Spring Fling approaches

Erin L’Hotta
between Euros

Spring Fling approaches will include such participants as President Bultman, Paul Beetsma, Hope’s chaplain, and Albert McGehee, mayor of Holland. The son-in-law of Richard and Helen DeVos will also be present, along with Hope’s Wind Symphony and Anchor Band.

After a brief speech, the shovel will hit the dirt, signifying the commencement of a year-long building project, along with the official beginning of the Spring Fling festival.

By 2 p.m., the Pine Grove will swarm with inflatable games, obstacle courses, “Bonzai Bikes,” “Pusmo Wrestling” and “Bouncy Boxing” games. These games will be accompanied by the live music of three musical guests. Paul Rabat (’04) is a solo guitarist performing from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Farewell to February is an alternative rock group from the Holland area that will be performing from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Harriet Breecher Stowe, an instrumental group featuring Phil Johnson (’04), Jeff Wheeler (’04) and Mike Kocpluck (’04), will take the stage from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Spring Fling will also feature “The Push” at 3:15 p.m. Three person teams will race around the perimeter of the Pine Grove. The catch? They race while pushing one another in shopping carts. Each team must run three times around the course, rotating the teammate seated in the shopping cart every lap. The game has become a favorite Spring Fling event among Hope students.

With the games, the music and this entertaining rave, Katie Randa, SAC Personnel Director, believes that Spring Fling will be an enjoyable time for all students. “Every year SAC tries to provide entertainment before the stress of finals kicks in. We just want to give Hope students a time to relax.”

Graduation ceremony shifted to Zeeland Stadium

Jordon Wolfson
Senior Staff Reporter

The Commencement Ceremony for graduating seniors will take place at Zeeland Stadium at 3 p.m. on May 2. Hope College will witness another fine group of students leave its campus and move on to bigger and better things; their dreams shaped by the insights they have gathered here.

“Commencement is a very important event in the life of the college and for the graduates and families,” said James N. Boelkins, provost at Hope. “The students who are graduating will be missed by the community, and their places in the Hope College Campus will be vacant come next year. The seniors from this graduating class have influenced the lives of many here at Hope, and they shall be missed.”

“It’s always fun to reminisce over the four years. It has all come together for the seniors when they graduate. They will leave vacancies at our table that must be filled by the incoming students,” said Richard Frost, Dean of Students.

The commencement speaker will be Rev. Timothy L. Brown of Holland, the Henry Bad Professor of Preaching at Western Theological Seminary.

Brown has been a member of the seminary’s faculty since 1995, and served as the Hins-Bossaema Dean of the Chapel at Hope from 2001 to 2003. Brown has been an active member of the Holland community and has written several articles for "The Church Herald," "The Reformed Review" and "Perspectives" magazine.

Giving the Baccalaureate speech will be Rev. Carolyn Holloway, the senior pastor of the DeWitt Reformed Church on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, N.Y. Brown. She is a Hope graduate, and also has children who have attended Hope. Holloway is the first African-American woman to hold the pastoral position at the DeWitt Reformed Church.

“Graduation is a great and meaningful experience for the students and their families,” said Frost.

More than 600 seniors will be participating in the graduation exercises. In addition, during the commencement Hope will present honorary degrees to J. Kemai Campbell, who recently retired as chairperson of the college’s Board of Trustees, and Danny R. Gaydou, chairperson of the Board of the Michigan College Foundation as well as the publisher of “The Grand Rapids Press.”

Zeeland Stadium is located on Riley Street at 100 Avenue. In the event of rain, commencement will be held at Zeeland East High School, located on Riley Street and 96 Avenue. Admission to these events is by ticket only.
Elections ongoing for Student Congress leadership

Maureen Yonovitz

In the midst of final exams and preparations for summer break, Hope students are asked to contemplate one more thing: Student Congress elections. Ballots allowing students to vote for president, vice president and class representatives are now available online, and elections will continue until tomorrow. Those running for the position of president for the upcoming school year are Tim Fry ('05), Lauren Caluory ('05), and Zach Vander Meeden ('05). Their running mates, for the position of vice president, are Jennie Yamaoka ('05), Chris Avery ('05) and for Jonathan Haasler ('05), respectively.

Fry has served on Student Congress for the past two years as representative for both Kollen and Cook Halls. Last semester as Cook Hall representative, Fry, along with his fellow representatives, sent e-mail updates to all Cook residents. If elected president, this is something he hopes to continue and expand campus-wide.

"For the most important thing that needs to be done in the coming year is to bridge the gap between the student body and Congress," Fry said. "I promise to continue communicating with the entire student body to build a stronger school and a stronger Student Congress. If we can accomplish this, we will have a better chance at achieving our successes in fixing some of Hope's problems."

Fry also would like to increase activities available to students by providing more outdoor tennis and pool tables in Dewitt and the dorms, as well as bringing a video-rental service to campus.

"In the past, Congress simply has not worked hard enough to connect with all students," Fry said. "In order that ideas like these come to fruition, we need to work with the entire student body." Yamaoka, Fry's running mate, is also interested in keeping communication open, on a productive and on a more personal level between Congress and Hope students.

"I want to work on issues that are of concern to students, such as parking, security, and closing the gap between students and the administration," Yamaoka said. "I also plan on having a positive attitude, and to keep the attitudes of those around me positive."

Although Fry is currently in Washington, D.C. as part of an off-campus study program, both he and Yamaoka can be reached by e-mail at any time. More information about their campaigns can be found at www.votetimandjennie.com.

Caluory has been involved with Student Congress since her freshman year, serving as Kollen Hall representative for two years, and currently, as a junior class representative.

"I am running for President because I have the necessary skills and dedication, but more importantly have the passion, heart and sincere motives to get the job done," Caluory said. "I work hard to serve the Hope community because anything less is unacceptable."

During her time on Congress, Caluory has worked on numerous committees and is currently co-chairing a Constituency Concerns Taskforce with her running mate Avery.

"This year, Chris and I have worked diligently with our taskforce on implementing a video rental service on campus and returning the scrolling signs in DeWitt and Phelps to functioning order, and have been an important part in creating and advocating different proposals to improve the current parking system," Caluory said.

Both Caluory and Avery agree that Student Congress is a vital part of Hope College and plan to continue working to make it the best it can be for the entire student body.

"It is through Student Congress that we have the privilege of taking this college and molding it into what we want it to be," Avery said. "As students, it is our responsibility to continue improving this place. Many of us would readily admit that Hope College is not perfect, but with passion, desire and the grace of God, we can make it what it can be."

Vander Meeden and Haasler do not have a lot of experience in Student Congress, but do have a desire to make it more accessible to students.

"Zach and I feel strongly that the student body is not aware of the role Student Congress plays in everyone’s everyday lives, and also are not aware of the avenues available to make their concerns (known)," Haasler said.

Two representatives for each class will also be elected this week. Running for the position of senior class representative are John Rodstrum, Kelley Hutchins and Samara Weibel. Brandon Mersman is the only candidate for junior class representative. The race for sophomore representative is more competitive: Brad McCann, Ashley DeFluty, Chelsea Kramer and Will Needlton are running.

Earth Jam, an annual concert event sponsored by Hope's Environmental Issues Group, was held Saturday in celebration of Earth Day.

Several bands, including the August, shown, and Harriet Beecher Stowe endowments, performed at the Pine Grove. Free food and summer-like weather aided the celebration.

Don't stop ending rape

Phil Waalkes

Columnist

Stopping rape will not happen in one semester: it is a continuous process. The summer months often stifle projects and confrontations, but don't let this summer make you stop thinking about rape, or any other causes or controversies for that matter.

"As long as women are victims of sexual assault, men who care about women must stand up against this violence. With this in mind, Hope needs a group of men who will continually and publically denounce rape. Many of the men attending the main panel expressed a desire for an ongoing conversation about rape and such a group would be a perfect opportunity for this. Just The simple existence of this group would send a message to Hope's community that men will not tolerate rape on this campus.

The main purpose of such an organization would be to make a political stance by existing and discussing rape, but it could also hold fundraising events for the Center for Women in their struggle against other causes.

Also, next semester, Stephanie McCann ('05) will be resurrecting Campus Awareness, Response, and Education next fall. According to student development website, C.A.A.R.E.'s purpose is "to implement and promote sexual assault awareness and prevention programs for the Hope community."

C.A.A.R.E. dissolved after the spring of 2003 when all of its members graduated. Some of their past programs have included date-rape seminars, self-defense workshops, a sexual-assault awareness series, and contacts with campus and community resources.

McCann is also planning a mock rape trial and helping to create a Hope College sexual assault policies procedure that is separate from the sexual harassment policies brochure and various other projects.

If you feel passionately about ending rape, do something about it.
Aerial takes concert into summer season

Company brings dance back to Knickerbocker stage in May

Becky Lathrop

STAFF REPORTER

and will be returning once again to its home theater, the Knickerbocker, for two sets of performances in May.

With a contemporary, theatrical and multimedia repertoire, Aerial performs dances that touch the emotions and bring difficult new imagery to the stage. Their contemporary style and diverse performances are meant to entertain audience members, while also educating and stimulating them.

Geared toward family audiences, Aerial's most rapidly approaching performance, "Family Affair," will be at the Knickerbocker on May 4-7. Keeping the interests of the family audience in mind, the performances will begin at 11 a.m., and rather than running for close to two hours as the normal concerts do, they will last for only about 50 minutes. Free popcorn is provided for all who attend and ticket prices are much less expensive, costing only $2 for each adult, and children 12 and under are free.

A popular dance event during the school year, Aerial Dance Theatre also performs in May. This year's concert will take place May 21 and 22 in the Knickerbocker.

The "Family Affair" will display a completely different dance program than the one to be performed at the spring dance concert. Works such as "Bolero" and "Side Show" will be performed along with a new work entitled "UNET" by Steven Iannaccone, co-director of Aerial. Graham is excited for this year's "Family Affair" performance and the individual dances that will be displayed in it.

"All are dances which have strong choreography, interesting theatrical effects, and should be great fun for all," Graham said. A few weeks after the "Family Affair" performance, Aerial will once again take the stage on May 21 and 22 to present its Spring Concert, which will be shared with the Butler Dance Ensemble from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Graham is looking forward to sharing this concert with the Butler company and is excited to bring their work to West Michigan. Having performed with Butler at the Lilly Theater on the Butler University campus, this will be Aerial's second combined concert with the ensemble, and it is one that according to Graham, should be exciting on many levels.

Among other pieces, Aerial will feature a new work by Eva Paradave, a guest choreographer from Grosso Mode dance company in association with the University of Queretaro, Mexico, which Hope has been associated with since their trip to Queretaro in May 2001.

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Tickets for the Spring Concert will be available at the door at $6 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are admitted free. They are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on both nights.

Organists perform recitals as part of Tulip Time events

Joe Turbessi

STAFF REPORTER

As most Hope students know all too well, the end of the year brings with it both finals and the famous Tulip Time festival of Holland. What most Hope students do not know is that the organ department of Hope College offers a total of 32 organ recitals in a 4 day period of the festival! From Wednesday May 5 through Saturday May 8, past and present organ students of Hope will perform the Tulip Time organ recitals. Every day, the performers will play 8 recitals, beginning on the half hour, with the first at 10 a.m. This year there are twelve performers and all recitals take place in Dimnent Chapel.

According to Huw Lewis, professor of organ at Hope College, the existence of the Tulip Time recitals is evidence of the vitality of Hope College's organ program.

"While the trend at colleges across the nation is to cut organ programs, the enrollment in Hope's organ program is growing consistently, peaking this year at about 16 students," said Lewis. The organists will perform on both organs in Dimnent Chapel. The Gallery organ (located in the balcony of the Chapel) is the smaller of the two instruments.

The Chancel Organ, located in the front of the Chapel, is a fairly large instrument. According to Lewis, the organ is truly magnificent.

"Skinner's [the organ builder] instruments are now regarded as treasures, and Hope's instrument is considered by experts the world over to be one of Skinner's masterpieces" said Lewis. Student performers at the Tulip Time Organ Recitals include Sara Bolkema ('04), Heidi Dykema ('04) and Abbe Rockwood ('06). In addition, Rob Abbott ('97), Elizabeth Claar, Susan DeKam ('02), Peter Kurtzied ('01), Krista Shinew ('01), Mary Schakel, Producing Director of HSRT. Among other pieces, Aerial will feature a new work by Eva Paradave, a guest choreographer from Grosso Mode dance company in association with the University of Queretaro, Mexico, which Hope has been associated with since their trip to Queretaro in May 2001.

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Summer Rep Theatre returns

Neil Simons

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Hope College has a long history of fine theater performance, but this relationship of great entertainment and Hope's theater department is not exclusive to students and faculty. The 2004 Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, now entering its thirty-third season, is scheduled to begin in late June, with rehearsals starting at the end of May.

HSRT is a summer-long residence for professionals and interns, drawing talent from all over the country. Nearly 130 professionals and interns are employed for a period of thirteen to fifteen weeks and are involved in several productions throughout the summer: four shows playing at DeWitt, one on the smaller second stage, two children's performances in the studio theater and a single cabaret show at the Park Theater.

Each season is comprised of four weekends and the final selection occurs after the release of rights to HSRT. The interns consist of college students from schools across the country. A number of students from Hope's theater department are also among those involved in the many disciplines hired for the summer. These fields include all realms of production—acting, stage management, public relations, publicity, costume design, lighting and sound.

One of the strengths of this program is the combination of the pros with the students," said Mary Schakel, Producing Director of HSRT. "The extraordinary thing is that there is a huge range of talent."

For more information, call the DeWitt Ticket Office at (616) 395-7890.
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**How your weekly newspaper is made**

**Editor-in-Chief Anjey Dykhuis assigns stories to staff members and section editors at the Anchor’s Wednesday night meeting.**

**Sports Editor Brad Vanderberg (’05) makes a phone interview to finish up his stories.**

**Anjey Dykhuis shows Managing Editor Mackenzie Smith (’07) some of the changes that need to be made on her page.**

**Photo Editor Rob Ondra (’04) helps Arts Editor Maureen Yonovitz (’05) with a few technical problems.**

**Anjey Dykhuis prepares to send the newspaper to the Zeeland Record for printing at the end of the night.**
Danielle Koski
Business Manager

So I was looking in the mirror this morning and realized that things change. Alright, so I realized things changed long before I looked in the mirror this morning, but it was more pronounced this morning since I’m a senior and Anchor staff who are seniors get to write goodbye columns, and well, my column wasn’t even started as of this morning.

So I was looking in the mirror this morning, and thinking about the column, and wondering what the heck I should write about. I could have written about a lot of things. I’m very opinionated and speak my mind, but the question was how to tie into the four years I’ve spent at Hope. As I’m writing, I still don’t know, but here it goes, and yes, folks, I’m going to get on my soapbox one last time.

One of the first columns I wrote as part of the Anchor staff was about World AIDS Day. At the time, a whole continent was dying of a disease that can be prevented; with the right medication, it can be treated rather effectively. Sadly, Africa didn’t have the money to buy these drugs and educate the people on the continent. Not a lot has changed since I wrote the column.

President Bush may have promised money to the people in Africa and the Caribbean over a year ago, and the bill may have become a law in May 2003, but Africa and the Caribbean have yet to see any money from the U.S. I find it very sad that a country with so much monetary wealth and with capabilities of bringing down a dictator in months cannot even keep its promise to a whole continent where 6,000 people a day die from AIDS. Just one more reason why I believe the U.S. is not a Christian nation.

For four years ago, many of the headlines in the Anchor revolved around the Gay Straight Forum/Alliance, which later became known as the Sexuality Roundtable (heaven forbid a Hope organization have “Gay” in the title). That was four years ago and the roundtable’s task was to open the discussion about sexuality, yet the hostility on campus towards homosexuals is still active. Once again, this is very sad.

Three years ago, life changed for every single person in the United States when two airplanes crashed into the World Trade Center. Even if you don’t think you were affected by September 11, think about traveling since then, or if you are from an Arab country, being fingerprinted and questioned. Three years ago, I was sitting in criminology learning about the Oklahoma City bombing. For the class, I, along with two of my fellow classmates, had to be Timothy McVeigh’s defense attorneys. Talk about opening eyes to a whole different side of the story. I learned from that experience that most likely the government lies to us frequently and often. The current situation with Iraq and the questions about the Bush administration’s honesty has only cemented that idea.

So even though things change, with graduation coming and all, maybe they don’t change as much as we think. Maybe we should try to change the world a little store. If we stopped being apathetic about situations around us, maybe things would really change. If we started caring about those around us and in the world and respecting each other, maybe the change would be for the better.

Remember, though, that people who change the world speak up, voice their opinion and get ridiculed for it. I say brave to the Anchor, who regularly gets ridiculed for being, at times, a disinterested voice with the administration’s policies. Maybe if more people didn’t just believe what they are spoon-fed to believe and instead questioned more and challenged more, the world would change.

Here is the end of my final senior column goodbye rant. When I came to Hope four years ago I was a very different person then I am now, I’d like to think I changed for the better, but only time will tell.

What do I know is that I plan on continuing to grow, and not just look at changing myself and growing into who I’m meant to be, but that I will continue to look at the world around me and see where I can help. I want to make a difference. I want to make a change so that when I look in the mirror many years down the road, I can look and think of how things have changed for the better.

So that’s the end. God bless all of Hope College, even if you don’t agree with me, although I’m sure God would (that was sarcasm, by the way). Thank you to those of you who have listened to my rantings, especially my wonderful roommates. With that, goodbye.
Hope’s attitude needs improvement

At the close of my second year as a member of the Anchor’s staff, I’m looking forward to the break that summer vacation will bring me. I’d like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to those who have dedicated their lives for the 2003-04 school year to this paper and who are probably bored to death for working their butts off as much as I am.

I would also like to extend my deepest displeasure to some members of this college community who have made Anchor staff members’ lives harder with their constant disparagement, lack of support and assume ignorance of their own school paper.

Anchor section editors put at least 10 to 20 hours a week in working. They can put in up to 40, depending on how much extra work they take due to short-staffing problems. And yet they must constantly be on the alert to help other staff who poke fun at and critique the paper beyond their measure.

It makes the staff feel as though their hard work and dedication is worthless when they see others sneering at what they have laboriously created. While constructive criticism is always welcome, those who nickpick could see their own idiocy if they only attended one of the many production nights that Anchor editors go through in order to see the paper put on the stands on Wednesday afternoons. The ongoing taunting of this publication serves only to add more to the already small mistakes they make. It would be one thing if one of these organizations made a major blunder, but they are instead crucified for what small mistakes they do make.

At this point, I am thoroughly jaded with the absence of any encouragement whatsoever for many student groups. Without students who take the initiative to actually care about what is going on at Hope, what would be the point of attending this liberal arts school? If our liberal arts education is supposed to round us and fulfill us in order to enable our peers and ourselves to give a thorough and comprehensive perspective to the rest of the world, how can we ignore or even needle our groups into nonexistence? I maintain that campus organizations are an integral part of our experience here.

So, over the summer, I would like everyone to think about what really makes this campus tick. If you are one of the students, faculty or staff with constant criticism on their lips, consider what Hope would be like without these groups you obviously so abhor. Hopefully some of you will come back next fall with a better attitude and improved perspective: one that won’t involve made-up students feel as though their efforts are worthless.

Alumnus advice: “Let’s get the cowboy out of office”

To the editor:

In his column in the 4/14 edition of the Anchor, Jeremy Brive was right about one thing: In November, the American people will make a choice that will greatly affect our country for the next four years. As far as I can see, however, the logic stops there.

The column called the Bush administration’s response to 9/11 “swift and effective.” The swift effectiveness of it all must be why we have not captured or killed the man in charge of the responsible organization, and invaded a country that has been proven time and again to not be involved with the attacks.

Even worse, the fear factor used by the administration to trick the American people into war is now being called into question. This is bigger than a case of, “Whoops, sorry guys.”

Also instead of attacking or otherwise punishing the country that most of the jihadis were from, Saudi Arabia, we ignored them, which brings into question the business ties that the Bush family has with the royal Saudi family.

On the home front, the Bush administration is combating terrorism with one of the most oppressive bills, not to mention one of the worst acronyms to date, the USA PATRIOT Act. The government claims that this law will help it implement the government the ability to violate the American citizen’s privacy in unprecedented ways, and label anybody as an “enemy combatant” as they see fit. This has led to unexplained detention in Guantanamo Bay for many for almost three years.

Bush’s economic plan is similarly flawed. Instead of attacking any economic problems head on, Bush has instead decided to give more money to those who don’t need it, namely the wealthy and those at the top of big companies.

Two million jobs have been lost since Bush took office, despite the massive growth that the administration is touting as proof that their plan is working. In addition, the national debt has skyrocketed to $7 trillion, which usually does not signify economic growth.

Perhaps my biggest complaint about Bush is his values and morals. Brieve claims that Bush will... defend traditional family values. Now that would be fine, if the entire country could be united behind one value system.

The problem with this statement is that America has broken our diversity. Our country’s protection of freedom of religion and freedom of values. I, for one, am not Christian, and do not want anybody coming into my home telling me to live by Christian values, which is Bush’s plan. This country’s own non-Christian inhabitants are likely to agree with me.

I do admire the conviction of Bush and his administration. Because of their defense of the Defense of Marriage Act, Dick Cheney is ignoring the voice of his own daughter, who is a lesbian. He may not have her support, but at least he has his beliefs.

Bush’s plan for this country would see our constitution eradicated, our economy failing, and our imperialism growing. November does hold a landmark choice for this country. Let’s get the cowboy out of office.

—Nick Denis (’03)

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Baseball sweeps Kalamazoo; stay close behind Adrian

Brad Vanderberg

While the Flying Dutchmen took all three road games against the last place Kalamazoo Hornets, it was unable to clinch in the MIAA standings, remaining in third-place at 8-4 behind conference foes Adrian and Albion.

In game one of Saturday’s doubleheader, Hope starter Jon Deming (’04) took a no-no into the sixth inning until a Hornet broke it up with a base hit. Deming would allow one more single going the distance improving to 6-1 on the season. Deming also fanned six Hornets in a 6-1 victory.

In game two, Deming contributed to a 10-4 triumph not with his arm, but with his bat, driving in three in Hope’s six-hit attack. Aaron Quinby (’04) also had a big day at the plate with two extra base hits, driving in another three runs.

Andrew Vlasak (’05) picked up where he left off from his start against Calvin and improved to 4-2 on the season. In Friday’s single game against the Hornets, the lead changed back and forth the entire afternoon with the Dutchmen jumping out to an early 2-0 lead. A usually smooth Kenny Bart (’04) ran into some trouble in the bottom of the second inning as the Hornets pounded away with five runs on five hits.

The Dutchmen answered with three runs in the top of the third highlighted by a 2-run double by Jon Edmondson (’06). Bart cruised through the third inning and the Hope bats came alive putting up five runs in the next three innings taking a 10-6 lead going into the seventh inning. Bart settled down giving up six 2s innings allowing six runs striking out four.

The Dutchmen took a safe 12-7 lead into the last half of the ninth after Mike Billingsley (’05) held the Hornets to one run in 1.1 innings of work. Mike Rodgers (’07) had a rough ninth inning but earned his second save of the season preserving a 12-10 Hope victory.

“It was obviously important to stay in the conference race,” said Deming about the sweep. “It was important because we had very good performances from many different people. We are starting to step up and hit the ball in critical situations and score some runs. It is big for our confidence.”

The Dutchmen have won six straight heading into this week. Looking ahead to this weekend, Albion is currently ahead of the Dutchmen in the standings. A series victory would help the Dutchmen clinch second place, while a sweep may put them atop the standings. Adrian will have a week off after taking two of three from the Britons last weekend.

Softball picks up three wins

Softball plays well at Illinois Wesleyan tournament; take 3 of 4

Andy Borozan

Things only got better for the Dutch after a Friday night loss. The Dutch put it all on the line and went on a rampage on Saturday winning all three of their games, outscoring their opponents 15-7 on the day.

Friday night witnessed the Dutch bowing to Illinois Wesleyan, the host of the tournament, by a score of 8-3. The Titans came out on fire, scoring five runs in the first two innings. Hope couldn’t bounce back, dropping its thirteenth game on the year. Hope was held to just one extra-base hit in the game and left six on base. Lead-off hitter Candace Graham (’05) had a good day, however, getting two hits and scoring two runs.

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In the second game of the double feature, Hope scored all six of its runs in the last three innings and came away with the 6-2 win, improving its record to 14-3.

“Costly errors by Fontbonne led to the late surge as only one of Hope’s six runs were earned,” said coach Mark Postma.

The spring golf season got underway for both women’s and men’s teams with tournaments at DePauw and Wooster. The short season saw both teams get off to a good start.

The men finished 10th in the 17 team field at the Wooster, Ohio Invitational. Hope ended the two-day event 50 strokes behind first-place finisher Marianne Brown (’04) went out on top as a senior as she finished second among all players by shooting a 43-41-84. Scores from other Dutch golfers included Marianne Brown (’04) 40-45-85, Brittany Philo (’07) 43-46-89 and Kim Harrison (’07) with a 52-50-102.

“This weekend was a good weekend. We played very well as a team and we finished well. For how short our spring season is, we are already into the swing of things,” saidolly Sneller (’07), who finished with a 42-48-90. “Next weekend is a big weekend for us because we need to play well to go on like we all would really like to do. The team is looking good and if we all play our own game we should do great.”

Spring Sports Wrap-up

Baseball

Tuesday’s game: Aquinas 5, Hope 3

The Dutchmen carried a 3-1 lead into the ninth inning, but the visiting Saints roared back to put four runs up on the board to stun the Dutchmen. It was the second time this season the Saints posted a comeback victory against Hope. Earlier this month, the Dutchmen blew a seven-run lead at Aquinas en route to a 9-3 defeat.

Tennis

Tuesday’s men’s match: Calvin 7, Hope 2

The Dutchmen dropped its first MIAA match of the season (4-1).

Congratulations to softball player Lauren Vande Kopple (’05) and baseball players Jon Deming (’04) and Mike VanderVelde (’07) on their MIAA players of the week honors.

The Race for First

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