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Hope College
**Speaker hosted in addition to chapel series**

By MIKE ZUIDEMA, editor-in-chief

Student Congress will sponsor the visit of Rev. Mel White in an attempt to create a well-rounded discussion on the issue of homosexuality. Congress approved the speaker at last Thursday's meeting after students had approached some members with concerns over the Chapel-sponsored "Setting Love in Order" series.

White will speak on Tuesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. He will give personal testimony on being gay and Christian. "Students came to (Student Congress) and said that all viewpoints weren't being presented and that is when we act," said Dana Marolt ('99), Student Congress President. Congress met and narrowly approved bringing in a speaker to provide a possible alternative to the Chapel series.

Concern with the "Setting Love in Order Series" was sparked by speaker Mario Bergner's own testimony on homosexuality. Bergner, once a homosexual, will speak on the healing and recreation of broken sexuality. protests over arose over the view that the Chapel's program was only providing one side of the issue. Student Congress hopes that by bringing in White, students will be able to hear all sides to the issue of homosexuality and Christianity. "Hope is a liberal arts institution and students deserve to be exposed to all aspects of any issue, be it homosexuality, pluralism, whatever," Marolt said.

Marolt also stressed that Student Congress is not bringing in White as retaliation to the Chapel series. Instead, Congress hopes that the two speakers will create a well-rounded discussion on the issue of homosexuality. &

**Week celebrates achievements of women**

**Morehead of WOOD-TV 8 featured as Women's Week keynote speaker**

By MEREDITH CARE, staff reporter

Originally founded for men only, Hope College has made strides in gender equality since its establishment in 1865. The first Hope College woman graduate, Francis Philips (Otte), graduated in 1882, and recalled her experience as a Hope student on her 90th birthday.

"Although the academy and college were co-educational, the Dutch worthies to experiment with his two daughters. When my classmate, "Trude" Alcott and I were graduated from the Preparatory Department, our boy classmates could sit on the platform, but we two girls were assigned to the front row below. We were graduated (from the college) in 1882—seven boys and two girls," she said.

**History of Hope women's positions and involvement examined**

Times have changed since the 1800's. Females now make up the majority of students on Hope's campus. However, equality between male and female faculty has evolved more slowly, with many changes occurring just within the last 25 years.

In 1975, only 17 percent of Hope College faculty were women. This percentage increased over 10 percent in 1984, the year Jacob Nyenhuis received his appointment to Provost.

"In my inaugural address, I said that the low number of women and minority faculty was unacceptable," explained Nyenhuis. "Challenged the faculty to work with me to increase the numbers.

Nyenhuis' challenge made a difference. Currently, 39 percent of faculty are women. Also, at the beginning of the 1998-99 year, more WOMEN on 6 more WOMEN on 6

This year's annual "Women of Color Celebration" will host TV news anchor and reporter Andrea Morehead as the keynote speaker.

Morehead and anchor for NBC affiliate WOOD-TV 8 of Grand Rapids, Morehead will address the theme of the evening: "Moving Forward. But Not Forgetting the Past." "It will be a visionary approach for women of color into the millennium, but also the historical facts of what has shaped and continues to shape women of color," said D. Wesley Poythress, Director of Multicultural Life.

Morehead currently writes, produces and anchors the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. weekend newscasts, and is a fill-in anchor for the weekday newscasts. She also researches and reports scheduled and late-breaking news.

Morehead, who has been with WOOD-TV 8 since 1996, received her communication/journalism bachelor's degree from Howard University. She also graduated from the Indiana University of Law.

The "Women of Color Celebration" is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in Maas Auditorium. It will begin with dinner and testimonials, given by Hope faculty, staff and student body relating to being women of color. Following the dinner, Morehead will give the keynote address.

After graduating from Howard University, Morehead was a corporate media intern with Greater Media Inc. of New Brunswick, N.J. She has also been a reporter and anchor for WMGT-TV 3 of Worcester, Mass., and an assignment editor, assistant producer and reporter with WXIN-TV FOX 59 in Indianapolis, Ind.

This is the second year Hope College has held the "Women of Color Celebration," which focuses on highlighting women of color. "The 'Women of Color Celebration' serves as a venue to highlight women of color both young and old in regard to their evolution as women of color," Poythress said. "They are probably the most overlooked, and least recognized. The numbers are smaller on our campus, so we are highlighting them."

**Model United Nations expects large turnout**

By ADAM TAYLOR, staff reporter

Hundreds of high school students will try to solve international crises at the largest Model United Nations Conference in Michigan on March 11 and 12.

"Through the Model UN, high school students are getting an impression of Hope College that we hope is favorable," said Joel Toppen, a faculty advisor to the Model UN.

Toppen and Jack Holmes, Professor of Political Science, help about 50 Hope political science students enrolled in a Model UN class guide the conference.

"The program is run almost exclusively by Hope students, as a faculty advisor I primarily give support," Toppen said.

The students are divided into delegations which represent countries to the crises with Hope students advising and judging their performance. Model UN will draw about 950 high school students, about 500 of which will need to be housed on campus over night, and 50 high school teachers from four states making it the largest turnout in its 28 years.

Paul Bush ('01) and David Van Osvelt ('01), the Security Generals of the Model UN, deal with the housing situation for the visiting students, distribute information about the program, and decide on the simulated world crises.

"It's a lot of work, but it's going well," said Bush.

The Model UN is comprised of the Security Council, the Economic and
**Dance concert celebrates 25th anniversary**

**BETH HOFFMAN**

After 25 years of performances, Dance 25 will celebrate by honoring those involved in the dance department. Dance 25 will be held on Thursday, March 11 through Saturday, March 13 at the DeV DeVere Center's main stage. Each performance begins at 8 p.m. and lasts about two hours.

The show will consist of seven pieces, incorporating ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance. Alumni are invited to take part in a special improvisational piece at the end of Saturday night's performance. Department Chair Maxine DeBruyn, along with alumni Ken Karpantry and Julie Raabe Gentry are attending this piece. There will also be a reception for alumni at Bunch's Dry Dock on Friday evening.

Alumni are also welcome to sit in on dance classes and see how the dance department has changed since their days as students. Tickets for Dance 25 are available from the theatre lobby ticket office in the DeV DeVere Center. The cost is $5 for adults and $4 for seniors.

The performers of Dance 25 are not limited to dance majors and minors. Open auditions were held in January and rehearsals have taken place since. This year's performers range from freshman to senior status. A tap piece, titled "Beatin' Back the Blues," will begin the performance, using live musicians to accompany the dancers. This piece was choreographed by Terri Ellis, a Hope College dance alumni and part-time lecturer with the dance department.

Dance 25 will be a diverse evening of different disciplines of dance, joining current students with students of the past.

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Learning for Life

Still Smilin’
Carrie Arnold

Learning the language

JULIE GREEN
spotlight editor

When professor Anne Larsen was a student, she worked as a translator in America. She began her learning here years ago and is still learning Italian classes at Hope today.

Seven years ago, Larsen was a first-year student in the education system as a student, taking classes here at Hope.

For one, I'm lucky I can say that it was educated into me. In my junior year of high school, I had an Advanced Placement History class that taught me more than just facts. My teacher taught me about who I was, who I wanted to be, and, just as importantly, to learn just for the sake of learning. Not because I "have to" for a class or I'll look better if I do but plainly because I want to. It's a lesson that has stayed with me long after the statistics on unemployment levels during the Great Depression have faded. I can never thank my teacher enough for doing what he did.

There's probably someone in each of our lives who have helped us in this way. And then, it also remains up to each and every one of us.

In the end, we are the ones who do the learning. Other people can help, but it's our duty to keep on learning. Of my own free will. Not that it has to be anything profound. While I was writing this, I just learned that picking up the blue chip cards in the library office makes them come apart. All right, so this isn't one of those life-changing events, but it does keep me from looking like an idiot sometime in the future.

The learning process doesn't end at college, or when we get married and start a family. It never stops unless we let it. As long as we keep up learning, we can continue to grow as adults. Every single day of our life needs something new.

Congressional Cousins

Carrie Arnold

Learning to speak a language is not just about learning a new language; it's about learning the culture behind that language. I'm currently studying Dutch and am finding it a fascinating language to learn. Dutch is a very interesting language and has a rich history.

Along with learning the language, I've also started to learn about the culture behind it. For example, in Dutch, there are many words for different colors, which is something I didn't know before.

Moreover, learning Dutch has helped me understand the Dutch culture better. I've been invited to Dutch homes, and I've seen how they celebrate holidays and events.

Learning Dutch has been a rewarding experience, and I'm excited to continue learning it. I believe that learning a new language is not just about communicating; it's about understanding the culture behind that language.
Opinion

March 3, 1999

The right way to vote

Student Congress made the right decision in approving the visit of Rev. Mel White. Congress hopes that White, who will be speaking on Tuesday, March 16, will provide another viewpoint on the issue of homosexuality. While the speaker was not in retaliation to Mario Berger and the Chapel’s “Setting Love in Order” series, a definitive message was sent to the college community.

Students at Hope College will no longer stand for hearing one side of an issue, nor should they. What the Chapel’s program was providing was one side of a complex issue, and in a learning establishment this is unacceptable and unfair.

Students saw this and took their concerns to Student Congress who took the appropriate measures. Bringing in White to speak, helps to alleviate a controversy that is sweeping through the campus.

Chapel initially stirred Congress who took the appropriate measures. Bringing unacceptable and unfair hearing one side of an issue, nor should they. What the available. The fact that Congress is supporting both sides view, and in a college environment that is not have happened with just the Chapel’s program.

With the visiting students, students are split almost promote an open discussion that will provide the best an outbreak of violence. If there is an outbreak of vio-

The college would be well served to listen to each intermission editor

To the Editor:

I have always been interested in the issues of both homosexuality and religion. In light of the development of the RCA and many of my cousins, relatives religious and spiritual beliefs, I have a modest effort to place my theological world view on the entire assembly of educated students nor swindlers nor greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor prostitutes nor homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor idolaters nor adulterers nor headstrong nor envious nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

I find this troubling. I don’t want to see the truth. I was raised not to have the knowledge to judge the people that are confused and can’t these people be the Christians we know all they can be? I don’t know, but I do know that my fellow Christians could be compassionate, unloving and unjust. I find it very offensive, and I am willing to say it not to offend the heart of Christ or breaks it as well.

I hope that those of us who have sins, think that this could happen to and so I will hold the chaplain staff to ac- count for it.

People listen very closely to what I say... I have a deep love and interest in Hope College and Holland.

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Creating a holistic discussion

Hope College is a liberal arts institution. This should not be an incredible surprise to anyone. It is the expectation that a liberal arts education means that one will be exposed to the arts education. This also should not be a shock. This is not about picking sides. It is not about right or wrong. This is not about the final destiny of homosexuals after they die. This is about students' right to hear all perspectives on any issue.

The chapel staff is bringing in Mario Bergner to share his experience as a "healed" homosexual. When the story came out in the Anchor, Wednesday, Student Congress members received numerous phone calls from concerned students who felt only one side was being represented. Members of the Congress Cabinet addressed these concerns and constructed a proposal that is now posted on KnowHope. This proposal was presented to Congress, thoughtfully discussion took place and the issue was voted upon. It was a close vote. Yes it's true. I, as the chair of Congress, made the tie-breaking decision to bring in another speaker. In addition to Congress hosting a different perspective, we have offered our support to the "chapel staff. We are a neutral body and are not taking a side in this debate either. We will support all points of view on this issue. We encourage the students to attend all events on campus, surrounding homosexuality. Listen with an open mind and open heart, challenge yourself with the issue, struggle to reach a conclusion. And when this is over, you will have developed a stance on the issue of homosexuality based on an educated thought process. Student Congress, in collaboration with the other campus organizations, will bring in Rev. Dr. Mel White. He is a gay man who will present his experiences with homosexuality within the context of Christianity with his personal testimony. White will be on campus on March 13 and 15 and be speaking in the Chapel at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

I commend Ben Patterson and the chapel staff. They are taking an extremely hot, controversial topic, not only on this campus, but nationwide and sticking it in our laps. I applaud their decision to take this step on campus and initiate intelligent dialogue and through provocative conversation. I also feel that they have shown the best interest of the student body to be exposed to as many difficult ideas as possible. Homosexuality is something that every single person will face in the course of their lives, whether it be personally, through a friend, family member or co-worker. Go see Bergner. Go hear White. Absorb everything that is on campus and around this issue. Challenge yourself. Struggle with it. And in the end you will have developed your own stance on the issue of homosexuality within the Christian context. Any student organization wishing to host a guest column representing their group should contact the Anchor at 955-7877 or send email to ANCHOR@hope.edu.

Supporting students

Student Congress has taken a much needed and commendable step on this campus. They have made the difficult decision to uphold the nature of the liberal arts education offered through Hope College, by bringing Rev. Mel White to campus following Mario Bergner's visit. Weighing the conflict that comes with this proposal, but who need to foster dialogue, Dana Marolt defended the need for students to hear as many perspectives on the issue of homosexuality as possible. RISE fully supports this decision.

The nature and purpose of our organization is to provide a "refuge" for open dialogue and exploration of an integrated whole. We support Mel White's visit for the core reason that it will continue past dialogue and offer more information and discussion regarding a tender and difficult subject.

White’s speaking “foolish, unwise”

To the Editor:

I am proud to be a member of the Hope College Student Congress, but the proposal was passed last Thursday in voting Dr. Mel White to campus deeply troubled me. It is foolish and unwise to feed controversy and controversy, just as it is foolish to fight fire with gasoline. Also, I fear that this will set a bad precedent for the future of Hope College and move us in a direction away from our founders' original intentions.

It is logical to think that we need to make a decision, that sides of an issue every time a speaker comes to campus. Robert Kennedy Jr. Was here last week talking about openness and openness, as a woman spoke on campus? Where was the outrage to represent all viewpoints last fall when a lesbian minister who referred to God as a woman spoke on campus? Guest speakers come to open us up to new ways of thinking about varieties of issues, and not necessarily to represent every possible way of thinking about those topics. According to the mission statement of Hope College, we offer education in “the context of the historic Christian faith.” Many students were expecting that type of an education, and we cannot ignore that. I have heard that opposition is being recruited by a prominent speaker who seems to have a negative opinion of homosexuality.

I am of utmost importance that students understand that RISE, as an organization, does not hold or defend a particular view on homosexuality, beyond the need for all people to be treated with equal love, respect and granted equal human rights.

We are here as a place for students to dialogue about and question perspectives; a place for students to come to their own conclusions based on spiritual and intellectual inquiry. The voices that students grow in their decision and personal discovery. We simply feel that growth in whatever direction it may take for that individual. We strongly encourage participation from Mario Bergner and Mel White’s visit and look forward to seeing as many students, faculty and community members respond in this dialogue as possible. Let us continue this dialogue with love, humility and respect.

Marie VanTubbergen ('94)

Homosexuality issue welcome on campus, one-sided views not

To the Editor:

I applaud Hope for bringing up the topic of homosexual orientations. Homosexuality is an issue that society and organized religion have struggled to integrate into the fabric of life. The RCA acknowledges and respects the diversity of human sexuality. The RCA acknowledges that people have different sexual orientations and that these orientations are part of who they are.

Guest Column

Dana Marolt

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Amanda Schneider

Chaplain’s views need clarification, alumnus says

To the Editor:

This letter concerns a recent issue of the Anchor which featured both homosexual celebrities that decided to have Mario Bergner as a guest speaker and an article citing disagreements between what seemed to be some of the concerns of Hope’s sponsored speaker that hope’s administration and/or Chapel staff insist that there were several major discrepancies between the actions taken by Hope College in the name of heightened moral and religious education and the actual stance of the RCA. Furthermore, it appears that these discrepancies were toward a retrospective and intolerant view of homosexuality, and I would like to present some of the more confusing inconsistencies in the hope that Hope’s administration and/or Chapel staff could clarify their intentions.

First, I hear from the RCA, "This includes a commitment to refrain from language which demeans homosexuals, and in other ways creates a person’s sense of their creation in the image of God." Contrast the report of Hope’s administration and/or the administration of Bergner’s university to those who disagree with his highly radical view on homosexuality as changeable and sinful are "Sons of Satan."

From the RCA: "Sin, which disfigures, paves the way for the pain it has sometimes inflicted upon us. This includes a commitment to refrain from language which degrades, dehumanizes, and in other ways erodes a person's sense of their creation in the image of God."

From the RCA: "The church should be a safe place for homosexuals to share, struggle, tell stories, and seek God's design."

Contrast the rumor of a chapel report (which the chapel staff want to have GLOBE disbanded). From the RCA: "There is much not yet known about the causes of homosexuality and the ability of persons with a homosexual orientation to change that orientation." Contrast the expressed view of Hope’s sponsored speaker that homosexuality is changeable and that ‘those who struggle with homosexual issues must face the gender ambiguity and feeling of being different from realizing true identity in meaning and demeaning. Now, where does the RCA state that this is a sickness? From the RCA, "We are here as a place for students to dialogue about and question perspectives; a place for students to come to their own conclusions based on spiritual and intellectual inquiry. The voices that students grow in their decision and personal discovery. We simply feel that growth in whatever direction it may take for that individual. We strongly encourage participation from Mario Bergner and Mel White’s visit and look forward to seeing as many students, faculty and community members respond in this dialogue as possible. Let us continue this dialogue with love, humility and respect."

Chaplain Courtenay Michmerhuizen ('99)

Matt Scogin ('02)

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Women's involvement at Hope increases throughout history

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of returning faculty 16 of 75 full professors, 25 of 62 associate professors, and 51 of 54 assistant professors were women. These statistics reveal a significant increase from 1976, when there was only one full female professor.

"The number of women faculty has risen dramatically with a very conscious effort on the part of the Provost and individual chairpersons," said Stephen Henneyway, professor of English.

Not only has the number of women faculty increased, but attitudes toward women have also changed.

Jane Dickie, professor of psychology, knows first-hand the changes that have occurred in attitudes toward women.

"When I was first hired, I wasn't really hired. The department was going to offer me a job, but the chancellor at that time thought that women with children shouldn't work," said Dickie.

However, Jane Dickie was eventually allowed to sign a one-year contract. Now, 27 years later she is still teaching here at Hope.

"Now there is a recognition and acceptance that women can be good professionals as well as mothers," she said.

The issue of equality between male and female faculty has been another change in attitudes. The college makes efforts to ensure fair treatment of male and female faculty members. For instance, salaries are now reviewed annually to make sure that women's and men's salaries are fair.

"Women have been recognized, tenureed, and promoted," said Nyenhuis. "This is an indication of continuing efforts to make sure all of our faculty are treated fairly."

Faculty members agree that women at Hope are being treated more equally than in the past.

"I think Hope does a good job paying attention to Affirmative Action for women," said Dickie.

However, it's too bad that we still need reminders that men and women are equal, but we do," said Heather Sellers, associate professor of English. "Hope pays attention to salary equity. Hope recruits female faculty."

Although the presence and acceptance of women faculty at Hope has increased, not everything is equal. Hope is often criticized for the low number of female administrators.

"It's sad when a whole segment of the population isn't part of making decisions, because it excludes people's voices," Dickie said.

"Women aren't in administrative positions at Hope can be explained."

Some suggest there is a supposed "glass ceiling," meaning women can only advance in their careers to a certain point.

However, others argue that the reason for the low number of women administrators at Hope does not lie in the "glass ceiling" explanation.

"The female administrators here, I think of Nancy Miller and Maura Reynolds, for example, absolutely mentor and involve their younger female colleagues, so that there isn't a glass ceiling." Sellers said.

Much of the senior staff is comprised of males, many of whom have been in positions longer than President John Jacobson has been.

Since Jacobson has not had much of an opportunity to appoint administrators, women have not really had the chance to be appointed to administrative positions.

Jane Dickie said, "When people come to Hope, they stay, and there's not a lot of turnover. I don't think anyone would agree that people should be hired from their positions to increase diversity."

Many of the senior administrators will be nearing retirement age in the next five to 10 years, and Kristen Gray, Assistant Dean of Health and Counseling, said, "As positions become open, it will be interesting to see who is hired."

Provost Nyenhuis explained, "As people retire, President-elect James Bultman will have an opportunity to appoint a number of administrative positions. It is my hope and expectation that women will be included in these appointments."

The future for women faculty appears to be promising, as the college continues to make changes and to ensure the equality between male and female faculty members.

"We want to continue to sustain the level of success we have had in the recruitment of women faculty," said Nyenhuis.

"We also want to find ways to encourage women in their professional development, and prepare women for positions of leadership within the institution and profession."

DEEP THINKERS: among the first female graduates were those from the class of 1882. Today females represent the majority of the student population.

KEYNOTE from I

Tickets for the "Women of Color Celebration" are available at the Student Union desk, and cost $5 for non-students, $3.50 for Hope students not on the meal plan, and $1 for students on meal plan.

"I highly encourage people to attend," Portress said. "It's a moving experience, because it takes a lot of energy to come out and give testimonials. It encourages people to rethink how they think of people. People laugh. People cry. It is at the core of our soul."

Throughout her career, Morehead has had the opportunity of working in many different places. She was a production intern with Koppel Communications Inc. in Washington D.C., and an intern for NBC affiliate WMAR-TV 2 of Baltimore, Md.

GENDER ISSUES: Professor of psychology Jane Dickie, shown here with a student in the 1980's, has noticed an increase in women faculty since she started teaching at Hope 27 years ago.

The Security Council has chosen crises simulations similar to what the actual United Nations deals with, such as the problems in Indonesia, the Congo, and Yugoslavia. The Economic and Social Council will deal with the broader issues of regionalism and independence.

The International Court of Justice will deal with a case involving Libyan terrorism and the U.K. and the U.S.

"I think the Model United Nations is a huge promotion for Hope. The way the students carry themselves, deliver speeches, and conduct the simulations says something about the college," said Brent Merich, '91, co-director of the Security Council.

The process is also beneficial to the Hope students involved.

"I've learned a lot about foreign policy and other nations' perspectives," said Matt Scogin, '02, a student involved in the Model UN.

Hope students have spent eight to ten hours a week since November planning for the event. This year's speaker will be David Sanger, a professor at the University of Michigan who has compiled the Correlates of War, which could be used to predict wars based on historical data.

The speech and the simulations are open to the public.
The KFE is Turning Back the Clock
Thursday, March 4, 8-11 pm

Karaoke with Holland's own Big Bopper Big Al
(as seen on Cable Access)
Karaoke on stage with Big Al and win a 'Jammin' Til June CD or other prizes

Win the Spring Break Survival Kit
Includes a cooler, lawn chair, beach towel, sunglasses, and other essentials for your Spring Break plans!

Buffet $4.25
• Root Beer Floats
• Pizza
• Subs
• Veggie tray
• Chips & cheese
• Cherry Pepsi
• Other munchies
...and much more

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$5.99

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Large One-topping
$5.99

*Must have Hope ID
Must be in Hope Campus area
Flying Dutch pack for Ohio and NCAA tournament

PAUL LOODEEN
sports editor

Sunday night the announcement came over the radio that Calvin College's Men's basketball team had received a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. Men's basketball had received a bid for the second straight year.

“We’re excited because this year we’re invited because we’re good enough and not because we won an automatic bid through a tournament,” said Kristin Koenigsknecht (’01).

After finishing the 1997-98 season with a 26-6 record, getting invited to the NCAA tournament was no surprise to the Flying Dutch. This year the team was looking forward to the tournament, where they had been good enough for the last two years.

The tournament would be held in Columbus, Ohio, and the Flying Dutch would be playing in the opening round.

“We are optimistic. (about getting) a bid but we understood a lot of things had to happen for us to get in,” Koenigsknecht said. Capital has a record of 22-4 and will host the Flying Dutch in Columbus on Wednesday night. The winner of that game gets a chance to play in the tournament.

The team is excited to play Capital in the opening round and know what they need to do to win. They are similar to us and will make us work harder,” Renee Carlson (’99) said. “Our goal is to play better defense and pressure them.

“Thinking back to Calvin our most successful season was the first half which was great but what we also needed to do was extend our lead as well,” Morehouse said. “In the second half our offense started to kick but our problem was their’s did as well.”

The lead the Flying Dutch enjoyed was quickly taken care of by the Red Devils. During the first four minutes of the second half Hope got outscored 12-3, giving Calvin a 28-23 lead that they would hold until the end of the game.

“After losing to Defiance in the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament on Friday Feb. 26,” Vander Slice said. “I back and (feel) good about it. Amazing,” Vander Slice said. “I thought that when the season’s been done a couple of weeks, we’ll sit back and feel good about it.

Ferris State Bulldogs turned out to be more competition than Hope and Stegeman added 13. Craig Yeldman (’01) scored 18 and Vander Slice chipped in with 10 points. “My four years here have been amazing,” Vander Slice said. "I have to look out for anybody."

The team is trying to balance confidence in their abilities without looking past anyone. “We’re fairly confident, but not overconfident” Page said. "In the second half we lost our focus," Carlson said.

With the birth in the tournament Hope has been given new life this season and they are excited.

“I’m excited for the seniors because after last season all the seniors wanted to get back to the NCAA tournament,” Morehouse said. "With the birth in the tournament Hope looks to improve on last years effort.

“We’ve been given another opportunity to go further then last year,” Carlson said.

Men’s basketball finish season in losing effort

MIKE ZUIDEMA
editor-in-chief

The twist and turn season of the Hope College men’s basketball team finally came to end with a season of losing to Albion College.

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Women’s tennis his the courts in early season action

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Last year’s women’s tennis team was one of the top teams in Division III. The team had trouble finding tough competition most of the season.

In search of some competition the team traveled to Big Rapids, last Friday, to take on Ferris State. The Ferris State Bulldogs turned out to be more competition than Hope could handle as the women fell 9-0 in a rare loss. Despite the loss, the overall outlook for the team looks positive as they look to once again lead the conference.

“A coach you want to meet the same criteria as the year before or exceed it," head coach Karen Page said.

Depth and experience at most positions will be a key to another Flying Dutch run at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association crown. The team returns seven starters from last year’s campaign.

“We have a lot of depth, there isn’t really a weak link on the team,” co-captain Joy Green (’99) said.

Last year’s team dominated the league as they posted a 23-1 record, won the championship, and had the MIAC’s most valuable player,建设用地 Ehrle. “We were not tested last year in the MIAA.” Page said.

There were few Division III teams in Michigan that rank in that same class as Hope’s tennis team. However, if anyone within the league looks to challenge Hope, it will probably be either Albion or Kalamazoo.

“Kalamazoo is a tennis community so you always wonder about them,” Page said. “In sports you have to look out for anybody.”

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With the birth in the tournament Hope has been given new life this season and they are excited.

“I’m excited for the seniors because after last season all the seniors wanted to get back to the NCAA tournament,” Morehouse said. "With the birth in the tournament Hope looks to improve on last years effort.

“We’ve been given another opportunity to go further then last year,” Carlson said.

The Dutch watch: The Hope team watches their game against Calvin which they won, but it would not be good enough to get a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament after losing to Albion in the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament on Friday Feb. 26.

Head Tennis Tournament, as they have done in the past, the team will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona over Spring Break to take place in the Arizona Spring Tennis Challenge. The team will have its first home match of the season on Saturday, March 6 against the University of Chicago.

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