilities.

Among other things this semester, we will be working to address your concern regarding campus parking and the weight room.

To truly be an effective student government, I need to be aware of your concerns and ideas. Toward that end, I want to encourage you all to take advantage of the lines of communication that we have developed. For example, the Student Congress website allows you to electronically submit ideas, questions, or concerns. Depending on where you live, you have one or more Student Congress representatives and you should feel free to contact them anytime. Also, you are always welcome to stop by the Student Congress office in DeWitt.

After a tremendously successful fall semester, I am looking forward to working with you as we strive to make Hope College an even better place.

Adam Hopkins ('02)
Battle of the Bands will rock the Knickerbocker Theater

Maureen Yonovitz
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 19 at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater, Hope students and other members of the community will get a chance to vote for their favorite local music group in the Third Annual WTHS Battle of the Bands.

The event is sponsored by Hope's radio station WTHS to give up and coming bands from Hope and from throughout Western Michigan recognition for their efforts.

"We believe this is the perfect opportunity to give new, up and coming groups exposure and performance experience in a non-threatening atmosphere," said Josiah Dykstra ('02), General Manager for WTHS.

Groups interested in performing were asked to audition in person or submit a CD sample of their music, and were then reviewed by the members of the WTHS executive committee.

"From the 15 or so entries, we selected 8 based on originality, musicality, and presentation," Dykstra said.

The eight groups selected will each play for ten minutes and then the audience will vote for their favorite group. The winner will return at the end of the competition to play for another 15 minutes.

The evening will include performances by Hope groups Dutch Mafia, Obsessed Deformed Bullfrogs, Antelope Mutiny, Lyle!, Chris Bryan, the Dave Tucker Band, and non-Hope groups, Smash Your Radio from Holland and Despondent from Kalamazoo. The bands are looking forward to performing at this event.

"It's always fun just to get up and perform and have a good time," said Lee Heerspink, ('04), of the Obsessed Deformed Bullfrogs. "It sounds like a good opportunity to come out and play."

"I hope it will be the first of many," Mott said.

Mott encourages all students to come out to support their friends and enjoy the wide variety of talent.

"I believe it will be good entertainment," Mott said. "It will be a lot of fun, and it will be a good date night, so bring a date."

Tickets to see Battle of the Bands cost $3 and are sold at the door. Those opting not to pay the $3 may bring two cans of food to benefit the Holland Rescue Mission.

Hope Professor to perform at Carnegie Hall

Emily Moellman
Arts Editor

There is a celebrity roaming the halls of Nykerk Music Hall, Hope College faculty member and musician Mihai Craioveanu is about to take the stage at the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Craioveanu, a violinist, recently accepted an invitation to perform in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, January 22, as part of the prestigious Mid America Concert Series.

Mid America Productions Inc. listened to Craioveanu's CD recording (which is available for sale worldwide at amazon.com), and chose him to be featured in their series at Carnegie Hall. The concert series is an offshoot of the production company, which also supports a recording company, orchestras such as the Manhattan Philharmonic, and opera festivals.

Craioveanu has toured the world performing in London, New York, Paris, Washington, Barcelona, Cleveland, and Bucharest. He has also been broadcast on major American television networks, as well as on European and Australian television.

In addition, Craioveanu has been featured on international radio stations Free Europe and Voice of America.

Although his performances have already earned him international acclaim, this will be Craioveanu’s first performance at the venue, and he is honored to be included in such an admirable concert series.

"I hope it will be the first of future opportunities for me to play there," Craioveanu said. "It is an exciting event and I am anxiously looking forward to it."

For the series, Craioveanu will perform four works, beginning with Maurice Ravel’s "Sonata for Violin and Piano." He will also perform a sonata by Cesar Franck, "Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano."

"Variations on The Last Rose of Summer for Solo Violin" by Henrich Ernst will be his third piece, and Craioveanu will conclude the concerts with a Romanian piece by George Enescu, "Romanian Rhapsody No. 1. Op. 11." "I love all of the program, it is hard to find a particular favorite," Craioveanu said. "Each work has its own character and beauty. Together they create a wonderful and very attractive program."

Hope College audiences were treated to a preview of the musician’s upcoming concert at Dimnent Chapel on January 11.

Craioveanu felt good about his performance here, and was very excited by the response of the audience.

Craioveanu is professor of violin and viola and teaches studio classes in those instruments as well as other music courses. He is the founding member of the Anchor Trio.

For aspiring musicians who hope to one day perform in the famed Carnegie Hall as Craioveanu is about to, he offers this advice: "I tell students three equally important things when they are in pursuit of a dream: love what you do, work extremely hard, and never give up on your dreams!"
A new semester: books, class, panic attacks

Panic attacks more common than many students may know

Jen Troke

As all Hope students know, with a new semester comes the stresses of activities like buying books, paying for tuition and, of course, classes and homework. These renewed stresses can trigger excess anxiety in some students. Sometimes this anxiety reveals itself in the form of panic attacks.

However, panic attacks are not restricted to especially stressful times like exam week. For some people, they are a way of life.

Christa Saffee, who works with students at the Health Clinic, says that they are more common than one might think.

"We have at least one [case] every two weeks," said Saffee.

A panic attack, according to Kristen Gray, assistant dean and director of counseling, is "a time of intense fear or discomfort which includes at least four of the symptoms. The symptoms develop quickly and reach a peak in about 10 minutes."

The feelings involved resemble emotions of fear and anxiety common to people when around snakes, watching a scary movie, or enclosed in a small space.

"We all have things that scare us, but with a person who really suffers from panic, the reasons for the attacks are more general and have a tendency to feel as though the attacks are controlling the person instead of the person controlling their response to the attacks," Gray said.

The causes of panic attacks are usually not discovered. Panic attacks have many possible triggers, and they are different for everyone. There is also evidence that the attacks may be related to genetic factors.

"For folks who struggle with and seek treatment for panic attacks, the triggers are usually very person-specific and may also be very vague: certain settings, or events, or even thinking about the possibility of certain events. They usually are things that the person believes they cannot control," Gray said.

For others, attacks may be brought on for specific reasons. Irregular sleep patterns, use of illegal drugs like marijuana and cocaine, and excess amounts of caffeine can facilitate attacks.

Saffee suggests students cut back on these harmful stimulants can help control the attacks. Setting lifestyle boundaries and learning to say "no" to extra activities may also be beneficial.

"Learn to prioritize what's most important," Saffee said.

Many people experience a panic attack at some point in life, but only those who have continuing problems with attacks should be concerned.

The Health Clinic recommends that students experiencing the symptoms be checked out.

"We do like people to come in because [panic attack symptoms] can also be a sign of cardiac problems," Saffee said.

If the symptoms are diagnosed as related to panic attacks and not something more serious, the student is in no physical danger. However, the mental and emotional results can be serious.

People who experience attacks may progressively restrict their activities in an effort to restrict the possibility of having an attack.

"For folks who struggle with and seek treatment for panic attacks, the best treatment for panic attacks is counseling," Gray said.

The therapy will teach the person to use their own parasympathetic nervous system response to decrease the severity of the panic attack, Gray said.

Many times, only a couple therapy sessions are needed. The sessions include relaxation activities like deep breathing.

There are also medicinal options, and students often use a combination of cognitive therapy and medication.

Some of the available medications at the Health Clinic include Ativan, a muscle relaxer, and Buspar. Drugs such as Valium and Xanax can also treat the symptoms, but they can be addictive.

Students who experience panic attack symptoms should make an appointment at the Health Clinic. There are also brochures available with more information.

AVOIDING PANIC ATTACKS:

1. Do not use illegal drugs like marijuana or cocaine.
2. Stay away from excessive caffeine.
3. Prioritize!
4. Set boundaries on activities and involvement.
5. Learn to relax.
6. Create a regular sleep routine and stick to it.
7. Avoid known stressors and continual stimulation.

POSSIBLE PANIC ATTACK SYMPTOMS:

1. pounding heart
2. sweating
3. trembling or shaking
4. shortness of breath
5. feeling of choking
6. chest pain
7. nausea
8. dizziness or faintness
9. feelings of unreality or detachment
10. fear of losing control
11. fear of going crazy
12. fear of dying
13. numbness
14. chills
15. hot flashes
16. sense of doom

Learn to prioritize what's most important.

-Christa Saffee

Seen & Heard

How do you deal with stress?

"I usually go work out."
--Sara Page ('04)

"I go to Hot 'N' Now and get four double cheeseburgers and two fries for $4.99."  
--Nate Pyle ('02)

"I take my wooden shoes out of the closet and I clomp around campus."
--Cody Statema ('02) (2001 homecoming king)

"I take a 'peaches 'n cream' bubble bath while listening to Jimmy Buffet."
--Tanner Smith ('02)

"My roommate and I play with playdough."
--Lisa Elenbaas ('05)
Hope Democrats, GLOBE host politician

First openly gay Michigan legislator to speak Wednesday

Angela Matusiak

speak Wednesday career spans four terms on the Ann Arbor City Council, and Mayor Pro-tem in 1994 to 2000. His main focus concerns many human rights issues, from racial profiling to environment management. His visit to Hope will consist of an introduction containing his personal story and how he got involved in politics, and an informal dialogue where students are welcome to ask him questions and talk with him about his views and stands.

Jeff Howard (02), GLOBE president, first approached the Hope Democrats about Kolb’s visit. He first heard about Chris Kolb in an article in “Between the Lines” (a gay/lesbian publication in Michigan) and learned of Kolb’s interest and work in civil rights.

Because Kolb is the first openly gay state legislator in Michigan, Howard thought he would be an interesting speaker to come to Hope and talk about various issues going on in the State of Michigan. While Howard admits that homosexual issues at Hope are often overlooked, he also stressed that Kolb has other things to say.

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Flying Dutch remain unbeaten, lead MIAA

Ben DeHaan
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hope women’s team arrived in South Bend last Saturday to take on Saint Mary’s. The Belles hoped to have a great week, as they faced their undefeated foe on the road. The Belles tried to establish early on, defeating the Belles 73-56. The Hope College Women’s Basketball team was in the nation’s top five, according to Coach Brian Morehouse. In the second half, the Dutch regained their posture, stretching their lead out to 20 points once again. They managed to hold this aggression much of the second before the Belles began another rally. However, in a replay of the first half, they came up short, and Hope walked out with a victory.

The Dutch did a great job of putting the game away in the final minutes, as five players had double-digit points. Amanda Kerkstra and Amy Batlman each scored 12 points while Amy Brower, Laura Poppema and Becky Sutton each put up 10. Laura Poppema picked up five steals, part of the Belles’ 22 turnovers.

Hope prepares for a busy week. They compete tonight at 9 p.m. in the Div against Alma, and travel to Calvin on Saturday. Both are 2-2 in the conference, but hold respectable overall records, and will be looking to dismantle Hope’s undefeated record.

“We’ve got a great record going, but we’re staying focused too. This is because we have some great senior leadership on this team, and they always have focus on the next team at hand. We expect a tough week coming up with Alma and Calvin as well. We came out in the beginning of the season with a high ranking, and it’s gone up since the start of the year. Right now we’re getting everyone’s best effort when ever they come play us, but we’re used to it. We’ve accepted the fact that the bull’s eye’s on our backs.”

Hockey Loses Two

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The Hope College Hockey club was in action last weekend, attempting to defend their role of being the number one division III club team in the nation. They played a couple of solid periods in each game, but saw both games slip out of their hands, falling to Muskegon Community College and then to Northwood University.

When we played against Muskegon at Hope before Christmas break, we had plenty of crowd support, and their team was really racking up penalties. But playing in Muskegon was a lot tougher, and we were still really rusty because it was our first game back from break, said defensemen George Morehouse.

Against Northwood, Hope came out with a vengeance, scoring five goals in the first two periods, and victory seemed to be assured. Unfortunately, Northwood rallied to complete six goals in the final period.

“It was a really disappointing loss for us,” said Van Timmeran. “We had a huge lead and we just let down for a little while and ended up paying for it.”

The loss drops Hope to 7-9-0 overall, and 3-5-0 in the Central club region. The team plans to re-group this weekend as they play Saginaw Valley.

“We need to win this game,” said Dickinson. “We have to work on playing three whole periods, and I think we can do it.”