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Hope College
Hope College's sexual harassment policy was recently changed in order for students to feel more comfortable reporting an incident.

Now students who report or are accused of sexual assault or harassment will not be subject to additional alcohol and/or drug judicial proceedings. Currently, the altered language reads, “Students who report, or are accused of, sexual assault or harassment will not be subject to additional alcohol and/or drug judicial proceedings through the Office of Student Development as a result of information disclosed through a sexual harassment complaint.”

Nationally, sexual harassment and sexual assault incidents often go unreported.

It is the hope of the administration and the sexual harassment policy advocates and educators committee, that the new language will prompt less hesitation from students in reporting an incident.

According to the Hope College annual crime statistics, there were eight information-only reports and three complaints. Professor Joanne Stewart, chair of the Sexual Harassment Policy Advocates, said, “Low numbers are good but nationally we know that these type of incidents go unreported. We are concerned with more education about the policy and want students to feel comfortable stepping forward to use the policy.”

Stewart explained that the college’s sexual harassment policy covers a wide variety of issues from inappropriate sexual comments to faculty-student relationships to sexual assault on campus and that there are several different formal and informal processes a complaint can go through.

The Sexual Harassment Policy Advocates are comprised of faculty and staff from across campus, as well as students. Their job is to inform those who step forward of their options. “Our role is to help people understand the policy and if someone does decide to use the policy, both the victim and the accused are assigned an advocate that helps them to understand the policy throughout the proceedings,” Stewart said.

The administrative affairs board approved the change last April during the year’s annual review of the policy by the Sexual Harassment Policy Advocates and Educators Committee.

The concern that students would not report incidents because they or the other party may be tried for alcohol violation or that the alcohol violation would prompt questions of credibility was reason for the change in the policy.

The new language is meant to protect complainants and the accused from being charged with alcohol violations; however, if a person has already been caught and written up for an alcohol and/or drug violation before filing a complaint and then makes a sexual harassment complaint, the alcohol and/or drug violation will not be revoked.

The policy states: “Students cited for violations of the alcohol/drug policy before a sexual harassment complaint is filed are subject to judicial proceedings through the Office of Student Development.”

It also is important to note that anyone under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is not able to consent to any sexual act, as per Michigan law.

Hope’s sexual harassment policy is available for view in full on the college’s website.

If you would like to report an incident or have questions about the policy, please contact a sexual harassment policy advocate.

A list is available on KnowHope’s policy page.
**Grant’s Principal Investigator.**

Brent Krueger, who is an associate professor of history at Hope College, has been named as the principal investigator for a $299,942 federal grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded to Hope College. The award will be used to purchase and install new computer equipment to expand the college’s supercomputer housed at Hope College.

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**This Week at Hope**

**Wednesday**

Oct. 6

Critical Issues Symposium

“Good Food for the Common Good”: Class is canceled, exceptions throughout the day.

Nykerk Women’s Rally

9 a.m. Nykerk Bronckoshe Theater. Women of the classes of 2013 and 2014 are invited to learn about Nykerk.

**Thursday**

Oct. 7

Take Back the Night

9 p.m. Proceeds are donated to the Women’s Issues Organization.

**Friday**

Oct. 8

Engineering Seminar

3 p.m. 4 p.m., VanderWerf 104. presented by Manuela Bautista.

Biology Seminar

3 p.m., Schapp Science Center 1019. “Cultivating Agricultural Landscapes - And Fruits - for Ecosystem Services” presented by Dr. Scott Swinton, Michigan State University.

Chemistry Seminar


SAT Weekend Movie - “Eclipse” 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., VanderWerf 102.

Volleyball Vs. Hope 8:30 p.m., Kletz. Sponsored by SAT.

**Saturday**

Oct. 9

SAT Weekend Movie - “Eclipse” 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., VanderWerf 102.

**Sunday**

Oct. 10

The Gathering 8 p.m., Dimnent Chapel.

**Tuesday**

Oct. 11

GRE Informational Meeting 4 p.m., Schapp Science Center 1000. “Cultivating Agricultural Landscapes - And Fruits - for Ecosystem Services” presented by Dr. Scott Swinton, Michigan State University.

**FYS gets firsthand perspectives of war**

Each year, Hope College freshmen are required to enroll in a first-year seminar in the Fall of their first year at Hope. This semester, Dr. Kathleen Verduin, who has been at Hope as a professor since 1980, is teaching an FYS entitled war stories.

The course is designed to look at the subject of war through a number of different lenses and allow students to gain perspective.

“The goal of the FYS is to look at war from a number of different angles, using a number of different disciplines,” Verduin said.

Verduin explained that her inspiration for the course drew from three primary sources. Ten years ago, she taught a course that was also entitled war stories. However, it was a literature course and such as focused almost solely on written accounts and reflections on war and did not go beyond the battlefield.

The next source was her experience working with a colleague who displayed an interest in a wartime time literature and gave a powerful presentation on the subject.

Finally, on a more personal level, she was influenced by her father told her about World War II. Her father had a number of German war prisoners who worked on his farm who have a story to tell, and most of the time, we just don’t ask them.

This focus on story-telling has resulted in a class that is unique compared to other FYS courses.

Students learn primarily from their interaction with guest speakers and others who have experienced war in some way.

Every member of the class is required to interview someone who has this kind of experiences.

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Tensions grow between China, Japan

Aftan Snyder Co-National Editor

Diplomatic tensions between two Asian powers deepened last week as both China and Japan seek deep-sea gas and fishing rights near the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands, which lie between China’s east coast and the south of Japan.

The islands, known as Diaoyu in China and Senkaku in Japan, are seen as critical to the drawing of deep-sea territorial lines, which would determine which nation could rightly claim sovereignty of the lucrative fishing and drilling in the surrounding area. International law states that a nation can claim rights to minerals, oil, and fish up to 200 nautical miles from their coastline—the problem in this case is that both Japan and China make such a claim upon the islands.

“The islands are a pile of rocks determining where the boundary may be drawn,” said Dr. Ku Wang to CNN. “The overriding issue is a territorial security issue.”

This is not the first time Japan and China have argued over economic rights to this area of the oceans—in 1990 Japanese nationals held demonstrations on one of the islands. The latest dispute broke out in September when a Chinese fishing boat captain and crew were arrested near the islands and held by Japanese patrol officers. Although the crew was released, the captain remains in Japanese custody.

A Japanese court intends to charge the captain with ramming two Japanese boats with his own vessel. China’s state news agency Xinhua reported in an official statement that the captain should be released “immediately and unconditionally.”

Manicom, a maritime disputes expert at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada, says that there is a big difference between the disputes now and those of the 1990 nationalists. “This incidents aren’t being sparked by nationalists,” Manicom said to CNN. “In the past, the most important thing [for Beijing and Tokyo] was to try to make this issue go away and to keep a lid on nationalist sentiment. Japan in particular now sees [territorial sovereignty] as a vital issue economically and as a national security issue.”

The dispute has had immediate economic repercussions for both off-high-level talks with Japan concerning coal. The disputes also threaten a 2008 agreement to jointly develop gas fields near security treaties the islands are considered part of Japan. However China points out an 1893 decree made by Dowager Empress Cixi, which gives the islands to Chinese medicine-makers for herb cultivation.

China launches, US scraps space program

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Last week China sent its second lunar probe into space, designed to reach the moon in about five days after achieving trans-lunar orbit. The Chang’e-2 probe, guided by a Long March 3C rocket, took off from Xichang launch center at about 11 a.m. GMT Oct. 1.

China says its next mission is to land on the moon, and at a future date wishes to physically land astronauts on the Moon. The current Chang’e-2 probe will test key technologies and collect data for these future landings—first from an orbit about nine miles about the moon’s surface, the probe will take photographs of potential future landing sites.

China’s first probe was launched in 2007. It remained in space for 16 months before being purposely crashed on the Moon’s surface. China has also sent several manned flights into space—the first in 2003 and the most recent in 2008.

Thus far only the United States, Russia and China have managed to independently send humans into space. As the Chinese rocket into space, many NASA workers begin to fear for their jobs. “It’s so sad to see it come to an end,” said Jesse Palma, 27, to CNN. Palma currently works for the contractor United Space Alliance at the Kennedy Space Center—his job is not targeted during these lay-offs.

In 2004 the announcement came that the program would terminate by 2010, due mainly to budget revisions and budget cuts. As the target date approaches many NASA workers begin to fear for their jobs.

Several thousand workers are expected to be laid off in the coming months. Many of them have worked with NASA for 20 to 30 years, almost since the program’s inception.

Despite the pessimism over the program’s termination, some workers see a bright spot on the horizon. On Sept. 20 the space shuttle Discovery launched ahead of its original Nov. 1 launch date.

Recognizing the emotions that come with the end of an era, NASA officials relaxed the rules so that employees could get closer than ever before to the shuttle in order to take photos. The last shuttle is not scheduled to launch until February 2011. Congress passed a $19 billion budget plan last week for the space program. If President Obama signs the bill then employees may retain their jobs for up to another year.

BOAT DISPUTES — A Japanese Coast Guard boat, right, leads a Chinese fishing boat, left, into an ishigaki island port in southwest Japan on Sept. 8. The Japanese claim that the Chinese captain purposely rammed Japanese patrol vessels near disputed islands.

Emanuel makes it official

Aftan Snyder Co-National Editor

The White House rumor-mill proved itself correct last week as Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel officially resigned from his position. In a public statement on Friday alongside President Barack Obama, Emanuel gave a teary farewell and announced his intention to run for mayor of Chicago.

Obama acknowledged Emanuel’s service to the administration, lauding Emanuel’s “unmatched level of energy and enthusiasm and commitment to every single thing he does.” Emanuel’s characteristically fiery style differs greatly from that of his replacement, Pete Rouse, a longtime Obama advisor. “Pete has never seen a microphone or a TV camera that he likes,” said Obama jokingly. 62-year-old Rouse, a notorious insider, made no comments during the announcement.

Emanuel recently launched a new campaign website to promote his bid for mayor, promising to make a major announcement on it soon. The site currently details Emanuel’s background, specifically highlighting his representation of Chicago in Congress.
Unmanned aircraft prove effective for Army

Matthew Lee
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KABUL, Afghanistan—NATO airstrikes are reported to have killed a top Qaeda commander in eastern Afghan officials said last Wednesday. The strikes were carried out by CIA drone launched missiles. NATO forces have begun to increase the use of unmanned aircraft strikes in the region and it is a tactic that has proven to be successful thus far. One strike is believed to have killed Sheikh Fateh al-Masri, al-Qaida’s No. 3 commander.

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There is tough fighting, but this is to be expected in any situation where you are pushing insurgents out of their strongholds,” NATO said in a written response to an AP query. “Dragon Strike is intended to drive a wedge between the launched missile drone attack that is believed to have killed Sheikh Fateh al-Masri along the Pakistani border. Fateh al-Masri replaced Mustafa al-Yazid as the No. 3 commander. Al-Yazid was killed in a missile attack in May.

MSNBC reported that the United States has carried out 21 missile drone attacks this month, which is more than double than any previous month. Counterterrorism officials told MSNBC that the attacks were aimed at disrupting suspected terrorist attacks in Europe but due to the sensitivity of the subject, the official could not elaborate any more on the topic.

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On Sept. 29, anti-austerity protests erupted across Europe. The protests against government austerity measures raised new worries about the region’s financial system as stocks began to slip. To control the escalating debt throughout Europe, the European government plans to implement very strict economy, measures.

The EU is trying to avoid another Greece situation. In spring 2010, Greece had to be rescued by other Euro nations to avoid being pulled into a national bankruptcy. Since then, the government of Greece has imposed drastic austerity measures to help keep them out of bankruptcy. Some of the measures were increasing sales and income taxes, trimming pensions and lowering civil servants salaries.

Like Greece, in order to save the declining Greek economy, the EU wants to cut budgets and pensions while increasing taxes. Several governments are already living with an alarmingly high debt on the fringe of complete financial collapse.

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The Sept. 29 protests were seen in Greece with walk outs, the shutting down of transportation in Spain and a massive protest rally in Brussels. In Brussels, where the European Union is based, thousands of demonstrators marched down the main boulevard. Organized by the European Trade Union Confederation, the march on Brussels was joined by protesters from 30 other countries.

This protest on Brussels comes at a time when the European Union Commission is proposing to punish member states of the EU who have run up deficits to fund social programs and are in need of high employment. Supported by Germany, this proposal is assumed to be met by strong resistance from financial markets.

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Photo Courtesy of Associated Press

Anti-Government protest— Anti-government protesters parade the streets of Athens on Wednesday, Sept. 29 shouting anti-austerity slogans. Protestors across Europe took to the streets to protest enormous bank bailouts.

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Professor’s exhibit reflects on Iraq war

Caitlin Klasik
Arts Editor

After taking a sabbatical leave during the spring 2010 semester, Hope professor Katherine Sullivan returns with her exhibit, “The Docile Body.”

“The exposure on violence and torture opens Friday, Oct. 8, and will run through Nov. 18 at DeVere Art Center. Sullivan will speak at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, followed by an opening reception for the exhibit. Admission is free.

“Studying the Abu Ghraib photos, I came to develop a series of paintings and drawings that reflect on the cyclical nature of torture, violence, and the sexual aspect inherent in much violence, and finally on the dialectical nature of the relationship which holds between authority and its subject,” Sullivan said on her website.

Sullivan’s message of torture is shown through images from Abu Ghraib, the prison in Iraq where personnel of the United States Army performed various severe tortures on the Iraqi prisoners.

Her website reads: “I found myself turning, repeatedly to the prison images as the most recognizable, visceral examples of abuse of power today.

“What happens when the authority figure becomes indistinguishable from the subject?” she asks on the Statement page of her website, leaving the question and the exhibit open to viewers.

Sullivan obtained her BFA from the University of Michigan in 1997 before receiving her MFA at Boston University in 2001. Originally from Ontario, she lived in New York for a time before she began teaching at Hope in 2003.

Sullivan won third place in the Miami’s Young Painters Competition. The American Ballet Theatre Theatre used her “Seascape Painting” for the American Ballet Theatre World Premiere. She was granted the Richard Ryan Sr. Memorial Award and the Graduate Teaching Award in 2000.

Sullivan’s students appreciate her teaching style. “Methods I learned in the classes I have had with her still greatly affect how I approach my work,” said art student Samantha Shank ‘11. “She has not only taught me about art, also about being professional.”

Hope art alumni, like Emile Putrich ‘79 only have good things to say of the professor. “Katherine Sullivan was one of my most valuable professors at Hope. She has a mastery of formal techniques in shape and color that she selflessly passes down to her students.”

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Cara Haley
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Fall into fun!

It’s October and it’s time for fall! While there are plenty of activities to do around campus, fall offers an array of colors that only come once a year. What’s better than enjoying the cool weather and being surrounded by colorful trees? Here are some ideas that will help you enjoy this fall season even more:

Go for a walk—The weather is getting a little cooler and the leaves are changing from a summertime green to brilliant reds and yellows. What is more perfect than going on a much-needed walk around campus and taking in the crisp air with the gentle breeze running through your hair? With the array of colors popping through the trees around campus, take a moment to glance at their magnificence. A walk is perfect if you would like to relax, talk with friends, call your parents or take a homework break. Take some time out for yourself – nature is calling!

Play in the leaves—You’re never too old to have some fun. Don’t worry; I’ve seen students jumping around in the leaves like it were nobody’s business. You can do it too. We won’t judge you, no matter how old you are. With piles of leaves gathered and standing about five feet high, jumping in them is your best option. It’s time to jump up, jump up and get down!

Pick some apples—Everyone knows that fall brings the tastiest apples, so why not grab some friends and go apple picking? The most popular spot among Hope’s college students is Crane Orchards. Located about 30 minutes from Hope’s campus in Fennville, Crane Orchards provides fun for everyone! From apple picking to a haunted corn maze, Crane Orchards has it all! With those handpicked apples, make some apple pie, apple dumplings or even apple ice cream. Do the fall thing and pick some apples!

Take some photographs—Capture those moments that only come once a year. The changing of colors is worthy of being photographed. Your pictures will make beautiful spectacles hanging on the wall of your home. Grab some of your roommates and take crazy pictures around the campus. With a faint blue sky and the rainbow of colors around campus, photographs of these moments will last a lifetime.
Paradoxical perspectives

James Nichols
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Obama oppressing our offsprng

What is it with adults always trying to deprive children of their childhood? Whether it’s getting them over-involved or exposing them to material inappropriate for their age, parents are forcing their children to grow up too fast. Even the difference between my generation and today’s generation (children still in grade school) is noticeable.

When Michigan passed a law forcing (most) public schools to begin after Labor Day, I was pumped. Every year it seemed like summer vacation became shorter and shorter, so seeing the state step up and do something about it was pleasing (even if the reasoning behind the decision had nothing to do with children having a longer summer vacation).

I’ve always been of the opinion that school days should be lengthened. By doing this, school systems could begin school after Labor Day and end it before Memorial Day, the un-official start and end of summer. Besides, what’s another 20 or 30 minutes tacked on to the end of a school day?

I recently read a story about President Barack Obama proposing a lengthening of the school year by as much as a month. At first I was appalled. Then, I got angry. Finally, I thought about it clearly and still came to the conclusion that the president is nuts. Lengthening the school year is more effective than adding 20 days to the end of a school year; kids won’t notice much of a difference in 20 minutes, they will notice a difference in 20 days.

That’s why adding 20 minutes to the end of each day is more effective than they already do? The majority of children could care less about school on a daily basis; why make them have to go through that more often than they already do? The majority of children could care less about actually learning anything at school, especially at a young age. They go for the social aspect and recess.

Two: Shorter summer vacation equals unhappy children. Something must happen in the mind of every adult, at some point, because we all seem to forget how amazing summer vacation is. They all seem to forget how amazing summer vacation is. They for-
Dryer sheets

Kaili Doud
Columnist

If there’s anything I learned during the glorious days of kindergarten, it’s that we should never judge a book by its cover. As advice, to be sure.

But what about the content of our fridge? I’m a firm believer in fridge personal-ity types. It’s pretty hard to deny that they exist: either you are one, or you live with it. It’s pretty hard to deny that they exist: either you are one, or you live with it. It’s that we promote dialogue through fair, objective journalism and a vibrant Voices section. Hope College and the Holland community. We hope to amplify awareness and the Hope College Student Activities Fund. The opinions expressed on the Anchor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertising.

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Lee Marcus ('12) writes from: Suva, Fiji

Kaili has a habit of creeping through her friends’ refrigerators.

Crossing over

The world is all too often divided between us and them. In our every- day life we tend to see ourselves as separate from certain others. In poli- tics it’s the opposite political party; in sports it’s the other team; at home it might be the next door neighbors, in the news it’s those other countries. The lines can be drawn across race, religion, income and culture. There are negative feelings that come with this mentality, the kind of feelings that cause us to lose sight of our similarities and not see that all of those feelings develop from the natural and created differences among all people. It’s called us/them thinking in the academic world (as far as I can remember from my Communication 101 class).

But in a world that is unable to escape its diversity, there are the oc- casional cross-cultural gems. There is nothing more fulfilling than raw positive cultural exchanges. When one meets people with whom you have no connection but every seemingly possible difference, and they invite you into their homes and together you dine, perhaps have a drink, you are stripped of everything that divided you. With nothing in common other than your desire to build positive cultural connections, you see past all of the superficial cultural divides. You laugh together as a newly born plays, you enjoy the same food, and if the language barrier is small enough you can share a joke or two. It all starts when one person offers up themselves to another and the other accepts. The connections made in such a moment lasts a lifetime. Brotherly love is the connection, simple and pure love.

In my life, I have been very fortunate to be a part of a couple of these exchanges. Most recently, I traveled to Sate Village in the mountains of Fiji. There I met children who have only seen white faces a few times in their whole lives. We were welcomed in a special ceremony with the chief where we offered a gift in order to be welcomed. Then we went to the school where we played games with the kids, few of whom spoke English. There was soccer, duck duck goose, and the hokey pokey. From there we were led to our quarters where a four-hour dance and kava party took place. This would have lasted most of the night if it weren’t a Saturday. But, as per Christian tradition, Sunday was left to rest and the party was done by midnight. The rest of this story, including the tearful goodbye, has to be told in person, but I think you get the picture.

For more insights on studying abroad in Fiji, check out lifeinfiji-lee.blogspot.com.

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Women’s soccer ties Olivet at home

James Nichols

Home field advantage: something the women’s soccer team knows about all too well.

"This season the Flying Dutch have a winning record at home and a losing record on the road, just the way home field advantage dictates.

Unfortunately that losing record is comprised of four losses and two ties, with one tie thrown in. Even more unfortunate are the scores of those away losses: 2-0, 5-0, 6-1 and 7-1.

"We need to play better on the road," coach Leigh Sears said. "We are doing well at home but we need to maintain that level of play when we travel as well."

The Flying Dutch are 3-2-1 at home with a goal differential of positive two. Their first two MIAA conference matches resulted in a 2-0 loss to Adrian on Sept. 29 and a 1-1 tie to Olivet on Oct. 9.

The Flying Dutch tied the game with seconds to go as Alyson Epolito (‘13) scored off of a loose ball in the box with 10.7 seconds to go. Two overtimes with no goals ended the game in a tie. A shot differential of 36-12 went in Hope’s favor but did nothing to help them edge out the Comets. Looking at the rest of season so far, Sears is optimistic.

"The season has gone OK," Sears said. "We’ve had a very tough out-of-conference schedule to prepare us for conference – so hopefully that will pay off."

The rest of Hope’s conference schedule consists of games against Kalamazoo College, Trine University, Saint Mary’s College, Albion College, Calvin College and Alma College, all in the next three weeks.

When asked if anything has surprised her about the season thus far, Sears simple answered, "not really."

"We have played good teams and we have played both good and bad against them so I know we are capable, it’s just now becoming consistent," Sears added. Statistically, Hope has been solid this season. While trailing their opponents in most categories, Hope’s stats are nothing to scoff at.

Nine of their 12 goals have come in the second half (compared to 28 opponents’ goals). They have 137 shots in 11 games, averaging over 12 shots per game. On a lighter note, the Flying Dutch have zero cards this season, compared to two yellow cards given to their opponents.

"The freshmen are doing well," Sears said. "They are getting valuable experience and will hopefully continue to make that impact in our conference season."

A quarter of the team’s goals have come from freshmen: Raina Yewah has two and Rachel Robhan has one. The majority of the remainder of the season is comprised of conference play. Only an Oct. 27 match against Rochester remains of non-conference play. In her ninth season as the Flying Dutch coach, Sears knows to keep things in perspective.

"I think we can do very well but it will require us continuing to play hard in practice and then being consistent in all games both home and away," Sears said.

Ultimate prepares for spring

Chris Russ

Hope College offers many Varsity and club sports to the student body. However, one athletic activity that is often overlooked is Hope’s Ultimate Frisbee team.

Peter Fischer (‘12) has been a member of Hope’s team since his freshman year and explained why he began competing in the sport at Hope.

"When I came to Hope I had been big into track and was thinking of doing it, but the time commitment for varsity sports is pretty steep," Fischer said. "My friends and I back home loved playing ultimate and I thought it would be awesome to join the team here. Turns out it is awesome."

In terms of the time commitment Fischer said, the team still has a fairly busy practice schedule, with practices taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, as well as scrimmages every Wednesday. In addition, on Saturdays the team either travels to a tournament or holds another practice. However, this practice schedule is still a considerably smaller time commitment than that required by Hope’s varsity sports teams.

Currently, Hope’s team is one tournament into the club season. In the spring, they will begin the official college season. In the past they have competed against both local colleges and large national teams.

Although he is optimistic about the season, Fischer reported that the team failed to get off to a strong start in its first tournament, playing a number of tough games with limited success.

The upcoming spring college season marks a number of changes in college level ultimate. The official governing organization since 1984 has been the Ultimate Players Organization and it has recently been renamed USA Ultimate. The name change also signals a number of other rule and policy changes.

Primarily, this spring will mark the first season that each team will compete in its own division. Similar to NCAA play in other sports, Hope will compete against other teams in USA Ultimate’s College Division III. After Hope plays its regular season games, the team will compete in sectional play, which allows for an opportunity to move on to the regional tournament and after that the top 20 teams in each division will advance to the College Championships.

Since the USA Ultimate organization was founded the College Division in 1984, it has seen a considerable amount of growth. Currently, the division boasts approximately 12,000 players who compete on more than 700 teams across the country.
Hope College volleyball tops Trine in straight sets

Chris Russ
Assistant Sports Editor

Hope College’s volleyball season has been disappointingly consistent throughout the team’s first four contests. Four consecutive losses pushed the team’s non-conference losing streak to 23 games, and their first two contests against Illinois Wesleyan and Wisconsin Lutheran were lost late in the game by four and three points respectively.

These narrow defeats had become somewhat of a trademark for the Flying Dutchmen, after the team lost half of its games in 2009 by less than a touchdown. However, Hope’s contest against the Alma Scots on Oct. 2 was anything but a close call. Hope defeated Alma 38-0, earning its first shutout since the team’s 2004 campaign.

The victory marked the start of Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference play for the Dutchmen. The team is led by senior quarterback and captain Chris Feys (’11).

“We are optimistic as we are now in league play. We have been practicing and playing with more of a sense of urgency, we know that we can’t afford to make any more mistakes and we know we are capable of winning our remaining games,” Feys said.

Head Coach Dean Kreps, who entered his 15th season as head of the Hope football program with Warren (‘12) for a touchdown.

The Alma team Hope faced off against utilized an offense that has been dubbed the “Scots-Gun Offense.” This offense is similar to a standard shotgun formation but what made this offense unique, was the extent to which the offensive line spread themselves apart. This offense was used for most of the game by Alma with only minor variations.

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Alma’s pass-happy offense backfired, as they threw four interceptions, one of which was returned 32 yards by Kyle Warren (’12) for a touchdown. With these interceptions, Hope more than doubled its takeaway numbers for the year, having only earned three takeaways in its first four games.

While Hope’s defense stepped up in the contest, their offense put up impressive numbers as well. Feyes completed 22 pass attempts which earned him 325 yards of offense. He connected with Jared Hudson (’11) three times in the end-zone. While Alma struggled for most of the game, their starting running-back T.J. Morris gained 70 yards, including a 22-yard effort in which he was narrowly prevented from breaking away from Hope’s defense.

Another highlight for Hope was the emergence of two freshmen standouts. After starting tailback Tim Elzinga (’11) left the game early with an ankle injury, Shawn Jackson (‘14) rose to the occasion, carrying the ball 19 times for 131 yards, most of which were earned on a fourth-quarter 93-yard touchdown dash.

Kicker Evan Finch (‘14) also saw success in what was his first game with the varsity squad, making all five of his extra point attempts as well as a 24-yard field goal.