Jacobson announces retirement

GLYN WILLIAMS
editor-in-chief

After ten years of stability, the Hope College Board of Trustees must begin a search for a new president of the college.

In a press conference held last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 22, John Jacobson announced he will retire as president of Hope College on June 30, 1999. Jacobson, who began his term on July 1, 1989, is the 10th president in Hope College history.

“Jrom this announcement and by no means a farewell,” Jacobson said in a statement released by the Hope College Public Relations Office. “The retirement date is nearly a year and a half in the future, and I fully expect my time between now and then to be active and productive.”

According to Jacobson, his top priority for the time he has left in office is to implement a “high energy fundraising campaign” to help build a new science center on Hope’s campus.

“The college needs to move forward in science facilities,” Jacobson said. “In the area of sciences, I think we are a victim of our own success. We have very bright students who come to Hope to study sciences, but there is not enough room for them.”

Jacobson’s tenure as president will be marked by the additions and renovations to Hope’s campus which took place during his time in office. Since he took office in 1987, the Van Wylen Library, Admission House, DeWitt Tennis Center, Haworth Conference Center, and Cook Residence Hall have been completed, while VanZoeren and VanderWerf were renovated.

Hope College’s campus ten years ago was rarely a shadow of what it is now.

“The campus has grown all around while he has been here,” said Paul Loodeen (’99), Student Congress president. “We have one of the best facilities for a small school, the best faculties, and the name of Hope is pretty prestigious as a top-quality liberal arts school.”

Jacobson sees this significant accomplishment at Hope living in the form of the revamped Chapel program and what he calls the “clarification of the role of Hope as a proposed national leader in science.”

“He made significant advancements academically and in Christian character,” said Kemert Campbell, Chair of the Hope College Board of Trustees. “Those are the types of things we will put at the top of our list when looking for a new president.”

Most students see Jacobson as a representative of Hope College as well as the person who is essentially behind everything that goes on regarding the college.

“I’m shocked,” said Luke Smith (’00). “I definitely see him as a figurehead. At any major event I’ve seen him standing right there at the front. I thought he had handled the Ben Buckhout situation very well earlier this year. He actually showed emotion, which I think other administrators felt it was more important to show stability.”

According to Jacobson, as he looks back on his time as Hope’s president he feels satisfied with how his time was spent.

“There are always challenges in whatever you do,” he said. “But I think the satisfactions and successes pet challenges in the shade. Any thoughts I have of my time at Hope will be of good things.”

Drawing to a close

Board of Trustees Chair Kemert Campbell (right), Hope President John Jacobson announced his retirement last Thursday, Jan. 22.

 Greeks open office

After months of searches, proposals and discussions, the officers of Greek Life will finally have a place to call home.

The current leaders of the Interfraternity Council and the Pan-Hellenic Council have been working since May 1997 to gain office space for meetings, a place for people to call, and storage space.

“It’s a place we can call our own campus,” said Todd Hornsby (’98). IFC President.

The new Greek Life office space will be located in SAC’s back room which is currently storage space primarily for yearly events. Dividers will be put up to allow SAC to retain some storage room and Greek Life some privacy. It will consist of a telephone with voice mail service, file cabinets, and a computer within the future.

The space will be cleared out this week with completion occurring some time in the next two weeks.

It’s a stepping stone to increasing awareness and organization of Greek Life,” Hornsby said.

Hornsby and Amy-Jain Halverson (’98), Pan-Hel president, made a formal proposal to Michael Frost, Dean of Students, and the Board of Trustees, which was approved.

In the future, a conference room will be added along with an approximately $780 raise in tuition for Hope students.

Other issues that the Board is dealing with are a project to add a student cap on enrollment at Hope College, and a response to criticisms of the low racial diversity on campus.

Finally, an increase in space for student organization offices was recommended through substantial changes to the Counseling and Career Services and Financial Aid department locations.

Despite the sad note of President Jacobson’s departure, the Board of Trustees held resolute focus on its goals of making Hope College one of the best schools in the nation.

The Board begins with a plenary session, (meeting in full), where they receive reports from the college president and all departmental deans, as well as carry out a review of the college budget.

After the plenary meeting, the board separates into various subcommittees to address specific activities of Hope College. The subcommittees carry on debate and discussion of finances, admissions, campus life and other issues.

These subcommittees will most likely begin to concentrate on specific programs and execution of decisions of Hope College.

Each subcommittee is also assigned a student liaison. The liaison’s function is to watch the committee proceedings and to be able to accurately report them to the student body.

This year’s student liaisons are Meredith Arwyday (’00), Chad Joldersma (’00), Steve Kraseman (’99), Paul Loodeen (’00) and Jessica Nelson (’00), and can be contacted in the Student Congress office by students who are interested in the specific of the Board of Trustees.
Health Educator marks tomorrow's visit with a speech

Dr. Richard P. Keeling will present Making It Count: Health, Community and Learning on Campus to students this Thursday, Jan. 29.

This is the second presentation in the Extra Credit for a Healthy Life series and will take place in the DeWitt Theatre at 11 a.m. during Community Hour.

Dr. Keeling, Director of University Health Services and Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been brought to campus by the Health Planning Council. He is also involved in Richard P. Keeling & Associates/Health Advocates as chairman and senior consultant. In 1996 he was honored by the Association for the Advancement of Health Education as the Health Educator of the Year.

Keeling will also present at a faculty meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 12:15 p.m., with a continuing discussion at an administration council gathering at 3 p.m.

He will conclude the day with a peer education dinner/workshop for student leaders on campus, New Hope for a Smarter Campus on Today's Campus: Co-Creating a New Campus Culture at 6 p.m. Contact the Counseling Center at 71945 to reserve a seat part of a business and roundtable discussion on Life in 3 p.m.

A Cappella group returns to Kletz

SARA LAMERS  staff reporter

The multi-award winning musical group Graffiti Tribe will entertain Hope students with a variety of pop and rock sounds on Friday, Jan. 30.

This is the second presentation in the Need for an Office/Group Office Space series and the need for an office or group office space.

The event will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Kletz and is not to be missed.

"We were able to have the group last fall and really enjoyed them," said Mary Lucas ('98), SAC Director. "We thought they were too good not to bring back and we look forward to hearing them again."

Graffiti Tribe is a cappella group based out of Denver, Colo., comprised of six men. They cover all musical styles, from rock and pop to gospel and funk.

"This group is unique because of its wide range in musical sounds," said Joy Green ('99) Associate Director of SAC. "They sing a lot of popular songs and do a lot of music videos have also been featured on selected cable channels in the Denver area.

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The reasoning included the fact that Greek Life is the largest organization on campus, there had been some breeches in confidentiality, and the presidents of both of the councils were receiving 13 to 14 Greek-related phone calls a day at home.

Plans included first a phone line, and a place to meet, but grew into the need for an office. Greek Life has not always been officeless. They used to occupy Black Coalition's current space and were also in Dimment Chapel's basement where Opus and Women's Issues Organization are now.

"In the last three years things have turned around and they need an office where people can call, a place to meet, and a place for storage," said Anne Bakker-Gras, Director of Student Activities.

This office space will help Greek Life to get through the year. There are supposedly plans in the making for renovating another building on campus to supply more student organization office space.

"This is helping Pan-Hel and IFC to do what their mission is," Bakker-Gras said. "That is governing Greek Life, moving the system forward and they are also becoming a more effective organization."

Hope Habitat Fair

Help us raise funds for our full project by pledging building supplies toward Hope Habitat!

Pledge with a group of friends!

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from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Where: DeWitt Lounge

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FCS Winter Retreat

January 30 - February 2
Cost: $20

Dwight Beal will be speaking on the topic of Worship and Prayer.

You can sign up at the next FCS meeting or call x4862 or x7883 for more information.

SAC and Student Congress fill gaps

NOELLE WOOD  staff reporter

With a new semester and a new year come various changes in the make-up of the Hope College student organizations.

New classes, new professors, and even new roommates entered students' lives this January. Student Congress and the Social Activities Committee have also experienced changes.

Old positions have been filled with new people, making for a fresh outlook in both organizations.

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Students who did last so far for a variety of reasons. Some graduated, some are spending the semester off-campus, and some, like former Dykstra representative Annie Whitham ('91), were overwhelmed with other responsibilities.

"I'm a varsity cheerleader this semester, and I have a job too," Whitham said. "Student Congress in a big time commitment and I just don't have the time."

Dykstra has two open positions, and pinto is a new position for Cook and cottages. One new member is new to the campus to supply more student organization office space.

"We put together the displays in DeWitt and the signs around campus," Menning said. "I was pleasantly surprised when I found out I'd get to be a part of this great group. They always have varied and interesting activities, and SAC performs a great service to the Hope community."

The SAC staff is pleased with its new members.

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Loss of a Love Poem

It’s just around the next calendar corner. The shades of pink and red seeping into shop aisles, the roses appearing on displays, and candy hearts printed with “Be Mine” are obvious clues. But the focus on romance, and especially on love, doesn’t always thrill everyone. Most people roll their eyes and make plans to avoid Hallmark stores for the next few weeks. But this avoidance isn’t limited to Feb. 14. In the world of the arts, it’s becoming more prevalent to sell heartache at all costs. In poetry and writing, we’re less likely to depict gore or tomato soup cans. Anything but love.

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Tapping into a new scene

SALLY SMITS
intermission co-editor

Hope College is picking up its feet and jumping into the changing dance scene. “There wasn’t a professional tap and jazz company in the whole state of Michigan,” said Terri Filips. But there is now. Filips and Dawn McIlhargey, two members of Hope’s dance faculty, are the choreographers and artistic directors of the “InSync Dance Theatre,” a new company comprised entirely of Hope students and alumni. This Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the Knickhecker, they will premiere their innovative show.

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Goodbye, Mr. President

Last Thursday Hope College President John Jacobson stood before members of the media and told them what he told the Board of Trustees earlier that day. His announcement that he was retiring from office as of June 30, 1999 came as a shock to most, but the true shock came afterward when student reactions varied. Jacobson’s announcement came at a time when most students were eating dinner, and thus the apathy was slightly understandable. However, at the same time, part of the apathy stemmed from the students’ ignorance of what Jacobson has done in office.

While looking at Hope’s governing system it is easy to lose track of where and how Jacobson’s influence comes into play. It is easy to assume that his power is all fictitious and his reach extends no further than the Queen of England’s. It is always easy to assume that which is inaccurate.

President Jacobson oversees the general operation of the college on a daily basis and has his hand in every little aspect of what happens at this institution. Everything you see that has to do with Hope College, President Jacobson is partly responsible for.

Sometimes his touch is more visible than others. Since he came to office in 1987, eight new buildings were either added to the campus or renovated, including the addition of Van Wylen Library in 1988.

While he has been in office the school’s enrollment has increased from 2,710 to 2,911 and the endowment has quadrupled to $91 million.

Jacobson can claim credit for all of those improvements to the campus and most students don’t even know it.

That’s just the thing, though. He won’t claim credit for it, and that is part of what makes him unique and worth remembering.

His announcement by no means makes him a lame duck president.

He still has plenty of time left in office for his impact to be felt, and more importantly he has plenty of time left for you students to let him know how much he is actually appreciated.

Gay students on campus speak out and provide avenues

Dear Editor,

If you’re having questions about your sexual identity and/or feel that you could be feeling this way, you are not the only one on this campus grappling with these questions, don’t worry, read on. This letter is written with the purpose of reminding students at Hope College that there is a peer group on campus for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. G.L.O.B.E (Gay, Lesbian, Or Bisexual Equality) at Hope College is here to allow gay, lesbian, and bisexual students to get the chance to know one another, share experiences, and discuss issues that are relevant to their lives in a non-threatening, confidential environment. It should be stressed that this is not a “support” group by nature, but rather a supportive group. To imply “support” group means that we are categorized as people who need help, like alcoholics or survivors of sexual assaults — we do not believe we fit into that realm.

We are inviting all gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, whether “out” or still questioning, to join our group. Because of obvious confidentiality concerns, we have designed a system for you to get in touch with us that has proven effective. To find out about meeting times, places, etc., we ask that you contact one of the faculty and staff members listed below in person, by phone or by e-mail. We list all of these contacts because they range in places across campus and you should have had contact with one of them sometime in your career at Hope College. They range from professors, to library staff, to RD’s, to Student Development. These contacts for our group have agreed to be supportive listeners of any questions or concerns you might have, and are the key link in connecting you with us and with the campus. Once you have spoken to one of these people, they will pass on your name, if you so desire, to our student leader(s), who will then contact you about meeting times and places. If you do not feel comfortable attending a meeting yet or would like more in depth conversation about your questions, still feel free to contact the members on this list. They will not pass your name on without your permission. It should be noted here, however, that these persons are not offering counseling, but are here to assist you in contacting the group. Although we do realize this may seem like some work and possibly a bit intimidating, these procedures are in place to insure your privacy. This is not one of the safest campuses to be “out” and alone on.

We sincerely hope that if you do have questions regarding your sexual orientation, or would like to meet other students on this homogenous campus like you, that you would make the effort to contact our group. We are here for you.

Our faculty contacts for 1998 are:

Sincerely,

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Don’t it look like we have all kinds of wacky fun here at the Ank?

Well, we do! Join the Anchor staff and we guarantee you will have fun too. We are always looking for writers, photographers, and good eggs of all kinds.

Are you mad about something? Wanna tell the world? Write a letter to the Anchor!
The Art of Lovemaking

I think that nearly everyone has seen a book or a video of the above title advertised in the back of a magazine somewhere. I always hated those ads. They seemed so tacky. Even so, the more I thought about this week's column, the more I felt the title's appropriateness. Sex is a beautiful thing. In fact, I'm convinced that it is, indeed, a form of art.

As a Christian, I think of God as an artist of sorts. He is, indeed, a form of art. And sex is an incredible work. The artist reworks and suffocates a masterpiece and is satisfied only if we confess our sins [to God]," says Canadian songwriter Bruce Cockburn.

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"The more we see the more we see how the works sound and to improve," OPUS will be sponsoring a reading on Thursday, Jan. 29 at Buck's Dry Dock on 8th Street, which will feature writers included in the magazine. The reading will start at 8 p.m., and there is a drink minimum. Minors are welcome.

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"Benedict agrees."As things change there will always be folks who would prefer the status quo," he said. "OPUS is a tonic to complacency. They are valiant fighters against armchair appreciation of art."

Gaps from 2


"Just go listen to Bonnie Gerard in Lubbers 203 on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. She's from the University of North Texas and is bringing food.

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"We should be sexually self-critical, honest, and humble. We should not make self-righteous judgements, and we ought to avoid over simplification of a situation," Steve Bouma-Prediger said.

He also told attendees that it was important to "cultural irrational fears and cultivate sexual empathy."

"While developing the format of the presentation, we decided we wanted to include a more didactic element along with group discussion," Celaine Bouma-Prediger said. "We also knew we wanted to use either poetry or music to communicate in still another way that sexuality and spirituality should be integrated in people's lives."

Student Congress is happy to have this new group of students and is still looking for more to fill in the open positions. "I'm looking forward to working with these new students and I'm anticipating that they will be good assets to Student Congress," said Student Congress Vice President Chad Joldersma ('99).

"My objective in saying was similar to Fonda's," Celaine said. "I wanted students to understand that spirituality and sex are two parts of one whole."

"Towards the end of the presentation, Steve listed guidelines for sexual civility.

"We should be sexually self-critical, honest, and humble. We should not make self-righteous judgements, and we ought to avoid over simplification of a situation," Steve Bouma-Prediger said.

He also told attendees that it was important to "cultural irrational fears and cultivate sexual empathy."

"While developing the format of the presentation, we decided we wanted to include a more didactic element along with group discussion," Celaine Bouma-Prediger said. "We also knew we wanted to use either poetry or music to communicate in still another way that sexuality and spirituality should be integrated in people's lives."
THE FIRE THAT IS AFRICA
Student tells of year spent in Zimbabwe, other African countries

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Not enough parking places. Textbooks are too expensive. Too much homework. And, well, there just aren't enough parking places.

I have the perfect solution for any Hope student who has ever uttered one of these complaints: spend a year in Zimbabwe, or any other Third World country.

Then, if your experience runs anything like mine did, you will hitchhike everywhere, battle malaria, search in vain for your textbooks in the bookstore and in the library, and hand write all of your homework in a country where there are no such things aserasable pens.

The Spark

So then why, you might be wondering, would anyone in their right mind want to spend a year studying in Zimbabwe?

Perhaps to feel the indescribable rush of sleeping inside a hut in a rural village without electricity, running water, or, well, gossips.

Or to turn your westernized view of the world upside down, to the point where your entire concept of life, culture, possessions, and even government metaromorphoses into something you would have never before thought possible.

Or maybe simply to chew a stalk of sugar cane, feel the mist of the famous waterfall in Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls, watch the prow of a boat, or experience day after day of sunshine and night after night of starry skies.

Kindling the flame

After studying in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, for a year, I did indeed experience the very best and worst aspects of life.

There were those tranquil moments in game reserves watching animals under the stars, and there were far less ideal days of eating a quick lunch at Subway while running around town failing to accomplish one thing after another.

A steady blaze

I was based at the University of Zimbabwe, which lies in an upscale suburb of Harare. There I took four year-long classes: political science, literature, language, and culture. There I also fell from year gas during student demonstrations, ate at the on-campus "diner" known as "Real Texas Food," and basked in the sun by the university's Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Zimbabwe, like most countries, has its fair share of contradictions. Yet when you consider its colonial legacy, the economics of which still control much of the country, the random pieces somehow seem to fit together.

The passion of the students who protest — and I mean protest — reduced government funding, is better understood. As are the "politics of corruption" which are intrinsically characteristic of their colonial predecessors.

Yet, admittedly, after four months of daily in and day-out walking to campus, walking home, sharing with my housemates (no TV or phone), and taking small trips downtown or to nearby villages, I was ready for some serious adventure. Our mid-year break came just in time.

The flames spread

It was the beginning of July when I embarked north on a four-week backpacking adventure with a friend from California who was also studying in "Zim" for the year.

We decided we would fly up to Kenya and then trek our way back to Harare via buses, trains, boats, and hitchhikes.

Our adventure began when we flew to the small, yet incredibly beautiful and culturally rich island of Mauritius, which lies east of southern Africa. We spent the night at a bungalow run by nuns, ate fresh coconut at the market, and went snorkeling in the tropical waters.

Then it was on to Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, a large island country also situated east of southern Africa.

My desire to see this incredible country, unlike anything I've ever experienced, added a dimension to this trip. It's not getting me out of a tropical rainforest I thought I might never leave a new friend under whose roof I slept and was fed; and, admitted, a mishap of a night spent in what was supposed to be a budget hotel, but what turned out to be a brothel.

Flickering — but only a little

After Madagascar I flew to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, from which I would head south, back to Zimbabwe.

After reaching the Iqbal Backpacker's Lodge, and being faced with far too many Americans and cockroaches, I decided my stay in Nairobi was going to be short. I booked a bus ticket to Mombasa, a city dotting the coast of Kenya, for that very night.

The plan to travel overnight in order to save accommodation expenses turned out to be a bad one.

I convinced that the road on which our bus traveled was the most plentiful and largest potholes existent on the planet. Lucky for me, though, a few nights in a hut on the beach in Mombasa more than made up for that night's jumbled sleep.

We then decided to head for Dar-es-Salaam, a large city in Tanzania. For my companion and me, "Dar" was simply a base from which we could get to Zanzibar, an island off Tanzania and a place I had always dreamed of visiting.

Once on the island, our stay was divided between the mystical Stone Town, with its narrow alleys and ornate wooden doors, and the city proper, with its pristine beaches and magnificent scuba diving.

Of course a visit to Zanzibar would not be complete without a spice tour, so it was only after this that we left the island to take the train across to Malawi.

With our time and funds running out fast, after having missed the train we traveled through the very beautiful and very friendly Malawi all too quickly. Lake Malawi meant bus trips reeking of fish bones, yet the sight of the lake itself at sunset, and the taste of the smoked fish, made it worthwhile.

Rather than yet another bus ride to get across Mozambique "home" to Zimbabwe, I decided hitchhiking was a better option. This decision proved fruitful.

We got a lift with a businessman who paid our departure taxes, bought us lunch in Mozambique, and dropped us off at our doorstep in Harare.

Although embrrs, they still glow

While I was so glad to have my adventure come to an end, travelling on a budget through Africa was an exhausting task, to say the least.

I was so glad to return to our somewhat constant supply of hot water and a city in which I did not have to ask directions to get around.

The remainder of my stay in Zim, filled with equally incredible experiences, flew by. Certainly the year was not easy, but I am starting to believe that perhaps nothing worthwhile ever is.

This is an in-your-face, different experience," said Robyn Desselkoon ('99), another registered participant. "It's something my heart has always wanted to do.

Blankespoor has been working on and organizing this trip for more than two years. He has already visited the continent nine times.

"The highest number of African countries a student of mine could identify was 28," Blankespoor said. "I'm leading this trip because I want students to get out there and find out for themselves.

Blankespoor stressed the importance of the precautionary health measures he is enforcing on students who embark on the trip.

"Tropical diseases, especially malaria, are potential dangers," Blankespoor said. "But we're being extremely responsible, requiring long trousers and long sleeves at all times, and medications. We're also taking along an athletic trainer.

Blankespoor, however, has never once gotten sick while traveling, an activity he has been conducting for years.

Blankespoor also stressed the fact that this trip belongs to the students enrolled in it. "This trip is yours," Blankespoor addressed a group of participants. "You tell me what you want. I'm open to groups who want to do some other things.

"I just want to see the heart of Tanzania," said future safari-man Tim Dykstra ('99).

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Not lost in the Wednesday, Jan. 21 game with Alma was the fact that Glen Van Wieren was shooting for his 400th win.

Lost, however, was the man stalking this coaching milestone.

Van Wieren’s basketball coach has stacked up more achievements than he will ever take credit for.

Van Wieren is a man so humble that he makes his own players equally humble.

He takes so little credit that others are forced into headlining it for him.

“A big part of all this happening has been the people who have supported me,” Van Wieren said. “Ray Smith, Tom Renner, George Kraft and so many others. Our administration has made being a coach so easy at Hope College.”

A 401-124 career record, as of today, makes him the fourth winningest coach in Division III history.

He has long eclipsed the win total of his predecessor, Russ DeVette, a coach whom Van Wieren has praised for his own success.

He is riding a 17-game winning streak, currently the longest in the nation.

Perhaps lost throughout his career are the number of players he has coached.

Sure the names are a “Who’s who” of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball: Matt Niel (‘82), Matt Strong (‘88), Eric Elliott (‘91), Wade Gugino (‘92), Duane Bosma (‘96), and currently Joel Holstege (‘98).

Not lost on Van Wieren has been the graduation rate of his players in an era where academic success and winning are often opposite.

“It is a challenging profession because so often people focus on the score,” Van Wieren said. “And not often enough on the journey of the kids. The number of kids that called me and left messages has been so humbling.”

Throughout the winning, Van Wieren has had no face fans, the media, and Calvin without the aid of scholarships or high-ego recruiting.

Van Wieren has been part of making Hope basketball a high-profile program in Division III.

Hope has only endured one losing season under Van Wieren when they finished 5-17 in 1978-79 in his second year as head coach.

Since then they have won the MIAA eleven times (seemingly poised on a 12th), and reached the NCAA tournament 13 times.

Van Wieren has gotten better with age. Getting to his first 100 wins he was 100-52 (65% winning percentage). To his second 100 he was 100-32 (76%), and his third 100-29 (78%). With his fourth 100 wins he went 100-11 for a 90% winning clip.

He has coached eight All-Americans, 10 MIAA MVP’s, and an innumerable amount of All-MIAA honorees.

“My other huge blessing has been my assistant coaches. They have been friends, coaches, and have been incredible.” Van Wieren said. “Four hundred means you have been around a long time and coached a lot of players.”

True. Four hundred also means an incredibly high-quality of play and dedication has taken place, and just once I think everyone would like to hear Van Wieren acknowledge that.

Just once I’d like to see Hope run up the score on a team so overmatched that they shouldn’t have even shown up.

Just once I’d like to hear Van Wieren give himself credit, so I don’t have to.

Just once.

The Dean of D’III

Following two consecutive losses on the road, Flying Dutch women’s basketball coach Brian Morehouse felt it was important to get back on track with a win at home.

Hope was able to begin Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association play with three victories, but road losses to Calvin and Alma dropped the team to 3-2.

The Flying Dutch were able to stay in the conference race with a 74-64 victory over Adrian, Saturday at the Dow Center.

“We got back on the winning track and we are happy about that,” Morehouse said. “You have got to win at home.”

Hope was able to build a 10-point first half 40-30 lead with a pressure defense that forced turnovers and fine play from the post.

Adrian was able to stay in the game in the second half by pressing Hope into making turnovers of their own.

Adrian was able to make it close as five points, but Flying Dutch free throws closed the game.

“They didn’t make it easy on us. They didn’t quit and that’s a credit to their coach,” Morehouse said. “We played really well in a couple of stretches and didn’t play as well in others.”

“We never felt we were in danger of losing the game,” Morehouse said.

Lending the way for the Flying Dutch was the post combination of Lisa Hoeckstra (‘00) and Kristin Koeningknecht (‘01). Hoeckstra finished with 18 points despite a little foul trouble, and Koeningknecht ended with 15 points and 6 rebounds.

Renee Carlson (‘99) and Tara Hosford (‘98) each added nine points.

“Our post players did a real nice job. Hope College plays best when we have a lot of balance,” Morehouse said. “When we spread the floor around we are productive.”

The Flying Dutch had no problem spreading the wealth as 12 players saw action, 11 of whom scored.

“Before the game, I tore a picture out of the program and said ‘these are the 15 people it’s up to.’”

Morehouse said. “No excuses. You have to go out and play for 40 minutes.”

“Our scouting report was on Hope College, not Adrian,” Morehouse added. “We didn’t watch any video, but we talked about what we needed to do to win this game.”

The win raises Hope’s record to 4-2 in the MIAA and 9-7 overall.

Next up for the team will be fourth ranked Defiance.

“We lost to 92-51 last year and I will never forget walking out of their gym, looking at that scoreboard,” Morehouse said. “We’re looking forward to it, we’ve got nothing to lose.”

“We have to make a statement that, ‘Hey, we can play.’”

Tonight’s game will begin in the Dow Center at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Travelling Tigers hit Holland

Four members of the Detroit Tigers made an appearance and entertained questions at the Haworth Conference Center Monday.

Outfielder Kerme Bartee and pitchers Todd Jones and Brian Moehler were joined by general manager Randy Smith as part of a caravan that is traveling throughout Michigan.

Also traveling with the caravan was announcer Frank Beckmann.

The event focused on the improvement of the Tigers, raising a $3,109, 1996 finish to 79-83 (finish a year ago.

“We set our course to change the offense,” Smith said. “The best is probably still in front of us.”

The audience was then treated to a short video depicting the 1997 season.

“The best is probably still in front of us.”

Photos courtesy of PR

Barthe said. Bartee played most of the past season with the Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens and finished with a 218 batting average with 33 stolen bases.

Moehler finished with an 11-12 win-loss record and 4.67 earned run average after being called up from Double-A ball.

“Every year is a struggle and the toughest part of last year was the mental aspect,” Moehler said. “Mentally it was draining. Hopefully I’ll be better trained for that.”

Jones was asked to focus on salaries and loyalty between players and management in today’s sports market.

“(Smith) showed a lot of loyalty to me. In this day and age some players want to cause trouble,” Jones said. “A lot want long-term contracts and that’s what I got. That’s loyalty right there.”

The event was sponsored by the Holland Sentinel, WHTC 1450 AM radio, B&W Bergstrom & Sons, and was coordinated by Holland mayor Al McGahan’s office and the West Michigan Whitecaps minor league team.

The Holland recreation department also collected baseball gloves at the event to hand out to needy children participating in summer athletic programs.

Those wishing to still donate gloves may drop them off at the Recreation Department at the Civic Center, or call 355-1314.