Bultman talks career, challenges at Hope

Chris Russ

The 11th president of Hope College, Dr. James E. Bultman, is the face of the institution — both praise and criticism of the school are primarily directed toward him. Currently in his 12th year in the position, Bultman took time to sit down with The Anchor and answer questions gathered from the student body.

Many of the questions submitted pertained to Bultman’s personal life and his day-to-day activities. A typical day in the life of the president starts at 7 a.m. and ends around 10 p.m.

In those 15 hours, he spends the majority of his time meeting individual donors, participating in fund-raising activities, attending on-campus business meetings and staying in touch with a number of people both on and off campus. His evenings are mostly filled by attending college events. This busy schedule is made more manageable by the on-campus house Bultman and his wife live in.

“We do have a summer cottage, but we’re always on campus every day, even during the summer. We love living on-campus; you can be in your office in two minutes. We try to go to a lot of student events at night, and it would be more difficult to do that if we lived off campus.”

Over the years the house has hosted a number of prestigious guests, including a number of authors and most notably, a member of Dutch royalty.

In the free time the president does have, he enjoys playing golf and tennis. His favorite musician is the Italian composer Mantovani, and his “all-time favorite” film is “The Natural.” In addition, much of his free time is filled with his reading.

“Probably my favorite book of all time is ‘Good to Great’ by Jim Collins. It probably has been more helpful to me than any other. I generally like to read!”

Tuition goes up by 1.5%

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In the 2011-12 school year, Hope College students will see their tuition increase to $35,280 up from $33,280.

Each year, a proposal for tuition adjustment is prepared and examined by an administrative council before it is presented to the board of trustees for approval.

This most recent tuition increase of 1.9 percent is the lowest percent increase in recent years, noticeably lower than the 5.4 percent increase in 2010. However, the gradual tuition increases appear more substantial when the $31,100 tuition of just five years ago is directly compared to the current $35,280 tuition fee.

“At Hope we have chosen, especially in the past five years in the Michigan economy, to limit the tuition increase. I would credit our board of trustees with seeing this recession coming before any of us in education did.

Coach Van Wieren on Hope: ‘People on this campus changed my life’

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Inspired by now deceased Carnegie-Mellon Professor Randy Pausch, the Hope College Mortar Board Last Lecture Series invited lecturers, current or former professors or faculty to share the life lessons that they have learned with the campus community. Compared to a regular classroom lecture, these are usually informal, complete with photographic slides and funny anecdotes.

Former Hope College men’s basketball coach and kinesiology professor Glenn Van Wieren ’76 offered his insights on life to a packed Maas Auditorium of students, faculty and other members of the Hope community Jan 31. Dividing his lecture into four lessons, Van Wieren’s compelling story considered faith, knowledge, family and friends as a part of a successful blessed life.

Introduced by Ben Thomas ’11, who described Van Wieren as special in almost every way, particularly in the way “he makes you feel in every day conversation. Special is his motivation, his faith.”

Beginning with such high expectations, Van Wieren warmed up the audience with some humorous anecdotes of embarrassing moments during his tenure at Hope College. From getting a naked man who had forgotten his bathing suit out of the Dow swimming pool to forgetting to shake the Calvin coach’s hand after a win, he laughed along with the audience.

Thomas’ description held true for the lecture itself. Van Wieren talked as if we were all old friends, humbly describing his extremely successful career first as a Hope athlete, then an even more stellar career as a coach. “I just think of myself as an average guy living in Holland,” he said. “It’s like living a dream being here at Hope. I bleed orange and blue. I never want to leave this place.”

Never forgetting his roots and the faith and work ethic instilled in him by his parents, Van Wieren shared stories about his parents, both hard-working, faithful individuals who supported him in his career.

“Remember where you’ve come from, where you are now and where you’re going,” said Van Wieren.

Van Wieren, who headed the men’s basketball team for 33 consecutive seasons, urged the audience to remember faith in their everyday life by trying to make a difference in the lives of others.

“Every single person wants to be found and affirmed. Whose cloud can you be in today? Live everyday to try and believe in the people around me,” Van Wieren said.

Snow Day 2011

Walking In A Winter Wonderland — Mindy Carlson ’13, Jenelle Ranville ’13 and Leigh Clouse ’13 took advantage of an uncharacteristic Hope College snow day by sledding on the snow hills behind Cook Hall on Feb. 2. The college cancelled classes due to a blizzard that struck the Midwest, closing schools across the state and piling almost 18 inches of snow on Holland.

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Bultman reflects on career ups and downs, diversity on campus

As a president, Bultman expressed pride for accomplishments that the Hope community has reached in his time at the college. These accomplishments include the adoption of a new mission statement, the development of the campus and the growth of the student population.

"I think the most important thing that a president does is to articulate often and well the mission of the college," Bultman said.

Another area in which the president says his actions have attracted the greatest amount of criticism is the controversy surrounding issues of homosexuality on Hope's campus.

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Hope has attracted a lot of attention for its official policies regarding homosexuality over the years. "When different members of our community advocate for the practice of homosexuality, we have had to respond and say what our position is. That's as far as it has gone; there have been no repercussions for students and there have been no repercussions for faculty," said Bultman.

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State of the Union: ‘Our destiny remains our choice’

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On Jan. 25 President Barack Obama gave his third annual State of the Union address to both houses of Congress and the American people.

In this address he covered four main issues: encouraging American innovation, improving education, rebuilding America, and reducing the trillions of dollars in debt that we have incurred.

But this State of the Union Address was no like the other speeches he gave in Tucson, Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo., proposed a few days before the President’s speech that “Congress should sit side-by-side with a member of the opposing party during his address.”

Obama began his speech by endorsing the proposal: “...Tucson reminded us that no matter where we come from, each of us is a part of something greater – something more consequential than party or political preference...what comes from this moment will be determined not by whether we can sit together tonight, but whether we can work together tomorrow.”

The president also said that “the first step in winning the future is encouraging American innovation.” With our world and society revolving closely around technology and innovation, it is crucial for the United States to bring new ideas in order to compete in the global economic system.

Obama referred to the Soviet’s Spunak – although the Russians beat us into space, after much investment in research and education, we were able to put a man on the moon.

“This is our generation’s Spunak moment,” Obama said. “Two years ago, I said that we needed to reach a level of research and development we haven’t seen since the height of the space race...we’re not just putting money into it. We’re innovating a challenge. We’re changing America’s scientists and engineers that they can build teams of the best minds in our state, and focus on the hardest problems in clean energy, we’ll fund the Apollo projects of our time.”

For example, in July Obama visited Holland for the ground-breaking of the new LG Chem plant.

This plant is one of the few advanced battery factories in the nation that will build energy-efficient batteries for electric vehicles and is projected to provide more than 450 jobs to locals by 2013.

The second step in Obama’s plan toward winning the future through education is the talks of the Union.

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CAIRO (AP) — Protesters desperate for cash lined up at newly reopened banks, and Cairo’s infamous traffic jams reappeared Sunday as the country struggled to regain a sense of normalcy after nearly two weeks of unrest.

But bulling battle tanks on the streets and nervous citizens watch m a n n i n g  b a r r i c a d e s at night were vivid r e m i n d e r s that the crisis was far from over, with thousands of protesters still demanding the ouster of the president.

“It’s much better than yesterday or the day before, o r d i n a r y life, “ added Ahmed, echoing the feeling, but with a return to normal we were trapped in a nightmare, “ Zakariya el-Fattah, a storeowner in a poverty-stricken neighborhood of Cairo, a city of 18 million people, said.

Cairo, a 17-year-old boy, slowed to a near standstill over a week ago after widespread looting and street battles broke out in a near-total breakdown of security amid mass protests demanding the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak and police abandoned their posts.

Businesses closed and traffic was largely absent as residents held up at home and faced a curfew that at one point started at 3 p.m., choking off a city once renowned for never sleeping. The curfew has since been relaxed to 7 p.m.

Many Egyptians have been unable to access their bank accounts and ATMs rapidly emptied of cash or were attacked by looters. Employers said they couldn’t pay end-of-the-month salaries and food prices soared.

Last year also lost its color. “We want reform to continue to become an example of a failed state that cannot control its populace – a scary thought in a state that still wants change, while many Egyptians were far from a sense of normalcy after nearly two weeks of unrest.

The government reopened a day after the protest began. “Confidence will return when the protesters demands are met, “ said Omar Abdel-Baqi, a storeowner in a poorer neighborhood of Cairo.

Protesters gather in Tahrir Square to protest the government. At top right the ruling National Demo
cratic party building burns, with the red Egyptian Museum just in front.

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Celebration in Sudan

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REASON 1:

The Suez Canal

Egypt controls the Suez Canal, which connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. Without it, ships must go around the southern tip of Africa. Thus, it holds incredible economic and strategic importance.

If an unfriendly government came to power in Egypt, it could restrict our ability to use the canal for our own transports (namely, oil).

REASON 2:

Oil

America depends heavily on the Arab Gulf oil. Although Egypt does not have vast crude oil reserves, it does control the Suez Canal and a major oil pipeline along the canal transport about 2 million barrels of oil a day to Europe and America.

In Egypt, instability threatens transportation to unfriendly governments in Egypt could shut down the canal. Instability in Egypt could also spread to other OPEC countries, which could further the flow of oil.

Unrest has already affected gas prices. Last Monday, along rose from $89 per barrel to $93 in a single day. Some analysts predict that if unrest continues the price could go as high as $100 a barrel.

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The Visiting Writers Series kicks off the new semester with the poets Elizabeth Bradfield and Sean Hill. Both poets will perform on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Knickerbocker. Bradfield is the author of “Approaching Ice,” and “Interpretive Reading.” Her later work won the Audre Lorde Award. Her work appeared in anthologies including “Blues Poems,” “Grouping,” and “Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry.”

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Co-Anchor

In the past year or so, a lot of ’90s alternative bands have reunited for comeback tours and re-releases of classic albums from an era long gone. Whether it is the glorious and long-awaited Pavement reunion tour or the unnecessary release of another indulgent Soundgarden album, the ’90s are starting to creep their way back into a culture that seems to be craving less mechanized (Black Eyed Peas, Bruno Mars) and more raw takes on the pop-songbook.

Last year, alternative junkies got their ultimate wish when the band that inspired Kurt Cobain and countless others decided to reunite (purply for the money) for their 1988 gem “Doolittle.” While the band may hate each other at the moment, their resurfacing has once again reminded the public how the Pixies had a special talent for creating abrasively psychotic, yet irresistibly catchy pop music.

As with nearly all Pixies songs, Kim Deal’s steady bass opens the album starter “Debaser,” quietly before the rest of the band crashes in, signaling the loud-soft dynamics that are so prevalent throughout the LP. As a group, the Pixies were the inventors of the loud-soft dynamic that became so incredibly popular with the release of Nirvana’s 1991 masterpiece “Nevermind” (Think “In Bloom” and “Smells Like Teen Spirit.”)

On “Doolittle,” the dynamics take the listener on a rollicker-coaster ride of soundscapes and emotions that become familiar, yet increasingly stirring as the album continues to progress. The most notable instance of this dynamic comes on “Monkey Gone to Heaven,” where lead singer Black Francis whispers verses in which an “underwater guy” got “killed by ten million pounds of sludge from New York and New Jersey.” An almost incomprehensible story progresses, Francis begins counting while whispering unadulteratedly “If man is 5, then the devil is 6,” only to conclude the count by manically screaming “then God is 7, then God is 7!”

Though Francis himself admits he was adlibbing lyrics during the recording of this song, the loud-soft dynamic turns this oddball tale into a strangely affecting piece of surrealistic art. Every song on this album is a standout outside of the overly wowy “Silver.” Whether it be the sing-along power of “Here Comes Your Man,” the twisted retelling of the David and Bathsheba story in “Dead,” or riding a car through the sea on “Wave of Mutilation,” the Pixies’ “Doolittle” forces the listener use his or her imagination in ways that make the replay value of this record extremely high.

Not to mention the fact that the band plays with an intense precision that they would fail to duplicate on any of their records following “Doolittle.” Guitarist Joey Santiago delivers guitar work that is melodic and dirty at the same time, giving the listener chills every time he decides to chime in for a discordant 20-second solo, while Kim Deal’s ’50s-influenced harmonies and deep bass keep the band in check.

Despite the fact that the Pixies’ current tour of “Doolittle” is sadly only for their personal satisfaction, their work in the late ’80s laid the groundwork for every popular trend in ’90s alternative music. If you are a listener who enjoys the feel of a three-minute pop song with bizarre imagery and memorable choruses, then ‘Doolittle’ is an album you must add to your musical inventory.

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Joel Hofman
Short Writer

In the course of an hour, WVS hosts poets Elizabeth Bradfield and Sean Hill. The poets Elizabeth Bradfield kicks off the new semester with the Visiting Writers Series at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Bradfield now lives on Cape Cod where she is a web designer and nature lover. In 2005, Bradfield founded Broadside. This collaboration project brings writing and art to the streets. Every month, Broadside posts their literary collaboration online in pdf form, which you then can print off and hang in your local coffee shop, library, etc.

Broadside has “vectors” who represent different sections of the literary piece each month. This allows individuals who may otherwise not be exposed to this art and writing, a chance to experience it.

Bradfield is the author of “Appearance” a collection of poems published in 2008. His work has appeared in Crab Orchard, Tin House, Ploughshares and other literary journals.

His works also has appeared in anthologies including “Blues Poems,” “Grouping,” and “Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry.” Hill now lives in Bernards, N.J. He can then be printed off and hung online in pdf form, which you then can print off and hang in your local coffee shop, library, etc.

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Guest Writer

Armed with a ukulele, a drummer and a bassist, My Brightest Diamond (aka Shara Worden) gave an ethereal, slightly creepy, completely surreal performance at the Knickerbocker last Thursday. The show as a whole was a tight two hours, a time filled with music in its highest form.

The concert’s opening band, The Soil and The Sun, is an earthy band from Grand Rapids that specializes in the anthemic indie music that is popular nowadays. The Soil and the Sun is a 10-piece band, complete with a cellist, violinist, three drummers and a lot of chimes.

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It was one of those days. Something was in the air. Perhaps it was the occasional flutter of snowflakes gliding through the air. Maybe it was something else? For most students it was going to be one of the best days of their lives at Hope College. Why, you might ask? Let’s set the scene.

Imagine yourself last Tuesday night. You were hearing rumors of a blizzard, but those rumors seemed irrational considering the history of Hope College and the few snow days ever awarded. Perhaps you were outside, walking and pondering how covered the streets would be the next day. Or, you could have been playing an intramural game and not really caring how the weather was outside.

The wind started, and so it began: the blizzard of 2011, or, as some called it, the “Snowpocalypse.” After a few hours, the snow blanketed Hope College, and our hopes of having a snow day were looking very good.

Then we received it around 10:30 p.m.: “Hope College to be Closed Wednesday.” Students ran through the streets, letting their excitement burst forth. OK, maybe not, but everyone on and off campus was united in joy. So how did everyone respond to the shutdown of Hope?

The last time campus got a day off was during the noro-virus outbreak, which definitely doesn’t bring back fond memories.

Most students woke up to the shock of not being able to move their cars. We took a (very) small poll, and it took on average two hours for off-campus students to remove the snow from their driveways via shovel. A couple unlucky students left their cars out in the street all night, figuring it would be the same amount of work removing the snow at 11 p.m. as it would be at 9 a.m. Well, the plows came and covered all those cars, dashing those thoughts. Snow up to the door handles was definitely worse than a few inches up the wheels.

So, while many resilient students dug themselves out, others prepared a warm breakfast, turned on the TV, or sat around with good friends. Students in the education program definitely got the best deal out of the snow-fest: most schools in the Holland area were closed Wednesday through Friday, so there was no need for student teachers! It was a whole day full of fun and excitement: no classes, no tests and no school. Just a bunch of people spending the day however they wanted.

Thank you, “Snowpocalypse,” “Snowmageddon,” or “Snotorious B.I.G.” We loved you.
Running
Bryant Russ
Columnist

My sister-in-law asked if I would run a half-marathon with her. “Sure,” I said, “what’s a half-marathon?” “A half-marathon,” she said, “...Wait a minute, what?”

You see, Sarah is an athlete. She ran track in college and continues to run everyday...for fun. When I had to go running in gym class, she likes exercise and healthy competition. I like jellybeans and cheetos. When Sarah added the detail that the race was two weeks away, I had to decline. Sorry, sis, not a chance.

Then my dear brother chimed in: “There’s no way Iry could do it. Especially not in two weeks.” I looked at the smirk on my brother’s face then back at Sarah and said, “I’m in.”

Three days into “training” I wished I had my mouth shut. The muscles in my thighs and calves were aching against the rest of my body, and I had a blister on my foot the size of an egg. I was on the brink of giving up. I had already given my discovery to a friend; they asked if it would help if I had some running buddies. From that day on, whenever I would go running, there was always a friend by my side (sometimes running along, sometimes on a bicycle). This made all the difference in the world.

When I wanted to quit or felt like passing out in the grass, I would look at the person next to me and know they were experiencing the same thing— but continued running anyway. Because of their effort and dedication, I was able to run the race in a time that I was proud of. (And even beat my sister-in-law by a second or two. Smile.)

The author of Hebrews uses this same analogy in chapters 11 and 12. Remember Noah, who built an ark without any proof that it was going to rain except God’s promise? Remember Abraham, who by faith picked up everything he owned and went to a land where God was calling him? How about Jacob? I’m struggling with questions of Da- vid? These people and so many others ran the race before us and encourage current runners to persevere.

In addition to those who have already finished the race, I have been inspired in so many ways by learning of those who are running alongside us right now. In many countries around the world, Christians are being mistreated and imprisoned...for their faith. And while I think I’m letting you off too easy...I can’t help but think of the billions around the world, Christians are being mistreated, imprisoned and often killed because of their witness. An average of 171,000 disciples of Christ are martyred every year—and the number is only getting bigger (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary).

Richard Wurmbrand, imprisoned for 14 years for his commitment to Jesus, said this: “In solitary confinement, we could not pray as before. We were unimaginably hungry; we had been drugged and forced into inactivity unless we were on our knees. The Lord’s Prayer was much too long—for we could not concentrate long enough to say it. My only prayer repeated again and again was, ‘Jesus, I love You’.”

Men and women like Wurmbrand keep me running when I’m tired of persevering. When I’m struggling with questions of faith and when I think I’m all alone. Hebrews 12:1-2 says “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

To learn more about those running the race with us, go to persecution.com.

Paradoxical perspectives
On arrogance
James Nichols
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I don’t like to tell people that I’m a co-editor-in-chief of the Anchor. I don’t want the attention. I’d much rather tell somebody that I’m just on staff, because I do the same things for many other things. In class discussions, for instance, I’d much rather listen to what other people think than stick there like a flapjack.

I had a professor ask my class last week to think of one quality that everybody should possess. Hands went up in the air as people started calling out answers. Some of the most common were honesty, faith and compassion.

Everybody gave sufficient an- swers; I agreed with every answer that was put on the board. My only problem was that nobody else in the class said humility.

I never quote scripture, it’s never been my thing. Recently, however, I found a proverb that essentially sums up my outlook on life: “When pride goes before a man comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2.

It’s been my experience at Hope that there is a hefty majority of people who think quite highly of themselves. There’s nothing inher- ently wrong with this. Our society rewards success, so strangling for that is ideal. It irks me, however, when people can’t seem to (and probably don’t want to) contain their pride.

Maybe it’s because my parents constantly embarrassed me as a child, but I’ve never had a prob- lem with humility. If I’m wrong, I admit it. If somebody is better than me, I admit it. If people will label me “different” for what I’m doing, it doesn’t stop me.

A lot of people seem to lack these qualities. There are plenty of not-rich snobby people who think about race, gender/sexual identity, and any other issue that any specific per- son at Hope may be grappling with are ob- lects—not necessarily acceptance. But that’s regardless of the sometimes-mis- takes, the once-I-messed-up-and-it-ut- terly-sucked times that each of us has. Those mistakes don’t define us—or at least, they shouldn’t.

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From the inside out
On apathy
Maggie Almdale
Voices Editor

I’ve been avoiding the word “apathetic” for quite some time now. I’ve been afraid to put that label on Hope College, afraid it would brand us as a place that didn’t care about other people but only about ourselves.

The social issues of inequality revolv- ing around race, gender/sexual identity and many others...I have spoken. My per- son at Hope may be grappling with are ob- ments and is ideal. It irks me, however, when people can’t seem to (and probably don’t want to) contain their pride.

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Letters to the Editors

'Bro Code'

A word on the bro code, if I may. When I was but a wee lad, my father sat me down and explained the bro code to me (actually, before its popularization as a college tradition). He told me the proper way to give a bro hug, and demonstrated the proper, manly way to gloat over one’s fallen opponent in a game of football. He also taught me (actually, before its popularization as a college tradition) the proper way to call shotgun, including how to品質 tattooed right beneath the “I shall not kill” clause.

I do a scan to make sure I’m safe. I don’t...
Trustees revamp sexuality policy

Chris Russ

Catapult News Co-Editor

At its Jan. 27-28 meeting, the Hope College Board of Trustees made the decision to replace the college’s 1995 institutional statement on homosexuality, with a new Hope College Position Statement on Human Sexuality.

Dr. Mark Husbands, professor of theology at Hope, explained his interpretation of the school’s intentions in updating the policy.

“There was a desire to have a position that was more encompassing,” I gather that the board and the president wanted the statement that addressed a broader issue of human sexuality. Not to single out homosexual behavior or practice, but how the statement that addressed a broader issue of human sexuality deal exclusively with the school’s position on homosexuality. It made clear that the college does not support the practice of homosexuality.

“The College does not condone the commission of homosexual acts. Neither does it condone organizations or activities that aim to vindicate the moral acceptability of homosexual acts, or that suggest by their manner of presenting themselves that they have that aim in view.

Specifically, the College will not provide recognition or financial or logistical support for organizations or groups whose purposes include the advocacy or moral legitimation of homosexual behavior.

The 2011 position statement on human sexuality withdraws this exclusive focus on homosexuality but still addresses the subject in its discussion of marriage.

“Sexuality, including longing and expression, is a good gift from God and a fact of our experience. Accepting the will-ful freedom that we have as creatures, we are able to make choices that are either good or bad,” he said. “The reaction to the new statement has been mixed, but acknowledged that Hope students and alumni of family, Van Wieren spoke about his parents, wife, and high school of a part of Hope College he is. His mother, wife, high school athletes, coaches and friends are a majority of students are reacting to the new policy.

“I don’t think it’s changed the world. It’s still, ‘we know the policy at all. The intolerance is still there. It’s still, ‘we know the truth, and we’re going to impose it on you. I think the policy was ill conceived, and this change made it worse.’”

When asked if he felt that the policy promoted intolerance, Husbands quoted the concluding sentence of the new statement: “Hope College affirms the dignity of every person as a creature made in the image of God and thus worthy of our earnest respect, our insistent protection, and our self-sacrificing love.”

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Hockey clinches conference championship

Charlotte Park
Asst. Athletics

After back-to-back wins against Davenport over the weekend, the Flying Dutchmen have captured the title of Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference Champions. With a regular season record of 12-1-0 and 25 points, the championship is Hope's second in a row and fourth in school history.

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Track teams sprint into indoor season

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Both the men's and women's track teams kicked off the indoor season on Friday, Jan. 28 at the Calvin Invitation- al. Calvin proved themselves as strong competitors for both the lady Dutch and Dutchmen, taking first in both the men's and women's events.

The anchor of the Flying Dutch was Karen Patterson, Van Noord arena; the Flying Dutchman hope to maintain their sole possession of first place in the MIAA.

After 90 years and 178 games, the men's basketball teams of Hope and Calvin are familiar with the lour sur- rounding their unique rivalry.

On Jan. 29, the two teams met in Cal- vin's Van Noord arena; the Flying Dutch- men sought to avenge a 1 point loss in their own DeVos Fieldhouse three weeks previously while the Knights hoped to gain ground in the conference standings.

After 20 minutes of play, it appeared that Calvin would walk away with a blow- out win; up by 18 points and shooting Hope by 20 percent, the Knights looked relaxed while the Dutchmen appeared to be scrambling just to stay in the game.

But like all true rivals, the game is not won until the final buzzer sounds. Refusing to roll over, the Orange and Blue gave new meaning to the phrase “the comeback kids,” throwing Calvin off balance by elowing their way to the net through the paint, sinking open threes and challenging Calvin for rebounds at both ends of the court. Twenty minutes later, the scoreboard showed a 76-70 Hope win.

The game at Van Noord was just one example of the team's grit and desire to win. the Dutchmen found themselves down against Kalamazoo on Jan. 26 by 16 points before winning 100-95. Additionally, in contests against Adri- an and Albion, the Dutchmen relied on their ability to get hot in the second half, winning both games after giving up dou- ble-digit leads early.

Despite letting themselves get down against Calvin, the Dutchmen were confi- dent they could come back and maintain their sole possession of first place in the MIAA.

“Because it’s Hope-Calvin, no matter how big the lead, it seems like it could just disappear,” co-captain Dave Krombeen ('12) said after the game. “I think espe- cially because Wednesday [against Kalamazoo] we were down 16 in the first half and we came back, it was almost like, ‘Ok, here we go again.’”

While being the comeback kids pro- vides an exciting game atmosphere, it is not how the Dutchmen want to win games.

“It sucks that we put ourselves in that position, but I don’t think anyone ever felt that we were out of those games, which was key for why we came back,” Krombeen added.

In the home game against Trine played on Feb. 3, the Dutchmen maintained the lead throughout the whole game during the 81-64 win. the team followed the vic- tory up with an 85-71 road win against Alma on Saturday, Feb. 5.

While there is a variety of elements that have gone into the formula of this year's suc- cess, consistent play across the team and lead- ership from key veterans has allowed the Hope men to relax and play their game.

In the last four games, Will Bowser ('13) has totaled 114 points with fellow playmakers Krombeen, Ty Tanis ('11), Logan Neil ('12), Colton Overway ('13) and Nate Snuggerud ('13) providing consis- tent support.

Bowser's 46-point effort against Kalamazoo made him the 32nd player in Calvin has as well. The team this year is young team can adjust to change.

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Orange and blue capture comeback win over the Knights

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They’re one of the most talented teams we’ve ever had, and we’ll see if we can make up those points we lost to Calvin not just this year, but in previous years,” Cole said.

Hope winners on the men's team in- cluded Andrew Mickelcare ('12) in the 1600 meters (4:25.01) and 800 meters (2:01.84), Nicholas Rinck ('11) in the 55 meter hurdles (8:31) and Steffen Mayhre ('14) in the long jump (21feet 5½ inches). Losing a handful of seniors last year didn’t put the Dutchmen in jeopardy for their first indoor meet. A close second place to Calvin only shows how well a young team can adjust to change.

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