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Hope College
Terrorist attacks leave campus in shock

Hope community unites in wake of destruction in NY, DC

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EDIT IN CHIEF

Along with the rest of the world, the Hope College community reacted with shock to the terrorist attacks on the United States yesterday morning.

Two hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center yesterday morning in New York City, leveling each tower. Another hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. According to Richard Frost, dean of students, all seven Hope students studying in New York through the Great Lakes Colleges Association Arts Semester are safe. Although the college had some trouble contacting the students in the morning, they were able to reach everyone by 2:00 p.m. yesterday, and every student has been in contact with their families.

Most Hope students had not yet left for their internships downtown at the time of the crashes.

Emily Moellman (’02), a student studying in New York and an Anchor staff member, headed for work from her apartment in mid-Manhattan this morning like it was a regular day. When she arrived at her job at the New York Public Library, her supervisor told her about the attack and instructed her to return home and hurry to a grocery store and buy as much food as she could.

"I just started crying," Moellman said. "It was just so scary." On her way home, Moellman got a glimpse of the World Trade Center.

"I looked down the street and it was smoking, and the next time I looked, it was gone," Moellman said.

Moellman was not immediately able to reach her family either with a phone card or by calling collect.

Along with the rest of the world, the Hope College community realized that the Hope College community because it gives the college a sense of diversity that it times seems to lack," said Glinda Rawls, assistant director of multicultural Life. "This is a good opportunity to expose Hope to Hispanic culture," Rawls noted that Hispanic Heritage in the Hope College community is especially relevant in Holland, where there is a large Hispanic population.

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This year's fall election of student congress representatives will have a different flavor for students residing in the Scott Hall, Cook Hall, and off-campus districts.

From 8:00 a.m. on September 13th to 6:30 p.m. on September 14th, residents in these districts will elect their representatives online. Voters will receive a PIN (personal identification number) in an e-mail prior to the election. They will use this PIN along with their student ID number to log on to the website hosting the election.

If all goes well, the whole campus will vote online next spring.

"We certainly do not expect problems of any kind," said Matt Scogin, Student Congress president. "But starting with a limited number of students voting over the Internet will allow us to work out any unforeseen difficulties before we hold elections completely online this spring."

The voting system was designed by Dr. Ryan Mcfall of the computer science department.

"I had written a system to do online course evaluations while a graduate student at Michigan State, and this system was designed to be general purpose enough to be used in a variety of contexts," said Mcfall. "In particular, it was fairly simple to adapt it for use in the Student Congress elections."

Mcfall said that his two main goals in designing the system were extensibility and security.

"In terms of security, basically, the data that allows the web browser to identify who is the user submitting a set of responses is encrypted using an encryption key that is only known to the administrator of the system," Mcfall said. "The credentials stored are only valid for a short period of time, so if you authenticate yourself and walk away, it's unlikely that someone else will be able to submit responses for you."

Student Congress' motivation for more ELECTIONS on 7

Pull teams prepare for war

Rebekah Oegema
COPY EDITOR

It is a century old struggle. It has caused brother to turn against brother. Its participants have left their blood, sweat and tears on the ground where this historic battle has been fought. It was listed in Sports Illustrated as "the mother of all tug-of-wars."

It's time for The Pull. Founded in 1898, the Pull began as a friendly competition between the men of the freshmen and sophomore classes. The two rival classes, odd year against even, lined the banks of the Black River with one goal in mind: to fight for the right to own the rope. All of it.

And the tradition continues today, with this year's '04 and '05 year men and women training to more PULL on 6

Cesar Chavez address kicks off Hispanic month

James Pierce
STAFF REPORTER

In the next month, Hope students will have a chance to learn more about a minority group often overlooked on campus and across the nation.

Hope's participation in National Hispanic Heritage Month begins with the fourth annual Cesar E. Chavez Address on Wednesday, September 19, and continues with weekly events until October 25.

Keynote speaker Daniel Hernandez Joseph, Curator of Mexico in Laredo, Texas, will open the month long celebration with the Cesar E. Chavez Address, "Crossing Borders, Measuring Bridges: U.S.-Mexico Immigration Debates and Challenges." on Wednesday, September 19, at 4 p.m. in the DeWitt Center main theatre.

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Japanese prof visits Hope

Angela Matusiak
Staff Reporter

Because of the great size difference, Hope is not often compared to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The similarities do exist, though, and are more plentiful than most students might think.

Both offer top quality education, excellence in athletic arenas, and the underground opportunity to sneak on campus. U of M grads are on campus daily, hence the Ann Arbor reference. The similarities do exist.

This year, Yo Matsumoto, visiting professor of linguistics was chosen to teach in the same departments at Hope College.

"I just want to teach a good class," Matsumoto said. "Teaching in English will be a challenge, but I hope to do it well and help my students."

Matsumoto is excited about his year at Hope. He is teaching an upper level linguistics class, and his goal is for the students to learn from the experience.

"It's going to be a lot of fun this year. Once we get organized, we'll have a great year," said John Leahy (MCSA). "It's going to be a lot of fun this year. Once we get organized, we'll have a great year."

"We're going to do a lot of regattas this year, and we have a lot of kids who signed up for the club, so we're looking to get them some experience," said Leahy.

Hope has been sailing since the age of twelve, and is one of the club captains this year.

"It's a horrible tragedy, and it's got the whole nation in shock and I hope that we can be a nation that turns to God and that turns to prayer," Scogin said.
Is Hope a Christian College?

Part two in the series "Is Hope a Christian College?" explores the integration of faith with learning. Religion editor Jane Bast invited Donald Cronkite, professor of biology, Rhoda Janzen, professor of English, Chad Carlson (’03), junior class representative to the Alumni Board and Melissa Roop (’02), president of the Union of Catholic Students, to participate in a roundtable discussion. An edited version of their conversation is printed below. To hear the discussion in its entirety, tune into WHTS on Sept. 13 and 14 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

What does it mean to integrate faith and learning?

Donald Cronkite: I suppose the things we do are important to someone, will form some kind of continuous whole. If faith and learning are important to people, people will find a way of seeing that their faith complements what they are learning and that their learning complements their faith. We are always learning new things and therefore modifying our faith, and as our faith grows, it will change the way we look at the things we learn.

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Anchors staff members react to yesterday’s events

Jane Bast:

I wonder if thirty years from now, when my children are completing school projects on the history of America, if they will stop and ask, "Mom, when did the massacre, the one you were watching on the news?"

I was sitting in the living room of my cottage, eating breakfast. I usually sit in my room, and when I got the weather report. But Tuesday morning, I watched in disbelief as a kamikaze passenger plane crashed into the World Trade Centers. It looked like a scene from a Bruce Willis blockbuster. Then, it dawned on me, no, these were real people. Real lives.

Immediately, I thought of my friends Emily and Meryl, two Hope students who are studying in Manhattan through Hope’s New York program. I knew they were most likely all right: their apartment building is a safe distance from the catastrophe. I waited at the Anchor office for Dean Frost to call and tell me that the students were safe, that they were all present and accounted for.

After her call, I started thinking about the thousands of secondary victims effected by the attack. If I, sitting in my house in Holland, MI, could only imagine my friends in New York, how many other Hope students are doing the same? Some-where on this campus, one of us is waking up at this time, not knowing that a terrorist attack has happened.

When I start to distance myself from the tragedy, when I start to forget what happened that morning, I will imagine the people in the United Airlines plane, staring out their windows in helpless terror, as they flew closer and closer to the burning towers.

Real people. Real lives.

In the U2 song “Peace on Earth,” I sang a line like Tuesday, Jon spoke, “They’re reading names out on the radio/All the folks the rest of us will never get to know/Sean and Julia, Gareth, Ann and Breda/Their kids are bigger than any big idea.”

Where was I? I was eating breakfast, and the whole world changed. It changed, because we lost a landmark building, but because on Tuesday September 11, 2001, someone lost an aunt, or a cousin, or a friend.

Chad Sampson:

After a long Monday night filled with homework and early work on the paper I woke up late and stumbled into the living room of my apartment. The first thing I noticed was a smoking building on the television, which my room mate was watching intensely. “Is something wrong?” I said in a,grogggy voice. I have had many days in my life that have felt like dreams and yester-
day is not an exception. Walking through campus everyone was talking about bombings, attacks and the middle east. Everywhere around me people were praying and crying. When I see it, it reminds of what my Grandpa told me about as a young child when I asked him what it was like during World War II.

It was amazing to see everybody pulling together. For once I did not feel the usual tensions on Hope’s campus. Nobody was arguing about the Gay Straight alliance or whether Hope was a Christian col-
lege. I saw groups of people pray-
ing and comforting each other. My own thoughts and prayers went out to my friend staying in New York city this semester. It was not until later while walking to Devlin that I heard the word war on the lips of many people.

War I thought, on who? You can’t declare war on a terrorist group. Unfortunately the past has shown that to most people in America there is probably no difference between an irate terrorist group and the en-
tire state of Israel not to mention the followers of Islam.

Yet I should be the one to talk. If you say terrorist to me I picture someone with a long black beard, carrying a machine gun, speaking a language with the only recognizable word being Ahh. To me and many Americans this is what a terrorist is. Terrorists are most likely from Palestine. This is what my programming tells me, after all they hate the U.S. After all the U.S. only played a major role in moving a large percentage of their population from their home land and giving it to somebody else. How would I feel if I was sent from Michigan so that the Native Ameri-
cans could have my home back?

I digress, however, what hap-
pended yesterday was not war. It was the murder of thousands of civilians and it makes me want to scream in rage. But my rage has no object to find. My enemy is not a Muslim, he or she is a human. They are cove-
ed in a cloak of darkness and can’t be seen. I fear my anger and pray it will not cause me to place blame on an innocent person or group who deserve it. Then shall I let this go? Shall I turn the other cheek? But someone from my family has not been killed and while I cannot tell them to simply bury the dead, I will not have blood on my hands. So I say, Oh lord what shall we do?

Andy Volk:

I feel we’ve become so used to flipping by CNN passvily watch-
ing foreign countries attacking each other mindlessly with seemingly pointless violence, that we rarely ever find ourselves thinking twice about the effect that these tragic events may have on these helpless people that so often fall prey to the taste of hate. I say we Americans have fallen into our own sick self-

shiness over the fearless years of thinking that nobody can hurt us or steal our freedom. I find it sicken-
ing in America. Watching CNN and seeing all the fighting going on in other countries I knew that I didn’t have to worry about that because nobody would ever mess with the US. I was wrong. Now I will have to go through the rest of my life worrying about my safety against terrorist attacks.

I will say that I was happy to hear the response by the country and also the Hope community to the neces-
sity for blood donations. I was one of those that waited the full time the wait on Hope’s campus was over three hours. That is great to hear, but it makes me realize that without an event trag-

et ther wasn’t happened today how long would that wait have been to give blood?

My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone whose life will never be the same after the events that took place on September 11, 2001.
Cool beans coffee house warms Hope students up

Ashley North & Erin Tagg

Cool Beans Coffee House, organized by Hope’s Student Activities Committee, offers coffee, atmosphere, and entertainment every Wednesday night from 9-11 p.m. in the Kletz.

Students have begun to make themselves at home in the Kletz’ couches, chairs and booths. But whether they’re watching the big screen TV, sipping lattes, reading a book, or whispering with friends, the band takes center stage.

This past Wednesday, September 5, the acoustic stylings of Hope students Chris Bryan (‘04), Paul Rabaut (‘04), and Tim Heck (‘04) spewed into Kletz coffee mugs. The trio has been performing at events such as the Hope College Talent Jam, the All College Sing, and various gigs at the Kletz.

The band plays a mix of folk, jazz, and cover songs, while offering a bit of their own material which is written by Bryan and Rabaut, the guitarists and vocalists.

“I love having the ability to improvise on the spot and to just let the crowd have fun and enjoy the music,” Heck said.

Attendee Miha Neil (‘02) noted the positive relationship between the audience and the band.

“We were really listening, and they wanted to play harder for us,” Neil said. “It was good to see them singing from their hearts. Energy like that makes you want to put everything else aside, go there and enjoy.”

A COOKIN’ TRIO: Tim Heck (‘04), Chris Bryan (‘04) and Paul Rabaut (‘04) play last Wednesday night.

Neil wasn’t the only one who struck a chord with the band. “I play the guitar myself, so seeing guys up there who are also from Hope is pretty inspirational,” said J. Barrett Werstulnd (‘05).

For an entertaining atmosphere plus coffee drinks with names like “Van Miny” and “Flying Dutchman”, stop by the Cool Beans Coffee House on Wednesday nights.

Judicial Board Applications

The Hope College Judicial Board is looking for members of the Hope Community to serve on the Student/Faculty Judicial Board.

This is a great way to work with faculty and build your resume!

If you are interested please come by Student Development and pick up an application!!

Dues Sept. 21

GPS announces line-up for season

Maureen Yonovitz

The start of this year’s Hope College Great Performance Series, featuring talented artists in dance, theater, classical and jazz music, is just around the corner. Here is the lineup for the 2001-02 season.

The internationally traveled contemporary dance company Grosso Modo kicks off the series. Grosso Modo is from Holland’s sister city, Queretaro, Mexico, and will perform at the Knickerbocker Theater Thursday & Friday, Oct. 18-19 at 8 p.m., followed by a special family show on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

This year’s classical music performance is by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and will take place on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. The trio features Lincoln Center Artistic Director and clarinetist David Shifrin, with pianist Anne-Marie McDermott and cellist Fred Sherry.

Seven-time Grammy winner Michael Brecker and his quartet will be performing jazz music Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. Brecker has recorded with a number of famous artists and is known for his electric shows.

Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 30-31 at 8 p.m in the Knickebocker Theatre. Mixed Company will present “My Children, My Africa” by Athol Fugard. Fugard has been an advocate for equal rights in South Africa and is comprised of the greatest living playwrights.

Arts Coordinator Derek Emerson urges students to take special advantage of Mixed Company’s performance.

“Don’t see plays around here very often,” Emerson said.

Trino Veronche, a classically trained Russian trio, will be playing their interpretations of classic masterpieces Tuesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. The group is known for its lively performances.

“They are just a joy to watch,” Emerson said. “They are extremely talented. I think that [they] will really appeal to students.”

Two returning artists from the Young Concert Artists series, Czech pianist Martin Kaslik and soprano Courtney Budd, mark the end of the GPS season. Kaslik, who has won numerous awards and competitions since 1993, will be performing Tuesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

“He is someone that I know is going to continue to make his name known,” Emerson said.

Budd, whose performance will be in Dimnent Chapel Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p.m. is venerated in both operas and recitals and recently played Zerlina in a production of “Don Giovanni.”

“This will be a great chance to see an artist who really knows what she’s doing up on stage,” Emerson said.

An added incentive for student attendance at GPS events is cost. Student ticket prices have been lowered to $5 from last year’s price of $6.50, and student season tickets are $20. Other individual prices are $14 for adults, $11 for seniors, and $5 for children. Season tickets are now available and individual tickets go on sale 2 weeks before each performance. To subscribe or for more information call (616) 395-6000.
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their differences.

Rawls stressed the significance behind the theme of crossing bor-
ders and mending bridges in this year’s Hispanic Heritage Month events, hoping that goals of creat-
ing reconciliation and fostering unity could be met on both a local and a national scale.

One week after the Cesar E-
Chavez Address, a panel presenta-
tion will examine “Latinos in West Michigan” on Wednesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. in the Mass Cen-
ter auditorium. The panel includes

Nerissa Garcia, principal of Wash-
ington Elementary School; Tino
Reyes, executive director of Latin Americans United for Progress; and
Cliff Welch, associate professor of

history at Grand Valley.

“U.S. Immigrants: A Multicultur-
al Journey,” a film that examines
the past and future of U.S. immi-
ration, will be presented on Wednesday, October 3, at 7 p.m. “The Forgotten Americans,” an in-
depth look at Los Colomitas, improv-
ished Latin American communities
in the United States, will show

on the following Wednesday, Oc-
tober 10, at 7 p.m. “Understanding
Our Differences,” which explores the cultural similarities and differ-
ences of two neighboring families,
will be presented on Wednesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. All three films will be shown in the Mass Center conference room.

The final event in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month will be the academic symposium “Boundary Crossing in Literature, Art, and Film” to be presented by Jesus
Montano, assistant professor of

English at Hope, on Thursday, Oc-
tober 25, at 7 p.m. in the Mass Cen-
ter conference room.

Admission is free for all events. Another Holland event celebrat-
ing Hispanic Heritage Month is the Tulipanes Latino Art and Film Fes-
tival. Tulipanes will feature both films performances, which will take
place at ten different locations
throughout the Holland area. For
more information, log on to

www.staff.org.

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Saturday, September 15, through Monday, October 17.

Official recognition of the His-
panic Heritage began in 1968 when
Congress passed a bill that created National Hispanic Heritage Week. The resolution was amended in 1988 to include the 31-day period begining September 15 and ending
on October 15, creating Na-
tional Hispanic Heritage Month.

For more information on events and programs sponsored by Multi-
cultural Life, log on to hope.edu/multicultural.
No more rally

There are some new rules in college volleyball this year, and I don’t like them one bit. The main rule change for this season is the move away from the traditional scoring system that had sideouts and scoring to 15 points. The old method of sideout scoring means that a team could only be awarded a point when they were serving.

However, the sideout scoring is no more, as I learned last Wednesday when I yelled out “sideout Dutch” and received some weird looks from many of the girls on my team. I had to go to the locker room with my own feelings, I and cons.

The new scoring system is known as rally scoring, which used to only take place in the fifth and deciding set in past years. It is so important to us as an institution, that we’re not tired.

Don’t look for too many backhands with this system either. The new system came from past years in which teams would come back from 13-7 and scores like that are basically out of reach with this rally scoring system.

Once a team hits 29 points and their opponents have less than 20 points, all it takes is one bad shot to end the match. I like how a team could make a comeback by getting that pivotal sideout late in the match to keep the comeback going.

Also, the big time serves from the past no longer matter. It is so important to get your serve in now because a sideout is now a point for the other team.

However, the message being sent to the players is to keep serving strong so as to keep the other team from an opportunity to get a sideout; it now is a point for the other team. This makes accuracy so much more important than power.

Before we look at the negatives of this new scoring system that has me upset, let’s first look at the pros. This new scoring system rewards the defense for great play. For instance, a blocked shot at the net is now a guaranteed point instead of perhaps just being a sideout.

Another positive thing is that each point is that much more exciting. Now there seems to be a lot more intensity with each point that is played.

My question is: doesn’t sideout scoring reward the defense in the same way? Perhaps you don’t receive a point, but you may give your team a sideout and the ability to serve for a point.

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changing over to Internet voting was the prospect of increasing voter turnout—always a challenge for Student Congress.

“Dr. McFalls has created a very secure program and I am excited to increase voter turnout,” Scogin said. “Our purpose in this is to engage more students in our election process and consider anything very worthwhile that makes participation in our student government easier.”

CELEBRATION: Members of the Hope College men’s soccer team celebrate with fans after the teams 1-0 victory over nationally ranked Wheaton College on Friday afternoon in the Calvin J. Bergsma Memorial Tournament. The only goal on the day was scored by midfielder Andrew Riker (92) on a midfield cross midway through the second half on a cross from Adam Chaffee (93). The Flying Dutch are a perfect 4-0 and will be looking to keep that perfect record when they travel to North Park, Ill on Saturday.

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us can imagine. When we begin to see that, we begin to interact with people on that level, instead of judging them. It’s a wonderful place to be when we have that attitude, and every now and then we do, when we’re not tired.

CC: As we go into the real world, if we are practicing Christians, we'll enter the real world, and we'll be integrating faith into the experiences we talked about at Hope College.

MR: I agree with Chad. I think it’s very important for people who are prepared to teach that they have sense of morality that stems from the Christian system. There are so many views on this, but the fact that we struggle through this is very important.

RJ: I am reminded of the larger context of the non-Christian, post modern culture in which we live. Sometimes Christianity, and indeed all religious systems, get a negative reputation, and the reputation is for “group think.”

There is this notion that to subscribe to a religious system and to participate in a religious community, is to forfeit independent and mature thought. I think that if we don’t try to marry faith and learning in the classroom, there is exactly that risk.

If we do not insist on dialogue, if we don’t try deliberately to confront other systems of belief in other cultures, we run the risk of shutting ourselves into a very narrow corridor.

It is one of those things I’m excited to see not happening at Hope.

I think that just by way of our sheer commitment to encouraging independent thinking, it is important for me to take my Christianity and translate that into an invitation for dialogue. I don’t want to club people over the head with it; I want that to be an assurance for them that their voices are welcome. If this is something that is important to us as an institution, what is our purpose as both a Christian institution and an academic institution?

DC: It seems to me that at least in the Western world, it has only been a recent phenomenon that institutions of higher learning were not religious institutions. We are not doing something terribly unusual at Hope, but it might be somewhat counter-cultural.

The problem I find for myself is that I wouldn’t believe what I believe if I didn’t think it was true. So when I run up against someone who believes something else, it seems natural to me to discuss their idea. I’ve had to work with that, but I think I have.

I’ve come to see Christianity as a religion where everybody interacts with a divine particular. Who you are is the most important thing that you should be. Christianity promotes this broad ranging discussion that we’re talking about.

CC: When I chose to go to Hope, I looked at other schools that did have the Christian background, and what I liked about Hope is that it gave me some freedom to think. I didn’t really impose moral values on you like some schools that are similar to Hope. You aren’t forced to go to chapel, and I think that allows you to think more maturely on your own.

RJ: I was very recently on the job market, and I did a big job search interviewing at schools that were non-Christian and schools that were Christian. Having chosen Hope, I clearly found that it was a better place, a better match for me than any of the others.

One of the things that pulled me here was something that I see only in this context of integrated faith and learning. My colleagues are different to me than they would be in a non-Christian school. That kind of comradery is incredibly special, and I think it is endemic to the kind of school this is.

MR: I think Hope is really great because you don’t get spoon-fed. People want you to know and to find things for yourself and figure out for yourself what is most important to you. That we are kind of in the middle somewhere is really special.
A woman in a League of her Own

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Pat Wieda likes her job as a Phelps greeter, smiling at students as she slides their ID cards through a machine, but there is something that she loves. It is, in her own word, “ball.”

Wieda loves two games with a ball; one is her first and favorite passion of fast pitch softball, and the other is bowling.

“I was about twelve years old, and we played ball every night in a cow pasture,” said Wieda.

Wieda can remember being in grade school and getting picked first for the boys’ teams. Wieda is not any second rate ball player either. In her own words, she is very competitive, but she has a right to be.

In the 1940’s, when most of the male population in this country went to go fight a war, the women were left to pick up the pieces. Women from all over the country tried out for teams to play, and Wieda was no exception. She tried out for the Grand Rapids Chicks and made it. She did not get to play a single game, though, because they found out she was not going to play to her to play. At the time, she was still under their rules.

“I appreciate their decision now more than I did then,” Wieda said.

“The denial of being able to play with the Grand Rapids Chicks did not turn Wieda from the game she loved. At the top of her fast pitch softball game, she had a batting average of .486, and she is one of the only women to hit a ball over the fence at Legion Field that used to be in Centennial Park.

“I played every position except for 2nd base, including shortstop, 1st base, some pitching and catching and rover,” said Wieda. “Rover was my favorite.”

Wieda played on teams sponsored by companies and businesses, and she managed teams. She has 22 years’ worth of stories and experiences.

“One time I got a concussion while playing a ball, but I was more worried about that I got the girl out,” Wieda said.

Wieda’s most memorable play is when she caught a ball in center field and threw the ball to the catcher, who was able to get the girl out who was running for home. Another experience was defeating an all male team.

“It was kind of sad when we went to slow pitch softball,” said Wieda. Her term for slow pitch is “blooper ball.”

Wieda changed the name of the game, as she got older, to the sport of bowling. During the mid-1970’s she played on three different leagues, one of which was the only all female team in the league.

During her bowling career, Wieda did almost everything. She played doubles with Marian Ladewig, one of the nation’s top bowlers at the time and a native of Grand Rapids, at a national competition in Las Vegas in 1973.

As a member of women’s teams in a men’s league, her team consecutively took the state wide trophy from the men. One of those times was in 1979. She had averages of 188, 189, and 182, and at the top of her game in 1974, she averaged a 199 and had a series of 727.

Wieda’s highest games included a 277 while bowling for the Women’s Pro Bowling Association, and a 282 while bowling in open competition.

“Almost all of the girls on the team had gotten a 300 in one tournament, and I missed it by the last frame when I threw a spare,” said Wieda.

Wieda was one of few accomplishments that eluded Wieda’s grasp.

Today, Wieda has retired her bowling shoes due to a foot injury. She does not want to bowl if she has to give less then her best.

“I was always out to win, but I had to learn to be a good loser,” said Wieda.

Wieda, though, has not hung up her bat. This spring she plans on coaching a fast pitch girls’ team. Currently, she and some others who would like to see the sport in this area again are trying to get six teams together.

Four of which have already been playing, and two, including the one that Wieda will coach, that will hopefully start this year.

“I would do anything to catch a ball,” Wieda said.

Wieda admires the women today who play softball, but she will always believe that her teams were better back then.

“We had good clean fun,” said Wieda. “Those were the good old days.”

Football one yard short

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Week one has come and gone leaving the Flying Dutchmen barely missing the taste of victory. The clock ticked zero just one yard too soon for Hope receiver, Brian Adloff (’02) and the rest of the Flying Dutchmen, leaving the board showing a 21-14 defeat to Valparaiso.

“We got the ball at about the ten yard line that final drive and took it the length of the field and the last ball was caught on the one yard line,” said Dean Keeps, head football coach. “One more play, you never know.”

However, on the tail of coming from behind throughout most of the game on Saturday afternoon. This due to the numerous turnovers that were accompanied by defensive penalties and a very ineffective first-half passing attack.

Quarterback, Jason Helsen (’04), of Hope completed just 2 of 18 passes and gave up 3 interceptions before Kreps sat him out for the afternoon.

“He’s [Helsen] going to get another shot,” Kreps said. “I don’t know if it was first game jitters or what but I know he is a better quarterback than that.”

Coming in to replace the starter was sophomore quarterback Phil Butler (’04). Butler was very efficient with his time completing 12 of 19 passes including one touchdown toss.

Hope’s defense showed up strong holding Valparaiso to only 202 yards of total offense. Josh (’03) and Matt Baumback (’03) combined for a total of 22 tackles while Andy Keller (’02) gathered up 2 quarterback sacks to add to the team total of 4.

Hope will be hosting Depauw this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. With this being the opening home game for the Flying Dutchmen, attendance will be high and expectations will follow.

“This is a big game for us,” Depauw’s good every year, we’ve played them for 31 years straight and we’re 16-15 against them, ” Kreps said. “We beat them last year in overtime so I’m sure they are ready to get revenge for that.”

“The attitude of the team will play a major role heading into next week and the remainder of the season,” Kreps said. “They’re tired because they lost, and so am I, you know? But that is the thing about football; you can lick your wounds until Monday about at 4:30 when we get done watching film, and then you must move on.” Kreps said.