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Students fail to return census forms on time

CARRIE ARNOLD
campusbeat editor

Students from the senior class gather their caps and gowns for the upcoming graduation on May 7.

As the 565 members of the Class of 2000 graduate, they will be walking away from their lives at Hope and towards their futures. Commencement will be held at the Holland Municipal Stadium, on Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m. Commencement speaker, C. B. Bultman of the education department is using graduation for his speech, “Remembering Why You Came.”

“It’s reminding students that even as they leave Hope, it’s OK to look back,” Bultman said. This year has been a busy one for Bultman, himself a 1971 Hope graduate. The fall saw the induction of his elder brother, Dr. James Bultman, as Hope’s 11th president. Although Bultman enjoys having his brother nearby, he stated that his brother’s duties as president have kept him busy and that their paths rarely cross.

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Cosmo Spring Fling fundraiser canceled

The Cosmopolitan fraternity has canceled their fundraiser "Dunk deans" for Muscular Dystrophy due to lack of support. The fundraiser was to take place in the Pine Grove on April 28, during Spring Fling festivities. The Cosmopolitans was going to rent a dunk tank, have the various ticket sales.

"It was a traditional thing a few years ago. We were trying to bring it back," said Matt Holmes (’01). The fraternity sent out an e-mail two weeks ago, and got a response from only one dean, Holmes said. After little response from administration, the event was opened up to any faculty or staff member who wished to help.

"We have been trying to progress our organization to new and better things," said John McDonald (’01), Cosmopolitan president. "And that was one way to do this.

Still Smilin'

Carrie Arnold

Pushing the Limits

People frequently ask how I do it.

I'm not talking about just being an Anchor editor, but about the simple day-to-day grind that has become my life. Between classes, labs, and work, I have experienced much, and created memories to last a lifetime.

I have learned this past year during all of those hours of study at 3 a.m., accompanied by the soft drone of Sarah McLachlan in my headphones, that I have a limit. A limit not to what I want to do, but of what I am physically capable of doing.

In high school, it's easy. Classes were easy, work was easy, and life, in retrospect, was easy. Everything I saw, I could accomplish. It was all within my reach and nothing; nothing could hold me back.

During my first two years of college, I still found that nothing held me back. I was going to do it all, to be all I could be. And so I stopped more and more on my plate from the smorgasbord until I had to. Although my work hasn't yet given me a bad case of gas (yet is the operative word here), it has given me that uncomfortably full feeling.

I knew I had tried too much, but I loved it all so much that I could hardly refuse that one last bite. These past few weeks became my breaking point. I simply couldn't do it, and I was forced to make a change.

For the first time, I had been defeated - events were simply out of my control. I had not only been pushed to my limit, but pushed beyond, where the simple magic of everyday life had become a dull, grey drudgery.

I realized that I had become better about life. I am not yet 20 years old, and I was better about what had been happening to me. It was then that I decided that I had to give, and that thing was me. No longer could I put in endless hours at my homework and the Anchor office and expect to be sane. And so I've been cutting back wherever I could, neatly snipping out whatever was not necessary to my ultimate survival.

A bit harsh, perhaps, but necessary nonetheless.

Yet I don't regret the decisions I have made that brought me to this point. I have learned much, experienced much, and created memories to last a lifetime.

Between the tears and the laughs, the joys and the sorrows, I have enriched my life beyond belief.

Would I do it all again? Maybe. Maybe not.

Life isn't ours to live by hindsight.

After all, if we knew exactly what we were getting into, we probably wouldn't do it.

And so, here I remain, with the lonely clicking of the keyboard in the Anchor office reverberating in my head, and a thousand memories flooding my soul as I glance around the office to relieve my eyes of the glare of the computer screen. All of my activities have shaped my life, from schoolwork to the Anchor.

And it's the people I work with that keep me going, day after day. I know now that at least some people can make life worth it all.
Student headed for Opera school

MATT COOK
intermission editor

Meredith Arwady’s ’00 dream opera role is to play Wagner’s Brunnhilde, complete with Viking helmet and breastplate.

Unfortunately for Arwady, unless she undergoes a voice change, she will never be able to play the soprano role. Instead, her contralto voice, which is the lowest in the female range, renders her to playing other parts.

“When you’re a contralto, you play males, mothers, witches and bitches,” Arwady said.

Her rare voice did pay off recently, when she was accepted into the Curtis Institute for graduate school.

“I’m very happy that I’m a contralto,” Arwady said. “It really, really is the voice God gave me.”

The Curtis Institute, in Philadelphia, is considered by some to be one of the top music conservatories in the nation.

Its students have included famous musicians such as Leonard Bernstein and Samuel Barber, as well as many members of major symphonies and opera houses. All of its students receive merit-based, full scholarships.

“[It’s] the best place in the country to get real opera experience,” Arwady said.

Going into her audition, Arwady was one of 500 hopeful vocal students trying out. Of these, 15 were chosen for callbacks. Arwady was one of them.

“It was an interesting experience because students sit in and video-tape you,” Arwady said. “And there’s vocal coaches and diction coaches there to watch how you sing.

Fifteen years ago, my hero was Scooby-Doo. Today, it is the people I talk to, who I listen to, who have hypnotized me with their talent, both hidden and acclaimed.

Lock around you. Amazing people are sitting next to you, helping you with your homework, or walking past you on campus.

This abundance of talent makes the world a breathtaking place of secret gifts, loving promises and intense joy.

Just look.

I have to think about voice 24/7,” Arwady said.

Hope Summer Theatre starts in June

MATT COOK
intermission editor

The Hope Summer Repertory Theatre was founded by the theater department 29 years ago based on the model of the nationally known repertory theaters.

Now, according to producing director Mary Schakel, the Repertory Theatre has grown to become one of the leading summer theaters in the country.

“We never thought we’d be that,” Schakel said. “But if you’re going to follow a model, follow a biggie.”

The Summer Repertory Theatre is the professional arm of Hope’s theater department.

The Theater brings in over 100 theater professionals to produce 80 performances of right shows in nine weeks. According to Schakel, it can draw audiences of up to 30,000 per summer.

This year’s shows on the DeWitt main stage will be “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” “Moliere’s Tartuffe,” “The Mystery of Irma,” and “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown.”

In addition, there will be plays in Snow Auditorium, the Backroom Brew Pub, as well as a Children’s Performance Troupe. The season runs from June 16 to August 12.

“We look for shows that say something to the audience,” Schakel said.

In addition to the professionals involved with the Summer Repertory Theatre, many theater students from Hope are involved in different aspects of the theater.

“I gives the theater students at Hope a place for professional development in the Hope setting,” Schakel said.

We support each other,” Arwady said. “It’s very different from the cutthroat mentality of a typical music conservatory.

We were given the diverse opportunities it gave her, including playing a varsity sport and double-majoring in English and vocal performance.

“I wasn’t sure what music was, I just wanted to do with my life,” Arwady said.

She is sure now, and when she gets to Curtis she will be able to work with many top performers in that field.

“It’s immersion in the best that the opera world has to offer,” Arwady said.

In the meantime, she is trying to keep her voice healthy, which includes not screaming or drinking caffeine, and wearing a scarf to keep her throat warm.

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One more for the road

Benjamin Backhurst ('01)
Preacher Tom, Sophomore wins 100th Pull. Odd year wins Nykerk Cup again. Pluralism. “All religions are not respectable.”
Once again, Backhurst wows with MIAA title. Diversity. “Our hopes and dreams for minorities are not different from any white student.”
Thank you Backhurst. Just then, that guy ever hit me on the head. But no, homophobia is something we have to go through with.
Wisconsin-Platteville 69, Hope College 56. Homosexual Bible study leader dismissed.

Marco Burgers. Mel White. Student Congress rescinds a memorandum. For an invitation to Mel White. “Their job is to represent the students, and their vote ignores the voice of students.”
Humor. Yes, it’s complicated.

Yes, you have a lot of things. It’s easy to say that the past four years have been the hardest or best years of my life. It would be much more accurate to say that these past four years have changed my life completely.

What follows is a list of things that have changed the college, for better or for worse. These things are a little bit of me, a little bit of the Anchor, and a whole lot Hope College.

The Class of 2000: A Different Kind of Class. Even Year takes victory in 99th Pull. Bob Dole or Bill Clinton? Odd year captures Nykerk Cup. Pipe failure floods VanWynen Library basement. Higher education cost increase. Oliver North. “The faculty do not believe that it is in the best interest of the college or its students to have me come here.”

The students here at Hope to realize that the number of students here is increasing year after year. The problem is that Hope is not growing with its increasing numbers in population. Put in case, room drawn.

I sat in the front row and watched as 53 students picked their rooms as I waited to pick my room. None of us were friends applied for an apartment and were originally granted one, but when I called to confirm it student development said they had made a mistake and told us that we didn’t have an apartment at all. Anyway, all these 53 students were well deserving of picking ahead of me and may be some of the ones that picked behind me may have deserved to pick ahead of me as well.

But my question to the Student Development Staff is what are you going to do with all of the incoming freshmen? You know as well as anyone the problems you faced this year when there were more men than rooms. This is going to be the case next year as well. So, what is your solution going to be going next year? Take this year for example. When the odd year class was chosen there were more men on campus than rooms, you decided right then to start giving out some (I don’t know how many) waivers for students to live off campus so that there would be room for incoming freshmen. Is that going to be your plan every year? If so, why not give out some waivers in the spring to avoid the crunch in the fall?

I know some students that sat there and watched as apartments and open cottages disappeared off the room draw board and they said that they couldn’t take living in a dorm any longer. So, what is their solution to this problem? Some of them are going to take their money and go to another college that allows them to live like adults and not in a dorm at the age of 21.

The students here at Hope have a lot of opportunities to get involved in positions that give them leadership experience, and that is a trend that has to be stopped.
Don't get left in the dark!

Order a milestone today!
1999-2000: A year

It was a bittersweet year for Greek Life. In a fall semester overshadowed by alcohol-related offenses, four Greek organizations were temporarily suspended. However, by spring, bans were lifted in time for Rush 2000 and all organizations able to participate in Hope's first-ever Dance Marathon.

The class of 2003 began their Hope career after an intense Orientation. Assistants (OAs) shuttled first-year students' belongings and guided freshmen through the first trying days of college. The incoming students were record with 732 incoming students.

Dr. James Bultman began his career as President after his official inauguration Oct. 22. The theme for the year was "Visions of Hope," and included a special emphasis on his goals cited for his term as president. Bultman helped the campus community in the campus body.

Dancers brought joy and financial assistance to sick children with Hope's first-ever Dance Marathon. The event, sponsored by Children's Miracle Network and Greek Life, raised more than $23,000 for DeVos Children's Hospital. Student volunteers danced for 24 consecutive hours March 10-11.

If you could change one thing...

“I would change my procrastination.”
—Amanda Whitmer ('03)

“I wish I would have had more homework... Oh wait. Never mind.”
—Kristin Munski ('01)

“I wish they gave out maps for Dykstra the first day of school. I still get lost.”
—Dan DeWaal ('03)

“I wouldn't have had nine classes. I would only have two.”
—Sarah Pedley ('01)

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—Ad...
What is it about a year that changes your perspective, molds you, makes you who you are? The things we keep, changing like a day. I thought I could never survive these years pass like a day. Life is full of moments. These are the questions we newspaper folk like to think about at this time of year. That's why we make Top Ten lists and Year-In-Review photo spreads. We want to answer the question, what's made us as who we are? As a school, we can take the year and use it as a lesson. Reviewing allows us to see what we've done well. But as an individual, the answer to these questions is as unique as the person who asks them. I can choose to grow, change, and learn or I can choose to stay stuck in my routine, trapped by my biases. When I torn the decorations from my walls, I decided to save some things and toss others. Contact paper was expendable, but pictures were a must-save. Some memories I need to keep. As we shift into the summer, into our careers, it is the things we keep that will change who we are. The memories we decide to cling to, the lessons we won't lose to the lazy summer nights, will help us decide what we value and what we wish to be.

For me, many of those saved memories come from my hours spent on this newspaper. I've met important friends here who have taught me innumerable lessons about patience, faith and perseverance. Each week, when I pound out a column or an article, I reassure what it is I value, what I'm willing to fight for. And I still have so much to learn. What will you carry home with you when you leave Hope? What has defined you this year? What memories do you wish to keep? Think about it over the summer.
Eight months. 24 issues. Thousands of hours of work. One staff. For 113 years, the Anchor has covered Hope College.

As another year comes to a close, current staff members share some words of wisdom - straight from the mouths of babes.

**Michael Zuidema ('00)**
I've probably made more enemies than friends in my time with the Anchor - but I wouldn't have traded it for the world.

**Julie Green ('02)**
The only way to really know people is to know them at 4 in the morning. That is where the truth of life lies.

**Carrie Arnold ('02)**
I think I've changed more in the past year working as Campusbeat editor than my appearance has in the past 16 years.

**Paul Loodeen ('99)**
The Anchor takes young, energetic people, teaches them new things, and sucks the life right out of them. But sucking one's soul isn't so bad. It's a heck of a ride.

**Andrew Lotz ('01)**
I have so many mentors on the staff who deserve thanks. But the best motivator has been the faithful people who write me letters week after week telling me that I am not a beautiful person.

**Jane Bast ('03)**
The Anchor proves week after week that sleep is overrated.

**Dana Lamers ('01)**
(Right, pictured with her sister, Kristin ('02))
The pages of the Anchor tell many stories - except for the ones that get the articles written.

**Chad Sampson ('02)**
It's been a year since I first walked into the Anchor office. After many hours of no sleep and slave labor, I finally got my Kletz discount card. Oh yeah, matter still doesn't exist.

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**THE ANCHOR FAMILY**: (Top row, L-R) Matt Cook ('02), Jane Bast ('03), Dana Lamers ('01), Mike Zuidema ('00), Paul Loodeen ('99), Julie Green ('02), Chad Sampson ('03); (Bottom Row, L-R) Christine Trinh ('00), Andrew Lotz ('01), Carrie Arnold ('02), and Jen Bodine ('03).
Movin’ on up

Once again the end of the academic year is upon us. It is a melancholic time, filled with exams and moving out. Tears are flowing over the highs and lows, recalling those special moments spent wandering through the Pine Grove or sharing pizza before a late-night cram session.

I'm looking forward to the future. My eyes are cast on the bright haze of tomorrow, the allure of what is to be. As another year falls to the past, I'm thinking about the school year, ways to make the school newspaper more dynamic, more interesting, and a bigger part of life on Hope's campus. I thought that I'd take a moment to run a few of those ideas by you, the reader, so you can help me make the paper a better product for you all.

First off, I'd like to see more cartoons. As a cartoon character, being chased by bears or something? Or maybe you'd prefer a strip about your economics professor's wacky adventures in a planet populated entirely by ducks? We need more reader interaction in the Anchor. What if we ran a full-sized photo of a student's head every week, with dotted cut-out lines around their mouth? That way readers could punch out the paper to make masks that look like their friends, and they could walk around saying things like, "Look at me, I'm Andrew, and I'm fat!"

I also think that a section detailing how the reader can fold the paper into a fan pizza hat would be a neat addition too. We could also add in a helpful section of piracy phrases like, "Avast ye mateys!" or "Arrr, somebody get these tommycoff em woode leg." The Anchor also needs a face-lift. Sure, the current layout is nice, but it could be so much better. What if we changed it to be a tri-fold newspaper, or even better, if each issue came out all folded up like one of those fortune-tellers we used to make in grade school? You'd never know which article you'd get to read. Imagine how much fun that would be.

Finally, I am looking into hiring some new staff members. I won't have the opportunity to continue writing weekly columns filled with absurd ideas and vague nostalgia about my childhood. So I am courting new columnists to take up this needed position. Right now Peter Venkman from the Ghostbusters is listening to my offer, and so are Lune-O, Punky Brewster, and the green Gummi-Bear. Hopefully one of them will sign with us, so there will still be a voice of 1980's childhood sentimentality in the Anchor.

Sociopathic Leanings
Andrew Lotz

GOLF from I

that the course is free from pedestrians before throwing, and that golfers will be held responsible for injuries and property damage. The signs will be posted around the spots that have received the most complaints. The throw between the DeWitt patio and Nykerk Hall, the DeWitt to Lubbers throw, and the area around the President's House and the Pine Grove are hot spots for golf accidents.

Specialized golf discs will also be prohibited on the course. These smaller, hard plastic discs have greater potential for breaking lamps and injuring pedestrians.

Hope officials feel that these signs will help generate a more positive atmosphere for both pedestrians and golfers.

Since this discussion has begun, I believe students have strived to be more considerate," Frost said. "This year I hope that with these signs we can continue the good natured spirit of Frisbee golf at Hope. Frost also hopes that experienced golfers take the time to help novices at the sport learn the rules and etiquette.

Professor Jenny Powers, who was injured by a frisbee on campus, felt that the administration's signs were a step in the right direction.

"It's a good idea and I'm glad they're trying something," Powers said. "Students who are informed will be responsible. I've already noticed that students are being more cautious.

Frisbee golfers had mixed reactions to the sign policy. Some felt that the signs were a good way to state the rules that are already followed.

"Everybody follows these rules anyway," said Eric Braun ('01). "If it makes the administration happy, that's great."

Other students were concerned with the liability concerns raised in the signs.

"Some of the rules are common courtesy," said Steve Pertell ('02). "But to be sued is outrageous."

One student joked about further changes he'd like to see on the course.

"If they're giving us rules, they should give us golf clubs," said Brad Jordan ('02).

FRISBEE GOLF ETIQUETTE

For the safety of the community, FRISBEE GOLFERS
Must make sure the course is free of pedestrians before throwing. Golfers will be held responsible for injuries and property damage.

GOLF DISCS PROHIBITED
The total number of votes cast in the election for the Board and the Cabinet were 693.

“Close to 700 is pretty good—it’s about one fourth of the college,” said Matt Scogin (’02), current Vice-President.

Elected as Class Representatives were Steve Alles (’01), Carl Daniel (’01), Amy Avery (’02), Tamara Smith (’02), who won as a write-in, Christy Bradford (’03) and Chad Sampson (’03). Five of the six Class Representatives have been on Congress for at least one year.

There wasn’t much campaigning this year, Scogin said, because the number of people running for each position was down. Last year, there were seven people running for President as well as Vice-President. This year, there was only one candidate for President and two for Vice-President.

The low number of people running did change the campaigning process a little.

“Last year, we had speeches in Phelps and Cook at dinner time. This year we decided not to do that because we didn’t have enough candidates,” Scogin said.

Canfield said, who is looking forward to his second term next year, is still working on seeing through the accomplishments of this year. “At the end of this year, a lot of things came together,” Canfield said. “We are on track to have the [Devitt] lobby refurbished and some new equipment in the Dow.”

The 1999-2000 Congress did a lot of smaller things that students didn’t necessarily see. Canfield said Congress did such things as revising their constitution and helping with the inauguration. A helpful situation for Congress is that it was able to build a good relationship with President James Bultman and other administrators, Canfield said. That will effectively carry over to aid Congress’ next year goals.

“I want to bring the student body together as more of a community,” Canfield said. “I want to promote more of an awareness of Student Congress.”
The Hope College baseball team has been fighting to find consistency all season long. The Flying Dutchmen have yet to sweep a league team this year. Hope dropped two of three to Olivet before winning two of three against Albion and Adrian.

The Flying Dutchmen are in second place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 5-4 record. Hope fell to 15-11 overall after losing a 10-inning game yesterday to Grand Valley State University, 6-5. The Flying Dutchmen are fighting for their second spot in the National Tournament under head coach Stu Fritz, and first since 1998.

Pitcher Dave Lichtenberger ('03) took the loss in relief, and now has a 1-1 record. Hope's eight-hit attack was led by rightfielder Mike Van Beek ('00) who batted .355 for the season and first since 1998.

The Hope College baseball team is still a cheer in their playbook, but really everybody has a variety of that cheer in their cheering playbook. If one is going to be in theirs, then so should the wave. Friends of mine going to be in theirs, then so should the wave. Friends of mine going to be in theirs, then so should the wave.

The wave is something that has lost its charm at Hope, if it ever had any charm at Hope to begin with. There are many admirable cheers and cheers that you find in the fan that can pump the home team, or at least put a smile on their faces with amusement.

I mean who doesn't get pumped for a cheer that goes, "Calvin girls are ugly. Calvin girls are ugly"? That has just made a place just rape with inspiration for destroying Calvin on the playing surface. The cheer up chant of, "That's alright, that's OK. You're going to work for us someday," just gives the warm fuzzy feeling of true fan affinity.

This next one is one that has to be the one to inspire smiles by the football team. It makes me happy. "Clap your hands (clap, clap, clap), stomp your feet (stomp, stomp, stomp), we want meat on every deal. Inspirational and motivational to everyone in earshot, really makes feel something for the other team. There is the traditional cheer, "Let's go Hope, Let's go Hope," but really everybody has a variation of that cheer in their cheering playbook. If one is going to be in theirs, then so should the wave. Friends of mine at Michigan State University are upset that when they start a wave it washes up on the older, less rowdy spectators and then it dies. Eventually the wave dies it is still a cheer in their playbook, but not here at Hope. May be it is because it is causing us to get off our buts and move.

The wave has a lot going for it because it is just that. It is not an offensive cheer like chanting, "Defense, defense." The wave is less motivational to the crowd than the others. You suck. It is also less heat warming than the pep bands professional for the football team.

I support this ranting about cheers and cheering at Hope. I really want to say is that when I come back, it would overwhelm me with the joy of a Mexican soccer fan if we could all do one wave together.

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The wave is something that has lost its charm at Hope, if it ever had any charm at Hope to begin with. There are many admirable cheers and cheers that you find in the fan that can pump the home team, or at least put a smile on their faces with amusement.

I mean who doesn't get pumped for a cheer that goes, "Calvin girls are ugly. Calvin girls are ugly"? That has just made a place just rape with inspiration for destroying Calvin on the playing surface. The cheer up chant of, "That's alright, that's OK. You're going to work for us someday," just gives the warm fuzzy feeling of true fan affinity.

This next one is one that has to be the one to inspire smiles by the football team. It makes me happy. "Clap your hands (clap, clap, clap), stomp your feet (stomp, stomp, stomp), we want meat on every deal. Inspirational and motivational to everyone in earshot, really makes feel something for the other team. There is the traditional cheer, "Let's go Hope, Let's go Hope," but really everybody has a variation of that cheer in their cheering playbook. If one is going to be in theirs, then so should the wave. Friends of mine at Michigan State University are upset that when they start a wave it washes up on the older, less rowdy spectators and then it dies. Eventually the wave dies it is still a cheer in their playbook, but not here at Hope. May be it is because it is causing us to get off our buts and move.

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It was a warm spring afternoon when the Flying Dutch stepped to the plate with the Comets of Olivet College. It was the first time that these two teams met this year and it was a battle over who would be in second place of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. “It turned out to be a classic pitchers duel,” head coach Karla Wolters said.

Kim Grootens (‘01), started the first of a two-game doubleheader that went the distance. Grootens pitched the Flying Dutch to a 1-0 win in the first game that went into extra innings against Jessie Davenport of Olivet. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Heather Roy (‘00) managed to get on second base with Carrie Scott (‘01) as the next Hope batter. Scott laid down a bunt that went down the alley between the Olivet pitcher and first baseman. With a good lead from second, and some speed, Roy rounded second and headed for home and Scott beat the throw to first base. Roy safely scored as no play was made at the plate representing Hope’s only score in the victory.

“Heather played really heads up when she rounded third because she looked back and saw that she could make it home,” captain Tara Blaucquere (‘00) said. The second game was a little different as Davenport pitched for Olivet again. The Flying Dutch had problems in the batter’s box as the offense only managed three hits and no runs in the 2-0 loss. The two runs for the Comets came in the first and second innings but after that there was little offense from either team.

“We just didn’t hit,” Grootens said. “She is a good pitcher and I can’t take away from her but we knew she could hit her and we didn’t.” With the split, the Flying Dutch retained sole position of second place in the MIAA with a record of 7-5. This puts the Flying Dutch up two games on Olivet who made up both of their losses against the Dutchmen.

Another Hope-Calvin match will fill the second through sixth spots in the league this year. said Wolters. “It is too close to predict who will be in.” With two games against St. Mary’s today, the Hope softball team feels they need to win both games to get into the MIAA tournament.

This weekend Hope will travel to Ohio to play in the Ohio Northern Tournament where the team hopes to improve their chances on making the NCAA tournament. Writers explained that to make it to the NCAA tournament, the team would have to do as well as they finish out the regular season and also do well in the MIAA tournament to get attention from the invitation committee. The MIAA is not a conference that gets an automatic bid into the national tournament for winning the conference tournament.

There is a great deal of parity in the league this year,” said Wolters. “Anybody can beat anybody, any day.” This means that the teams that fill the second through sixth spots are close enough in the standings and any of these teams could be in if one team falters.

“The MIAA, right now is so crazy because everybody is close,” Grootens said. “It is too close to predict who will be in.”

Important matches ahead for tennis

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Another Hope-Calvin match will hold strong league implications as the women’s tennis team prepares to host the Knights in a battle for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 4-0 league record. Hope holds a 16-4 overall record, while Calvin is 13-4 overall.

Throughout the MIAA conference tournament coming up on May 4-5, at Adrian, this will be the match that decides who will win the regular season title. With a win against Calvin and Adrian, Hope could capture the MIAA crown. It would be the second straight season where Coach Karen Fage’s team goes undefeated against MIAA opponents.

Another important match for Hope comes this weekend when the Flying Dutch will face Kalamazoo. The MIAA tournament is coming up on May 4-5 and it is hard to tell who will be in and who will be left out.

The Flying Dutchmen are second in the MIAA with a 4-1 record, behind perennial powerhouse Kalamazoo. Hope has a 18-5 record overall.

The Flying Dutchmen have been paced by the play of their top three singles players, Paul Lillie (‘00), Dan Mann (‘02) and Kai Bouchard (‘01). Each has 15 wins on the season.

Chad Bolinger (‘00) has 17 wins playing at second doubles, primarily with Mann. Erik Berg (‘00) has a 16-7 record playing at third doubles.

Hope has had an easy time with each team in the MIAA except for Kalamazoo. The Flying Dutchmen fell to the Hornets 9-6 on April 4, but have dropped only three total matches against other league rivals.

Hope will look for a strong showing against Kalamazoo when the MIAA conference tournament is held in Kalamazoo on May 4-5, to get a bid to the NCAA tournament.