NEW MAJOR: WOMEN’S STUDIES

Shannon Craig

In 2003, after the proposal for a women’s studies major was received by the psychology department, Dickie, a psychology professor, conducted a study that included student responses to the proposal. An in-depth editorial was written, and a report recommending the major in 2003 was published. The report included a proposal for a women’s studies major, which was approved by the Hope College faculty in 2004.

The major was approved by the faculty in 2004, and the women’s studies department began an official approval process in 2006. The major received official approval in 2006, and the women’s studies department became an official departmental major.

The women’s studies major examines the role of gender in society and how it affects individuals. It seeks to find links between the courses taken, and it is meant to be empowering and help students make sense of their own calling. It is a woman’s studies major because of its egalitarian ideology and my consciousness, and ensuing subversion, of patriarchy. I am a women’s studies major because of my belief in the validity of the pursuit of happiness and truth and the advancement of knowledge and compassion. I believe in the right of the human to be and to choose its being.

Individuals have majored in women’s studies as a composite major since the 1980s. In 1989, an official women’s studies minor was approved, creating a women’s studies program at Hope College. Professor Dickie of the psychology department was named as director of the women’s studies program in 1991.

During the 1990s, the college saw an increase in the number of students choosing a composite major in women’s studies. In response to the increase in composite majors, the women’s studies department began an evaluation of its program.

Beginning in 2000, the women’s studies program took steps to start the official approval process, which began in 2003.

“There were all these stages of approval and the problem was that there was no procedure for how it should be done. It was a grassroots movement. It was really faculty and students, especially students,” Dickie said.

Dickie described a proposition process in which a report of over 100 pages was prepared. The report reviewed the minor, as well as student responses to the proposal. An outside reviewing organization also wrote a report recommending the major in 2003.

The new major requires 32 credits, while the minor requires 20 credits. Dickie explained that students often begin with cross-listed courses because they have an interest in the subject matter.

“I think that (the questions the women’s studies major raises) ask students to de-center and look at things from another person’s point of view. They often challenge the status quo and the hierarchies of power. They ask, does gender affect our lives and how did it get to be that way? They ask the question, what is gender? The answers to these questions are often very complicated and often touch...”
DEATH, VIOLENCE CONTINUE IN IRAQ

Chris Lewis

Weekly News Editor

As of Nov. 24, an estimated 2,872 American soldiers have been killed during the war not occurred.

Iraqi researchers recently estimated that 655,000 more people have died since the Iraq War began in March 2003. A team of United States and Iraqi researchers recently estimated that 1,216 Iraqi civilians were killed during that month.

An estimated 418,392 people have moved to other parts of Iraq because of the increased violence.

A statistic that should really alarm the Bush administration is that around 100,000 Iraqis per month have been fleeing Iraq during the past few months.

Meanwhile, last October proved to be the deadliest month of combat in Iraq to date. Originally the Associated Press reported that 1,216 Iraqi civilians were killed during that month.

Now, according to the United Nations, it seems that over three times as many civilians were actually killed in October, bringing the total to 3,709.

To escape the violence, according to the United Nations, an estimated 1.6 million civilians have sought refuge in neighboring countries surrounding Iraq since 2003. An estimated 418,392 people have moved to other parts of Iraq because of the increased violence.

BUSH VISITS SOUTH ASIA

Larissa Mariano
Staff Writer

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Iraqi Body Count has documented 2,355 deaths since the Iraq War began in March 2003. An estimated 418,392 people have moved to other parts of Iraq during the past few months.

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JAZZ COMBO CONCERTS SWING

Katie Bennett
Storm Warns

On Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 27 and 28, Wickers Auditorium rang with the vibrant sounds of Hope’s jazz program. The jazz combo concerts are once-a-
semester events in which all the jazz combos perform. At Hope, jazz combos are chosen by audit-
ion every semester and the pro-
gram usually has four or five at one time.

The combo concert runs the gamut from just barely begin-
ing jazz musicians to jazz music majors,” said Brian Coyle, asso-
ciate professor of music. “It’s a chance for students to really get to improvise and learn the stan-
dard repertoire.”

Those who missed the events on Nov. 27 and 28 might remem-
ber the jazz department from “Wonderful Tunes” several weeks ago. The jazz band successfully tackled the score of the musical, while looking chic in black bo-
ettes.

“It was a blast working with the theater department,” said Coyle who directed the ensemble. “It was such a great experience for these guys.

So, besides being in combos and adding flair to music, what does it mean to be a jazz musi-
cian at Hope? Students take the same basic music classes that the other music degrees require. They begin to add jazz classes to that foundation by the end of their

second year. One aspect that the curriculum stresses is understanding the his-
tory and evolution of jazz.

“Every jazz musician is stand-
ing on the shoulders of a multi-
tude that came before them,” Coy said.

During their four-year educa-
tion at Hope, jazz students also compose their own work and de-
velop their improvisation skills, both vital abilities in the jazz world.

“A really great jazz musician can improvise and feel natural,” Coy said. “The hardest hurdle there is, is getting over your inhi-
bitions. Improvisation is like get-
ting on an stage naked. The really inspired performances are those

where the performer is really able to open up to the audience and the musicians around him.”

He and a team of highly ca-
pable jazz faculty constantly re-
evaluate and tweak the program. The faculty includes John Erskine with recording studio, MIDI and technologies, and computer music ensemble; Charlie Hoats with bass; Edie Hyde with jazz voice; Mike Hyde with jazz guitar and chamber ensemble; Robert Hudson with jazz studies, analysis and theory; Ryan Janus with jazz saxophone, theory and aural skills; Steve Talaga with jazz piano, composition and or-
chestration; and Mike VanLente with jazz percussion.

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November 29, 2006

THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS “TWO ROOMS”

The theater department’s pro-
duction of “Two Rooms” opens Friday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in the DeWitt Theater. Written by Lee Blessing, the Pulitzer-prize win-
ing drama follows the lives of an American couple caught in the middle of world conflict.

In the midst of Middle Eastern terror, Michael Wells is kidnapped and his wife Lainie is back to the states, where she fights for his release. Director John Tammi says that the department chose to present “Two Rooms” because of its contemporary relevance.

The show will run Dec. 2 and Dec. 6-9. Tickets are $7 for regu-
lar admission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff and $4 for students and are available at the DeVos Field-
house Ticket Office.

OVER THE RHINE TO PERFORM AT THE KNICK

Over the Rhine, an Ohio-based band, will perform in the Knick-
nerbocker Theatre Monday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

The band has released over a dozen albums, including “Ohio,” which has charted on several top-
10 lists in the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

The band began as a quartet, it has taken many forms over the years, finally centering around the husband-and-wife songwriting duo, Linford Detweil-
er and Karin Bergquist.

Regular admission is $15. Stu-
dent tickets are $5 with a Hope ID. They can be purchased at the DeVos Fieldhouse Ticket Office.

MUSIC DEPT. TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS VESPERS

A Hope College tradition for more than 60 years, Christmas Vespers will be presented Satur-
day during Sunday, Dec. 2-3.

The services will be held in Dimnent Memorial on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. All tickets have been sold.

Participants groups will in-
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Civic Center fate

Traditional location of Nykerk and former home of Hope basketball to be demolished or reconstructed based on recommendations.

Jenny Cencer
Assistant to the President's Office

Holland’s 52-year-old Civic Center on the corner of 8th Street and Pine Avenue may be demolished or remodeled to construct a more functional space.

Phil Meyer, director of Community and Neighborhood Services for Holland told the Holland Sentinel, “There are problems with reusing the existing building. It doesn’t lend itself well to reuse for the sort of activities we are considering.” Holland was on the threshold of approving renovation plans in 2002, but postponed a decision when the DeVos Fieldhouse project was announced. “The timing was good with the DeVos Fieldhouse; it created an opportunity to evaluate our needs,” Meyer said. “The focus will be community recreation uses and exhibition space.”

The Holland City Council formed a committee of residents, city officials and representatives from local organizations 19 months ago to once again analyze multiple uses for the Civic Center. In 2002, $100,000 was allotted to complete engineering and planning for the project and about $49,000 will now be used to assist the committee in their research.

City Manager Soren Wolff told the Holland Sentinel, “We’re going to be revisiting the whole mission (of the building).” Although Hope athletics are now played on the DeVos court, proceedings such as Nykerk and a wide variety of community events have traditionally been held in the Civic Center.

The Civic Center committee will also focus on how cost-effective renovation or rebuilding could be. Gray Gogolin, director of Leisure and Cultural Services for the city, told the Holland Sentinel, “Once we get a stamp of approval from the public, we will do engineering studies...it will be relatively expensive whatever we decide to do; there is going to have to be some substantial investment. Council will have to determine how to pay for it.”

Congressional Corner

At the Nov. 21 meeting, Student Congress hosted guest Joshua Banner, minister of art and music, and discussed a new proposal, as well as listed topic ideas for an upcoming speaker series and met with group leaders.

Campus Ministries

Banner explained that it is difficult to incorporate traditional instruments such as the organ in chapel, since there are so few musicians trained to play classical pieces in the chapel setting. Talks have been ongoing about creating a recording studio in the DeWitt basement and mixing in different musical aspects into the Chapel setting. Talks have been ongoing about creating a recording studio in the DeWitt basement and incorporating traditional instruments such as the organ in the Chapel setting.

Matson Postal Service Proposal

Currently, incoming external mail goes through the campus mail room and then is taken to each dorm room on campus. This proposal suggests that the U.S. Postal Service should deliver all off-campus mail directly to residences. On-campus mail and package delivery would not be affected.

Speaker Series Task Force

Potentially topics for the upcoming presentations by Michael Mandelbaum were discussed. The ideas that received the most votes were “America’s Role in the World,” “The Ideas that Conquered the World,” and “Global Challenges and Threats in the 21st Century.”

New Groups

The Ballet Club and Vet Club met with the ECAC. The Martial Arts Club was approved by vote.

Major

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people’s lives at every level. They also tend to have implicit in them a vision of justice and a call to act to make this a more just world,” Dickie said.

Laura Stark (’07) shares Blauw’s sentiment. “It has shaped how I view life – I’m more critical about things in pop culture and even on Hope’s campus,” Stark said. The Office of Career and College Services suggests various career paths a student with a women’s studies major can pursue, including: actor, advocate, business owner, counselor, journalist, librarian, lobbyist, police officer, teacher and youth pastor.

Darfur

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at this conference was how to normalize relations between Sudan and Chad. Tensions have risen between these two neighboring nations because of the closeness of Darfur to Chad, and there are fears that the conflict may be spilling across the borders. Currently, more than 200,000 Sudanese refugees live in Chad, and approximately 400 citizens of Chad have died in clashes in eastern Chad, near Darfur.

Because of the heightened violence, Chad’s government has voted to extend a state of emergency in their nation for six months. Leaders at the conference hope to lower the tensions between the two nations and return relations between them to a state of normalcy.
Counseling Center staff offers ‘different styles’

Meaghan Lewis

Kristen Gray

As a unique chocolate and opera lover, Kristen Gray urges you to “try something different” and finding that “often students are stuck…stuck in bad relationships, stuck in a negative drinking pattern, stuck in the way they relate to their parents, stuck in their indecision about a major or career.”

“Counseling is a great place to make a change, and to do so with support and encouragement,” Gray said. She wants students to “try something different or new or even a little outrageous and dare to be healthy in the midst of old patterns.”

Ziyah Dock

“I do general counseling in all areas of personal growth and development, yet I am also a certified addiction counselor,” Ziyah Dock said. Dock’s philosophy is that “having spiritual, emotional and physical balance (will) help me live life to the fullest today,” she said.

Leigh Wendtland-O’Connor

The phrase “tomorrow always has the potential to be a better day,” guides Leigh Wendtland-O’Connor’s views on life. “It helps for realizing that most things resolve over time and may just look better in the morning (after the appropriate eight hours of sleep).” Furthermore, she said “providing an incredible sense of control over one’s path,” is a mechanism that allows students to look at their own thoughts, emotions, and behaviors and, through that process, decide to make some changes.

“She’s sleeping more, as though they’d like to be in a cave with a blanket over their head,” Gray said. “Just like an animal in hibernation would be irritable if you woke it up, we see students as much more irritable. Depression is not just being sad; it has an irritable quality to it.”

The first major sign of the disorder among college students, Gray said, is often a significant decline in the quality of their schoolwork. As grades slip, they recognize the need for change.

“We see them when it begins to impact their academics,” Gray said. “They come in because they’re struggling to get to their classes.”

The lack of energy and motivation to attend class or spend time on coursework is compounded by the heavy workload that comes at the end of the semester. Classes that were new and exciting at the beginning of the academic year have become tedious and difficult.

According to the book “If You Think You Have Seasonal Affective Disorder,” by Clifford Taylor and Robin K. Levinson, 14 percent of Americans suffer from some form of “winter blues,” or subsyndromal seasonal affective disorder, while 6 percent have full-blown SAD.

Gray suggested three basic solutions to help bring students out of the slump that comes with SAD.

“Whatever the issue, they should try to include more fruits and vegetables. Finally, they should try to include,” Gray said.

Rick Dernberger

As a Hope graduate and former three-year resident director for Scott Hall, “Hope College was my first choice for counseling others,” Rick Dernberger (’84) said. Instead of “specializing” in counseling topics, “My colleagues and I each bring different styles and approaches to our counseling practice. We are not afraid to suggest a specific counselor if we see there might be a better fit in personalities,” he said.

As a former school- and band-mate of Chad Smith, the drummer for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dernberger has come to find that “giving a student a sense of hopefulness about their future is an important part of what we do,” he said. One important thing to keep in mind, he said, is that “what you are experiencing now is not what you have to live with forever (and) any issue at all that is impacting a student’s functioning or is occupying a great deal of one’s thoughts is worthy of bringing forward to the Counseling Center.”

Bryan Bolea

Just as “you wouldn’t try to fix your hair without looking in a mirror— I know this for a fact because I see you checking your hair in the reflection on the Counseling Center windows—” Bolea said, “counseling is a mechanism that allows you to look at your own thoughts, emotions, and behaviors and, through that process, decide to make some changes.”

“We have to remember that we live in a human body,” Gray said. “Sometimes students forget that. We have to take care of ourselves. We think we can function without sleep, with poor nutrition and without physical connections. When the end of the semester crunch comes, it’s easy to forget.”
Antiphon
Stop juggling, start resting

Mackenzie Smith

You don’t get enough sleep—I’m willing to bet this is the case. In fact, I bet your best friend, your roommate and the guy you sit next to in class regularly don’t get enough sleep either. As a confirmed caffeine addict who has an ongoing battle with her snooze button, I’m not immune to this sleep deprivation myself.

But this is just how the system works, right? During a recent all-nighter inspired by a take-home exam, one of my friends sighed, “So this is what college is supposed to be like.”

Meanwhile, Iraqi leaders have continued to attack us to “Get involved!” from the universe. And, finally, “Lay off!” I want to tell the teachers who assign 1 a.m. lab at 1 a.m. every night. “Be realistic,” I reply: “being involved” is not the essence of life. Now, I’m not suggesting that you quit everything—after all, sitting on your couch playing video games or surfing Facebook all day is also not the stuff of a full life.

But once I’ve committed, being stressed and stretched and scheduled down to the minute, is equally unhealthy. Maybe it’s time to set down one or two of those balls you’re juggling, so you can focus on your real priorities, some of which may not be concrete and easily defined. I have found, in particular, that relationships, connections and community are more important than tasks and resume-fillers.

As C.S. Lewis said, “Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art, like the universe itself (for God did not need to create). It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.”

In its own way, sleep falls into this same category, and so I bring you a second, equally important announcement: sleep is not for the dead, or for the weak, or only for preschoolers at naptime.

I’m not making this up. Lauren Winner, who will be visiting campus as part of January’s Veritas Forum, echoes and elaborates on these truths. Asked what one thing Christians can do to be countercultural for the common good, Winner replied, “Sleep.”

“Sleep more: this may seem a curious answer,” Winner admits in her essay “Sleep Therapy.”

However, she continues, “A night of good sleep—a week, or month, or year of good sleep—also testifies to the basic Christian story of Creation. We are creatures, with bodies that are finite and contingent.”

Winner points out that the reason many of us cheat ourselves of needed rest is to work, to accomplish more things, to be more productive. The irony, of course, is “that although many of us trade sleep for productivity, we would actually be more productive if we slept more. We’ve got good sleep, we are happier, nicer and healthier,” Winner writes. These seem like good goals.

It does come down to trusting that things will keep going, without our awareness, our attention; without performing, or finishing, or complete without “us.” It comes down to a recognition of our finitude and our legitimate physical and spiritual need for rest.

Yes, we are in college, and that means there are extra demands on our time. However, these years are not practice for the “real world”—they are our life. Now—not next year, not 10 years from now—is time to think about our priorities and establish healthy habits for the rest of our lives. Think about those balls you’re juggling and please, for your own sake, put down the ones you don’t need! (For Winner’s complete essay, and others about being a countercultural Christian, visit www.christiansvisionproject.com.)

Mackenzie loves taking naps on Sunday afternoon while dreaming about life in a beach house. “They’re indolent,” she said, regretting the lack of specificity in her pronoun.

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Pre-Thanksgiving chalkings offer opportunity for Christian reflection

To the Editor:

Hope’s sidewalks recently were the venue for a rather interesting debate. On the Monday before Thanksgiving, someone wrote chalk messages on Hope’s sidewalks while drizzling Hope's attention to the fact that, unlike the farm yards of yesterday, today’s turkeys are confined in small cages their entire lives. A little later a reaction appeared, “God gave us turkeys to eat - Give thanks.”

An interesting point-counterpoint. Both statements are true—neither is denying the other.

But does one have more value than the other?

I’ll argue that the first is more valuable. While the second is true, my guess is that few of us need any reminders to give thanks for our food. Most Americans are quick at receiving the bounty we have and then sincerely giving God thanks. The fact that we have a holiday dedicated to it is testimony enough.

But speaking for myself, I have to admit that I am in more need of reminders that the bounty I enjoy often comes with a price tag; a cost not borne by me, but by others (often people, but in this case animals).

Is this too of interest to God? Is it possible that “the least of these” that Jesus refers to even includes animals? Hard to say, but it may be significant that Jesus wanted to show God’s concern for all of creation, he chose to speak of a sparrow.

It is hard in our modern society to be aware of all of the cruelties done to humans and other animals. One just doesn’t have the time to make every injustice a personal cause. But we can take the time—while walking to class—to become just a little bit better by reflecting on Jesus’s concerns as they come to us through others within our Hope community.

Tim Pennings
Professor of Mathematics

Iraq

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of the most violence, but the at-
tacks have been occurring in provinces surrounding Baghdad since then. “Baghdad is the epicenter, but the violent trend is spiking up throughout the country,” said Arakat, a spokesman for the U.N. in Iraq.

Meanwhile, Iraqi leaders have struggled to provide security for their civilians, which has caused the increased numbers of civilians who are fleeing the war zone.

“We can say we’ve barely got security,” said Hassal al-Sneid, a close adviser to Iraqi Prime Min-
ister Nouri Al-Maliki. “We have the weak security forces, lack of services, corruption, tribal re-
venge, terrorism and the speeches of fanatical clerics. They’re all partners in deteriorating security, of fanatical clerics. They’re all partners in deteriorating security, they’re all partners in deteriorating security.”

After perhaps the bloodiest week yet since the war began in March 2003, it does not appear that the war will have closure any time soon. This means only more and more blood will continue to be shed by Iraqi civilians and the men and women of our country’s military who are defending freedom.

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Eating Well

‘Knock it off Napoleon—just make yourself a dang quesadilla!’

Thea Neal

All the ingredients can be purchased at Mi Favorita (408 Columbia Ave.), a local Mexican grocery store just past Columbia Apartments. I use the 99-cent tortilla packs that are made locally on daily basis. Serve with a sliced up pineapple for a tasty Mexican meal.

Black Bean and Sweet Potato Quesadillas

Ingredients:
1 teaspoon olive oil
¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 clove chopped garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons water
1 cup peeled and diced sweet potato or yam (about ½ medium)
½ cup black beans, rinsed and drained
Salt and pepper
2 corn or wheat tortillas
½ cup grated Monterey Jack or mozzarella cheese
Prepared Salsa

Directions:

1. Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for 3 minutes or until the onion is soft. Add the cumin and water and continue to sauté for 1 minute while stirring. Add the sweet potato and beans, stir, cover and cook for about 6 minutes or until the yam is tender but not mushy.
2. Remove the skillet from the heat. Season the dish with salt and pepper and put the sweet potato mixture in a small bowl. In a minute or two, when the skillet is cool enough to handle, wipe it clean with a paper towel.
3. Place the quesadilla in the skillet on medium heat. Spoon on half of the sweet potato mixture and sprinkle with half of the cheese. Cook the tortilla for about 30 seconds to soften, and then fold the tortilla in half and cook each side for about 2 minutes, until the cheese melts and the filling is warm. Repeat the process to make the second quesadilla. Serve with prepared salsa.

20% to the following conclusion.

While Napoleon Dynamite’s grandma struggled with how to pronounce quesadillas, I assure you that they are quick and easy to make and yield happy stomachs. On the most basic level, sprinkling some cheese in between two tortillas creates a quick snack or supper.

Combining a can of black beans and sweet potatoes in these hearty, grilled tortilla wraps has raised much skepticism amongst my fellow college eaters, and I must admit that I would never have thought of combining these ingredients on my own. However, it yields a striking flavor and color. Even my most hesitant friends here at Hope will request these quesadillas, and the recipe has been passed out to many a friend.

Student encourages action after ‘racist remark’ incident

George Philip Khoury (’09)

The Hope College Community, this act is making me any information they have in regards to this incident, so as to report to Campus Safety and the appropriate consequences imposed by Hope College’s judicial system. I address everyone member of to Campbell Safety and any other one, in which the international community is attacked, degrades the level of the American society and destroys its human face. This act is an act of infidelity to the teachings of Christ, and to the mission of Hope College. This act is making Hope College an insecure place for internationals to live in peace, and is destroying the diversity of nationalities and races on campus.

I also address the racist and challenge this individual to confront me, regardless of their weight, height, sex or race. If you have something against me, be brave enough to say it to my face, not to my back. Beware of what is happening in your surroundings.

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BEHIND STRONG LEADERS: SENIOR CAPTAINS SHOW THE WAY

Men’s basketball preview

Nick Hinkle

After training hard over the summer, hanging out on a team canoe trip and experiencing last year’s Sweet 16 performance, the Hope College basketball team is ready to start another season.

Last year, the Dutchmen accumulated the most wins in a single season for Hope with an overall record of 28-3. However, coach Glenn VanWieren does not want to dwell on last year’s success.

“It is dangerous to look at the past,” VanWieren said. “We always look ahead but don’t forget what got us there.”

Although a repeat journey to the sweet 16 is unpredictable, the Dutchmen are eager to begin this season with a close-knit group of players.

“There are right now to write the storybook for this year,” VanWieren said. “We have a really good nucleus of players.”

This nucleus of player includes four seniors—Stephen Cramer, Tim Partridge, Brett Jager and Scott Richardson—who act as leaders for this year’s team.

“All four players give us what you look for in captains,” VanWieren said. “They are role models, loyal to the program and hard workers.”

Hope will need leadership this season after losing last year’s captains and having only a few returning players stepping into new positions.

“We only have one freshman on the team this year, but at the same time, we have some new players and everyone has a different role than they have had in the past,” Cramer said.

Along with strong leadership, the Dutchmen worked hard during the summer to prepare for this season. Each player has shown commitment to improving his skills for this upcoming season.

“It was important for this team to come back better players,” VanWieren said. “They are all good athletes and have all played on winning teams this summer. They have sacrificed a lot to get where they are right now.”

Cramer is one Hope player who worked hard this summer on particular parts of his game.

“I worked onmy outside shot, but most importantly, I’m trying to be more of a creator out on floor than I have been in the past,” Cramer said. “By getting everyone involved we will be harder to beat.”

With strong leadership and off-season preparation, the Dutchmen faced its first test at the Select Bank Hall of Fame Classic. It entered on Nov. 24. Hope defeated both Cornerstone (80-76) and Calvin (76-54) to earn the tournament championship.

The tournament hosted some of the finest teams and the title comes with bragging rights, VanWieren said.

Following the Select Bank Classic, the Dutch will face Carthage in its second tournament of the year on Dec. 1.

Those games are really high-level competitive games for us,” VanWieren said. “We will be trying to get into a rhythm throughout the game and find weaknesses.”

During the first few games of the season, the Dutchmen will be keeping things simple and using their off-season training to win.

“We will play hard, have fun and play one game at a time,” VanWieren said.

In addition to taking games one at a time, players will focus on each and every practice to improve.

“Our main goal is just to improve upon something each day, even if it is just one thing,” Cramer said. “If we continue to improve as the year goes on and peak at the right time, we can beat anyone.”

In addition to experienced players, the team also enters this season with one of the most experienced coaches in the MIAA. This year, VanWieren enters his 30th season as head coach for Hope.

The Week in Sports

Football

The football team lost in the first round of the NCAA Playoff to defending national champion Mt. Union 0-49 Nov. 18. The Dutchmen finished the season with a 7-4 record and were undefeated MIAA champions.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team started the season strong with two victories Nov. 17 and 18 and en route to being TipTop Tournament champions. The Dutch defeated UW-Eau Claire 68-50 and nationally ranked Baldwin-Wallace 68-66. Jade Henderson (’07) was named tournament MVP.

Hockey

The hockey team defeated defending national champion Wright State Nov. 17 and 18. The first game was won 4-1. Our backs were against the wall at that point and being a team, we put our minds and bodies into that game and got the job done,” Matt Simon said.

With its strong leadership and off-season preparation, the Dutchmen will be competitive. I want to prove to myself and the U.S. that we do deserve a spot in the korfball world and to prove to them that we can play.”

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“Coach Wolters has put in a lot of time and effort to make sure that we are working hard. She has organized all of this for us and without her none of us would have gotten this sweet opportunity,” Amanda Guajardo (’08) said.

The team is excited for the approaching World Cup and serious about giving all their all. Competing against such experienced teams can be daunting.

“Obviously, we’re the underdogs. I think we’ll have an edge as far as our athleticism, but they’ve had years of experience. We’ll be there to compete, and we’ll give it our all,” Matt Simon (’07) said.

“My goal for the World Cup is to be competitive. I want to walk away from the tournament proving that the U.S. does deserve a spot in the korfball world and to prove to them that we can play.” Kate Madison (’08).