Dance Marathon raises record amount

Anjay Dykhuis

Dance Marathon raised a record amount this year, and with your support, we were able to raise over $88,284.25. This year, participants exceeded their previous total of over $21,000, bringing in a grand total of over $23,000. The original goal of raising $20,000 was far surpassed, and we are grateful for all the help and support from everyone who participated. Thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, and showed up to cheer us on, we were able to make a difference.

New dean of chapel excited to begin service

Becky Lathrop

The Hope College community has welcomed a new leader in the Chapel. Becky Lathrop, the new Dean of Chapel, has begun her role and is excited to begin service. Lathrop has a strong background in ministry and is passionate about leading students towards a deeper relationship with God. She is looking forward to working closely with the campus community to provide spiritual guidance and support. Lathrop's appointment comes after a rigorous search process, and she is eager to collaborate with students, faculty, and staff to create a vibrant and enriching religious atmosphere on campus.
how Dance Marathon has helped their families.

Performances featured a capella group Chapter 6, Paul Rabaut ('04), Chris Bryan ('04), Sacred Dance, Dutch dancers, a lip sync competition, a football tournament and many other diversions.

Dancers stayed at the marathon for the full 24 hours, supported by monitors who worked nine-hour shifts. They were allowed to sit only to eat. Papa John's, Rubyjuice, Steak and Shake and other local restaurants provided food and snacks for participating students.

"I had a great time being a monitor and helping to keep the spirits of the dancers up," said Morgan Gorskey ('07), "They had tons of activities to keep us busy. I even stayed longer than my shift required just so I could see the lip sync competition. After seeing how great it was, I would love to be a dancer myself next year."

By the end of the event, dancers and monitors had chances to meet all of the children and families sponsored by DeVos. About 30 minutes before the end of the marathon, an inspirational video of the children was shown. Afterwards, the dancers and monitors formed a large circle and the families went around and thanked everyone who was there.

"After 24 hrs, I was so tired, but when it came down to it and the parents came around and thanked us, seeing how much it really meant to them made it all worth it," said Meredith Hall ('07).

Sarah Franks ('07) added, "To see how much we were able to affect the lives of the miracle children and their families made all of the soreness and sleepiness seem less important.

In closing, a video of the night's events was played and winners of the various competitions were announced. Delta Phi, a campus sorority, raised the most for Dance Marathon; over $14,000 came from the efforts of the Delphi women. Along with Diana Brecelaw, Dance Marathon's faculty advisory, Layne Shefrod ('04), Amy Nauta-Rogatto ('04), Audrey Nauta ('04) and Megan Niergarth ('04) formed the Executive Board that made the 2004 Dance Marathon a reality.

Representatives from the Emersonians, the Fraternal Society, Girl's Volleyball, IVE League, Japan Club, Kappa Delta Chi, Kollen, Alpha Gamma Phi, BSU, the Centurians, Circle K, the Cosmos, the DePias, the Dorian, Dykstra, Mortar Board, Pom Poms, SAC, Sacred Dance, the SIBs, the Sigmas, Student Congress and VanVleck all contributed as well.

Students re-energize mid-marathon with a group dance.

DANCE from 1 and a chapel service, the feedback was generally very positive. However, the committee felt that the first visit did not include enough student interaction.

Johnson was invited back to campus in January. During this visit, a heavy emphasis was placed on meeting with students. At the conclusion of this second visit, students were given the chance to voice their opinions about Johnson through an online survey.

The results showed that students took the task very seriously: over 300 responses were submitted and 28 pages of single-spaced comments were received.

The majority of these comments were "overwhelmingly positive," according to Paul Boerema, director of Campus Ministries and a member of the search committee.

It was this positive feedback, along with sensitivity to other candidates and their current ministry positions, that led the committee to decide that it would be best not to bring other candidates to campus.

"It's not like the business world," Boerema said. "When a candidate is brought to campus it becomes public knowledge that they are being considered, and that may have an effect on the church or the ministry where they are currently serving.

However, Boerema noted that the decision to recommend that Johnson be chosen as the dean was not hasty or uneducated. Other candidates were interviewed by email and phone, but they did not meet the requirements as well as Johnson.

The fact that he will not be able to take the position until January 2005 did not deter the search committee from recommending him for the position. Rather, he was encouraged to complete his Ph.D. so he could devote himself fully to ministry before he arrives on campus.

When Johnson arrives on campus next year and takes his place as dean of the chapel, his responsibilities will include the oversight of campus ministries, preaching at the morning chapel services and the Sunday night Gathering, and basically "giving leadership to the spiritual life of the campus," said Boerema.

"He will enhance the campus ministries office by bringing gifts that the members of the office don't have right now.

Having served as chaplain intern at Hope from 1996 to 1998, Johnson is familiar with the Hope community and is excited to be a part of the campus ministries once again. "To be able to bring to campus all that I've learned from the gospel of Jesus in this unique context and season is more significant than anything else I can think of doing. I can't wait to begin," said Johnson.
An increase in student organizations requesting funding caused Student Congress to raise the student activity fee.

Last week began the process of reviewing the budget in order to allocate the additional money.

This year, the number of student organizations has risen to about 70. The new groups include Circle K, a campus volunteer service team; Kithing Club, Book Club and CAT. They all require funding for the coming year.

Two years ago, only 45 student groups on campus needed funding. In November, Student Congress discussed the means of providing financial support for the large number of campus groups. Two weeks of discussion was dedicated to the topic.

A majority vote in January led Student Congress to raise the student activity fee by $10 a year in order to accommodate the growing number of student organizations.

"Personally, I hope to be able to provide as many student organizations on campus with the amount of money that they feel is necessary for their ability to function at an optimal level," said Maeko Yamaoka '94, Student Congress comptroller. "Hope has a great student population with many different interests and it is my goal to best fulfill as many of these interests as possible with the activity fee." The activity fee is raised in order to move one step closer to this goal.

Yamaoka added that raising the student activity fee is a difficult process but it allows Student Congress to reach more students and more groups.

Jeremy Brieve '94, Student Congressprésident, said that it is hard to accommodate the requests of all student groups. He explained that each year student groups in-creased their proposed budgets for the Student Congress to supply the organizations with funding. The tangled process for Student Congress to redistribute funding to campus groups lasts until April.

Brieve encouraged student groups to be realistic with their requested budget and to state what the organizations plan to do with the money they request.

"Students being reasonable with their requests will help to ensure that each group gets its necessary funding," Brieve said.

**Student Congress Agenda, March 2**

I. Call to Order
II. Invocation
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of the Agenda
V. Approval of the Minutes
VI. Introductory Remarks
A. President
B. Vice President
C. Comptroller
D. Parking Update
E. Dance Marathon
F. Board and Comm. Reports
G. Task Force Reports
H. Task Force Meetings
I. Open Floor
J. Adjournment

**Same-sex marriage debate swoops over America**

Bush's proposed amendment to the constitution causes controversy

**Jenny Cencer**

*Grand Valley State* On Feb. 26, President George W. Bush called for an amendment to the constitution to ban gay marriage in response to more than 3,000 gay and lesbian couples unofficially marrying in the city of San Francisco.

Bush stated that an amendment is necessary to prevent judges from altering the definition of the, "most essential of all institutions." World-wide the buzzy topic is allowing homosexual couples to marry. Religious leaders have become concerned for the sanctity of the heterosexual marriage sacrament.

Rev. Rob Schenk, president of the National Clergy Council, expressed his support for President Bush's amendment on NBC news. "I believe that the president's actions stem from his sincere concern over the dangers of abandoning the tried and true configuration of one-man, one-woman monogamous family unit," Schenk said. "It is the complement of male and female, physically, bio-chemically, psycho-socially, that makes marriage unique. These elements cannot be duplicated in same-sex relations. Judges and justices ill-informed, and perhaps even eternally twisted by sexual experimentation, should not be allowed to meddle with something so important to social stability, child development and the continuation of a species."

Schenk concludes, "Billions of billions of human beings over millennia of time and in virtually every culture couldn't be all wrong. We need this amendment to protect the sanctity of marriage and we need it now."

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal, disagrees with the Bush administration's views for gay rights for homosexuals in America. "A proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that President George W. Bush announced his support this week would take away critical rights and protections from hundreds of thousands of families nationwide. Our Constitution belongs to every American and we need to keep it that way," Cathcart said.

"The president is supposed to be the leader of our entire nation, but he is turning his back on that duty by supporting an attack at such an extreme time. Strengthening the family, gay or straight, is deeply troubling for a lot of people, and we're going to stand with them and fight this attack to silence and discriminate against our families." Supports of President Bush's amendment are against same-sex marriages, stating that marriage is an institution between specifically a man and a woman, marriage is not for prostitution, same-sex couples cannot provide the best environment for raising children, gay relationships are immoral according to the Bible and it will threaten the institution of marriage.

Due to national debate, the topic of gay marriage has been a hot issue on Hope's campus. "Lately gay marriage has become a popular topic," said Bailey Martin '05, co-president of the Gay & Lesbian Union. "It is a popular topic," said Bailey Martin '05, co-president of the Gay & Lesbian Union. "Many people this right? It is a right that should be theirs to begin with. And who does it hurt? Nobody. But it does hurt people if an amendment to a constitution is made. I can't even believe that we are debating changing the Constitution over this. It infuriates me. Right now the way things are set up, if a person's partner becomes ill and ends up in the hospital their partner may not even be granted visitation rights—that is just ridiculous."

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Although arguments are promi-nently heard in the United States, several regions have continued to pursue legalization of gay marriages.

A county commissioner of the state of Oregon's most populated county announced their decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on March 3. Oregon is one of the 13 states that has not insti-tuted laws defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Mayor Jason West of New Portland, New York was arraigned on mis-demeanor charges on March 3 for performing same-sex marriages the previous week.

"The issue before us today is one of civil rights, human rights," said West. "Marriage is the act of mak-ing public what is written in two people's hearts."

“I always find it interesting when people present the argument that marriage has been preserved and kept sacred,” Martin said. “I look at televi-sion shows today, Kirsten Spears and her overnight marriage and the divorce rates and do not see increasing or decreasing. I think that the simple issue is why wouldn’t we grant LGBT people this right? Is it a right that should be theirs to begin with. And who could it hurt? Nobody. But it does hurt people if an amendment to a constitution is made. I can’t even believe that we are debating changing the Constitution over this. It infuriates me. Right now the way things are set up, if a person’s partner becomes ill and ends up in the hospital their partner may not even be granted visitation rights—that is just ridiculous."

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On March 9, the Michigan House of Representatives defeated House Joint Resolution. If passed, the resolution would have limited marriage to one woman and one man in the state constitution.

Although Michigan law already prevents gay couples from legal marriage, this legislation would have provided specific measures in the constitution. The resolution was eight votes short of the 73 needed for admission into law. The measure had been discharged from a committee two weeks ago following less than an hour of public testimony.

"I am greatly relieved that this repressive, repulsive and divisive measure has been defeated," said Chris Swope, executive director of Michigan Equality. "Everyone's freedom, our conservative or lib-eral, should be outraged that a pro-posed amendment to our State Con-stitution was allowed so little time to be discussed publicly. This is bad government and the authors and backers of this legislation should be held to account for their lack of re-spect for the Constitution.”

Swope summed up by saying, "I'm not sure the backers of this law are aware of how many people who are not LGBT are offended by the mean-spiritedness of this type of political football," said Swope. "Today was a victory for all Michiganders who love fair-ness."
DeVos Miracle Network helps Hope family cope

This article spotlights one DeVos Miracle Child in order to help students who did not participate in Dance Marathon understand who the charity helps

SPOTLIGHT

Erin L'Hotta

On July 11, 2001 Noelle was born. As the nurse handed Noelle to her mother Emma, tears mixed with joy and sorrow streamed down. Noelle was born with a congenital heart disease with eight significant heart defects. Now two years old, Noelle has undergone two major heart surgeries. There is only 72 percent oxygen level in her blood. A healthy person exhibits 98 percent oxygen level in her blood. Noelle's heart condition, her mental development is that of the average two-year-old. She can color with crayons, "sing" to music and play with her big sister Leia.

The Nakajima family spends time together in activities which encourage Noelle's mental development and overlook her physical limitation. On weekends they may picnic, read a child's book or rent a movie together at home.

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While Noelle is two years old, her growth is inhibited by her illness.

Andy and Emma find joy in watching Noelle complete the simplest tasks in life. Despite Noelle's poor heart condition, her mental development is that of the average two-year-old. She can color with crayons, "sing" to music and play with her big sister Leia. Noelle has taught us the deeper meaning of life. I learned to focus on God's grace in the midst of uncertainty and frailty of life.

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Nakajima family; obtaining this understanding not only of Noelle's limitation. On weekends they may picnic, read a child's book or rent a movie together at home.

Without the care of DeVos Children's Hospital, Noelle wouldn't be healthy enough to partake in these family activities.

DeVos Children's Hospital is one of the 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals caring for the special needs of sick children. Noelle received treatment at DeVos Children's Hospital two weeks ago. She was given a CT scan and echocardiogram to check the condition of her heart and lungs.

One hundred percent of these funds raised are used to benefit the local Children's Miracle Network hospital. The money isn't used for corporate headquarters to pay for salaries or office supplies.

All children are treated at these hospitals, regardless of a family's ability to pay. DeVos Children's Hospital is grateful for these charitable offerings because it doesn't receive federal funding. Instead, DeVos is a hospital of charitable care that relies on the support of the community.

One day, a Hope student consulted Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzales about the meaning of life. Gonzales suggested that he spend a day in DeVos Children's Hospital. He took this advice and walked out of the hospital with a total conversion experience. DeVos relies on people like this particular Hope student. It relies on the willingness of each individual to have compassion for the sufferings of each child, much like Noelle.

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Student-run play ‘Tape’ deals with sticky issues

Neil Simons
Staff Reporter

We may be through with the past, but the past isn’t through with us. This is one theme that the film “Magnolia” throws out to its audiences, and this is also one theme that is part of the upcoming student production, “Tape,” a 2000 play written by Stephen Belber.

Neil Simon’s “Tape,” a 2000 play written by Stephen Belber, is a play that deals with sticky issues that are forced to deal with the resurfacing of deep wounds and buried emotions.

“Rape is an issue—a circumstance between the characters when they were in high school. It deals with the molding of the relationships since, how time has affected them, and the role the past has played,” said Megan Jewell (‘04), director. “This is a very serious production, though it does have its comedic moments.”

Some of the issues that do arise involve a suspected rape and drug use, bringing along with it profane language that further intensifies each scene. What surfaces from the script of “Tape” is a work, as Jewell describes, “can only be summed up with one word—tension. Like every play, it’s about communication between the characters, and now that communication can be misinterpreted.”

The cast has commended that the issues presented are relevant to anyone’s life, even if the specific subject matter is not. What makes it such a sobering production is “the realiziness of the script and the characters,” said Amanda Weener (’04).

“Overall, it has a somber mood with moments of lightness,” Jewell said. “I’ve discovered the challenges of truly dealing with life and people—it has taught me to ask ‘how am I dealing with this, and can I deal with it in a better way?’

Not only is the teamwork between the entire cast and crew fundamental in making this piece come together, but the fact that the actors are able to weave their own life experiences into their roles helps make this a very modern play. One reason this piece was chosen was because it had the ability to challenge audiences.

The cast has been preparing for the production since February. This will be Jewell’s first full-length production as director.

“Tape” shows at 8 p.m. March 26 and 27 in the DeVitt Studio Theatre.

Patrick Kearney (’04) plays Vince (left), opposite Jeff Kurtze’s (’05) Jon in a scene from the student directed play, “Tape.” It will run at 8 p.m. on March 26 and 27 in the DeVitt Studio Theatre.

Classical guitarist Paul Galbraith brings unique sound to the Knickerbocker

Scottish performer visits

Neil Simons
Staff Reporter

Whether they are well known or yet unknown, the wide variety of musical performances the arts at Hope bring to campus provides something for everyone. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26 in the Knickerbocker Theatre, classical guitarist Paul Galbraith will present a traditional repertoire on a truly unique instrument.

Galbraith plays a specially designed eight-string guitar that is used in a special position. According to Galbraith’s official website, his “unique playing position was first revealed at the Edinburgh Festival in 1989. His guitar (designed in collaboration with the late Luther David Rubis) is supported by a metal endpin, similar to that of a cello, that rests on a wooden resonance box. The instrument has two extra strings, one high, one low. Both the guitar’s extraordinary design and Galbraith’s playing style are considered a groundbreaking development in the history of the instrument, increasing its range to an unprecedented extent.”

The style of guitar is now known as the “Brahms” guitar because it was originally designed to give Galbraith more flexibility and precision when transcribing Brahms pieces to the classical guitar. The new design offers a much greater acoustic range and a much higher quality of sound, which not only enhances each piece, but also gives greater freedom to an already complex and intricate repertoire.

Galbraith’s répertoire spans from world-folk to classical, and includes pieces by Debussy and Ravel. He has recorded and released the complete Bach violin sonatas and Partitas, which earned him a 1998 Grammy nomination.

The New York Times has praised Galbraith, saying “Mr. Galbraith also gave clean, texturally transparent accounts of Bach’s ‘Prelude, ‘Fugue and Allegro?’ and the Second Sonata for Unaccompanied Violin. His ornaments had a keyboard-like crispness, and in the fugues of both works he kept the individual musical strands nicely separated. He also brought imagination and coloristic variety.”

Galbraith was born in Scotland, and has received recognition for his guitar talent by the age of 17. He now resides in both Brazil and Greece, and has toured worldwide.

Groups spread Hope music far and wide this break

Symphonette and Chapel Choir tour

Maureen Yonovitz
Arts Editor

In a few days, many students will head off to various parts of the continent for spring break mission trips. At the same time, members of the Symphonette and Chapel Choir will be undertaking a mission of their own: to bring the music of Hope College to areas beyond the local Holland community as they embark on their annual spring tours.

The Chapel Choir, conducted by Brad Richmond, associate professor of music and choral director, will take to the east for a string of New York performances as well as one in Massachusetts.

“I hope to get to know the members of the choir much better,” said Camaron Voreys (’07), a tenor in the Chapel Choir. “I also hope to learn more about how to grow as a musician. Most of all, however, I hope to produce beautiful music for the various audiences we will encounter there and be well worth the time they spend listening to us.”

Upon its return, the Chapel Choir will perform a home concert featuring the pieces performed while on tour. This concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church on 13th Street.

The Symphonette, conducted by Richard Pippo, associate professor of music, will remain in the Midwest, performing in places such as Kalamazoo, Wisconsin and Illinois. The tour will culminate in a trip to see a performance by the Chicago Symphony.

“It is a good sense of accomplishment to share our gifts in other places and to feel like we are known outside of Western Michigan,” said Kristin Swift (’05), a member of the Symphonette.

Symphonette members prepare all year for this tour because they take a culmination of their best pieces with them.

“The music that we are playing is so awesome, and some of it is more difficult than other pieces,” said Alicia Pashby (’07), an oboe player for the Symphonette. “One of the pieces we are doing is the ‘Dance Bachanale’ from ‘Samson and Delilah’ by Saint-Saëns. This piece has a very involved oboe part, including a cadenza at the beginning, so I have worked a lot outside of class on the part to perfect it.”

Richmond comments that one of the most important aspects of the tour is the experience itself, as it is evidenced by the Hope alumni who share their own tour stories with the current students in these groups.

“They often say to me they can’t remember much about their college experience, but they do remember the tour,” Richmond said. “The discipline and character built within the context of Chapel Choir formed the way they developed as people.”

Paul Galbraith, classical guitarist, will perform on campus after break.

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The Chapel Choir hard at work in rehearsal for the upcoming tour.

ANCHOR PHOTO COURTESY ROB ODINAR

The Symphonette members are looking forward to the upcoming tour.

Richard Piippo, associate professor of music, Chicago Symphony.
Weekly Anchor rape column should be Hope-specific

To the editor:

Eat a fetus, save a life. Got your attention? Good. Now, why are you acting like a social Darwinist and not a human being? Your article, "Fraternity Rape," does not contribute to preventing sexual assault at Hope College. It rather, serves as a vehicle for Phil Waaikes to show off his so-called celebrity status in the Hope College community. The issue should be handled responsibly and professionally, not used as an excuse to promote your personal agenda.

The letter to the editor on diversity on Feb. 18 made many strong points about Hope College and its lack of diversity. The author correctly pointed out that national occurrences do not always pertain to Hope's campus. Therefore, Hope's campus is not a bubble. The author is right: Hope's campus parties, can turn into dangerous situations for women.

Being honest on issues of diversity at Hope's campus

To the editor:

The letter to the editor on diversity on Feb. 18 made many strong points about Hope College and its lack of diversity. Along with the statistical proof that Hope is lacking in diversity, you don't have to look further than the campus itself to discover that Hope's campus is not a bubble. Many of the comments that I have heard in my years while enrolled here only contributed to my perspective while experiencing Hope's campus. I am not sure if Hope's campus does not provide a multicultural experience or anything close to it. This isn't to downplay the efforts of any organizations that strive for diversity on Hope's campus.

To sum up, how you may be wondering, can Hope be so lacking in diversity?

Let's be honest, the problem is found in the very foundations of this college. For haven't we, our mascot is the Flying DUTCHMEN! How can Hope College hope to promote the claim that fraternity parties at Hope create an environment that poorly planned parties, not just fraternity parties, can turn into dangerous situations for women.
Quotations from students’ learning opportunities

To the editor:
As a student who is in the middle of her second semester off-campus, I am frustrated with the idea of quotas. I was able to learn about myself as well as another culture in France last spring. I know I would be a very different person now if I had not been able to leave Hope’s protective bubble because 80 other people wanted to experience life in the rest of the world. I am currently studying in New York, working as a full-time intern in the industry of my choice. This is giving me numerous business contacts for the rest of my life. What if I had been one of the 47 “extra” people?

I do realize the financial issues the college has to deal with are real, but the college has to realize that we are the ones paying for our college experiences and should be allowed to form these based on our needs as students.

Hope has been a wonderful place to call home, but my education has been so tightly entwined with my off-campus experiences I don’t know where one ends and the other begins. I have yet to talk with someone who has regretted leaving campus. Even those who were quite homesick throughout would do it all over again if they had the chance. I can only hope that those laying down these new restrictions have taken into account that this may discourage students from participating in a program that could change their lives.

—AnnMarie Carlson ('04)

Hope students should live for God, not the Gathering

To the editor:
Fears: Do you fear anything? This St. Patrick’s Day, will you find a four-leaf clover to give you luck with this fear? I won’t, because I’ve found the real reason for the fear? I won’t, because I’ve found the real reason for the fear. Quotas detract from students’ learning opportunities.

It’s about knowing where faith will take you.

—Stephanie Koenke ('06)

Featuring current events in the Anchor will pop bubble

To the editor:
In a recent Anchor article, the concept of the “Hope Bubble” was brought up. I understand the point that the article was trying to prove, but I wonder, why is nothing being done about it? Instead of ridiculing the students for their ignorance, why not educate them? There is so much going in our country and the world today, yet we fail to put even one article regarding national or worldly issues.

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—Maureen Wurfel ('06)

Typos, misquoting unacceptable in college publication

To the editor:
Throughout my time at Hope, I have appreciated the information and editorials featured in the Anchor. The Anchor provides enlightening editorials, letters, and informative articles on campus events. However, I feel it is my duty as a student to point out the many minor errors in the publications. The last edition had at present count, four misspelled or misused words. This is not the first time I have encountered misspelling errors in the paper.

Also, my roommate and I were interviewed and quoted in an article on privacy. My roommate was misquoted as saying something I actually said. I do not think accuracy in reporting and the correct use of the English language is too much to ask of a college publication. This is simply a plea to please read everything through and improve the quality of the paper.

—Stephanie Koekxe ('06)

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Kathryn— I hope you are honoring my UK tradition and bare-footing it across Scotland. —Anjey

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Marzipan— Folk songs can still go fast.—WHF’s friend

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Nigel—Baradessa this week, eh? We’re gone.—Anjey

Nick— I went to Nisschool to get my diploma, not Hill. GGG/Hi. My school got a football team, not a foosball team. I went to book club, with root beer, too.—Anjey

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Calvin defeats Georgia for first-ever national title

Brad Vanderberg
Sports Editor

For the second straight year, a team from the Michigan Collegiate Hockey Conference are national champions.

After losing to the Dutchmen -2 in the MCHC championship game two weeks ago in Jackson, the Bulldogs couldn’t spark the competition in the desert by storm sweeping the tournament clean and capturing its first national title in its history in defeating the University of Georgia 5-2 Saturday in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Last season, the teams took third in the Division Three tournament at Muskegon and also finished third in 1993 at the Albany, New York tournament.

The championship hopes for the Dutchmen up 4-0 with a goal in the second period and captain Jon Sedon (’00) made sure of the victory with an empty net goal in the 2-0 shutout victory. Von Eitzen turned aside all 21 shots he faced. Saturday night marked the final games in the careers of Sedon and Von Eitzen. Sedon scored a hat-trick, and Von Eitzen was solid in net as usual in an 8-3 romp of South Dakota State University. The win earned the Dutchmen fifth place in the nation, the same spot it finished in Atlanta two years ago. Recently, the American Collegiate Hockey Association made several changes to the Division Three guidelines. The defending champions will no longer automatically qualify for nationals, which was the reason why the 2003 defending champs, Muskegon Hawks, were not present in Arizona. Also, details were released that a club from the Northeast region will be hosting the 2005 tournament. It is possible that Robert Morris University, Pa., or possibly Indiana University of Pennsylvania will be the honorable host. That decision will not be made until fall at the earliest.

Robert Morris won the 2002 Atlantic tournament and has appeared at both the 2003 and 2004 nationals with a #15 rank. This year was the first presence of the IUP Indians in the national tournament as it made the most of it taking fourth place and beating Hope in the process. The Dutchmen finish the campaign with a 24-6-2 record.

Dutchmen hit the diamond in Indiana; take three of four

Justin Sobania
Staff Reporter

The Flying Dutchmen have begun the journey of defending their conference championship winning three of four games over the weekend in Indiana. The season opener for the Dutchmen was a dramatic success with Hope defeating DePauw in both games on Saturday. The MIAA championship was great to get better by spending time in the weight room and in practice, Phillips said. “We need to do our expectations for next year as well. The MIAA championship was great but we need to look at making a tournament run next year.”

Phillips’ outstanding performance this year earned him the MIAA’s most valuable player award. The team will eye another conference crown next year as it only loses two seniors in Matt Toury and Jason O’Ree.

Sports Wrap-up

Tennis

Tuesday women’s results: Hope 6, Grand Valley 3

Today’s men’s match: Grand Valley @ Hope

Tennis Spring Trip

Women: March 15-19

Hilton Head, S.C.

Men: March 13-19

New Braunfels, Texas

Swimming

Division Three Nationals

March 13-13

St. Peter’s, Mo.

Softball

Yesterday’s game at University of Chicago will be rescheduled for March 29.