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Presidential debate

Support for incoming President Bullman divided among faculty and staff.

SARA E LAMERS  
campusbeat editor

The selection of James Bullman as Hope’s next president has left several faculty and staff scratching their heads.

While many have expressed support of the Board of Trustees’ decision, others feel Muyskens would have been a wiser choice.

“I feel there were faculty members who preferred Muyskens and some who also preferred Bullman,” said Search Committee member James Heisler of the Economics Department. “Now that the president is chosen, it is everyone’s best interest to focus on that fact. Regardless of how people feel about him, Bullman will work for Hope.”

During their respective visits to campus, each candidate met with and was interviewed by a group of sixteen faculty members. The views of the faculty were then presented to the Board of Trustees to assist them in making their decision.

“I feel there were a number of faculty that highly supported Muyskens,” Heisler said. “I don’t feel that the opinion of the faculty was ignored.”

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REACHING OUT: The InSync Dance Theater was held on Friday Jan. 29
at the Knickerbocker. InSync is a professional jazz and tap dance directed by Terri Fulps and Dow McIlhagery-Wiger.

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Rush numbers vary among males and females

**Tiffany Ripper**

Although there appears to be less male rushes for fraternities this year, most Greek life members are certain it is not due to a lack of interest. "Greek life has been less visible," said Adam Hudson ('99), President of the Interfraternity Council. "This past semester Greek life has been working on internal stuff more." Even though last semester's focus was on internal charges, Hudson says that will now shift. "Greek life was internally reconstructed extensively; our next step is to open up more," he said. Hudson believes that although there has not been very much positive press, there has also not been too much negative press. He says that anonymity among the fraternities and with the administration of Hope College is a lot less than it was. "We worked with the administration rather than against it," Hudson said. "Dean Frost and others have worked with us to provide the best interests for both Greek Life and the administration."

Although some fraternities have fewer numbers of Rushes this year, Mark Hofstee ('99) said that numbers may be lower, but this is only due to a smaller ratio of males coming to Hope. "This could be a trend, we don't know," Hudson said. "It is like the stock market, you can't look at it day to day, you have to look for overall. The true test is time."

While male numbers may be down, female Rushes appear to be more stable. "The numbers seem to be up for the women this year," said Pan Helms, Vice President Kaie MacDonel ('00). "But I think it's safe to say that the numbers vary from year to year."

**Campus Briefs**

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee will host a campus-wide food drive during the week of Feb. 10-13.

"This event not only supports the athletic department, but also helps the Holland community as well," said member Amanda Hulst ('99), also of the Emersonian.

Other Michigan Intercolligate Athletic Association schools will also participate in the event within their respective communities.

Students are encouraged to drop off nonperishable canned or boxed foods during the week of Feb. 10-13. Collections will also be taken at the basketball games on Feb. 10 against Calvin and at the league swim meet on Calvin on Feb. 11-13. "Heydon stressed that this is one of many activities SAC will be conducting during the semester. The group is also looking into concerns with the weight room and hopes to improve our programming with the weight room and will be working on this project with Lincoln Elementary School students."

Currently the group is represented by approximately 70% of the athletic teams, but encourages all student athletes to become involved.

"We want to make all student athletes feel that they are being heard and that they are having their concerns met," Heydon said.

**Clarification made concerning speaker**

In the Jan. 27 issue of the Anchor, the article titled "Speaker Series features Kennedy," along with the editorial titled "An empty ballot," presented some misleading information.

While student and faculty vote play an important role in determining who the student Congress candidates are, the student Congress candidates were not the sole factors on which the decision was based.

According to Student Congress President Dana Maroll ('99), also of the Emersonian, the top three candidates to the rest of the student Congress were chosen by the Speaker Series with Lincoln Elementary School students.

The size of programming that we would have been able to bring in had we been able to carry this through is unknown. With significant budget decreases and the high cost of special events, SAC has found difficulty in having larger comedians in comedians in concerts at as much as $2,000, and movies shown every weekend cost approximately $500 each.

Special events such as Winter Fantasia and Casino Night cost even more, with a cost of Fantasia ranging from $2,000 to $2,500 and Vegan Night costing around $5,000. Although SAC receives income from some of these events, it is still somewhat difficult to organize these programs with a lower budget than they had been accustomed to having.

"Last year we had probably substantial budget cuts, which we were disappointed about," said Jeff Whitmore ('99). "We haven't been able to bring in as many entertainers and we also had to cut our budgets in events like Fantasia and Casino Night. The budget only just take the fun away from the students." Not only did SAC have to adapt to changing their budget, but they had to adjust to losing their advisor, Anne Bakker-Graa, who resigned in September. "One of the things that gave us an advantage with Anne was that she had been working with us for so long," Overmeyer said. "I think it's important to look at this and see that we have nearly five times as many people rushing at Grand Valley."

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As a result, SAC members have had to carry out tasks normally done by Bakker-Graa.

"We've been adjusting the budget to find an income, a budget that we could work with," MacDoniel said. "We're glad to work with our new advisors, and we're glad they are volunteering their time, but Anne was good at remembering the details, he had contacts with administration, and was good with all the little things."

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Hope students mark their bodies with declarations of faith

TATTOOS FROM LIFE

If Christianity by using tattoos as a witnessing tool to incite curiosity and convert some believers.

“People, for the most part have been very receptive,” Simmons said. “Some people don’t understand, but I’ve got positive comments from Christians.”

Tattoo artists have done small images such as the Ichthus and cross to entire back images of the Last Supper and St. Michael battling the devil.

“Some of us let’s take Christianity out of交通中心 and put in it right in the forum where people live, and let’s make it so real, so up- to-date, so today that it impacts peoples’ lives,” Ostrom said.

Not all those who get Christian-themed tattoos do it as a witnessing tool, but often just as a quiet expression of faith.

“I didn’t get it as a witnessing tool, but it has been that sometimes,” Davelaar said.

The tattooing fad has been widely accepted by the youth culture. “I decided to get one, my first tattoo, just to try it out, and I wanted something that is meaningful. It also has historical meaning, the early Christians used the sign of the Ichthus as a symbol of their faith.”

Photo by Jonathan Meurk
MARKED FOR LIFE: Kate Davelaar (’00) displays her Ichthus tattoo. Kate has three tattoos, that together represent the trinity.

“Some of my good friends don’t agree with my decision,” Summerer said. “They say the Bible says in Leviticus not to get tattoos, but I believe I need to look at it in historical context, I feel it was right for me. I pray about it a lot.”

Tattoos re-entered the scene as a form of devotional tool, but often just as a quiet expression of faith.

“We are going to spread God’s love and to show people how meaningful it is, because it’s unique; it’s not something everybody has.”

—Stacy Bitterbarg (‘01)

“Tattoos are just very permanent. Most of the time I don’t see them at all, they just seem more tacky than artistic. I don’t mind the little ones, and I’ve seen a tattoo for his personal decision. But I’m a business administration major and it can equate losing credibility in the business world sense.”

—Amy Frashour (‘99)

“I want to get a dolphin swimming over my navel in twenty years.”

—Kate Davelaar (‘00)

“I have just never wanted one. I don’t want to be a grandma walking into church with a tattoo on my ankle, trying to cover it up with nylons.”

—Kate Ellis (‘01)

Our main goal is to spread Christ’s love to those people who need it.

—Matt Mahaffey (‘00)

I got the Ichthus to adopt permanent body decoration while traveling to Palestine. A small cross on a bands or hands signaled a desire for Christian burial if the wearer should die during the journey.

Evangelical tattoos are also common among born-again Christians who often have “cover-ups” of images done to replace less spiritual images, that marked their skin before they became believers.

Artists who have added bibles to naked women, replaced swastikas with sacred hearts, and turned skulls to visages of Christ.

But there is no limit to just who takes part in this skin adornment. Megan Hicks (’99) got an Ichthus tattoo on her foot over Thanksgiving. Her father and sister went with her and got the same tattoo, and her mother came along to take pictures.

“I decided to let my parents while we were on a car ride up to the mountains and by the time we got to our destination, my dad and sister were convinced they wanted one too. We were spending the weekend with family, so we snuck out and my aunt and uncles still don’t know. My nine-year-old cousin told everyone we were just going shopping and we just kind of huddled around quietly for a couple of days after."’

“The Christian tattoos often have special meaning to their owners. "I got the Ichthus to communicate the faithfulness of God during my four years at Hope—my growth and drawing closer to Him," Hicks said.

Those who get religious tattoos are confident that it will not be a decision that they will regret.

“I haven’t regretted it so far,” Davelaar said. “You shouldn’t say, ‘I want a tattoo’ and then decide that you want to get it. You should say, ‘I want that’, and then get it. When you know you’ll be happy with a dolphin swimming over my navel in twenty years. A Christian symbol is something that I’ll never turn away from.”

—Kate Davelaar (‘00)

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Some time ago we went to a CNN report where you could see the pathetic faces of the people in the West Bank. A 60-year-old man was hobbled around quietly and we just kind of huddled around quietly for a couple of days after.

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—Joel Peterson (’99)

“The coolest thing I saw going on last year was the sense of community that the groups possess,” said adult leader Joel Peterson. “Participating in these missions forms strong bonds with each other and cross boundaries that otherwise wouldn’t have been crossed and it really has a positive effect on the campus.”

Over the past few years, the number of students who have signed up for the trips has more than doubled. Last year almost 250 students participated in mission trips, reaching more than 10 percent of the campus. This year the number rose again to more than 250. Mission trips continue to be a popular activity because many students enjoy their experience despite the hard work.

“God is starting to move through the campus, and he’s giving people the passion to search for the lost,” Peterson said. “The best experiences of my life have been in the mission field and I think many Hope students feel the same way.”

—A.J. Cameron (‘01)
Opinion

When James Bultman becomes the eleventh president of Hope College, there will be some curious individuals.
**G. Van Wieren**

A big name in Hope athletics, Van Wieren was a standout in both basketball and track during his time at Hope. He played for the basketball team from 1952-1956, as well as on the tennis and track teams. He was the winningest track coach in Hope history, and his younger brother decided to come to Hope and be involved in athletics as well.

**Sharp Shooter**

"I had done [sports] all my life," recounted history professor C. Bouma-Prediger (78), professor of religion. "I was recruited. The possibility of playing football attracted me to Hope." Bouma-Prediger played defensive back, usually as a free safety, for three seasons: 1975-78. "One of the good things about coaches," he said, "is that they find a way to make you better."

**BRUTAL FORCE: Safety**

"I think those things really brought me along," Bouma-Prediger said. He played safety in his junior and senior years.

For more information on the Minutemen and their return to their alma mater, see the next page.
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Ladies of B2: Isn’t the new stove an exciting addition to our apartment?

Goodnight, Ank staff. I’m finally not the last one done!!!

Hey el Hi!!!: How about dinner around 5? Wouldn’t that be new and exciting?

Aurora: Do not fret. I am just too busy for my own sanity. I owe you 42 tabs. I guess I better buy some more Hawaiian Punch, eh?

Nanook.

Dynamic Bunk Dorm: Let’s figure out bowling next week so that we don’t have the gimpie, freak, and windmill randomly taking turns. Do you miss me yet? The new J Rod.

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Gourd: Happy 19th birthday. From your WV friends - Gipp, SoJo, Carebear, Lady V, Kris, and Maria. Monday, Feb. 8 is Big Ed Michael Zuidema’s birthday. Let us rejoice! Strive to be Z.

Writers, readers, interested people

Opus and Hope are sponsoring a Saturday full of workshops and readings on March 13.

Visiting Writers include:
- Greg Rappleye & Julie Moulds - Poetry
- Lisa Leto - Fiction
- Patricia Foster - Nonfiction

In particular, students should submit their writing (one poem) to Meike or the English Department Office by Feb. 22. There will be a reading open to everyone later that evening.

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Theater Forum production is “Really Rosie”

KATE FOLKERT
intermission
editor

For two years, Rebecca DeVries (’00) has been planning the production of the children’s musical, “Really Rosie.” Her work has included finding the script and music, researching, getting costumes, and rehearsing. Officially, she is the producer, music director, costume designer, and is also performing. “I was really prepared for this,” DeVries said. “Everything has gone smoothly and it’s been a great cast and crew.”

Based on five books written by Maurice Sendak, with music composed by Carole King, “Really Rosie” was performed at Hope this past weekend.

The show will be performed again on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the DeWitt Studio Theatre. Tickets are $2 at the door.

The bulk of the project has been taken on by DeVries (’00), who came up with the idea to produce the show.

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Writers’ workshop planned

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An idea was born in a discussion between Heather Sellers, Sally Smits (’01), and Jack Ruhl.

“We talked about how we might get students working even more with writers,” said Ruhl.

As a result, on March 13, Opus will be hosting a Visiting Writer’s Workshop. Four writers from three genres will come to Hope to share their talent, and expertise with students.

“Every student working will be so fun,” Smith, editor of Opus, said. “A day full of words.”

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Women's basketball rides home with weekend wins

The Flying Dutch continue to lead the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. After their last two wins, the women's basketball record now stands at 16-2 and 10-1 in conference play.

The Flying Dutch won their fifteen game of the season Wednesday, January 27, by topping Adrian 72-62 in their current road trip. Leading the way for the Flying Dutch was Kristien Koensknecht (00) who had 18 rebounds and 12 points for her fifth double-double of the year. Other contributors were Tara Hosford (99) with 19 points, Lisa Hoekstra (00) with 17 points, and Becky Sutton (02) added 11 points.

At the half, the score was 31-28 Hope. A few minutes into the second half, Adrian had pulled ahead with a small advantage, but it was short lived as the Flying Dutch went on a run at the end of the half to put them up good.

Saturday, January 30, Hope played at Alma, the third game in six road games. Just like in the Adrian game, Hope had to rally in the first half to take a 31-29 lead at the half. When play resumed, the Flying Dutch fell behind early 40-31. After the run by Alma, Hope put together a run of their own to take the lead for good, finishing the game with a 72-58 win.

Top performers for the Dutch were Sara Anderson (02) who had a career high with 16 points. Hosford added 10 points and Koensknecht pulled down 12 rebounds.

The next action the Flying Dutch will see is at Olivet on Wednesday, February 3, and at Albion on Saturday, February 6.

"We're playing together," said Jeremy Pearson (01). "We are playing more as a team than last year, and we've got a little more camaraderie."

For now, the club is just a student organization. Next season will be getting helmets and gloves and will be partially funded by the Athletic Department.

But improvement will not stop there. Many of the team's top players are underclassmen (captain Clark Beacom (01), Mike Stapleton (00) and Pearson). The foundation for a contending team is hoped.

"The future is what this team is," McDonald said. "We are receiving all kinds of donations and lots of help from the outside, from people who want to see this team grow. I'm glad that I am a sophomore."

The semester break took its toll on the Flying Dutchmen. Many players went to study off-campus, and others have left the team to focus on studies. Injuries have also hit Hope. Mike Evick (01) has had a torn ACL and shoulder problems, and Jon Kopchick (00) is inactive because of a concussion that came against CMU. In all, the team has gone from 26 players to 15, including the loss of the starting goalie Scott His (00).

Hope is not currently at full strength, and it recognizes where this team could be headed.

"We're playing pretty good hockey, and it's just a lack of players that hurts us," said Pearson. "I thought we were one step away from a really good hockey team."

"We've shown that we have a lot of heart," said McDonald. "There is a good base of players and good prospects for next year."

The team continues play Wednesday Feb. 3, when it hosts MacKegon Community College at 8 p.m. Calvin comes to the Edge Ice Arena on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. and the final game of the season will be Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. against Saginaw Valley at home.

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Hockey struggles with injuries but still improves

Chris Winkler
staff reporter

Improvement is the key word for the Hope Ice Hockey Club. After a five game skid three years ago, the Flying Dutchmen have continued to climb the ladder of the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Association (MCHA). With three games remaining, all of which are at home, the team stands at 2-12, 2-10 in the MCHA, and it's also looking to be another step up for Hope.

"Our expectation for the season was just to improve upon last year," said head coach and club president John McDonald (01). "We wanted to see how the new coach works out, and try to show the league that we could make something out of ourselves."

The squad did it by winning two league games, both against Trine University. The MCHA is a made up of six teams of varying size: Calvin, Grand Valley State, Central Michigan, Bowling Green, Northwood, and Hope. Saginaw Valley is an affiliate of the league, and will join next season.

"Some of those schools are Division II," McDonald said. "And the only team they have is a club team, so they have the guys that we don't."

"We did some things that I didn't think would happen. We won two league games. Calvin has always been our big rival, and we lost to them 4-3 in overtime," he said.

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Men's Basketball hit the Comets for a weekend win

Mike Zuidema
editor-in-chief

The Hope College men's basketball team has done everything they need to do to win. Except win.

The up and down season for the Flying Dutchmen has continued with a 4-4 in the MIAA, tied for third with Defiance, Kalamazoo and Olivet.

Consistency has been lacking from the Flying Dutchmen's season. The team has yet to win back-to-back games in the conference, and minor injuries have plagued the team.

Pat Stegeman (00) has had shoulder problems. Leif Speer (00) and Drew Doey (02) have nursed leg injuries, and Kyle Maas (01) has a thumb injury.

Despite the problems, Hope has had to overcome. Van Wieren is beginning to see positives pile up.

"One game, the team shoots 35 percent, and the next game we hold them to 31 percent shooting. We out-rebounded and we shoot close to equal in free throws. We have more assists and I'm thinking that those add up to wins," Van Wieren said. "But there's one statistic I'm not mentioning. Turnovers. Put all that together and we get one win and one loss."

The Flying Dutchmen trailed for most of the Defiance game. Hope trailed by as many as 13 points in the first half, and took a 62-56 lead with 13 minutes to play. But a 10-0 run by the Yellow Jacks in front for good.

Craig Veldman (01) led Hope with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Steven Mis (00) and Chris Vander Sloot (02) added 13 points, and Maas had 10.

Veldman is becoming a very good basketball player. He's taking it to the basket.

Van Wieren said: "We put him at the two spot, and he's about 6-4 and that makes him very hard for teams to match-up."

Against Olivet, Hope had a 36-27 halftime advantage, and held the Comets to 31 percent shooting from the floor.

"Our defense is team oriented," Van Wieren said. "We're really trying to get better at that."

Van Wieren said: "Most of our defense has been run-to-man and that's been encouraging."

Stegeman led the way with 18 points, and Vander Sloot added 14 points and nine rebounds. Veldman had 14 points and Ryan Klinker (01) had 10.

Hope will next face Albion, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center.

"If we can stay healthy and stay together we are going to get better. We are capable of winning, winning, winning," Van Wieren said.