Maya Angelou accepts Congress’ invitation

Angelou will speak on April 16, for $25,000

Marty Cook
Counselor, Dean of Students

Maya Angelou, best known for her poems and writing, has accepted an invitation to speak in the annual Student Congress Speaker Series.

"We're really blessed that she's coming," said Amy Avery ('02), chairperson of the Speaker Series Task Force. In November, Student Congress extended an invitation to Angelou but she took a while to respond.

"The agent was very concerned about having other commitments in the Midwest," Avery said.

Angelou does not fly, instead she chooses to travel by bus. So she did not want to drive all the way up from Michigan to Georgia to speak at one college. When she was able to book another engagement in the area, she accepted Hope's invitation.

Angelou will only be here for her speech. There will be no other engagements before or after. "I'm sure it will be great having her regardless of time," Avery said.

Angelou charges a fee of $25,000 dollars per speech, an amount Student Congress could not handle alone with their budget of $18,000. The rest of the money was given from other groups, including the President's office, the women's studies department, the office of multicultural life, and the Provost's office. Because these groups gave in small amounts, Avery said that there was no problem convincing them to contribute.

"We haven't had a person of her stature on campus for a very long time," Avery said. "So a lot of people were willing to help."

According to Avery, at the beginning of the year Student Congress was considering, said her adviser D. Wesley Poythress, dean of multicultural life, to promote diversity on campus. Maya Angelou is black, and many of her writings reflect on the black experience.

"This is one way we're helping to promote diversity," Avery said.

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"There will be both internal and external candidates," Bultman said. "Probably every person on the committee has someone in mind for the job, but it is too premature to say anything."

Bultman is saddened to see Nyenhuis leave, and thinks the move will be difficult in the sense of finding someone to take his spot.

"It's supporters argue that if the move would affect are in favor of the cut," said Fritz.

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"It would give me contact with kids in the fall," Fritz said. "Give them one more person to relate to."

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"It started out as a personal project. I was doing a lot of research," said Westra. "It kind of grew into something a lot bigger."

Over a two-year span, Westra researched the book, reading commentaries and interpretations, and then he hired this research to his own book on 3.
Janice Pawloski, professor of engineering, recently became one of just 111 researchers in the nation and one of just two in Michigan to receive a grant from NASA's Cross Enterprise Technology Development program. "I found a solicitation proposal on the NASA website and felt that this area would be an appropriate one to submit a proposal for," Pawloski said.

The grant, which totals $122,000 over three years, will support Pawloski's research into how specific materials destined for space handle changes in temperature. The research will examine how composite materials reinforced with carbon nanotubes, incredibly strong tube shaped carbon molecules, react to changes in temperature.

"Anything that is put into space is going to see a temperature change," Pawloski said. "We want to see how these components interact with different types of material around them, and develop a model for determining if they can maintain their structural integrity in the process of getting from earth into space.'

Pawloski hopes to develop a mathematical formula to determine whether or not the components have not yet been produced in numbers adequate to make it practical to do a lot of testing. They are very strong and stiff, and these properties would imply that they could be used in making very strong and lightweight materials. This is particularly relevant to NASA, because lighter weight materials mean less energy to transport them out of the atmosphere." Pawloski said Pawloski first became interested in the project from prior research projects she had conducted. "My prior area of research was in fracture mechanics and thermal stresses in long cylinders. I am therefore very familiar with the cylindrical coordinate system and felt that the cylindrical nature of these nanotubes would be an appropriate extension of my prior work," said Pawloski.

Pawloski conducts her research at Hope College as the work is of a mathematical nature and as such will not require any expensive equipment.

"I have money [from the grant] for undergraduate student research assistants for the duration of the project," Pawloski said. "I will also try to establish collaborative efforts with experimentalists who work with nanotube-based composites in order to compare the results of my mathematical analysis with information that they can provide."

FULL GOSPEL: Sara King ('03) sings a solo in front of the Hope College Gospel Choir. The Gospel Choir participated in the annual Gospel Fest in Dimnent Chapel on Saturday. Two choirs from other colleges, and dancers also performed.

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Hope wants to remain competitive in the MIAA; this change is necessary.

"I think it's a really good idea," said Kirk Grotenhuis ('93). "Any team you can get some practice in with the team it will help a great deal.

Some people, like soccer coach Steve Smith, saw no problem with the new format. "I think they would have to be well structured in order to see any benefits from the split-season format," Smith said.

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"They do as well academically since they're more structured in their time," Fritz said. Another concern is that two-sport athletes will be forced to choose between sports, or in the case of athletes like Grotenhuis, who plays baseball and softball, that they will have a number of time demands during one season.

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"I think it'll make it a lot more difficult," Grotenhuis said. "In the fall I have open gym and condition- ing and with practices that will take time that I don't have." Fritz, who is also an assistant football coach, stated that he would rather have a player competitive in football rather than practicing for an out-of-season sport.

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Avery is not sure what the content of Angelou's speech will be. She could do anything from read her poems to talk about her life. "Anything she does is going to be absolutely phenomenal," Avery said. Angelou's bestselling books include "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Give Me A Cool Drink of Water I've Had Tears," and "And Still I Rise."

Angelou has been involved with a diverse number of activities throughout her life. She studied drama and dance as a student, and was a member of the European tour of "Porgy and Bess." She worked as a journalist and editor in Ghana and Cairo, Egypt. In the sixties, at the request of Martin Luther King Jr., she became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She has also served on committees for Presidents Ford and Carter. In 1996, Angelou was named UNICEF's National Ambassador.

Angelou has worked as a film and TV writer, producer, director, actor, and score composer. She was the first black woman to have a screenplay produced. She wrote and produced the first full length film for 20th Century Fox ("Sisters, Sisters," and was nominated for an Emmy for her role in "Roots.

Her work on the stage has been equally successful. She was a Tony nominee for her role in "Look Away," 1971. She has also written several plays, including the musical "And Still I Rise," for which she was the librettist, lyricist and composer.

Angelou has been nominated for a National Book Award, and for a Pulitzer Prize, and has won a Grammy for best spoken-word album. She was invited to write a poem for President Clinton's 1992 inauguration, and for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

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president for admissions; Harvey Blakeskpear, professor of biology; Joel Bouwens, Hope College trustee and member of the board of trustee's Academic Affairs committee; Louis Casteleijn ('01); president of Student Congress; Joan Conway, professor of music; Jon Huiskens, registrar; Ann Larson, professor of modern/classical Languages; Lori Mulder, director of Human Resources; John Yelling, associate professor of education; and George Zuidema, Hope College trustee and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

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Counselling Center Conference Room 1st Floor DeWitt

Stressed Out?
Insync brings jazz and tap to Hope
Abby Rogers
Stars and Stripes

Hope College's Insync Dance Theatre will present its annual concert on Friday January 26 and Saturday January 27 at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre.

The concert will feature the choreography of Hope College Dance professors Dawn McIlhargy-Wigert and Roseanne DeVries as well as Terri Filips and Suki Fox-Keita.

The dancers of the company have been preparing for this concert since the beginning of September. Insync is the only professional tap and jazz company in the state of Michigan.

The program will feature a variety of tap and jazz dance. "Urban Jam," choreographed by Roseanne DeVries, is an a cappella tap piece featuring drumsticks and was a finalist for the Maggie Alleece New Choreography Award. From the Michigan Dance Council "Jumpin' Jack," choreographed by Terri Filips and Dawn McIlhargy-Wigert features tap and jazz set to upbeat swing music: "How Come," choreographed by Suki Fox-Keita is a funk and swing routine performed by Dawn McIlhargy-Wigert. It's an example of the company's diverse style. said DeVries.

The concert will also present the BOOK from 1

Thoughts: "I wanted to present the all-too-familiar stories so it's just like the reader is hearing about them for the first time," Westra said. "Once I was raised in the church and in Christian schools, certain Biblical passages became so familiar to me that it was like I no longer heard what was being said. That is why I decided to start writing [the book]. It soon became something I thought I could share with others."

The 100-page book examines the poetic accounts of creation and the fall; the lives of Cain and Abel, Abraham and Isaac; the chaos of the flood; and the problems Job had. Released in early fall as an e-book, and then in November, in its standard print version, Westra is pleased with the public's response to "A New Beginning."

"At the book signing in November at Barnes and Noble in Holland, people appeared very interested in the book," Westra said. "It sold out. The performance will be very popular."

The Grand Rapids Symphony's "Great Composers Series" continues with an all-Stravinsky program, February 1, 2, & 3. Music director David Westerberg will lead the orchestra performances of three great works of the brilliant Russian composer Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971) including a fully-staged performance of L'Histoire de l'Oiseau de Feu (The Firebird) by Stravinsky. The program will also feature Stravinsky's Concerto in E flat (Dumbarton Oaks) and Pulcinella Suite. The concert will be performed at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Knickerbocker Theatre in Holland.

The Hudson's Casual Classics Series is dedicated to the works of several "Great Composers" each season and is perfect for those who wish to learn more about some of the most prolific and best loved composers. The series showcases the Symphony's own musicians and other local musicians, and the informal conversation from the stage remains a trademark. Audience members are encouraged to dress casually for a comfortable night of great music. In Grand Rapids, ticket holders are invited to post-concert receptions featuring a selection of food and refreshments.

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Coffee House; Tues. & Sun. Chess: Call ahead for current schedule of offerings. 1319 East Fulton, Grand Rapids 459-3999

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Diversions: Sun., Mon., Wed., & Fri. karaoke. 10 Fountain NW, Grand Rapids 451-3001

The Groote: Thurs. College night. 25 10 Butter St. NW 966-5790

Howlin' Moon Saloon: Contemporary country nightclub with line-dancing. Thurs.-Sat. Live music. 141 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids 956-9790

Soul Centre Cafe: Sat. acoustic night to CenterPoint Church. Snacks, coffee, and Christian-themed live music. 51 suggested donation. 205 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids 248-8307

Arts at Hope:
SAC Coffee House this Wednesday in the Kletz.

SAC's weekend movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance" showing in Graues on Fri. and Sat. at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and midnight. 3 p.m. on Sun.

Concerts:
1-26 Kneed Shag: Caesars: St. Joseph.
2-13 Ben Harper: Calvin College: Grand Rapids.
2-24 Pantera: DeltaPlex: Grand Rapids.
In case you missed the article, you need to know that Maya Angelou is coming to speak at Hope College. She is an esteemed poet, actor, and political activist, as well as a brilliant public speaker. It’s wonderful that Hope College would invite her to come and speak on campus. Angelou will provide a diverse and respected voice to a campus that needs to hear what she has to say.

Student Congress sorted through many different choices of speakers, before deciding that Angelou was the person they wanted to visit Hope’s campus. She emerged in a field of other good choices, such as Ralph Nader, many of whom asked for significantly less money than Angelou charges for a speaking engagement (Angelou charges $25,000 per speech, while Nader charges only around $8,000). But Student Congress, as well as the organizations contributing money to bring Angelou to campus, felt that she is the best choice. This is a fine decision, and certainly Hope College will benefit from Angelou’s visit.

But unfortunately, the timing of the event is not well-coordinated. Angelou will be speaking on April 18th, two days before another important event at Hope College, the final installment of the Visiting Writers Series. While Angelou’s visit is certainly not intended to interfere with the Visiting Writers program, some people on campus feel that it will have a drastic impact, causing a number of students and community members to skip the VWS event.

In many ways, it seems that this is a confusion of the way things should be. VWS is bringing in two excellent writers: M. Evelina Galang and Dana Levin, writers who are rising examples of literary excellence. Galand and Levin will be visiting Hope for a day or two in addition to their reading. They will be attending classes, and holding discussion panels. Many visiting writers to Hope take the time to read students’ writings and respond to them. They will go to breakfasts, lunches, and dinners with students, to discuss writing and the writing life, as well as countless other topics.

Unfortunately, with the coming of Angelou, the student body’s enthusiasm over Galand and Levin may decrease. Angelou is the notable name, while Galand and Levin are not as well known by the popular community. Yet, the opportunities students will have to interact with Angelou will be extremely limited. She will come in, deliver her speech, talk to some of the organizations who fronted the money for her to come to Hope, and then leave. This is a huge difference from the writers who come as a part of the Visiting Writers Series. VWS writers have a long history of spending quality time with students, and teaching them through both the example of their own work and the commentary on students’ work that they provide.

While Angelou is a great name and a dynamic, diverse speaker, we shouldn’t let the glitz of the name overshadow opportunities to further our education. Go to listen to Maya Angelou, she will be amazing. But go to see M. Evelina Galang and Dana Levin, they are not only amazing, but they will be accessible to the Hope community.

Don’t skip VWS simply because you went and listened to Maya Angelou two days earlier. If anything, go to a VWS event where you get to sit and talk with the writers - often it is those who are not the common, popular names that can teach us the most about our work and ourselves.

Our voice

Student concerned with campus temperature

To the Editor:

I am really steamed. I thought that I was coming here to Hope College to be taught important information that would help me excel in the professional world. Instead, I find myself completely and utterly distracted. I am too cold to give my full attention to my studies. Today in class I was sitting in class wearing my winter coat, hat, and gloves and was still not comfortable in the chilly atmosphere. As I looked around the classroom, I found that many of my peers were themselves in the same predicament. I could understand it was just in the classrooms but this “freeze-out” has extended into my room. Given the fact that my windows are prone to leak frigid air, then add it to a low heater temperature, and I woke every morning a popsicle.

I realize that this issue is a no-brainer because turning up the heat would cost more money and then tuition would be increased. And if they keep the temperature low, people like me complain about being cold. I have an idea, however, that could ameliorate the situation. The plan of action I would implement would be to lower temperatures at the Dow. Right now that is the only place I can go to warm-up, which is ironic since it is the one building that should be kept cooler than normal.

I know I am not the only student put out by the arctic indoor environment confronting us here. Perhaps if enough of us object or get sick, maybe then steps will be taken to bring this issue to a low simmer.

Laura Splinter

Letters to the Editor Guidelines

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Sick of the loveless atmosphere of Hope College? Frustrated with trying to share kindness and love through awkward and forced conversation? Trying to think of the perfect way to break the ice with that cute student in your poetry or biology class? This Free Hug coupon is being offered as a public service to the students, faculty, and staff of Hope College. Please clip it and utilize its special offer. If nothing else, it’ll bring a smile to President Bultman’s face when you hand him this coupon with arms open.

An editorial cartoon submitted by Jef Luchies (’03).

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In January, the Administrative Affairs Board will vote whether or not Hope College will join eight other schools in the MIAA by deciding to implement nontraditional seasons in athletics. This vote will determine if athletic teams will be able to hold nine two-hour practices outside of their usual competing season. The sports affected by this decision include volleyball, softball, baseball, and men’s and women’s golf, tennis, soccer, and track.

James Bultman’s biggest worry is that much will take time away from their academic pursuits, "This is just like every other team, but of two. Stu Fritz, head coach for baseball and assistant coach for football says that he would also be able to use this off-season practice season (MIAA) and implement nontraditional seasons in athletics. On my part, I think that it would be more for Hope to go along with the rest of the league.

Coming into Hope last year, I was just like every other freshman: scared out of my mind. However, I was fortunate enough to join the football team—a move that helped me make the transition to college. Life is a lot more readily than I expected. For football, we showed up on campus a week before non-athletes. This was a great time for our team to get to know each other.

Coach Dean Keps also assigned each freshman to a player who had been at Hope for at least a year (as a big brother) for us to turn to with any questions. Students do have free time. I am most concerned about our professor coaches’ time. Their life is already too hectic to sport at the expense of teaching family and community time."

"We have to evaluate how that will affect the student athlete. We want to emphasize that our athletes are students first," Smith said.

Students’ time is not President James Bultman’s biggest worry, though. "Students do have free time. I’m most concerned about our professor coaches’ time. Their life is already too hectic to sport at the expense of teaching family and community time."

"We have a different model here at Hope where our coaches are professor coaches. In telling them to coach for another five weeks, we don’t want them to self-destruct. They also need time for their academic pursuits," agrees Smith.

Some coaches are not only a professor and a coach of one team, but of two. Stu Fritz, head coach for baseball and assistant coach for football says that he welcomes this opportunity. "It would be a great opportunity for freshmen getting to meet their future teammates. To us, freshmen who are interested in playing that sport. This big brother idea is something that could be used by spring season coaches. If they were able to bring their team together for these nine two-hour practices in the fall.

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- Allison Rhodes (’04)

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- Mike VanHeek (’03)

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Recent MIAA All-Sports Award, which over other MIAA schools in the "Fall ball?"

As far as away from Grand Rapids as possible.

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Students celebrate democracy at inauguration

Carrie Arnold
Spotlight editor

"After such a long campaign season and close election, many Americans gather in front of the Scogin (*02), was not one of them. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness a trip to DC as an opportunity to show his support of the Republican Party. It's the only time in four years that they all gathered together.

While the excitement of the inauguration may have filled the air with Washington DC, Brian Sutter (*02) realized that it was just one more step of the American political process. For him, the election was just as important as being able to witness the transition from one government to the next. It was a very patriotic feeling," Sutter said, "knowing that you were witnessing the President of the US being sworn in and allowed to take control of the country."

SOLEMN WITNESS: Student Congress President Louis Canfield (*01) watches the inauguration of President George W. Bush in awe. Canfield was among four Hope students who attended Washington, DC for the weekend.

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Up to the Challenge

It's easy being a college student. Right? Every day, our alarms buzz and, after smacking the snooze button a few times, we get up. Every day, we brush our teeth, run a comb through our hair, and dash out the door to make a lecture. We try to absorb information, try even harder to retain it, and spend all back again for papers and exams. We learn the past to save the future. We dance when we should be sleeping, and sleep when we should be in lecture. We elect the leader of the free world. We tackle the great questions of life, us who have barely begun to live. And we all pay upwards of $20,000 per year for the privilege of all-nighters, nervous breakdowns, and a caffeine addiction. Who else but us has the guts to try to live our lives. They claim we are devoid of role models, but just look around you for five minutes. We breathe the air of heroes, because they're residing right beside us. My best friend has lived through so much, and come so far, yet never received a grade for this "class" she was taking. My co-editors live and breathe journalism for the simple fact of aspiring an EIC+17 piece of newsprint once a week, with nothing more than slave wages and a discount at the Ketter in return.

Many of us are not only trying to live as a student, but also to live our lives in a meaningful fashion. Look at us. Look at the sheer courage it takes to wake up every morning. Our society may have more problems than before, but it also has more possibilities. We have inherited a world infinitely more complex, than the one bequeathed to our parents. There is no one else but us to mold the world into a place upon which only our children can improve.

So what do we do with such a grand task entrusted to us? We live our lives. Every single day we are breathing, and even those when we wish we weren't. These endless activities require all of our abilities, but, in the end, they carry the world forward into infinity. I think our future is in pretty good hands. Don't you?
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now giving student athletes an extra opportunity, especially in baseball where he doesn’t ordi-

narily have the chance to get to know new recruits until after Christ-

mas. The nontraditional season would give recruits more people to relate to as soon as they arrive on cam-

pus. He also encourages athletes to play more than one sport. If they want to do this, he would “rather

have them compete in full competition for football [for example] than non-traditional for baseball,” said

Fritz.

Fritz also said that if one of his athletes wanted to study off cam-

pus for the non-traditional season that “there would be no question.

On [off campus] and then come back and play baseball in the

spring.”

He realizes that non-traditional season athletics brings up cost and time issues for coaches and assis-
tant coaches, trainers, and athletes, but that the time spent would be valuable. He is not really concerned
about Hope’s level of competition for the upcoming season against schools that have had this policy in
place this year, but he believes Hope will be at a disadvantage as the number of supervised practices
and that ultimately, not having a non-traditional season could be det-

imental.

Karla Wolters, head softball coach and acting women’s athletic

director also looks forward to having additional practice time. “I

would joyfully accept nine two-hour practices. It is a labor of love.”

She feels that the extra season of practice will give more time for in-
dividual organized instruction as well as allow spring season sports

to practice in their natural setting. “We’ve found our players do bet-
ter academically when they are forced to budget their time,”

Wolters said. She is not worried that this policy would effect athletes ac-
demically or that the emphasis is moving away from academics to

athletics, simply giving people opportunities for more practice.

“This is the first time we have not allowed our teams to follow the

league,” Wolters said. “I honestly believe that if we don’t stay with the

league, they’ll shoot us.”

Bultman views this league policy change as “a major encroachment

on our conference has never had be-

fore; as well as a major step to mimic Division I schools.”

“I would like for our coaches to have a sane life. I think I understand

how coaches think—you will do

what you can to win almost at the
detriment of your own sanity. Now

the drive to compete is even more

strong. There is a belief that more

practice, makes better athletes. I

believe that perfect practice makes

perfect athletes.”

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What Do These Leaders Have in Common?

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Defense dominates as Hope defeats Calvin, 56-39

Andrew Kiezceck

For about a minute it appeared as if the Calvin College Knights were about to pull off an upset against the nationally ranked Flying Dutch as they took a 7-0 lead.

Then Amy Baltmanis ('03) hit a three-pointer to put Hope on the board. It was Baltmanis and the Flying Dutch after that as Hope went on to win 56-39. Baltmanis finished the game with 19 points, and two assists.

Hope head coach Brian Morehouse saw Baltmanis' three as a key to getting the team going. "Today, I thought that we played very well, especially after the first two minutes when we were down 7-0," Morehouse said. "You're thinking, "Oh my goodness the ball's in the corner Baltmanis has hit in her hands, the shot clock's running down, and boom she buries a three". Wow. All of a sudden you can just hear all of our players let out a sigh of relief, and all right let's go, 7-3, let's get this thing rolling."

Baltmanis' three sparked a 16-2 run for the Flying Dutch. Baltmanis saw her increased scoring production as a result of Calvin's defense taking Hope's inside game.

"As we get through the league a lot of people are going to key on our post players, because they are so tough inside," Baltmanis said. "Pretty much one on one can stop them. In games like this the guards have to be ready, so when it comes in, it's going to come back out, and we've got to be able to make that good decision whether or not we've got the open shot and we have to take it, or if they're open and to get it back in."

Hope's two starting post players, Amanda Kerksrta ('03) and Laura Poppema ('02), were both held to well below their average points per game. Kerksrta who averaged 16.8 points per game prior to the Calvin game, was held to only 12. Poppema averaged 13 per game, and was held to nine. Baltmanis, Kerksrta, and Poppema were Hope's leading scorers.

While Calvin was able to limit Hope's offensive production, it was Hope's ability to adapt and play strong defense that made the difference in the game. "This was a defensive war and we just made more baskets," Morehouse said. "They never quit, but we sustained our intensity for 40 minutes. I thought that we came very close to playing as well as we could so far this year."

Becky Sutton ('02) agrees that Calvin was one of Hope's strongest so far this year. "This was our best game yet because we played at least 38 minutes of solid defense." Sutton said. "We played good defense for one half, but we got to make it a 40-minute game. And this was the closest we've come to a whole 40 minutes of good defense."

The Flying Dutch are currently ranked tenth in the nation. Their next game is Wednesday, January 24, against Albion at 7:30 p.m. in the Dow Center.

Flying Dutchmen fall in final 12 minutes

Rand Arwardy

Sports Editor

Hope College and Calvin College met for the 145th time on Saturday afternoon, once again representing sports fans why this rivalry is such a lasting small college tradition.

The Calvin College Fiddlerhouse was filled with 4,500 enthusiastic basketball fans waiting for the next chapter in this rivalry to be played out. The players for both teams kept their end of the bargain and played an emotion-filled game.

However in the end this year, Calvin pulled out the 69-59 comeback victory over the Flying Dutchmen. The win ended Hope's short time alone at the top of the MIAA, and also put an end to their nine game winning streak. Cycling their record to 4-1 in league play and 11-6 overall. The win for Calvin helped cancel out their loss on Wednesday at home to Albion. This put them in a tie with Hope at the top of the conference with a 4-1 conference record, and 13-3 overall.

With 12 minutes remaining in the game, the Flying Dutchmen took their biggest lead of the afternoon at 69-59 after three 3-pointers by Hope guard Kyle VanderWall ('01). Calvin quickly called a timeout and reset their approach to getting back into the game. They not only got back into the game, they took it over. The Knights went on to score 15 of the next 17 points, and took the lead with 8 1/2 minutes to play in the game on a Jon Porvin Staminier, Calvin's Jeremy Veenstra ('03) scored 17 of his game-high 34 points during the comeback.

"He's terrific," Hope coach Glenn Van Wieren said of Veenstra. "You win the game, you look at a few people that step up, you look at him."

Veenstra went 9-of-16 from the field, but more importantly 15-of-17 from the free throw line. The story of the game can be told from the free throw line where Calvin appeared 37 times compared to Hope's 13. Calvin made 28 of their attempts for 75.7 percent, however Hope was only able to make 7 of their attempts for a 53.8 percent.

"Overall it was a fun game, no doubt about that," said Hope guard Chad Carlson ('03) "It was emotional, and it's everything we were expecting. We had our runs, but we just couldn't put it away."

VanderWall led the way for the Flying Dutchmen with 18 points, all those points coming on 3-pointers. Carlson added 16. Chad Zagari ('01) finished with 10, and Hope forward Ryan Klingler ('01) was held to only 10 points. Calvin now holds a 74-71 advantage over Hope all-time in the rivalry. The Knights also have a 9,570-9,555 edge in all-time points. The Flying Dutchmen will have to wait until February 14th to avenge their loss to Calvin, when the two teams meet at the Civic Center.