Wasted Phelps food in spotlight

Evelyn Daniels


These signs, along with posters and banners, announced Food Waste Awareness Week 2004, a movement designed to force students to stop and think about the little decisions they make three times each day.

Students were bombarded with reminders taped on everything from the food serving stations to the hanging plants. Many were required to duck, under a large sign that read “Take what you eat. Eat what you take.”

President, in his introduction to Rev. Gomes’ address. “Race is America’s great unfinished business,” said Rev. Gomes. “There is still something [about the issue of race] that awaits closure in our experience as America’s people.”

Race is not only America’s unfinished business; it is also America’s unavoidable reality,” Gomes said.

The bulk of the symposium was held today, starting at 9 a.m. and concluding with a worship service at 3 p.m. Classes were cancelled for the day, to allow the entire campus to focus on the single subject of race.

Some topics deserve the undivided attention of our entire campus. This is one of them,” President Balman said.

Brown v. Board: Hope finds current relevance

Nick Engel


The hour-long speech, held last night in Dimnent Chapel, drew a standing ovation from the crowd.

“The Reverend talks and writes a lot about the little decisions they make three times each day,” said puller Scott Neckers (‘07). “You really feel like you can accomplish anything.”

The Pull is also an opportunity for freshmen to prove themselves. The event takes place early in the year, and for the few freshmen teams that have won, it has determined the attitude they carry with them.

Since the statistics have been recorded for the event, beginning in 1990, the sophomores have been victorious twice as many times as the freshmen. Despite this fact, the 33 percent chance of victory is enough to keep the freshmen’s spirits high.

Though it may sound like all work and no play, there is another side of the event as well. The experience provides an opportunity for participants to meet new people and form new friendships.

The best part is the relationships you develop with the 39 others,” Neckers said. The tradition, the oldest in any college’s history, has been acknowledged by a variety of media. It was included in the Guinness Book of World Records (1995), Sports Illustrated (1966 and 1996) and a Japanese magazine (1983).

Neckers is confident his sophomore team will be successful.

“This is our last chance,” he said. “It’s now or never, and that’s what we say every practice. Now or never.”

There is no charge to watch the Pull. Directions to the Pull sites can be found at http://www.hope.edu/student/organizations/activities/pull/directions.html.
Hope psychologist gains U.S. citizenship

Neil Simons
Boston University Assistant Professor of Psychology

Two weeks ago Lorna Jarvis, assistant professor of psychology, was granted full U.S. citizenship after attending a ceremony in Grand Rapids.

This is often a moving event for participants and the culmination of a long process.

"The process was not difficult, but it was long—the entire process took over a year. It is a difficult process because the forms are complex and often ambiguous," Jarvis said. She noted that recent changes related to the Department of Homeland Security added some confusion to the process.

"The oath ceremony was simple, brief, and very moving. The biggest joy for me was knowing why I wanted to be a citizen. Also, it was a great joy to hold my son's hand throughout the oath ceremony, and see how proud he was to see me taking the citizenship oath," Jarvis said.

Jarvis was actually born in Boston, Massachusetts, while her father was attending Harvard, but moved to Mexico City with her family after her first birthday.

Because she was born in the U.S., Jarvis was granted dual citizenship, but gave up her American citizenship after her 18th birthday. "At the age of 18, the USA asked me to choose between the two citizenships. At that time I was living in Mexico, going to school there, and my entire family lived there, so I had no intention of ever moving to live in the USA," Jarvis said.

"Thus, I opted to give up my American citizenship. Little did I know that a few months later I would meet a young American man who later became my husband," Jarvis said.

After living in Mexico for three more years, Jarvis moved to Ohio, where she eventually became a permanent resident. In 1993, she was offered a teaching position by Hope College and decided to move to Holland.

"My roots in Mexico are very deep. I did not apply for citizenship earlier because I wanted to keep my Mexican citizenship and to give my children the opportunity to have dual citizenship which they do," Jarvis said.

It took 18 years of residency in the U.S., but Jarvis has finally come to accept this community as her new home. Part of her motivation to attain citizenship came from a different source: her passion for issues of justice and equality.

"Since I came to the USA, I have been active in social causes. However, as a permanent resident I could not legally participate in political issues and events. I finally decided that I needed the legal status to have my voice heard," Jarvis said.

"Citizenship is a responsibility; it is a privilege. Because many of us are born here, we take that privilege and the responsibilities that come with it for granted. I am a person that believes in being an agent of change. I believe that people have the responsibility to improve their community and the responsibility to speak their mind. To accomplish that I had to earn the right by becoming a citizen," Jarvis said.

Jarvis currently resides in Holland with her husband and two children. She is reaching three psychology courses.

WASTE from 1

"It’s not like I purposely waste food," said Katie Robinson ('07). "The first time I waste food is when it's not edible for students after all."

"It’s a really good thing. I think a lot of students waste food," said Sam Chapin ('08) about the signs made him think twice.

"It’s important, but I haven’t really paid much attention to it," said Alex Merritt ('08).

The totals for wasted food over the week were:
- Tuesday: 745 pounds
- Wednesday: 540 pounds
- Thursday: 350 pounds
- Friday: 300 pounds

Each successive day remained considerably short of Monday’s total, with Tuesday being the day with the greatest decrease in waste back.

The waste from 1 week was taken seriously and any people were able to take Food Waste Awareness Week seriously and apply it to their daily routines.

"Maybe I just won’t grab that extra dish. I really am not as hungry as I thought," said Sam Chapin ('08) about how the signs made him think twice.

"It’s a really good thing. I think a lot of us take the food we have for granted," said Amanda Hol ('07).

The project was designed by students and the dining services staff to help students realize that their actions affect others outside of the Hope community.

Shea Tuttle ('05), who was key in making the event happen, hopes that students might take the conscientious choices that they are making when choosing food and apply it to other aspects of their lives.

"It’s one step toward global awareness," Tuttle said. One of her goals in planning the week was for students to understand that their choices directly impact others. Much of the food that is left uncooked by students is donated to the nearby Community Kitchen to help feed the poor of Ottawa County.

"We think of poverty as something far away. It’s in Holland as much as anywhere else," Tuttle said.

"What we see as small decisions have a huge impact on the world as a whole."

Letter from Congress

Listening, hard work to define this year

Our Fellow Hope Students,

We are now in our fourth week of school and one thing is very clear: this year is looking like a very special one for the college. Just this past week, our Women’s Cross Country team won an MIAA race for the first time in twelve years, while our music students worked with world-renowned composer Elodie Lauten during a week-long workshop.

With the Critical Issues Symposium this week, and homecoming and the Poll to follow shortly, this will be an amazing year for the entire student body.

Your Student Congress wants to work to ensure that your college experience this year is as awesome one. In fact, we have already taken strides to do so. This summer we worked tirelessly on a number of projects to get the year started right. The most noticeable efforts for students are changes in the parking policies on campus and the addition of the DVD rental machine in Phelps Hall. From informal discussions, both projects have already been beneficial to the student body.

But this is just the start. We have a multitude of goals for this year. We are looking at new ways to keep students safe on campus; we are working with SAC and the Veritas Forum to bring a top-notch concert to campus; we are looking into elements of campus life such as dining policy, campus emails, and student group websites to find ways to make your time at Hope truly enjoyable.

To accomplish these projects, we have a sitting Congress earlier than at any other time in the past four years at the Hope. We have already had three full Congress meetings to begin working on the issues that matter most to you. While we cannot promise results in all cases, we can ensure that with each project we will strive to be the voice for the student body.

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All of this takes time, energy, and, most importantly, communication. This communication should not be only with the Administration and faculty; it needs to be with YOU. To allow this communication, we have revamped our website (http://www.hope.edu/student/congress) in an effort to inform students of the latest Student Congress projects. If at any time, you have questions or concerns, Student Congress can be reached by email (stconcg@hope.edu) or phone (9881). We really encourage you to communicate with us and let us know what issues you want to see dealt with and what things you feel are going well. Your input is so important.

This campus is truly an amazing place to live and study. For the last three years, we have loved our time here. But nothing is perfect. When we decided to run for the leadership positions of Student Congress, we felt a calling to make improvements on this campus. Every day we feel honored and blessed to have been chosen by you to represent your views to the campus community. With this honor, comes a tremendous responsibility that we take very seriously. We promise to continue to communicate and work with all students on this campus so that everyone can enjoy their time at Hope College.

Hope you’re ready for an exciting year!

Tim Fry ('05) and Jen Yamaoka ('05)
Student Congress President and Vice-President
English professors publish literature textbook

New textbook, which covers poetry, fiction and drama will be used by High School and College students

Nick Engel
S/yer Reporter

Dr. Peter Schakel and Dr. Jack Ridl are co-authors of a new literature and writing textbook to be published by Bedford/St. Martin's press in Boston. Titled "Approaching Literature in the 21st Century: Fiction, Poetry, Drama," the book has been described as "the most culturally diverse introduction to literary available" and "a fresh, accessible approach to literature for 21st century readers."

The textbook is designed to teach senior high school and college introductory literature students. Approaching Literature was written with diversity in mind. It contains over 50 stories, 200 poems, and 12 plays representing different literature traditions from around the world. More than half the works contained in the text are multicultural and about 10 percent of the textbook's works are multinational with writers from Columbia, Chile, Egypt, Spain, and Israel. More mainstream writers such as Ernest Hemingway, W. H. Auden, and Shakespeare are included as well, making the textbook a assembly of traditional and culturally diverse literature.

It also focuses on writing, devoting five chapters to writing skills and including various written work by six Hope College English students, from first class to final draft. "An idea that I'm glad we had for the model papers in the textbook" to used by students rather than a paper we wrote as an example. "Very few if any other textbooks do that," said Ridl.

The Hope students published in this textbook are Alicia Aboud, Daniel Carter, Kortney DeVito, Kristina Martinez, Catherine Van Otto, and Caleb Sheng. They collectively submitted several short stories, a journal entry, an essay exam answer, and a research paper.

"Let's include our students in the textbook. Let's model our community," Ridl said. "We have wonderful students. Why would we go outside [our community]?

Ridl feels that including writing samples of current literature students instead of grad students or adults will make the textbook more welcoming to the students it was designed to teach. For example, upon opening up the textbook, the reader will immediately see six pictures and biographies of the young writers, giving a face and story to those students.

There are a few reasons why Schakel and Ridl felt that the book was necessary.

"The missing textbooks were not as attentive to multicultural issues as we thought they should be," Schakel said. "[Our book] reaches beyond the academic sphere, to the populace which wasn't being reached by the existing textbooks."

Ridl agreed, calling the book "populist." "The standard way (to write a literature textbook) was to only put in the best. But the best usually has had a single definition," Ridl said. "We wanted a multiplicity of values represented."

Schakel and Ridl have collaborated on three other books. They have edited two books: "Literature: A Portable Anthology," and "250 Poems: A Portable Anthology," and have also coauthored "Approaching Poetry, Perspectives and Responses."

Chapel hosts first Symphonette concert

Music students will perform works by Rodrigo, Milhaud, and Shubert

Sean Daenzer
Production Assistant

The first Symphonette concert of the 2004-2005 academic year will start off with some spice at 7:30 p.m. this Friday in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The program begins with "Let's include our students in the textbook. Let's model our community," Ridl said. "We have wonderful students. Why would we go outside [our community]?

Charles Aschbrenner, a member of the music faculty, has been named the 2004 "Teacher of the Year" by the Holland Piano Teachers' Forum, the local chapter of the Michigan Music Teachers Association. He received the award during the chapter's meeting on Mon. Sept. 13. Aschbrenner has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1963, and is a professor of music as well as chair of the piano area at the college. His piano students have entered graduate programs across the country and ultimately careers in teaching, performance and opera worldwide. He has lectured and performed as both a soloist and a collaborative pianist throughout Michigan and the Midwest. In addition to being a member of the MMTA and MTNA, he is a member of the European Piano Teachers Association. L.K., the College Music Society and the Dalcroze Society of America.
Holly Beckerman  
**Staff Reporter**

Student coordinated organizations allow the men and women on campus to pursue their interests beyond an academic setting while uniting with classmates in order to challenge themselves and the community. They will continue to do so.

Students have been innovative themselves in activities with gusto through poetry, artistic design, writing, photography in the Opus, or bravely through public speaking. They show up and know how to play while others come to learn.

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The cheer club meets every other week on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Rapichelle by Philips Hall by Maas administrators.

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Research and my work experience shows that students who are actively involved in campus activities are more successful both in the classroom and in their daily life," Ayd said. "They develop skills outside of the classroom. It complements the academic experience.

In order to even become a recognized Hope organization however, prospective groups must commit to a four step process involving a variety of meetings and interactions with the student body to ensure the existence of interest.

In addition, upon completion of the first four steps, the new organization will be entitled to all the advantages available to student groups on campus.

These privileges include the ability to reserve meeting spaces and services on campus, receive a college website and e-mail address, rent college vans for conferences or field trips, and the option of requesting funding from the Student Congress.

Students Jack Lin ’06 and Steven Rodriguez ’07 are currently making their way through these steps in order to acquire the many advantages given to official student organizations.

Their prospective group is currently known as the club Sign and Seal. Lin refers to it as a “Jesus Loves Me” singing translation club. For instance, members take the song “Jesus Loves Me” and translate it into various languages.

Sign and Seal is now progressing through their process of ingaging interest and have ambitions to advertise in order to attract and recruit additional student members.

“The motivation behind our club is for students to recognize similarities in the name of Jesus, but also appreciate the cultural differences,” Lin said.

Lin and Rodriguez’s primary reasons for gaining sponsorship is to finally gain the privilidge of reserving rooms for meetings. Eventually, Sign and Seal will be made available for prospective members on campus.

**Additional Student Organizations initiate on campus, broadening the scope of interests**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**We wanted to give back to those who have lost from cancer**

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Support Hope Ice Hockey Club

**Dutchmen vs. Lansing Community College**

October 2 at 9:00

**Edge Ice Arena**

First meeting of the year Circle K

Wednesday, September 28 at 8:30 p.m.

in the DeWitt Lobby

for more information email: circlek@student.gvsu.edu

I.M. Sports sign ups!

Monday October 4

coed basketball 7:00 p.m.

women’s wallyball 7:15

men’s flag football 7:30

coed tennis 7:45

-meetings will be held in Dow 202–203

roster forms available in Dow front office or I.M. office
**ELECTION**

Shannon Mee

Political signs plaster dorm windows. Backpacks are paired with John Kerry and George W. Bush buttons. Campus is gridded in political sidewalk chalk. Parades of shirts read “one term president!” with the face of Bush himself.

Hope’s campus is pushing towards political activity. The Hope Democrats and Hope Republicans are politically involving students not only on campus but off campus as well.

They said that their involvement this year comes from a hope to involve students at Hope in the political debate.

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—Ryan Lincoln (’06), chair of Hope Republicans

form registered voters and possible voters of the issues in question. "The best way for students to become involved is to become informed. Information is the key," said Vance Brown (’05), head of the Hope Democrats.

So how are students becoming involved in the election both on and off campus?

Betsy Scott (’08) is one student who works with the Hope Democrats, surveying the Holland community about the upcoming election.

"We do calls from the Ottawa County (democrats) office on weeknights from 6:30-9:30 p.m.," Scott said. "Some of my classes have kind of brought me into it. We go door to door on weekends, too." Other students help through the National Republican Party.

"I signed up (through the national party) to go door to door to encourage voter participation," said Stephanie Beach (’08).

"I have called people in phone banks, went door to door, helped with voter registration drives," said Ben Crumpler (’08). "The Ottawa County office can use you too, you might be making phone calls, or preparing letters." There is a need for student help.

"Through campus, I’m part of the Hope Republicans and they helped us get connections off campus, like the Bush rally that happened recently," said Amy Troup (’08). "We helped make the event go smoothly by directing people, and we helped set up for (the event) the two days prior, by hanging up banners and helping decorate."

Ryan Lincoln (’06), chair of the Hope Republicans, said to contact the Victory Center or the Ottawa locations of your party choice to get involved with helping in the election.

Why do students feel so strongly about these issues to get involved? Some students believe that not caring is the problem that needs fixing.

"Apathy in politics could be the worst disease that is affecting our generation," Lincoln said.

"Why are students getting involved in this election?" Scott asked.

"We will help decide who the next leader will be," Troup said. "We will help decide who the next president will be," Troup said.

The question is, are Hope students willing to decide who the next presidential leader will be? Are they willing to accept the responsibility of pursuing political knowledge? or will they shrug and say "I don’t know" when asked about the political campaign?

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—Heidi Libner (’05)

"Education is the biggest issue. It’s big. We need to get a quality education for our kids."

—Sarah Ray (’06)

"The war in Iraq is the biggest issue of the election. Bush’s Patriot Act has taken away all our fourth amendment rights.

—Joseph Tolton (’05)

"Civil rights is the biggest issue of the election. The war in Iraq is the second major issue."

—Heidi Libner (’05)

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Here’s your chance! Thurs. at 8 P.M.

Watch the presidential debate on TV!
By the time this column comes out, this year's Critical Issues Symposium on Brown vs. the Board of Education will be over and everyone will be preparing for another day of classes. But as you're walking through the Pio Grove to your next lecture, or sitting down to dinner at Phelps, hopefully some echoes of today's sessions will remain somewhere in the back of your mind and, at least in some small way, become integrated in your ongoing process that will continue until it has been resolved, and resolved in a way that benefits the wealthy in hopes of "trickling down" to the rest of the population).

We shouldn't have to wait for someone to tell us we need to think about these kinds of issues, the fact that this year's CIS topic is extending beyond one day - attests to how important it truly is. But we shouldn't have to wait for an event or someone to tell us we need to think about these kinds of issues. We should be thinking about them all the time, not necessarily always as independent issues, but rather as a part of our lives and the world we live in. The next step is to take action. One great opportunity to do this is in November when we will get off of classes. I hope I did too.

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To the Editor:

As we enter this politically charged season, it's important to remember the value of community. Too often political discussion is reduced to dividing and labeling individuals as "liberal" or "conservative." Discussion evolves to debate and eventually angry confrontations. This is easily promoted by simplistic answers and campaign slogans propagated to catch attention while avoiding intellectual, engaging conversation. So I propose a genuine discussion of political issues on campus. The value of discussion does not lie in changing another's view, but in learning how others think and view our complex world.

Let's address why 45 million Americans (15.6% of the population) live without health insurance. Let's deliberate whether America can improve education, healthcare, and living standards while sustaining this year's $472 billion deficit produced by fighting a war and huge tax cuts. Let's discuss whether Christian morals concur with tax cuts that benefit the wealthy in hopes of "trickling down" to the destitute. Let's realize the real social issues like affirmative action, abortion, and gay marriage are so passionately debated because of their inherent complexity. There's no obvious "right" answer. Let's recognize that environmental degradation threatens ALL life and needs immediate preventive action. Let's debate whether fighting the war in Iraq has diverted resources to combating the more evident threat presented by al-Qaeda. Let's talk about why no WMD have been found in Iraq and how the 9/11 attacks had no connection with Saddam Hussein. Let's scrutinize whether Iraq was indeed an immediate security threat to the U.S. as the current administration obstinately exclaimed before the war. Let's debate whether a massive intelligence failure but the conclusion that Saddam Hussein is an evil man justifies war, while a fundamentalist Iranian regime and North Korea's totalitarian state actively seek nuclear weapons. Let's realize that America went to war for our interests and not the plight of the Iraqi people. Let's acknowledge that the insurgency in Iraq is worsening and the Middle East is even more inflamed. Let's understand that questioning the motives and consequences of war does not undermine support for U.S. soldiers. Let's mourn the deaths of over 1000 Americans, and thousands more Iraqis while remembering those who lived wounded, mangled, and afraid.

Let's examine how the world views the U.S. and why. Let's remember the pitiful actions at Abu Ghraib prison. Let's ask why many nations feel so alienated by a seemingly arrogant U.S. foreign policy. We must understand why nineteen individuals killed themselves and 3000 others on 9/11 without falling into simplistic answers. We must recognize how the social and economic injustices created by failed Middle Eastern nation-states has rallied young men in religious fanaticism. Simultaneously, we must embrace the idea that faith alone unites all religions.

Fear and ignorance are the driving forces of hate, apathy, misunderstanding and intolerance. Genuine discussion and education can quell these negative behaviors. Let's realize the danger and divisiveness of the mentality that "you're either with us or against us" and unite as a campus community in this political season.

Wil Nelson '07
The Myth of “Other”

It all depends on our definition of “we.” If our “we” were not just the people in our neighborhood, or even our country, but rather all of humanity, I believe the problems of poverty and social injustice would disappear before our eyes.

It is hard, though, to envision a global village. We have been separated by lines of ethnic, religious, cultural and national differences for so long it is now hard to look past the walls we’ve constructed.

Even within a subject as universal as human rights, lines of opposition have been established. There is agreement that human rights are those fundamental rights that each and every member of humanity is entitled to, but what exactly these rights are is dependent upon who you ask.

Among First World countries, there is general agreement about which rights are natural: those that deal with the natural: those that deal with the political sphere. These include the rights to vote, to freedom of conscience - the “human rights” of the West are a product of what democracy - the “human rights” of the West are a product of what generally present in democratic systems. This is not a coincidence - the “human rights” of the West are a product of what the West holds dear: democracy, freedom and individual opportunity.

On the other hand, leaders of the Third World feel that the most important human rights are of an economic nature: the right to a decent wage, to healthy working conditions, to a livelihood.

These leaders ask the international community, “How can our people care about voting if they can’t put food on the table?” They argue that it is unfair to base economic aid on political conditions and compliance to the human rights system of the rich. But no one is going to gain any more rights if this continues! Humans are not purely political or economic beings, but both of these - and so much more. Our multi-dimensional nature calls for an integrated approach to extending human rights. Creating oppositional definitions instead (something both sides share the guilt for) only perpetuates the myth of “other” and adds another brick to the false walls dividing humanity.

Each side expends energy defending its position and attempting to impose its own sense of goodness on the other rather than working towards a holistic solution.

Unfortunately, the West is especially guilty of this. There is a tendency among Westerners to hold a vision of their own superiority and rightness. When combined with a missionary zeal to save the world from its “backwardness,” the results of such a vision can be dangerous indeed.

The story of Nigerian woman Amina Lawal illustrates the danger of this “savior” mentality in relation to extending human rights. In 2003, Amina committed adultery and gave birth to a child out of wedlock. According to the Islamic law code Sharia, this child out of wedlock. According to the Islamic law code Sharia, this child was sentenced to death by stoning. This created an international stir among human rights activists.

President Bush was in the planning stages of a visit to Africa when Amina’s sentencing was decided. American women’s rights groups urged members to write letters to the president, requesting that he put pressure on the Nigerian leader to grant Amina a pardon.

On the surface, this seems a noble action. But to citizens, especially women, of the Third World, it was interference. Dr. Ayesha Imam, from women’s human rights group Baoobab, explains: “If pardons come as a result of international political pressure, then it’s hard to say to people it was their right all along - what they (say) is that somebody stronger than you forced you to back down. That doesn’t help to build a culture with the respect of human rights” (bbc.com/news).

The best way to work for the spread of human rights, the elimination of poverty and positive social change is to provide support to grassroots groups attempting to create change in their own communities. Amina and the woman who served as her lawyer received support and aid which allowed them to create change for themselves.

Amina was acquitted of her crime in a Sharia court, setting a positive precedent for women everywhere under the authority of Islamic law. This change will last far longer than one forced pardon. People the world over have a desire for change and for the betterment of their situations, but that change must come from within if it is to have a lasting and meaningful effect.

Special thanks to Annie Dandawati, professor of political science, for her help in providing information and inspiration for this column.

Think about it!

Who is your “we”? Who does your circle of compassion include: Only you? Your family and friends? Your countrymen? Can you - do you want to - extend that to all of humanity? What would that mean?
Men’s soccer earns two straight victories

Dutch are having a great season due to hard work and talent.

Amanda Zoratti
Senior Feature Writer

The men’s soccer team has had another successful week.

The team opened its season on Wednesday, defeating Tri-State 4-1, then carried their successful week to Saturday, where they defeated hard work and talent.

Dutch are having a competitive MIAA Championship.

MIAA record is 1-0-0.

Gonthier, Geoff Meyer (all ‘06), Bain (’05), Kevin Butterfield, Phil Lepper, Karter VanHorn, Joey Orr (all ‘07), Michael Klingenberg, Bryan Johnson, David Hope selected to host 2005 swim championships.

2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III women’s and men’s swimming and diving championships.

The championships will be held at Ridge Point Community Church and the Holland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in bringing this premier NCAA national women’s basketball championship at the Holland Civic Center in 1990. fencing champion teams.

The Holland Community Aquatic Center has become one of the premier competition sites in Michigan. Opened in 1999, the center has hosted competitions, including the MIAA Finals.

Under the leadership of Tom Box, the aquatic center staff has earned the reputation for running meets professionally, efficiently and for making the meet a first-class experience for participants and spectators,” said Folkert. “From Hope athletics website.

The team captains are Todd Chappas (’05), Devin McNeil (’06), and Patrick McMahon (’07).

“We’re pretty skillful, even stronger than last year,” said McMahon. “We just have to put it all together.”

Bosler leads the team in goals this season, already scoring three times in the short season.

McNeil is returning to the field as an All-MIAA first team player and Klingenberg and Chappas return from All-MIAA second team.

Klingenberg, Meyer, and McMahon have been named players of the week since the season began.

“We’re where we expected to be,” said Coach Steven Smith. “We’re a young team, but we’re learning.”

Being a young team is not necessarily a disadvantage.

The team thrives on it, and the new talent and fellowship add to the team’s spirit.

“Our strongest point is our youthful enthusiasm,” Smith said. “And, of course, our technical ability.”

The team’s next game will be held at Albion on Saturday, October 2 at 1:30.

Streak over: Hope women break Calvin’s streak

Women crowned Jamboree Champs, while men finish strong in third place.

Chris Kirby
Sports Editor

For the women’s cross country team, Saturday’s MIAA Jamboree at Ridge Point Community Church in Holland was a date with the history books.

The women won the MIAA Jamboree to defeat Calvin’s streak of 28 consecutive meet victories in MIAA events dating back to 1992.

The host Dutch won the meet with 26 points, followed by Calvin (40), Albion (80), Kalamazoo (121), Alma (133), Saint Mary’s (135), and Tri-State (194).

“We ran very well,” said Mark Northuis, head coach. “Our depth was a key factor compared to the other teams.

“The women ran very determined the whole race and finished very strong.

“The last 450 meters are uphill. We practiced that hill several times this season and visualized what we needed to do.

“They carried out the race plan together and won as a team.”

Tina Pike (’05) was the meet champion in a time of 19:04 for Hope.

The co-captain was followed by Leslie Tablernan (‘07) in 4th place 19:37, Anne Hockstra (’08) in 6th at 19:41, Heather Kamps (’06) at 7th in 19:42, and Charlene Meeker (’08) in 8th at 19:49 to round out the top five finishers for the women.

On the men’s side, the Dutchmen finished third overall, as Calvin won the meet with 15 points as their top five runners finished 1-5 overall to win the meet. Albion was second place with 63 points. Following Hope in fourth place was Tri-State (106) and Alma and Kalamazoo tied for fifth place with 151 points.

Tyson Warnez (’06) led Hope with a 7th place finish in 25:44, followed by Matt Calillas (’06) in 12th at 26:22. Aaron Kerenser (’07) in 17th at 26:36, Kyle Morrison (’05) in 18th at 26:38, and Jeff Weber (’06) in 19th at 26:41 to round out the top five finishers for the men.

“We had some good improvements as a team but we have a ways to go,” Northuis said.

“We had several runners run their personal career best times and this was a very challenging course.

“The next five weeks of training and racing will set us up for the season ending championship races.”

Both teams will return to action next Saturday at the Lansing Cross Country Invitational at 2 p.m.

The men finished third in the team standings at the MIAA Jamboree.

Hope selected to host 2005 swim championships

Championships to be held at Holland Aquatic Center

Hope College has been selected to host the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III women’s and men’s swimming and diving championships.

The championships will be held at the Holland Community Aquatic Center, first for women from March 10-12 and then for men from March 17-19.

The two meets will attract nearly 500 swimmers and divers from NCAA Division III institutions throughout the nation.

“Hope College is pleased to be able to partner with the Holland Community Aquatic Center and the Holland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in bringing this premier NCAA championship event to west Michigan,” said Eva Dean Folkert, Senior Staff Writer.