Hope drops two of three to Bulldogs

Brad Vanderberg

The Flying Dutchmen slipped to third place in the MIAA baseball standings as they dropped two of three games to the visiting Adrian Bulldogs this past weekend.

After losing Friday’s single game 9-6, the Dutchmen managed a split on Saturday against the Bulldogs, taking the second game of a doubleheader. The Bulldogs won the first game 7-4, handing Hope starter Jon Deming (’04) his first collegiate loss. Deming (5-1) went eight innings, allowing seven earned runs on eleven hits with six strikeouts.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 3-0 lead heading into Hope’s half of the fifth inning when the Bulldogs took the second game of a doubleheader.

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Voting awareness raised on Hope’s campus

Tessa Thompson (’06) and Patrick Ratliff (’06) were the chief organizers of the drive, which was held April 6 and 7 in Phelps and the Klets.

“We registered about 200 people,” Ratliff said, adding that they exceeded the goal set prior to the event.

“It went extremely well. A lot of campus seems interested and eager to register,” said Brad Matson (’07), who volunteered during the drive.

To be eligible to vote, registration forms must be completed at least 30 days prior to an election. However, failure to register is often not the only thing that stops potential college-age voters from going to the polls and making their voices heard.

The next presidential election will be held November 2, and many colleges, including Hope, will be in session that Tuesday. Voting must be done in the district where permanent residence has been declared, and this presents a problem.

Absentee ballots provide a solution to this dilemma. With a few restrictions, anyone who is unable to attend the polls on Election Day is allowed to vote in this way.

There is only one real restriction to absentee voting in Michigan. According to the Michigan Department of State website at http://www.michigan.gov/oss, “A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates,” unless they are overseas.

To obtain an absentee ballot, a written request explaining the reason for the request must be submitted to the city or township clerk in your area. Requests must be submitted by the Saturday before the election and ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on election day.

The process for obtaining and submitting an absentee ballot is the same in Illinois, except for request deadlines. Applications can be submitted by mail between 5 to 40 days prior to the election and in person 1 to 40 days before. More information can be found at wwww.elections.state.il.us.

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—Brad Matson (’07)

Spring Fling

Spring Fling will officially be held on April 23 in the Pine Grove. A picnic lunch will be offered outside from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The groundbreaking for DeVos Fieldhouse will be held at 1:30 at Fairbanks Avenue and 8th Street. The administration hopes that it will not discourage students from attending the groundbreaking ceremony, which will include raffle and other big prizes.

Men’s draw will begin at 6:30 at Fairbanks Avenue and 8th Street. The administration hopes that it will not discourage students from attending the groundbreaking ceremony, which will include raffle and other big prizes.

Rides will be run in the Pine Grove from 2 to 6 p.m. and dinner will also be held outside from 4 to 6 p.m.
Bush has proven his capability

course our nation follows for the next four years. Thankfully, Americans have been presented with two candidates whose platforms, values and character are in stark contrast to each other.

Our president’s response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11 was swift and effective. Since the attacks, large strides have been made to ensure the safety of American soil. Afghanistan, once ruled by the brutal Taliban, has adopted a new constitution providing fundamental rights to women and pointing the nation toward democracy. Because President Bush took the necessary and moral action to liberate the people of Iraq from a brutal dictator, the nation’s citizens no longer fear rape and torture chambers. Recognizing that terrorist activity is still a serious threat to the nation, Bush is campaigning on a platform that provides a two-pronged approach to our War on Terror. Our president will continue to support missions that eliminate terrorist threats abroad while providing those who are fighting terrorists within our own borders the same tools that law enforcement agents working against drug traffickers are given through the USA PATRIOT Act. This is an approach that Senator John Kerry does not support today, despite the fact that he voted for the act when it was signed into law.

Bush has also demonstrated exceptional leadership in his efforts to stimulate the American economy. The much needed tax relief that Bush provided to the American citizenry has worked. Kerry's fuzzy economics is that they are a bad idea for Americans. In less than seven months, the tax cuts provided to the American citizenry will make a decision that will impact citizens in ways that will not only increase their standard of living, but also create jobs. Bush remains committed to this plan and has recently stated that he will extend the tax cuts for another year.

The Democratic candidate, Senator John Kerry, is such a leader. Kerry fought in Vietnam with the Navy after graduating from Yale. He returned a decorated soldier, yet was disillusioned by his battle experience in the Mekong Delta and became a critic of the continued fighting in Vietnam. Kerry discovered the Vietnam Veterans of America. The firm leadership he showed then is evidenced by the fact that his fellow veterans from Vietnam now help with his campaign.

Kerry graduated from Boston College Law School after returning from Vietnam and became an assistant district attorney for Middlesex County, Mass. In 1982, he was elected lieutenant governor. Since 1984, he has served as a U.S. Senator and is now in his fourth term. Kerry has been known to back issues, not parties, and has proved this many times over. His bipartisan efforts include standing with Sen. John McCain to find answers to questions about Vietnam veterans declared POW/MIA.

Recently, Kerry released a “Middle-Class Misery Index.” It is his campaign’s way of tracking the changes in the economy from 2000-2003. Kerry sees the economic misery of the middle-class as a failure towards their goals. He has proposed a three-pronged plan to decrease the economic strain.

The first part involves repealing President Bush’s tax cuts for those who earn more than $200,000. He would apply the money saved to health care reform. The second part involves giving money to students who serve the nation as tutors, teachers, mentors, home builders and protectors of America. The third part involves gasoline usage. Kerry backs legislation that would put stricter guidelines on gas mileage standards for gas-guzzling SUVs. He also wants to create a renewable-energy trust fund that would decrease consumption of oil by 2 million barrels per day. That is roughly the amount of oil the U.S. import from the Middle East a day.

Kerry promotes a foreign policy that would treat the United Nations as a full partner in diplomacy and in arrangements of foreign security. He wants to see the U.S. enter into new alliances and work with other nations. Along these lines, Kerry would set up a special presidential envoy to work on U.S. relations with the Muslim world. Kerry has said that he would issue a 120-day review of all trade policies of the U.S. He is a supporter of the World Trade Organization, especially in challenging the currency practices of China.

Kerry has beaten his competitors in the primaries and caucuses because he has what it takes to be president. In November, I will be voting for him not simply because he is a democrat, but because I agree with him on many of the important issues. I believe that the U.S. needs a change in leadership, and I recognize Kerry as being able to provide that change.
Tuition funds athletic training over break

Spring sports trips pay minimal amounts for long journeys south as part of season preparations

INFOCUS

Becky Lathrop
Senior Reporter

Bottom of the ninth. Up by one. One more out and an evening on the beach to go. Even with daily practices and a number of competitions, spring break isn’t hard to enjoy when it’s spent in the warmth of the southern sun, according to sports team members who traveled over break.

Each year the spring sports teams travel south over spring break to get an early look at tough competition and beautiful playing weather. When dealing with unpredictable Michigan weather and the already short spring seasons these spring break trips became a vital part of the team’s training. So vital, in fact, that almost the entire trip is paid for by the college, leaving students responsible for usually no more than $60 towards the airplane ticket plus the cost of food.

The overall athletic budget, which is drawn from tuition, is around $900,000 and accounts for roughly two percent of the $47 million total educational budget, according to Doug VanDyken of the Business Services office. Using the money out of their overall budgets, each sport spends nearly half of their fund on the spring break trip.

“They use a very large part of their budget because it is such a large aspect of their season,” said Smith. “The trips make our teams ready to compete in their compacted spring season. It launches their season, and gives them the opportunity to get outside and face the competition that they need in order to succeed in the regular season.”

So, to gear up for their upcoming seasons the baseball, softball, men’s and women’s tennis and men’s and women’s track traveled to various locations across the southern part of the country during this year’s spring break.

From Texas to South Carolina, they spent the week training, competing and gearing up for the regular season while enjoying the time with their teammates and working on their tans.

The men’s baseball team spent the week in Fort Myers, Fla. where they won five of their ten games in a seven day stretch while, not far away, in Kissimmee, Fla. the women’s softball team won five of the eight games that they played.

In Hilton Head, South Carolina, after losing one match to rain, the women’s softball team battled other division III teams in three matches pulling out one win.

The men’s tennis team, on break from their usual trip to Hilton Head, S.C., spent the week in New Braunfels, Tex. where they played only two matches after one was canceled due to rain.

Traveling together, the men’s and women’s track teams trained for their outdoor season by heading down to South Carolina where they participated in two meets and were given the opportunity to run at Charleston Southern University and The Citadel.

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Members of Hope’s track teams enjoy a bonding moment on their spring break trip.

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—Ray Smith, director of Men’s Athletics

While the trips cost the athletes very little in terms of money, they were rich in memories and in preparing them for the season to come.

“It was great to get to meet everyone on the team and to form bonds,” said Erin Mitteer (’07), a member of the women’s track team. “The sprinters don’t usually get to see the distance runners and the trip gave us all an opportunity to bond. Plus it was really good to be able to get outside.”

In the past four years that the trips have been funded by the college, Smith commented that he had received no complaints about the system. Where calls used to come in from parents with concerns about the cost of the spring trip and the inequality of budgets, the calls now come from other institutions.

“They all want to know how we do it,” said Smith. “With our sports budgets right around the midpoint for division III athletics, being able to send six teams south for a week is quite a feat.”

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Students show off skills in choreography

Maureen Yonovitz

The faculty choreographed dance concerts such as 16SYNC and Dance 30 are over for the year and it is now the student choreographers’ time to shine. This semester’s Student Choreographed Dance Concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the Knickerbocker Theatre. Admission is free.

“Unlike the faculty concert, the student concert is there to allow students to both choreograph and perform in a less intimidating environment, and participation by everyone is widely encouraged,” said Matt Farmer (’04). “It is a great opportunity for students to participate in the program who might not have gotten the chance during Dance 30.”

This year’s concert lineup will be a bit different than it has been in the past. A Dance Composition class that is mandatory for all majors and minors requires each of its students to choreograph a piece for the concert. In all, there will be about 38 pieces in the performance, with a different show being performed each night.

Although Farmer has performed in the Student Dance Concert since his freshman year, this will be his first year choreographing. The piece is a solo that he will be performing.

“It is sort of a work in progress, as I am also working with Philip Johnson (’04) to create an original sound score to go along with the piece,” Farmer said.

Farmer’s piece includes two different sections. The first recaps the evolution process and the second presents his personal view of mankind.

“Overall the basic theme of the piece is that we as humans, though we would like to think that we are the highest beings on earth, the mere fact is, to steal a quote from my favorite band Switchfoot, ‘we were meant to live for so much more.’” Farmer said.

Farmer will also be performing in a piece that Tim Heck (’04) choreographed for his Advanced Composition class.

This is Amy McEwan’s (’06) first time choreographing for the Student Dance Concert. This will be his first year choreographing. The piece is a solo that he will be performing.

“I really like it.” Farmer said.

The music for my piece is by Evanscence and is a really interesting piece about a small girl who has trouble making friends and so makes a decision to depend on her mind to entertain her and be her companion,” McEwan said.

Not only is this McEwan’s first time choreographing, it is her first time being involved in this concert at all. So, while, due to a number crunch, most people are both choreographing and dancing, McEwan will just be choreographing. Her piece will be danced by Megan Chambers (’06) and Michelle Graves (’06).

“Next year I am hoping to dance, but I wanted to start things out slow,” McEwan said.

This is the second semester that Rebecca Patton (’05) has been involved in the Student Dance Concert. Her piece is entitled “Natural Born Rebel” and will be danced by Deborah O’Connell (’07) to the music of “Don’t Tread on Me” by Metallic and the Jimi Hendrix version of “The Star Spangled Banner.”

“The piece is the story of a Scots-Irish indentured servant in the American colonies (at the time leading up to the Revolutionary War) who is arrested and about to be executed for treason against the Crown and the effect that such actions had in building our country,” Patton said.

The Symphonette combines forces with the Chapel Choir and College Chorus for a joint concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Dimment.

The Symphonette combines forces for a combined concert. The public is invited and admission is free.

This is the second time the Symphonette and choirs will be performing together this semester. Last semester, they performed together at Vesper.

“It’s always fun to work with a different conductor like Dr. (Brad) Richmond (College Chorus and Chapel Choir conductor) because he’s really good,” said Lea Blackburn (’07), a member of the Symphonette. “It’s the first time I’ve heard the (choir) piece but I really like it.”

Choral group members agree.

“I have enjoyed being in College Choir and singing the Coronation Mass by Mozart,” said Anna Olmstead (’05). “I have sung some of Mozart’s ‘Requiem’ in the past and I have grown fond of its musical style.”

The first half of the concert will feature the Symphonette, led by Richard Pippo, professor of music at Hope and the Symphonette conductor. Pippo is pleased with how things have been going for the Symphonette this year and hopes for this to continue in the upcoming concert.

“It’s been a very good season for the Symphonette,” Pippo said.

In the second half of the performance, the Chapel Choir and College Chorus will join the Symphonette in singing and playing “Coronation Mass” by Wolfgang Amadus Mozart.

Several soloists will also be featured in the performance. They will include Richard Cory, Bass, a member of the Chamber Choir group; Erik Yohanson, Tenor, from the University of Toledo; Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, Soprano, a member of the Hope music faculty; and Elizabeth LaGrande, Alto, also a Hope music faculty member.

Beth Ann Fennelly and Quan Barry read at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21

Two poets wrap up this year’s VWS

It’s poetry month! If that isn’t enough, I don’t know what is — Heather Sellers, professor of English

Beth Ann Fennelly, above, will read with Quan Barry (whose book is at right) for the final VWS installment.

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Joe Turbessi

The Visiting Writers Series will conclude at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21 with visits from the poets Quan Barry and Beth Ann Fennelly.

The readings will take place at the Knickerbocker Theatre and the public is invited, free of charge.

According to the Visiting Writers Series website on Knowhope, Quan Barry first discovered poetry in informal madrigals in the bathroom of her college dorm.

“there were no windows, Barry said. ‘So we’d turn out the lights, light some candles and have instant ambiance.”

Although Barry’s writing is influenced by writers such as Anne Carson, Jorie Graham and Heather Sellers, professor of English, remarked that Barry writes about family and travel—hemingway, Kerouac, the great American writers. Barry describes her writing style as “quirky, very edgy, interesting—she writes about everything from Britney Spears to string theory—she’s wild.” Sellers said.

In 2000, Barry’s first book, “Asylum,” won the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize. At this particular reading the audience will get two poets for the price of one. Also featured will be poet Beth Ann Fennelly of Oxford, Mississippi, where she now lives, with her husband Tom and daughter Claire.

“I like to write poems in different styles and modes, so it’s hard for me to draw generalizations about my work,” Fennelly said.

“Overall, I would say I’m drawn to the moments in our lives when a decision is made that will change everything. Also I’m fascinated by language, especially metaphor.”


Sellers described Fennelly’s style as “warm, accessible. She writes about family and travel—she has spent a lot of time abroad. She’s very interesting poet.”

When asked a good reason for attending, Sellers said, “Well, it’s poetry month! If that isn’t enough, I don’t know what is.”
Students reflect on their four years of life at Hope

INFOCUS EDITOR

Erin L'Hotta

Students reflect on a new adventure, filled with opportunity. Seniors say Hope is a place filled with comfort. It's a place where they've experienced four years of personal growth and learning. They say it's a school filled with life-long friends. But now, graduation approaches for the class of 2004.

Seniors will break away from the familiarity of Hope and go their separate ways into the real world, while reflecting on the comfort of the past four years.

Some seniors encounter stress in their desperate search for a job. Rich Ray ('04) is hoping for a position with a bank in the greater Holland area. Ray, who is from Holland, said that his job search has been rough.

"There is a lot of competition in interviewing," Ray said.

Keelie Parks ('04) didn't seem as nervous to find employment as Ray. Parks decided not to stay in Holland after graduation, but instead, is looking for a job around Indianapolis, near her hometown. Parks hopes to find a job within the next few months, while in the meantime participating in five of her friends' weddings.

Finding a job was the number one goal seniors said they hope to achieve after graduation. But getting a job isn't on every senior's mind. Instead, more schooling eagerly awaits. Jeremy Brieve ('04) is one senior who is attending law school next fall. This summer, Brieve has a legal research position at Cunningham Dalman PC, the biggest law firm in Holland.

"I look forward to starting my new educational focus on law," said Brieve. "But I will miss the support of faculty, administration and students at Hope."

As Brieve attends law school, Julie Brownell ('04) hopes to attend medical school after taking a year off. Tony Frucci ('04) also will attend school: the Police Academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Just as these seniors near graduation with set destinations, there are seniors at Hope whose future plans are still unclear. Wylie Douglass ('04) will stay an extra semester at Hope because he is uncertain whether he wants to pursue a career as a teacher, lawyer or journalist.

With these ideas in mind, he said that he will miss his graduating class, but needs to stay at Hope to "complete any unfulfilled objectives."

Seniors part in these different directions, holding the common bond of claiming Hope as their home. Seniors praised Hope faculty and staff for providing them with individual attention. They commented on the thriving Christian environment and the overwhelming amount of fellowships that were formed.

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A general reflection on time spent at Hope...

Molly Baxter

Future plans: Joining the Peace Corps for two years to help develop the growth of other countries. I'm also getting married in July.

Most memorable Hope experience: Studying abroad for a year in Spain.

What I will miss about Hope: The relationships with my professors.

What I won't miss about Hope: I'm not going to miss the large amount of conservative values. I would prefer a more liberal school.

Tony Frucci

Future plans: Attending the Police Academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Most memorable Hope experience: Accepting Christ completely. I came here only to play football, but Hope moved me. It changed who I was.

What I will miss about Hope: I'm going to miss the similarities of values and backgrounds that people have at Hope.

What I won't miss about Hope: The price.

Liz Foster

Future plans: I don't have a job lined up yet, but I hope to get a job with college students and international travel.

Most memorable Hope experience: Studying abroad in Renesse. It helped me realize that there is a world outside of Hope. It was preparation for the real world.

What I will miss about Hope: The people.

What I won't miss about Hope: the homework.

Julie Brownell

Future plans: Taking a year off, before attending medical school. I'm trying to get a job in a nursing home or hospital.

Most memorable Hope experience: Studying abroad in Spain for a semester. It helped me become the independent person I am today.

What I will miss about Hope: I will miss being surrounded by such a strong Christian faith. It's like a comfort zone.

What I won't miss about Hope: I'm not going to miss the work load.

Rich Ray

Future plans: Looking for a job at a Holland bank.

Most memorable Hope experience: Orientation freshman year. I just loved meeting everyone. There are a lot of good people at Hope.

What I will miss about Hope: I enjoyed the personal attention from faculty. They will really go out of their way to help.

What I won't miss about Hope: I'm not going to miss how sensitive people can be to certain issues.

Maria Hoogendyk

Future plans: I'm going to be a legislative assistant for a state representative in Lansing. I had a job interview over spring break, they called me back and I go the job.

Most memorable Hope experience: Dance Marathon.

What I will miss about Hope: The small community atmosphere that Hope provides for the students.

What I won't miss about Hope: piano lessons.

Website says: Yes, there's Hope After Hope

Seniors are advised to visit 'Hope After Hope', an electronic resource which supplies valuable employment opening information. Log on through the eRecruiting link on the Career Services website. http://hope.erecruiting.com/er/security/login.jsp
Hope does not want diversity

While I praise Matt Boone (’07), Amanda McConnell (’07), Carley Laws (’07) and Partrice Roberts (’07) for their initiative with the diversity proposal, I remain a little confused as to why they put forth the effort. I am a firm believer that Hope, with the exception of a few remarkable people, does not want diversity. It has been made quite clear to me in my two years here that we minorities are an unwelcome group.

Before I began at Hope, I received a letter inviting me to become a part of the Phelps Scholars program, but was told that since I was a commuter, it would be difficult for me to participate. With very few exceptions, all Phelps Scholars live in Scott Hall their freshman year. Many of my friends are Phelps Scholars. They tell me they have enjoyed being involved with the program, which has enabled them to create valuable friendships and given them a sort of family circle to retreat to.

But once I arrived on campus, I realized that I didn’t need Phelps. I made friends, found an on-campus “family” and developed my college life as well as my peers in the program did. I found friends among students of different backgrounds, colors and beliefs. I found them to create valuable friendships and given them a sort of family year. Many of my friends are Phelps Scholars. They tell me that few exceptions, all Phelps Scholars live in Scott Hall their freshmen year. Many of my friends are Phelps Scholars. They tell me they have enjoyed being involved with the program, which has enabled them to create valuable friendships and given them a sort of family circle to retreat to.

Opening three dorms to diversity-seeking students isn’t going to happen. Students who take the initiative to try to change things are amazing people with drive and goals, but in this case, I’m afraid that at this time, it is going to take much, much more to fix Hope.

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Softball splits with Alma; eyes MIAA playoffs

Flying Dutch earn tough victory against ranked Alma

David Yetter
Guest Writer

The Flying Dutch softball team split two games with Alma on Saturday, bringing its overall record to 12-12 and MIAA record to 4-4.

Hope beat the nationally ranked Scots in the first game by a score of 3-2. Rebecca Whitman ('06) gave up only one run on six hits over seven innings and struck out five.

Hope coach Karla Wolters was pleased with the performance of her team against a very good Alma club, crediting defense and pitching as the keys to victory.

"We were very excited to beat a nationally ranked team. We played very good defense and our pitching was excellent," said Wolters.

Game two saw shortstop Kelly Kraft ('04) homer in the third inning to tie the score at 1. Hope's Lindsay Brown ('07) pitched six strong innings, but the Scots were too powerful and scored on a solo shot in its half of the sixth to break the tie. Alma held the lead in the seventh and won the game 2-1.

Hope plays a doubleheader at Kalamazoo this afternoon and will

The Flying Dutch scored both of its runs in the third inning, keyed by its only two hits. Candace Graham ('05) doubled in Lauren Kaucer ('07) and Kara Sayer ('04), reached on an error leading to the second run.

Coach Karla Wolters was pleased with the performance of her team against a very good Alma club, crediting defense and pitching as the keys to victory.

"We were very excited to beat a nationally ranked team. We played very good defense and our pitching was excellent," said Wolters.

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Dutch put a two spot on the board, highlighted by Mike VanderVenelde ('07) RBI single. VanderVenelde scored the second Dutch run on a wild pitch.

The Dutch tied the game at three in the seventh with an RBI single by Dana Glass ('07) and Deming shut down the Dogs' offense in order in the eighth.

Catcher Eric Mackenzie ('04) doubled with two outs in Hope's half of the eighth, but the Dutch could not bring him in to take the lead.

Adrian then went to work in its half of the ninth, pounding out four straight hits that led to four Bulldog runs, ending Deming's strong effort. Mike Rodgers ('07) pitched the last three outs of the ninth without trouble.

The Dutchmen managed to push across one more run in its half of the ninth, but it was not enough as the Bulldogs were poised to sweep the Dutchmen in Holland heading into game two.

That sweep did not happen, however, as the Dutchmen routed the Bulldogs 7-1 in the nightcap.

After a rough first inning in which the Bulldogs managed a run on three hits. Hope starter Andrew Vlasak ('05) settled down greatly and Adrian managed only two more hits over the next six innings. Vlasak improved to 3-2 on the season.

The Dutchmen took advantage of six Bulldog errors, posting seven runs on eight hits. VanderVenelde and Glass each had two hits while Hope's offense only accounted for three runs batted in due to the poor defensive play by Adrian.

The series loss puts Hope at 5-4 in the conference and 14-12 overall. Adrian leads the MIAA standings with a 5-1 record and Adrian is close behind with a 7-2 record.

"We now have four losses in the MIAA. What we need to do from here on out is just worry about ourselves," said Vlasak.

"We need to play the type of baseball we are capable of and hopefully, we will be able to win the rest of our league games.

The Dutchmen will travel to Kalamazoo April 16-17 to meet the last place team.

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