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Dance Marathon raised $67,638 Friday night. It exceeded its previous peak income by almost $18,000.

This is the largest increase in proceeds ever taken for the Dance Marathon. Some 1,000 students took part in the benefit for DeVos Children's Hospital.

Hope, Holland school links strong

Anjey Dykhuis
Campus Beat Editor

Oh, learning, learning. How do education majors learn about interaction with school children? They can’t go to the zoo and approach random balloon-toting tots and ask to lead them around for the day, because most parents wouldn’t take kindly to strangers chatting with their children. What they can do, though, is go through many of the public, charter, parochial and private schools in West Michigan to observe classes and do their student teaching.

Right now, however, the Holland community is in somewhat of an uproar about the Holland Board of Education’s decision to completely reformat the current system of schools. The new plan is instead of having the various kindergartens through 10th grade elementary schools currently scattered throughout Holland and surrounding townships, schools will be organized in two grade sections, with one school on the east side and one school on the west side. Maplewood and Harrington Elementary schools will host kindergartens through first grade age students, Jefferson and Holland Heights Elementary will contain the second and third grades, and Longfellow and Van Raalte schools will be fourth through fifth grade. Both East and West Middle Schools will remain as they were.

Class of 2003 preserves photographic memories

Legacy group prepares video and photos so seniors can look back on college

Kurt Koebleh
Campus Beat Editor

With commencement only two months away, an event is under way to preserve memories of the class of 2003. With the assistance of Lynne Powe, Alumni Director, a 12-to-15 member committee of seniors has been meeting every week for two months planning the senior banquet, scheduled for March 27 in the Haworth Center.

“The Alumni Office has been sponsoring a banquet for the senior class since the mid-80s,” Powe said. “The purpose is to welcome seniors into the Alumni Association and to provide a nice, classy evening for seniors to spend time together before everyone goes their separate ways after commencement. We want it to be a fun evening when seniors can reflect back on their four years as students at Hope.”

Recently, this effort has come to be called the Senior Legacy in conjunction with certain educational projects that are coordinated by the Advancement Office.

Members of the graduating class volunteer for the Senior Legacy committee have many responsibilities. First, they plan events held for seniors before graduation. After graduation, they become a link between their class and Hope College reminding their former classmates of the impact Hope College had on their lives. At that point they plan events and a fundraising campaign to promote class unity.

One of the main projects in preparation for the banquet is a senior video. “In recent years, one of the projects the committee has wanted to do for entertainment at the banquet is a senior class video, which is comprised of photos submitted by seniors and from the files of the Public Relations Office,” Powe said. “The video might also be used in the future at ‘Class of 2003’ reunions. This year we had over 350 photos submitted.”

Jason Keeler (‘03), assistant manager of more LEGACY on 2

Comcast is new cable provider

AT&T Broadband Cable became Comcast Cable Communications last month, and now West Michigan is seeing a change in name on their cable bills each month. Programming should not change from previously, but customer service is supposed to increase. Comcast serves Holland, Zeeland and the surrounding townships. No price hikes are expected. Cable TV on campus is available for $30 per semester.
Relay for Life comes to Hope

12 hour marathon will help cancer victims both heal and grieve

Stephanie Szudykowski
Staff Reporter

Hope College efforts in raising money for treatment and care do not stop at Dance Marathon. Hope continues to shine throughout the year as teams are forming for a Relay for Life. 

Relay for life is the signature activity for the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity on campus, Relay for Life is an opportunity for students to raise money for the fight against cancer. Relay consists of a 12 hour marathon, in which teams or people take turns running or walking around the track, keeping at least one representative on the track at all times during the event.

Being a community gathering activity, unlike athletic activities anyone and everyone can participate. Each participant shares a common purpose of supporting the mission of the American Cancer Society to eliminate cancer, deal with the health problem by preventing, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Erica Viegelahn, president of Alpha Phi Omega, says, “The relay is a great opportunity for students to come together for a good cause. We can’t bring back the ones we have lost, but we can save the ones that we have.”

According to the American Cancer Society, the Relay’s greatest power is its ability to bring all communities together to strive for the same goal of support for those currently struggling, and celebrate those for whom they have survived.

Unlike athletic activities, everyone can participate in Relay for Life

For those lost to cancer, Relay offers the chance to come together and grieve, while celebrating the lives of survivors. For the newly diagnosed, it provides an opportunity to meet and connect with those who have survived through a similar struggle. For those patients who are currently undergoing treatment, Relay allows them to come together to provide support for each other and share their stories. And finally, for those who have struggled with the battle of cancer, Relay brings together a community’s recognition of the struggle as well as a closure to a trying time in life.

Hope College’s Alpha Phi Omega Chapter is forming committees on campus in preparation for Relay for Life, which is in the process of coming to Hope next October 24 and 25. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate, and if interested, can attend the team kickoff at 9 p.m. on March 31 in the Maas Auditorium.

With the help of the Holland Community, Hope strives to continue its unforgettable impact of its services with the goal of saving lives. Relay for Life understands the joys of being a caregiver, and recognizes that by coming together with others in the community, the challenges faced ahead can be met, and the goals can be achieved. Relay represents the hope and support that is a larger struggle with cancer, as well as the hope that those who have lost this battle will never be forgotten.

CHANGES from 1 as will Holland High School. Other small elementary schools like Lakeview will be eliminated.

This new plan, in response to statewide education budget cuts, will save almost $4.5 million but it will eliminate some 30 teaching positions. Many parents in the area don’t like the new system. Groups of concerned adults gathered in front of the Holland Public Schools offices holding signs such as “Honk if you love kids.” Some parents are interested in the new system because of the benefits of a smaller teacher to student ratio. For more than 50 years, Holland has had neighborhood elementary schools, giving many communities easy access for their children. These changes will now affect busing schedules; parents’ transportation issues will be affected.

However, Linda Jordan, assistant adjunct professor of elementary education, does not believe the changes will affect field placements of education majors.

“We use a list of schools in the area (for placement). The (HPS) change makes a few less buildings for us to go to and it’s only one district of many that we use, so we aren’t seeing any difficulties at all. It won’t have an impact on field placement. Teachers request our students and we don’t see any reason why that should change,” Jordan said.

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“It is too early to tell,” disagreed Dave Zwart, director of student teaching and certifying that the new plan will not effect our student teacher placement or field placements.

LEGACY from 1

Video Services, will prepare the video. Submitted photos will also find their way onto the Internet.

“The last four years we’ve extended the use of the photos submitted to include a web photo album for those on off campus programs, or have class or other commitments the evening of the banquet and don’t get to see the video,” Powe said. The web photo album will, according to Powe, open on March 28th and remain accessible on the Alumni web page throughout the year.
CIT director answers questions about computers, plans expansion of machines on campus

Glenn Lester
Staff Reporter

"My monitor died," said a woman working in the CIT office. "Now why is that?"

Some Hope students feel just as puzzled about their Internet connections as of late. Mitch Ploz ('06) doesn't believe that campus computers are working up to their full potential. "The computers are very slow, very slow. We have what, a T-1 line? Why's it so slow?"

Nick VanSleut ('06) agreed. "A lot of the sites that should be quick to load are slow. But overall it's improved since last year. The LAN is really nice."

Jeff Pestun, CIT Project Manager, was glad to hear the news that students appreciate the improvement of Internet connection. "The speed of the network is an issue we're always addressing," he said. Hope's Ethernet connection has doubled size two years ago, according to Pestun.

Most comments regarding Internet speed involve peer-to-peer filesharing programs such as Kazaa and online gaming, according to Pestun. "We have a device that prioritizes traffic," he said. Web pages have priority of loading over recreational Internet function such as filesharing and gaming. Being an academic institution, the Hope network should favor research-based internet use over leisurely internet use, according to Pestun.

Currently Hope pays for a fractional T-3 fiberoptic line to connect to the Internet. It runs from Holland to Kalamazoo and then to larger lines. "We've contracted for six megabytes," said Pestun. But Pestun stressed, an increase in the size and speed of Internet connection is always a possibility.

CIT has other plans for computer expansion on Hope's campus. The biggest concern, according to Pestun, is equipping Hope's new buildings with computers and Internet connection. The new science center will have "one or two labs in it by fall," Pestun said.

Students work in the lab in Kollen Hall. For all the students living in this dorm, there are only 12 full-access computers available for those without their own computers.

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—J.B. Wernland ('05)

CIT hopes that students will pay attention to which cottages and apartments have Ethernet connections, but he also hopes students will keep in mind that "probably a good number of future cottages" will use wireless Internet.

The overall goal of CIT's expansion is to make students' academic studies easier. Will the additional computers and Ethernet connections make this possible? "Without a doubt," said J. B. Wernland ('05). "I think there should be equal access to all students close to where they live, especially for those upper-classmen whose work loads or whatever we want because their computer is not working as it should."

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"For the most part it's pretty fast and compared to other schools we can do basically whatever we want because a lot of other schools have restrictions."
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"The Internet connection isn't bad. Downloading songs sometimes takes a little bit longer than at other schools, but I don't ever have a problem connecting to the Internet."
—Rachel Voorhees ('06)

"They need to do some work but they have a good infrastructure. I'd like to see a better use of resources."
—Ivan Lichty ('06)

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"I think the network at Hope is overall pretty good but I definitely think they could improve KnowHope."
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Students fine-arts work warming up in spring

For the duration of their years at Hope, students of the arts spend many hours creating, acting, practicing, dancing and rehearsing. Now that the year is nearing its end, after months of preparation, these students are putting on the final touches.

Although spring is crunch time for most of the term so far, all classes are being put on the final touches. For theater students, springtime is crunch time. Most of the term so far has been spent in rehearsal or in technical preparation, but now it's time to get serious and work toward performance deadlines.

Theater rehearsal space on campus is at a premium, too, as class performances deadlines approach. For music students, Spring break is the last gasp, in fact, before the serious work of final touches. Preliminary showing gets under way. At these informal, early showings, student choirmasters have volunteer dancers (more than 35 are available) mount their works in preliminary form and receive valuable feedback from instructors and others.

Student choreographers have to sign up in advance for specific time slots and must show up with a sufficient number of dancers and prepared pieces to give a clear picture of what the final work will involve. The showings are intended to be instructive and helpful in moving the work along to completion.

Following is the Student Dance Concert schedule for the weeks ahead, culminating in the performances themselves:

- Preliminary Showing - March 26 and 27, 6 to 10 p.m. each day. Student choreographers must sign up in advance for specific time slots and must show up with a sufficient number of dancers and prepared pieces to give a clear picture of what the final work will involve. The showings are intended to be instructive and helpful in moving the work along to completion.
- Final Showing and Placement - April 6, 1 to 8 p.m., and April 7 if necessary. This is the stage when the student dance performance will be placed on the campus performance-space schedule.
- "Tech" Rehearsal - April 12 and 13, times to be announced. This is what it's all about, folks, and what all the practice, practice, practice will produce.
- Final Performance and Placement - April 14 and 15, evening performance time slots. The big moment! These are the Student Dance performance dates, when the shows are mounted and critiques are offered up by guest adjudicators. This is what it's all about, folks, and what all the practice, practice, practice will produce.

Junior and Senior music students give solo recitals throughout the year and they will continue through the spring. But even those that come at the end of the year have been in the works for a long time now.

"I have put so many long hours in preparing that I know my music inside and out. But, I am nervous..."

Romantic concert tonight

Nick Denis, Anchor Correspondent
Tonight will be a very romantic evening in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, minus the candles and flowers. The Hope College Orchestra will present an evening of music by Romantic composers at 8 p.m. tonight.

The program will include "Finlandia," by Jean Sibelius, "Symphonic Variations," by Cesar Franck, featuring Mansoon Han Kim, Professor of music, and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony in E minor.

Romantic compositions focus on human experiences and emotions, and tell stories through heavy chromaticism. This storytelling element is evident in the Sibelius. "It contains moments of contrast, big brass juxtaposed against a beautiful chorale melody that sends one to the homeland of the composer, Finland," said Joe Deller ('03), first violinist.

The Franck Variations will mark Han Kim's first feature performance with the Hope orchestra. "The Franck Symphonic Variations, unlike the rest of his compositions, is one of the most buoyant pieces that he ever wrote. While keeping the French impressionistic tradition, there are also Wagnerian influences," Han Kim said.

Members of the orchestra are excited for the upcoming artistic collaboration. "Dr. Kim is great, she is a superb musician. It is a great experience and a privilege to put something like the Franck Variations together with her," Deller said.

Han Kim feels the same way. "It is a sheer joy to play with the orchestra here. This concertos requires such tight ensemble work and a fine understanding of the piece between the soloist and the orchestra, and Mr. Pippop...holds both parts really successfully," Han Kim said.

Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony is a standard piece in the orchestral repertoire, and has quickly become some of the member's favorite pieces on the program.

The Anchor photo by Rich Onisma
The Orchestra rehearses for tonight's concert.

Three reasons you need to go to the Area Arts Council's Annual High School Juried Art Exhibition.

Maureen Yonovitz, Anchor Correspondent
DePree is not the only place to find art exhibits in Holland. From now until April 17, the Holland Area Arts Council (HAAC) is presenting three different shows at the Annual High School Juried Exhibition, an exhibit of works by high school art educators, and a thin exhibit entitled, "In the Mail..."

The Annual High School Juried Exhibition was originally one of many different events that made up HAAC's March Festival. Since...
Student performances throughout the semester

March
Saturday, 29: Sophomore Recital-Cari Chapin, flute, Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.
Senior Recital-Alyson Payne, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.

April
Thursday, 3: Junior Recital-Sara Luneack, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Friday, 4: Junior Recital-Titus Munteanu, violin, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
April 4-May 4: Senior Art Show, DePree Gallery
Saturday, 5: Junior Recital-Joseph Gutowski, violin and tenor voice, Wichers Auditorium, 2 p.m.
Senior Recital-Laura Litteral, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 8: Junior Recital-Grant Gould, percussion, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Junior Recital-Benjamin Furhman, violin, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 9: Senior Recital-Crystal Stabenow, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Senior Recital-Nicholas Toben, cello, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Thursday, 10: Combined Junior Recital-Naomi Bertram, soprano, and Susana Rodriguez, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Senior Recital-Jolene VanDyke, violin, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 11 and 12: "Parallel Lives," Kristen Tiscornia, director, with Katie Carlson and Lauren Toner, DeWitt Studio Theatre 8 p.m.

Tuesday and/or Thursday, 15 and 17: Directing II projects, Michuan Burton and Dan Kwiatkowski, time to be determined
Saturday, 19: Senior Recital-Noel Snyder, piano, Dimnent Chapel, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 23: Senior Recital-Joseph Deller, violin, Wichers Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Combined Senior Recital-Sonja Lytle, soprano, and Noelle Davids, soprano, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Wednesday-Saturday, 23-26: "The Birds," scenery designed by senior John Anderson

Changing gallery art installation exhibit happening weekly to biweekly in the elevator gallery in DePree. Exhibits Changing Weekly
I would like to expand on our coverage of the Hope computer network in Infocus (page 3). I personally believe the Internet can be unearably slow and become unavailable at the most inconvenient times, but I have noticed an even more disturbing trend with KnowHope this year.

Throughout the year, most divisions of KnowHope have been neglected, causing their content to become very outdated and in desperate need of an update. Many boards and committees post their minutes on KnowHope so that any student can figure out what is going on and what decisions their constituents and faculty are making. For example, the Student Congress minutes have not been updated since November 26 of last year, and the picture of the Congress is still from the caretakers and faculty are making. For example, the Student Congress minutes have not been updated since November 26 of last year, and the picture of the Congress is still from the

Without these updates, students cannot exercise their right to know about the many decisions that affect their campus and academic lives. At the beginning of the year, The Anchor was even experiencing problems posting to KnowHope, but we have tried to get the updates online, and have been successful in working out most of the kinks along the way. I would hope that these groups who have been neglecting their websites will quickly correct the deficit and update their minutes so we can get the information that we have a right to know.

Because of the obscurity of the Student Congress minutes online, I thought it would be a good idea to update everyone on what your constituents have been doing. So here are some highlights from the March 4 meeting:

- HSO amended changes to their constitution, and changed their name.
- The Anti-harassment policy was discussed by the Campus Life Board, and a new draft of the college's anti-harassment policy was handed out for approval.
- A recommendation was made to disband the Religious Life Committee.
- The Academic Affairs board discussed the worthiness of their name.
- The Athletic Affairs Committee discussed whether or not Division III sports are taking precedence over academics.
- Two new clubs were put forth to be approved.

Anchor Staff

Jazz singer visits Hope

Jazz singer Sunny Wilkinson will be performing at Hope College on March 27, at 6 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Wilkinson has sung with a wide range of groups, including the Count Basie Band, Edgel Winter, Ron McCool, and the Boss Brass, and Murph Murphy. Her latest recording is a big band release on Chartmaker Records and clubs throughout the country, and she teaches jazz voice at Western Michigan University and Michigan State University. She is co-founder of "Sisters in Jazz," a mentoring program which has been implemented internationally.

While on campus she will speak on women in jazz festivals and perform with pianist Steve Talaga at noon in Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music. Wilkinson will also host a vocal jazz clinic with the Hope College vocal jazz group at 2 p.m., in Wichers Auditorium. The public is invited to attend both sessions.

Sunny Wilkinson will perform on March 27.
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J - I miss you everyday. Good luck at the hospital.- M

E - I couldn't ask for a better traveling companion. Thanks! -M

The Anchor office in the DeWitt Student Center.

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Dutchmen battle to the end in tournament

Hope loss to Oshkosh ends a fine season

Ben DeHaan

Sports editor

After winning the MIAA tournament for the second straight year, and giving Coach Glenn Van Wieren his 500th career win, the Flying Dutch went on to look forward to as they hosted Wisconsin-Oshkosh at home in the second round of the Division III tournament.

The Dutchmen trailed most of the game on Saturday, and were unable to spark a run at waning minutes, as they fell to Oshkosh 84-77. They advance to the round of sixteen this weekend, as Hope ends their year at 23-5. Being recognized as one of the nation’s best shooting teams and ranked thirteenth in DIII, the Titans displayed their intensity from the game’s opening tip and were the first to pull ahead. With the game knotted 16-16, the Titans sparked a scoring run that would take them into halftime ahead 37-32. As the crowd of over 1,300 fans looked on at the Dow Center, the Dutchmen rallied to start the second half. Chad Carlson (’06) earned his first of four 3-pointers just minutes into the second half to give Hope their first lead of the game at 47-46. After several more lead changes, Andy Philips (’06) pushed the Dutchmen ahead 51-50 with 12:10 left to play. However, this would be the last time that Hope would see the lead. Oshkosh proved their reputation as stellar shooters in the last 10 minutes of the half, hitting back-to-back three pointers to take lead.

Hope got within seven points, down in the last two minutes, with key three pointers from Jeff Carlson (’06) and Philips. They nearly pulled back within 5 points, but the momentum was halted when Don Overbeck (’03) was able to an offensive foul with just under 1:30 left. Oshkosh was able to run out the clock with the large lead, ending the Dutchmen’s season on a sad note.

Chad Carlson led the Dutchmen with 18 points. Senior Don Overbeck, the MIAA M.V.P., finished the game with 12 points and three rebounds. Jeff Carlson (’06) also chipped in with 11 points in the game.

The season’s finish marks the end of the careers for Chad Carlson, Don Overbeck, Mike VanHekken, Charlie Kleinhals, Josh Bauman, and Cody Fleming.

Dutchmen battle to the end in tournament

Flying Dutch headed to sectionals

Ben DeHaan

GUEST WRITER

The Flying Dutch were disappointed not to sit out the first round of the DIII tournament, but were given a consolation prize by hosting Mount St. Joseph (Ohio) at home last Wednesday. Hope took full advantage of the support and were able to hold off a tenacious Lion front, defeating St. Joseph 75-63. They will play the Wilmington, Ohio Quakers on Friday in Eau Claire.

While last Friday’s was no easy task, the most difficult of the two tests came on Saturday, when the Dutch traveled to Pennsylvania to take on Washington & Jefferson College. Despite playing against the top-ranked team in the region, Hope maintained their poise, and was able to score a 71-60 victory. Washington & Jefferson took an early 10-5 lead as their MVP Leigh Salewski (’06) scored 8 of her team’s first 10 points. The Flying Dutch responded with a 10-point run to go ahead 15-10, but The Presidents regained an 18-17 lead midway through the first half. From there, the teams traded the lead four times before Kaitlii Grotenshuis (’03) hit a 3-pointer to put Hope ahead 24-20 with seven minutes to go. They kept up the pressure and took a 38-30 lead at intermission.

Kaitlii Vilman (’05) sustained the Dutch in the early-going of the second half, scoring two free throws in less than a minute to push the lead to 45-30. The Flying Dutch moved to a double-figure lead at 15:26 left on a pair of three throws by Amy Baltmanis. The Presidents sliced the Hope lead to 6 points, but Hope freshman Bev Ebels hit a clutch 3-pointer to give the Dutch a 9 point advantage midway through the second half. The Presidents wouldn’t go away, however, and sliced the Hope lead to only four points with 6:48 left in the game. Back-to-back baskets by Kerstina and Baltmanis put the Hope lead to 55-48 with 4:43 left in the game.

Colleen Corey (’03) hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Hope its biggest lead of the game, stretching the score to 61-48 with 2:46 to go. Hope kept the lead and went on to win the game by a score of 71-60. They will travel to Eau Claire, Wisconsin for their games this weekend.

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Downsizing hurts

I was surprised last week to see a proposal before the MIAA that would downsize sport seasons lengths. It made me think about the views on sports by the administration, the athletes, and the fans.

I began by taking a closer look at the proposal. It states that “a fixation on National Championships can lead to increased cost, missed classes and other negatives that need specific control.”

While I agree that there is a great emphasis placed on a national championship, I fail to see a problem with that. That is what sports are all about. That is why athletes get up at 5 a.m. and go to practice and why they play all of their games. That is why they want to represent Hope College and show the rest of Division III what we can do. Just look at all of the excitement that the national tournaments generated this weekend. If we didn’t compete in these tournaments, the girls would have ended their season and gone home. Instead, they are off to the sectional tournament and for one another. It was pretty exciting about it. While it may prolong the schedule by a few weeks, I think that it would be a terrible injustice if national tournaments weren’t fully supported by the school.

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The Hope College Ice Hockey Club finished second in the Division III national tournament last weekend, finishing the year with a record of 25-6.

Their opening game was Thursday morning against Virginia Commonwealth University. After winning undressing college of the Canyons from California shock Wagner College from New York 5-2 in a shootout, the Flying Dutchmen took to the ice and were all over VCU right from the start. Hope pumped in two in the first two lines in the second taking a very comfortable 7-0 lead after two periods of play. VCU starting goalie Sean Crail was touched for six goals after giving way to his backup Jim Bearden who also surrendered another four. Hope goalie Ben Von Eitzen (’03) was only credited with one save in the 160 route where Hope outshot VCU 43-1. Hope then played under college of the Canyons from Friday. Hope got off to an early lead as John Collins (’03) fired a slapshot just over the shoulder of Cougars goaltender Matt Curnelius for an early 1-0 lead. The rest of the game saw a hand fought battle at both ends of the ice and when the dust cleared, Hope was still ahead 1-0 and had advanced to the semifinals.

The hero of the game was Ben Von Eitzen, who made 34 saves in the game. Sports editor Straight Shooting

Hockey scored three goals in the period to take the lead. The Dutchmen came out in the third period ready to score but had several good scoring chances turned away by Hawks goalie Jeff Hassak. Hope was called for a pair of penalties away from the play that resulted in a 5-3 win in powerplay for the MCC Hawks and the game was sealed after an empty net goal with under a minute left, giving Hope a 4-2 loss. The second place finish in the tournament is the best in the history of Hope Hockey.

Hope players battle for the ball during their 84-77 season closer on Saturday.

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