Raising awareness

Speaker to share personal testimony of rape in hopes of creating awareness.

DANA LAMERS
infofocus editor

Katie Koestner has something in common with one in every four women.

According to statistics, one in every four college women is raped or sexually assaulted. For men, it is one out of ten. But what separates Koestner from other victims is her decision to speak up and fight against a crime of silence.

Koestner will share her personal experience at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Haworth Ballroom.

Koestner experienced date rape as a college freshman, after a dinner date with a guy she had "hung out" with several times before. She will visit Hope as part of a goal to reach as many people as possible with her message.

Jodi Kurtze ('01) was sexually assaulted by an ex-boyfriend before she came to college.

"I'm the living breathing example of what is not the stereotypical victim of sexual assault—but it happens," Kurtze said, who has also taken action by becoming a C.A.A.R.E (Campus Assault Awareness, Response and Education) educator.

"I'm the best example of why people need to talk about it. It's something that's also a part of me because I have a heightened sensitivity to the issue. I have a passion for it because it affects so many people," Kurtze said.

Sexual assault is defined as sexual advances that are accompanied by actual or threatened physical violence. This may include rape, attempted rape, sexual contact, and attempted sexual contact.

Eighty-four percent of sexual assaults are committed by people the victim knows. But for men, it is one in every ten.

The discussion, titled "The Christian Scholar-Teacher: A Sure Recipe for Multiple Personality Disorder?" is the last in a series of forums held this year by the Rhodes Regional Consolation on the Future of Church-Related Colleges and Universities.

"This particular panel will talk about the challenges and opportunities about how to be a Christian and a scholar at the same time," said Caroline Simon, Associate Professor of Philosophy.

Topics addressed will include how religious beliefs can shape one's scholarly agenda and whether service is more important than scholarship.

"The panelists are also prepared to address current campus climate issues and the effect they have had on their classroom environment and what sort of discussion this has created in their classroom," Simon said.

The panel members represent faculty who are a part of the Rhodes Foundation and will address the topic from a variety of angles.

student congress cancels panel

Last month, after rescinding their decision to support bringing speaker Mel White to campus to speak on the issue of homosexuality, Student Congress decided to instead plan a panel discussion on homosexuality.

They decided not to hold the panel at their meeting on Thursday, April 8.

"There was extreme difficulty in putting together a panel," said Student Congress President Dana March('99). "I think that this issue is far from over and it is my personal hope that students will motivate more conversations about homosexuality and other tough issues next year, especially if it is not initiated by the administration or faculty.

"My understanding was that Student Congress was holding this panel as a way to provide reconciliation," said Amanda Schneider ('99). "The fact that they aren't epidemizes that they are doing nothing.

Internships create job opportunities

PAUL LOODEEN
sports editor

At 6 p.m. on Easter Sunday it is cold on the floor of Van Andel Arena. Microsoft is playing over the sound system and a number of people scurry around as basketball players for the Fort Wayne Fury and the Grand Rapids Hoops try to trick out of the locker room to warm up.

In the mix of it all Craig Kopus ('99) is hard at work helping prepare for the evenings contest. He, like other Hope students, is participating in a valuable internship.

"I think the biggest thing between internships and school is that we are given a task and told to just go do it and get the job done and then we see what the results are," said Tony Petkus (99) who interned with the Grand Rapids Griffins.

Each is responsible for performing tasks essential to the operation of the
Retiring faculty share plans and reflection

When the 1999-2000 academic year begins, several faces will be missing on Hope's campus due to retirement.

The retirements of Nancy Nicodemus, John Wilson, Robert Boyd, Sylvain Rouse, Jeanne Jacobson, and Marcia Smit will be effective at the end of this semester.

Nancy Nicodemus, Professor of English, joined the Hope faculty in 1966. Before coming to Hope, she earned a bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University and a master's degree at the University of Wyoming. She also taught three years at Western Michigan University.

Nicodemus has been teaching all of her adult life, and she feel that she has provided students with excellent opportunities in her many years in education.

"I think I've provided some very strong classroom experiences that have stayed with students and prompted them to learn more," she said. "The classroom for me is the most important and what I'm proudest of."

In addition to teaching English courses, Nicodemus writes and publishes poetry, and hopes to continue to do so into her retirement. Her poetry has been published in The Black Fly Review, Ordained Literary Quarterly, and The Christian Science Monitor.

As for her retirement plans, Nicodemus said, "The most exciting thing is I will become an art student, exploring a long-time interest."

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He also made the art history program into a full major.

"Seeing students study art history and go into the field beyond Hope College is the most rewarding experience," Wilson said.

Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, a master's from University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from University of Illinois. Before joining the Hope faculty, Wilson taught at the University of Missouri in Saint Louis. He intends to reconnect with the Hope faculty. Wilson spent the summer at a residency program in the Western Michigan area.

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Upon her retirement, Boyd has a list of plans. "I want to travel, take a trip, walk on the beach, play golf with my grandchildren, and take a nap," she said.

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Boyd is especially proud of the contributions he has made at Hope.

"We built a strong accounting program that is highly regarded in the Western Michigan area," Boyd said. "A good percentage of our students pass the CPA exam and get good jobs."

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Jane Dickie of the Psychology Department chaired these discussions.

"I think this makes it look like Student Congress does not want discussion on campus," she said. "I think this is very sad."

Although the panel will not be held, some students believe discussion of the issue will stop. "I was looking forward to the panel which would have been continuing on an important issue that will probably never be resolved," said Katie Paarlberg ('02). "But not having the panel doesn't necessarily eliminate the discussion of the issue. Bringing the speakers to Hope opened up the issue in a lot of people's eyes, now at least its out in the open."

Although the academic year is coming to a close, Student Congress still has many events yet to come. Elections for next year's President, Vice-President and class representatives will be held on Thurs., April 22 and Friday, April 23.

"I think that we are at a turning point," Marlot said. "The officers you elect will determine the direction the student body will go for the upcoming year. So I think that the future will reflect the importance of this election."

Student Congress began this year with many goals, one of which was to make the budgeting process easier.

Marlot feels this goal was met. Last year there was much debate about how funds were given to many different organizations were reduced.

"Overall, I am very proud of the progress we have made this year and look forward to watch next year's events unfold in the alumni newsletter," Marlot said.

"I learned at Monday night's talk of the importance of caring for people facing death situations and I was inspired by hearing what he had to say," she said.

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Prof Examines Forgiveness

CARRIE ARNOLD
spotlight editor

Psychology professor Charlotte vanOyen Witvliet is the part of a growing trend in psychology research.

Her research about the physiological effects of withholding or not granting forgiveness is reflective of the growing interest in this topic. Beginning in the fall of 1998, with funding from the John Templeton Foundation, Witvliet began her study.

Witvliet's research and studies into the topic of forgiveness has not only come to the attention of the Hope College community, but has also received national attention. A program about Witvliet and her research was scheduled to air on CNN Easter Sunday and Monday, but due to the events in Kosovo, it was postponed.

The producer of the segment that she would be in touch with Witvliet about when it will air.

"Our work is looking at both the unforgiving and forgiving responses to real life offenders," Witvliet said. "And how our responses, that is, the way we think about our offenders, affects us emotionally and psychologically." Witvliet decided to focus on forgiveness for several reasons.

"One is in my therapy work. I've been struck by how often people are struggling with conflict in relationships. Work with trauma survivors has increased my awareness of how often people are struggling with ways to respond to the people who have hurt them," Witvliet said.

"The other reason is that forgiveness is so central in my Christian faith and it's been a significant part of my own life in living out my faith."

Witvliet used a natural human process, emotional imagery, as the means through which she conducted her research.

"We ask people to actively think about real hurts from their lives and to focus on what happened when they were hurt, to nurse a grudge, empathize with the human qualities of the offender, and try to grant forgiveness," Witvliet said.

Witvliet defines forgiveness as "relinquishing vengeance and adopting a merciful attitude of goodwill towards an offender."

She stresses that forgiveness is not ignoring, excusing, minimizing, or tolerating the offence. It also doesn't negate the need for justice, and requires room for grieving.

"Forgiveness is not for wimps," Witvliet said. "It's really important not to cheapen forgiveness."

In her research, Witvliet used a carefully controlled method to study the different responses.

"We asked people to think about their offenders and to imagine responding to them in different ways," Witvliet said.

They did it using well-controlled and systematic methods.

"We broke down the study into sections and used the sound of tones to tell people to imagine which of these responses [they were going to use]," Witvliet said. "We used multiple trials of imagery in carefully manipulated orders."

While Witvliet and her assistant had the test subjects use imagery, they also measured some physiological responses during this to help understand how withholding or granting forgiveness affects people.

She measured heart rate, sweat, and blood pressure.

Witvliet said she then asked each subject to make ratings about how they felt during each of the different images.

This allowed for the "richness of people's self-reported feelings and their physiological responses on a moment-by-moment, heartbeat by heartbeat basis" to give us a very up close look of a very immediate response like holding a grudge or forgiving someone who has hurt you," Witvliet said.

Witvliet stresses that her test subjects are not being put into groups and compared, but rather evaluated to see what happens if the same person considers different forgiving or unforgiving responses. This will show the impact of choosing one option over another, Witvliet said.

"It seems that it's almost a natural response to be drawn towards grudges," Witvliet said. "There is a sense that we derive some satisfaction from them, but they are not nearly as satisfying and meaningful as forgiving."

In spite of all the attention and all the possible data that has been produced about the physiological effects of forgiveness, Witvliet said that, to her, forgiveness is "rooted in faith, not empirical data."

"If we find in multiple studies that forgiving has health benefits, I still believe that our primary motivation to forgive ought to be rooted in our faith and in gratitude to God for forgiving us," Witvliet said.
A Congress for apathy

It’s unfortunate that Student Congress voted not to hold a panel discussion addressing the issue of homosexuality and religion at Hope. In making this decision, Congress is doing its part to extinguish the discussion of homosexuality. Instead of providing a valuable service to the campus community, Congress may be looking forward to the end of the semester.

Congress had a chance to make an impressive impact with the hottest issue of the year. On Sunday, March 28, I found that someone had written “fag” on the door of my room. I wish I could brush off this occurrence as just another feature of simple college prank, but I believe that would be a denial that similar disrespectful acts are all too common across Hope’s campus. When I explained what had happened to one of my colleagues the next day, the consensus was that while a majority of students were disgusted, only a minority would act on this issue.

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Sophomore appeals for respect within discussions

To the Editor:

Returning from the 11 a.m. Ser-
vice at Third Reformed Church
(North Sixth Street and College
Avenue), I realized that the build-
ing was ihe Northeast corner of
Ninth Street and College Avenue.
Instead, Congress took another hit within the issue.

And deservedly so. Students approached Congress almost a month ago, requesting another viewpoint to the issue. Instead, Congress is endorsing apathy and silence. Congress voted to sponsor the visit of Mel White, but one week later rescinded that invitation. Congress set a bad precedence with that decision. If students want something done, they had better do it themselves because Congress doesn’t want to get involved.

In that meeting, it was decided that Congress would sponsor a panel discussion, continuing campus discussion. It was the hope that with varying viewpoints it wouldn’t be endorsing a single side. Instead, with its vote, Congress is endorsing apathy and silence.

Hopefully, the rest of the campus will take the initiative Congress didn’t, and continue the discussion of homosexuality, Christianity and Hope College.

The issue of Christianity and homosexuality has been discussed at Hope for many years and a discussion at this time would have been immensely helpful. A variety of viewpoints were going to be expressed and the panel would have maintained ongoing dialogue.

Somewhere, several individuals must be missing. Because Student Congress did its part in stopping a discussion that is difficult and painful. But the issue is not gone, and that is why the dialogue needs to continue.

Correction.

In the April 1 Issue of the Anchor, the photo accompanying the “New building site proposed,” was the wrong location. The location of the proposed building is the Northeast corner of Ninth Street and College Avenue. The Anchor regrets the error.

Sophomore appeals for respect within discussions

To the Editor:

Though not surprised, I am still gravely disappointed in the unthink-
ingness of certain Student Con-
servatism Congress to follow through with their motion to hold a panel discussion on homosexuality. Their behavior lacks integrity and more importantly leaves the voices of our students silenced yet again.

After the resolution, I was moved to bring a speaker to campus who would voice the needs and concerns of our gay community, they also re-
corded support for this viewpoint of their peers and speaker Mario Bergner. In one night these students deconstructed the entire purpose of Student Congress: to represent the concerns and needs of the student body. But, they had drafted the “per-
fected” compromise, a panel discus-
sion on homosexuality. But now after the pressure to represent the students has been momentarily met, the same student Congress members are unwilling to represent their con-
servatives, on “both sides” of the is-

sue.

As we have witnessed, the ac-
tions of Student Congress greatly impact our lives and our voice at the college. Sadly though, we have seen all too clearly their ability to fur-
ther silence and “closeout” us. Please take an active role in mak-
ing Student Congress effective by talking to the Speaker of the House in the Student Congress and presenting a strong and well-prepared defense of the issues you believe in.

We the students of Hope College are speaking out for our faith and the values we hold so dear to us. We are the right voice to speak out so together.

March LaChance (’98)

On a more positive note, I would like to thank the members, advisors and newly elected leadership team of Student Congress: to represent the concerns and needs of our students. They are students of this institution and are working hard to support and generate compassion. You and the many people who were per-
severing in bringing Mel White to campus are supporting “our gay brothers and lesbian sisters” de-
serve endless thanks and praise. Your dedication has already made a difference in my college experience. I am an execu-
ted minority. I thank you, stu-
dents, professors, staff, community members and all the other people we’ve taken and the truly Chris-
tian love that you have shown. God bless your compassion and selfless dedication to helping those in need. You are a source of strength and inspiration to me.

Amanda Schneider (’99)
Katie Koestner to give personal testimony of sexual assault

AWARENESS FROM

Let's Talk About Sex

Editor's note: Jodi Kurtze ('01) writes as a survivor of sexual assault, a Hope College C.A.A.R.E. educator and a 1999 Miss Indiana Contestant with a platform of Sexual Assault and Harassment. This is her story, Katie Koestner is coming to Hope College to speak about sexual assault. Koestner travels the county speaking on a topic she knows all too well after being raped during her first year of college education.

Who is this presentation really focusing on as the target audience? Not only the women, not only the men, not only students and faculty of Hope College, but to all of the above. Sexual assault and harassment are issues that have been a part of society for decades, but not on the social agenda until the last five to 10 years. Individuals need to open discussion about sexual assault and harassment in order to stop this disease that is plaguing our culture and our college community.

But Hope is a Christian college and things like sexual assault and rape don't happen here. Wrong. According to a survey of Hope students in the mid 1990's, 7 percent of the college student body has experienced some form of sexual assault. Outside of the realm of Hope College, one in 10 men and one in three women will be raped in their lifetime. Why is it that issues regarding sexuality cause so many problems in society? It is because society on the whole does not talk enough about the issue, ask questions to clear misconceptions, and clearly understand the magnitude of sexual assault and harassment. Let us go deeper questions when gathering in formation to diagnose patients, men and women need to be asking more questions to cure this social ill; a social ill that happens everyday in academic settings, communities, and the workplace.

A myth regarding sexual assault is that it targets only women who are walking alone in dark alleyways. A stereotypical sexual assault is the exchange of stereotypical favors between a male superior and his female employee. Even though these situations happen, they are not the majority of sexual assault and harassment instances. According to C.A.A.R.E. workshop materials, 84 percent of the women who were raped knew their assailant and 57 percent of rapes occur on a date. In addition, the majority of sexual harassment occurs in the form of hostile environment that includes crude jokes, and derogatory references to the body, making it difficult for an individual to function in their environment.

The victims of sexual assault are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, and wives. The incidence of sexual assault and harassment is in existence and close to home. A strong weapon against the incidence of sexual crimes is to open our minds to be educated and take a stand on the issue. With that knowledge also comes the responsibility to educate others to be aware of what and how they communicate in reference to sexuality—whether that means taking note that there are victims all around you or just no longer calling the shuttle van by its slang term.

Welcome to the real world, student of Hope College. Use the Internet and the brochures you possess outside of the college to be aware of the reality of sexual assault and harassment. Only through language can the silent consent cease to exist.

The victims of sexual assault are committed by someone known to the victim. Both Koestner and Kurtze fall within this category. “The worst thing is he probably didn't even know,” Kurtze said. “I didn’t realize it was sexual assault until college and my first C.A.A.R.E. workshop. I thought it was just playing the game. People need to open the lines of communication and call this what it really is.”

Experts on date rape and sexual assault cringe when serious offenses are played off as "no big deal." When I hear the phrase “playing the game” I feel very sad because it's a very dangerous game to play,” said Christa Collins, director of special programs and C.A.A.R.E. Advisor. “These are people's lives and people can spend a lifetime trying to overcome the pain of that one incident.”

Koestner's message is important for college campus to hear since women aged 16 to 24 have a four times higher risk of being raped than any other population group.

"We all have a responsibility to prevent sexual assault and the way we do that is becoming educated about it," Collins said. "We need to be changing attitudes, changing beliefs, confronting others, and taking a stand on these issues. We need to stop blaming the victim, making jokes, posting pornography, even the attitude of ‘let's get drunk and get some,’ it's time to start calling each other out and take a stand.

College students need to be especially aware of the heightened chances of these unwanted encounters when alcohol is involved.

“When I’m giving presentations, the question I’ve gotten from some men is, ‘What happens when we both get drunk and end up having sex and later cries rape?’” Collins said. “But my response to that is if there is any doubt whatsoever that your partner does not want to have sex, that sex is not consensual, don’t do it. Whenever you have sex under those conditions the risks are higher.” Seventy percent of men who have committed sexual assault have done so when they had been drinking and 80 percent of women who have been assaulted have done so after drinking.

“I think Hope students understand the concept of date rape. I don’t think they are very misguided about alcohol and the consequences of drinking too much,” said Kristen Gray, assistant dean of health and counseling and Sexual Harassment Policy Educator. "I don’t mean to place the blame on the alcohol, but to understand that our decision making is altered once we’ve had a few drinks. We’re not allowed to do anything after we’ve had a drink, but we think it’s okay to do the most intimate, personal act of giving yourself to another human being.

Collins makes it clear that men, as well as women, are at risk of being victims of sexual assault, though it is much more common for women.

Statistics continue to be frightening for college students, especially when by it is considered that most rapists do not consider their acts of assault as rape. Fifty-one percent of college students said they might rape a woman if they knew they would not be caught.

“We want people to become aware,” said Alicia Tomsich (’99). C.A.A.R.E. educator and intern. “People need to know that this does actually happen.”

Organizers of the event hope Koestner’s visit will raise further awareness of these issues on campus.

“‘It’s much safer at Hope than at other schools, but ideally it would not happen at all. The way to do that is to educate about prevention.”

Collins said.

“‘So often the focus is on women to protect themselves, but we all need to prevent it,” she said.

Koestner’s message is sponsored by C.A.A.R.E., WIO, AIM, IFC, Pan Hel, SAC, Dean of Students, Residential Life, the Counseling Center, Dean of Social Sciences and the Department of Kinesiology.

What you should know:

- 57% of all sexual assaults occur during a date.
- 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.
- 84% of men whose actions came under the legal definition of rape believed they had not committed rape.
- Almost half of the victims of acquaintance rape told no one of their attack; only 5% visited a rape crisis center.
- 10% of rapes ever got reported to police (according to the FBI).
DePrey art show highlights seniors' work

ANDREW KLECEK
staff reporter

The culmination of a year's work went on display Friday night for seven seniors.

Studio art majors Mary Belinger, Sarah Hendrick, Erin Overmeyer, Dan Patterson, Laura Sullivan, Jessica Thomas, and Jeff Trytko strutted their stuff for the first time at Hope College.

"It's kind of exciting, as a sending off and a culmination of what you work for, and it's done: mainly relief," said Sarah Hendrick, on her feelings of the Senior Art Show.

Patterson's feelings were somewhat different.

"It was the first time I'd had any of my work shown. publicly. I wouldn't say I was nervous, I don't apologize..." said Patterson.

Each of the artists search in different areas for inspiration when looking to create. However, many of them do look towards other artists and school to help inspire them.

"A lot of times it comes from art history and looking at what other artists are doing," said Jeff Trytko.

For Hendrick, inspiration is almost solely from others.

"I don't think I have anywhere in particular that I look (for inspiration), besides looking at other artists," Hendrick said.

Trytko said.

"I don't know, it just comes... with, and drew off of that," said Jessica Thomas.

"I've been drawing off of things inside of me, certain ways I view things, more introspective," she said.

The act of creation has a unique meaning for each of the artists.

"It's a way for me to express myself," Thomas said.

"I actually want to play in my rock band, paindie 4Ve, but I'm not going away from my art at all," Patterson said.

"Maybe I'll be an independent artist, keep creating, maybe do some industrial art."

"I'm interested in making practical things art to use, not so boring," Patterson added.

Trytko has found a rather unique way to blend his two majors, art and biology, into a unique career field. He wants to eventually go into art therapy.

Laura Sullivan hopes to put her major to work and pursue a career in photojournalism.

"I'd like to work on an outdoor magazine or a travel guide," she said.

Two of the senior artists, Erin Overmeyer and Thomas, hope to make a career of bringing art to another generation.

While there would like to find jobs teaching art at the secondary education level.

The Senior Art Show will be in the DePrey Gallery through May 9.
Grand Haven Riverside Bistro and Pub now hiring all positions. Waitstaff and bartenders. Excellent tips and a fun work environment. Call 8470200 to schedule an interview.

Sleepy Hollow Resort 7400 North Shore Dr. South Haven, MI 49090 is now hiring for the following positions: Lifeguards, Tennis Pro (experience required), Housekeepers, Kitchen Crew and Waitstaff. Please apply in person Monday-Thursday, 11:00am-4:00pm or send work history to the above address.

Beth and Kristin—Thanks for your onions. I want a rematch at Funches!

Squirrelly Collector: Thanks for the cookie recipe! Chocolate rabbits make great cookies.

In case you were wondering, the snails of '82 are still alive and kicking. (I knew that you were)

Phenomenal women of Kolten Hall: Thank you so much for the surprise party. No more oranges and banana sculptures, please.

Mi: Ohio is calling your name.

Phenomenal (Buffalo) Woman: Thanks so much for all your hard work—you are doing a great job and we will all miss you next year!! Hold out for CO and a good Spring break vacation spot for the rest of us.

Sloppy: Hello, I know that the bathtub and Taekwondo call you, but I just wanted to let you know that you rock. When was the last time we saw Fred at Steak-n-Shake? Too long. I'll tell you that-Meesko

Get off your butt.

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Make your voice heard: VOTE.

Student Congress Elections:

Thursday April 22
Friday April 23
Baseball falls into a tie for second after loss

Monday was a tough outing for the Flying Dutchmen as they lost to Defiance at home 12-4.

After beating the Yellow Jackets twice before, Hope fell behind by six early, in the second inning before getting on the board.

With the loss, Hope falls to a second place tie in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association at 6-3 in league play and 10-11 overall.

The Flying Dutchmen pulled into a tie with Alma for first in the MIAA standings, last weekend.

Hope's record stood at 10-10 after sweeping a double header on Saturday. April 10 against Adrian.

Defiance lost both games of the double header to the Flying Dutchmen.

In the first game, Adam Lubbe (99) was credited with the shutout, as Hope beat Defiance 4-0. Kevin Kirke (02) was credited with the second win. The final in the second game was 6-1, as Kirke gave up one run on three hits.

Leading Hope in hitting was D.J. Olds, who had a .393 average in the two games.

Softball plays in game tonight at Albion

Yesterday the Flying Dutch improved their record to 7-3 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a sweep of Albion in a doubleheader.

This improves Hope's overall record to 15-5. Lisa Larzelere (99) was credited with the win in the first game as the Flying Dutch scored eight runs on 14 hits for the 4-2 win.

In the second game, Hope won 5-1 with Kirsten Grotenhuis (01) getting the win for the Dutchmen.

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Men’s tennis 3-2 in last five matches

The Flying Dutchmen tennis team is 3-2 in their last five outings after their 6-1 win over rival Calvin College.

Hope won 7-2 behind six victories in singles play.

On April 7, Hope traveled to Kalamazoo for a match which was dominated by the Hornets. In the matches, Hope managed to win one set in singles competition as the team lost all nine matches for the second straight year.

The next action for the Flying Dutchmen is this weekend when they will play in the tournament.

Women’s tennis gets two shots at Albion

The women’s tennis team played in the Great Lakes Colleges Association Tournament this weekend and finished third.

Hope played in three matches and went 2-1 for the tournament.

The Flying Dutch competed against Wooster College, Ohio in the first match. The result of the match was an 8-1 win for Hope. The only match that Hope lost was in singles play as Jessica Mulder (00) lost in two sets.

The second match was against Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association opponent Albion. During the match Hope dropped the first three singles matches before winning their first match. In the end, they did not help as the Flying Dutch fell to Albion 6-3.

Then it was on to the last opponent of the tournament, Oberlin College. This match ended 7-2 and gave Hope a 2-1 record for the tournament.

The next competition for the Flying Dutch will be on Wednesday, April 14 at home against the Briar of Albion College.

DEFENDING THE GOAL: The Hope Lacrosse Club Team moves in on an Alma player in Monday’s 8-4 home loss to the Scots.

Lacrosse team starts season

Paul Loodeen sports editor

The Hope Lacrosse club is off to a better start than last season, already matching the total number of victories from a year ago with three.

Monday, April 12 the Flying Dutchmen faced the Alma Scots at Buys Athletic Field. To try to stop the 5-0 barrier for the first time in six years.

“We are trying for a winning record that we haven’t had for six or seven years,” said Zac Young (99), president of the Lacrosse club.

Hope had previously beaten Alma this season by a score of 5-4 and was looking to sweep them for the season.

Early in the match, Alma jumped ahead 5-3 after getting four goals in the first three singles matches before winning their first match. In the end, they did not help as the Flying Dutch fell to Albion 6-3.

The next action for the Flying Dutchmen is this weekend when they will play a home tournament. The teams that will play in the tournament are Alma, Calvin, and G.R. Lacrosse Club.

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