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Hope College's ranking in the 1999 edition of U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" rose to the second tier of the National Liberal Arts Colleges. In past years, Hope has consistently appeared in the third tier, with the exception of 1996 when it boasted a second tier listing.

"Our being included in the ranking is significant because it serves as a stamp of endorsement," said Jim Bekkering, Vice President of Admissions. "U.S. News groups the colleges into five categories: national universities, national liberal arts, regional universities, regional liberal arts and specialized schools.

"The ranking is based upon statistical information, and several factors are considered," said Tom Renner, Director of Public Relations. "Information from each college is weighted and compared to that of other schools while Calvin College ranked 11th among regional liberal arts colleges in the Midwest.

The guide provides information on the freshman retention rate, the 1997 graduation rate, the range of SAT/ACT scores, retention rate, the 1997 graduation rate, the range of SAT/ACT scores, retention rate, and the Jalapeno Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, based upon undergraduate quality and graduate degree availability.

"One of the main reasons we moved to increase the accessibility of all students," said Dr. Kristen Gray, Director of Counseling. "We hope to be a more visible office so students will be more aware of our services. We hope to have everything ready soon and be very excited to be in DeWitt amid the action.

"Our new RDs are very qualified and are wonderful assets to our program," said Julie Goebel, Director of Residential Life. "Perhaps one of the most obvious changes on campus is the renovation of the Kletz. This has been a summer long project that was done at the request of student development.

"We want students to use the Kletz and feel the new environment will be very student-friendly," Frost said. "Ethernet hook-ups will be available to students and we also hope to install a computer." Booths were installed in the area "to battle the books begins."

"I am looking forward to this last year that I will spend among you and hope it may be an exciting, productive, and pleasant year for all of us," President Jacobson said. Jacobson emphasized the areas he hopes to focus upon, including fund raising for the science building addition.

"The quality of our science program is a major contributor to the general reputation that the college has," Jacobson said. "It attracts many outstanding students to Hope, many of whom major in the sciences. Jacobson also discussed his desire for a new dance facility, new music building, and a renovation of Lubbers Hall.

"During the summer the Frost Center did a telephone survey of student opinion on a series of issues related to the chapel program," Jacobson said. "Early this semester a similar survey of faculty opinion will be conducted and will cover 100 percent of the faculty.

"When the results of the surveys are tabulated, they will be given to a team of off-campus evaluators who will make suggestions on campus and make suggestions to enhance the program. President Jacobson hopes to improve minority and majority student relations and to enhance financial aid for selected students.

"We will see the initiation of a voluntary program which will bring minority and majority students together," Jacobson said. "We also hope to establish a multicultural center to join those who share an interest in multicultural matters."
A new addition to the KnowHope web page should make students better informed about crime and other campus incidents. Beginning in mid-August, a Campus Safety Report was posted at http://www.hope.edu/knowhope/incident.html. This site reports the incidents that public safety responds to each day. "We are trying to be better communicators with the campus in this area," said Tom Renner, Director of Public Relations. The site is updated daily and each incident is posted for a two week period. "This site should help students avoid potential crime," Renner said.

Sutton on national panel

Kate Sutton ('00) was appointed to serve a two to three year term on the College Board's Advisory Panel on Student Concerns (APSC). The national panel meets twice a year to discuss concerns of college students. It is comprised of 16 high school and college students whose voices are heard by many college presidents and administration. Sutton was chosen from a pool of over 400 applicants. "I work in the financial aid office and they suggested I apply," said Sutton.

In addition to the bi-annual panel meetings, Sutton is also required to serve on another college committee or council. Sutton will also be involved in College Scholarship Services, which meets in December and July.

In addition, Sutton will participate in the Washington Honors program during the spring semester. Here she will hold an internship with the U.S. Department of Education and in a congressional office. "Kate is very interested in public policy and educational access," said Phyllis Kleder Hoytman, director of Financial Aid. "She is a natural for this position." Sutton is a political science major who has been active in Hope Democrats and Hope's Model United Nations. "I enjoy public policy and many college issues," Sutton said.

The 30's are coming back (again). The One Hit Wonders, Puffy Hair, Parachute Pants, and Brat Pack days are back. But only on 89.9 WTHS. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to midnight. Listen to the show Ronald Reagan would want you to.

Welcome to Campus.
Now Please Leave. (But we just got here).

No, not for good! How about for just an hour or so?
We welcome you to venture on over to the "other" Community of Hope and be renewed through worship & fellowship this Sunday.

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SNACK TIME: New booths give students more room to eat and relax in the newly-renovated Klutz.

Dean Frost stressed the positive attitude that changes should have on the students. "We do a lot to improve the campus over the summers," he said. "When students leave campus each spring, a new phase begins in preparation of a new year. We hope the changes contribute to the overall educational value of Hope.

Student Congress prepares for upcoming elections

SARA E LAMERS campusbeat editor

Student Congress encourages the campus to get involved and voice their opinions by picking up a petition for the upcoming elections for student representatives. Students can stop by the Student Congress office in Dewitt or the Student Union desk to pick up a petition.

"We want to stress that this will be a campus-wide election that is open to all students," said Dana Marolt ('99). Petitions must be returned to Student Congress by Wednesday, September 9 and voting will take place on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17. In order to have his name appear on the ballot, a student must obtain 25 signatures from students in his residence. After the petitions are turned in, students will begin campaigning in hopes of obtaining votes," Marolt said.

"One of our most important goals this year will be to inform students of issues that are occurring on campus," said Matt Fretz ('99), Student Congress Vice President. "Often students don't know what Student Congress is involved in on campus." One of the ways Student Congress hopes to hear the voices of the student body is through a program called Dinner with the Dean. "Dean Frost hopes to make himself more accessible to students so we thought this would be a good way to do just that," Marolt said. Once a month, Student Congress will hold a raffle to choose a student to enjoy dinner with Dean Frost. Students that wish to participate can fill out a constituency card with their comments on a specific issue affecting Hope's campus.

"The cards will be available in our office or from the Student Union desk," Marolt said. "When the new representatives are elected, students will be able to get the cards from them.

A member of Student Congress will also be present at the dinner in order to hear the concern of the student and then relay the information to the rest of the congress.

"Hopefully this program will make both Student Congress and Dean Frost more accessible to the students," Marolt said.

Student Congress meetings will take place on Thursday at 8 pm in the Herrick room of Dewitt.

Committee narrows potential candidates for new president

SARA E LAMERS campusbeat editor

After wading through hundreds of nominations for the presidency, the Presidential Search Committee has begun the process of finalizing a list of candidates. The committee met Wednesday, Aug. 26 and reduced the list to those they want to pursue further. "For the next three weeks we will be checking references and we hope to narrow down the candidates as quickly as possible," said Joel Bouwens, Presidential Search Committee Chair.

After this stage of the process occurs, the Committee will begin interviewing candidates.

The interviews will be confidential and will take place off-campus. Upon completion of these meetings, candidates will be invited to campus sometime in November.

"At this time we plan to give as many of the constituents of the college as possible the opportunity to meet the finalistic candidates," Bouwens said. "Individuals meeting with the candidates will be asked to provide written evaluations to the Search Committee.

The summer months were spent collecting submissions for nominations. By the August 1 deadline, over 100 persons had made nominations, many of whom accepted the committee's invitation to become candidates. The committee also solicited nominations by letter from over 800 individuals. These individuals came from a variety of groups, including the Board of Trustees and Honoraries, the Great Lakes Colleges Association, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and New Brunswick and Western Theological Seminaries. "I believe the search is going very well at this point," Bouwens said. "Our efforts have resulted in a large pool of qualified candidates."

Provost Jacob Nyenhuis shares Bouwens optimism in the progress of the search thus far. "The Presidential Search Committee has done a fine job of keeping us informed of their accomplishments," he said. "I'm confident in their ability to find many qualified candidates. President Jacobson is clearly working to maintain the momentum he has established over the past 11 years. I expect he will continue to be fully in charge until June 1999."
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CHUGGIN' ALONG
Dana Lamers

More than Money

I never left Hope’s campus this summer. Instead I woke up at 6:15 every morning to drive from Hudsonville to work on the Physical Plant’s paint crew. We were the people who attempted to cover up most of the bumps, gashes, and holes in walls that are left every spring as the campus clears out (cause that clever people had attempted to fill in with toothpaste to avoid fines).

After the first day of my job, I thought the most treacherous summer of my life was stretching before me. I was standing in an abandoned campus with 11 strangers with a paintbrush and a scraper, knowing this was my life for the next four months.

I know I’m not the only person on this campus to have a summer job that seems less than perfect at times and to have tuition debt that is thousands of times bigger than the figures on my paycheck, but I know, as I’ve discovered with this experience and so many others in college, most of what is gained in the end is just that, the experience.

Those times that I was at work, spacy from the paint fumes and counting down the minutes until it was time to punch out, I will remember as some of the most valuable moments I’ve ever had at a job.

The debt I am trying to keep as minimal as possible will probably teach me more through the struggle than I realize. And the friendships and good times I’ve gained will give me something to scale back upon for years.

I guess I ended up getting a lot more accomplished this summer than just making a few walls sparkle.

RANKING from 1 class sizes, the percentage of full-time faculty, the percentage freshman who were in the top 10 percent of their high school senior class and the alumni giving rate.

“Retention of new students is only one of many in which Hope has improved,” Renner said. “Hope can probably expect to move back and forth between second and third tier in the years to come.”

“Retention has been an area of great success for many years and I feel that the importance of this rating is that more people are understanding and appreciating the quality of Hope,” Bekkering said.

Top 5 reasons to join The Anchor:

1. We have a phat couch.
2. Sleep is overrated anyway.
3. You might get a date.
4. Our editor wears tight clothing.
5. You might actually have fun.

How we stack up...
Orientation '98: Taking Their Mark

READY TO SET SAIL: Groups of freshmen and orientation assistants gather in front of the Hope College anchor to discuss campus life. The meetings covered a variety of topics including diversity issues, explanations of the campus layout, and helpful advice from experienced Hope College students.

MAKING THEIR MARK: Freshmen take time out of their busy weekend schedules to leave their handprints on the 1998 orientation banner. The banner, which blanketed the DeWitt patio was easily covered by the freshmen’s prints.

BALANCING ACT: Freshmen brought all sorts of items for college life with them. Loft, rugs, and dorm room refrigerators were most popular. And most weighty.

The members of the class of 2002 averaged into the top 20% of their graduating class.
This past weekend was a busy one on the Hope College campus, as it was again time for freshmen orientation, who showed up in record breaking, 750-plus strong numbers. The freshmen class began its transfer to Hope College life on Friday morning by moving into their residences on campus.

"I had heard that you were helped when you moved in," said Jane Murfey ('02). "But I didn’t expect it to be as great a job. It was really kind of strange seeing a bunch of people just carrying up my stuff."

While Dykstra residence hall had the largest influx of freshmen, each hall received at least a few freshmen. The move in proceeded smoothly thanks to the help of the volunteers in the orientation staff, who assist new Hope students and parents with their moving in each fall.

"Being an orientation assistant shows the new students that someone at Hope cares about them and is excited that they’ve come," said Sherrrie Cunningham ('01), one of many orientation assistants to help out with freshman orientation.

In addition to the moving in, the orientation staff’s job was also to get the freshmen class integrated into life away from home and to provide an opportunity to meet a variety of new people.

"It’s hard to meet everyone in your class because it’s so big," said Emily White ('02).

Groups of freshmen were introduced to each other and the campus by their orientation assistants. Name learning and recreational games were combined with serious discussion and explanation of college issues to allow the new students to learn about college life while having a lot of fun.

"The orientation groups really let you meet a lot of people," said Chuck Whitney ('02). "They were a really good idea."

In addition to their small group experiences, the freshmen were provided with activities that gave them a chance to meet many of their fellow new arrivals at Hope. Organized events like the Orientation Extravaganza, Playfair, and a luau in the Kletz brought the entire class of 2002 together.

Members of the freshmen class also got the opportunity to see "Orange and Blue for You", a skit about adjusting to college performed by some of the orientation staff and master hypnotist Michael Anthony.

"The hypnotist was awesome," said Morgan Llewellyn ('02). "They should have had three nights of him."

This year's freshmen class has a combined grade point average of 3.64 on a 4.0 scale.
Hope Summer Rep Theatre opens doors

OSDTKAMIEI~MRTM: HSR's equity artists David Colence, Dan Snyder, James Salas, Randy Name, Chris Duford, and Mark Ameena chat around the table in The Odd Couple.

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-Sally Smits, Opus Editor

JOSLIN FEINAUER
intermission editor

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Sports

Sports rewrites for recap on spring season

PAUL LOODEEN
sports editor

Baseball-The Dutchmen finished the year with their first birth into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament. They finished their historic season with two losses in the Midwest Regional tournament.

The Dutchmen finished with a school record of 25 wins and a second straight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. Also, six players were selected to the All-MIAA first team: Dean Esterves ('99), Matt Klein ('99), Adam Llabre ('99), Ben Fellows ('00), Chad Ruby ('98), and Mike Meverson ('99) who was also voted MIAA's most valuable player.

Softball-Finishing their fifth straight season of twenty wins, the Flying Dutch placed third in the MIAA with a 21-13 record. Lisa Larzere ('97) set a Hope record with 44 career wins and was also named to the All-MIAA first team along with Gina Zanin ('99). Sarah Paccione ('00) also received accolades by being voted to the Central All-Region first team for a second straight year.

Men's Tennis-The Dutchmen finished in a tie for second place in the MIAA standings. Of the nine championships matches in the conference finals, Hope competed in seven.

Tennis players receiving end of the year honors were Jeff MacDaniels ('98) and Paul Lillie ('00) who were voted to All-MIAA first team. Also, Steve DeVriese ('98) was presented, the Lawrence Green Scholarship, by the MIAA coaches.

Women's Tennis-First year coach Karen Page made a mark in her first season.

The women's tennis team finished with a school record of 23-1 in dual match play and a third straight MIAA championship. The team earned a birth into the NCAA team championship. The Dutch finished the season losing to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, California, 6-3. It was the team's first time in the tournament since 1989.

MIAA most valuable player for the season was Lindsay Eilberide ('00).

Men's Track-The Hope track team finished the season with a fourth-place finish in the MIAA conference championships and a 4-2 record in dual meets.

All-MIAA honors were given to two runners on the team, sprinter Mark Young ('99) and middle-distance runner Jeremy Bogard ('98).

Women's Track-The Flying Dutch finished in a second place tie in the MIAA standings. The athletes who made the All-MIAA track team were Jennifer Ernst ('00), Ellen Schultz ('00), and Emily Sowers ('01).

Schultz and Sowers also qualified for the NCAA Division III championships. Schultz finished 12th in the 5,000 meters, and 11th in the 10,000 meters run. Sowers finished 5th in the discus.

Deejay. Comedian.
Leonardo DiCaprio look-alike.
Come see John Heffron, live at the Klotz on Friday. Show starts at 8:30 p.m.