Even Year wins 2007 Nykerk Cup

Rise in MMC vandalism, misuse reported

In the past year, there have been eight separate vandalism or improper-use incidents that have occurred in the MMC. One of the most serious incidents occurred on May 1, when an African mask was stolen from the MMC.

During the fall 2007 semester, the reports continue to pile up. On Oct. 22, a Plexiglas tabletop podium was found broken, and two days earlier, a tack board in the MMC regarding multicultural life was found defaced.

In addition, Alfredo Gonzales, dean of multicultural life and associate provost, and other members of Hope's administration have become aware, via pictures from the social networking site Facebook, of incidents where students have used cushions from chairs to slide down the stairwells and have also used the Foof Chairs to perform various stunts that involve jumping forcibly onto the Foof Chairs.

Gonzales, expressed his concerns at the misuse of a building that serves the students in the areas of languages, communication, multicultural life and international education.

“We want this place to be heavily used by students, and we are delighted that students can use it freely.”

― Associate Provost Alfredo Gonzales

Justice is served in the Janet Chandler murder case after 28 years.

Did you know? Hope owns a surprisingly expensive painting now on display at Calvin.

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Since 1887
Even Year wins battle of the arts in Nykerk Cup Competition

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The sophomore oration was delivered by Robin Baker (’10). Baker’s speech, entitled “A Second Glance,” focused on how strength can be found in the trying times of life. Baker related this theme with the difficulty of dealing with her mother’s death and how she used that painful experience to help her throughout her life.

“All of our experiences shape who we are. They are a part of us and cannot be left out. When we hide these aspects of ourselves we are puzzles with missing pieces,” Baker said in her speech. “Take a second glance. Use all the pieces of your life, the good, the bad, and the broken to complete your puzzle.”

Odd Year

In contrast to the men’s Pull teams, the Hope College Nykerk competition participants have much more camaraderie between competing teams.

Working for two hours a day, six days a week, both 2011 and 2010 worked hard, practicing long hours and trying their best to achieve excellence.

Humor has it that the song girls are judged not only on their performance during the song, but also during the entire rest of the Nykerk Competition. Throughout the entire three-hour performance, they are required to sit absolutely still, wearing smiles on their faces.

“Our lips went numb, and our backs ached. It was really painful – I couldn’t wait until we could relax,” said Rachel Sikka (’11), a song girl.

The 2011 song girls performed “SPLISH, SPLASH,” a Bobby Darin classic. Their performance received a standing ovation from their新鲜man supporters. More than 80 girls were involved with each team’s performance.

“I absolutely loved the experience,” Sikka said. “I’ll definitely do it again next year, and I’m a little sad that it’s over. While we were performing, I couldn’t believe that it was finally the actual thing – we had practiced it so many times. It was a weird feeling when we realized that it would be last time that we’d be singing it.”

Sara Saavedra (’11) performed her oration “The Secret to Democracy,” and spoke on the virtues of America, the steps that must be taken to maintain it and the virtues and importance of voting.

The freshman play was titled “Outside the Box,” in which the characters were different cereal mascots such as Tony the Tiger and Snap, Crackle and Pop. The play followed the characters’ journey to discover the “cereal knappers” who had stolen cereal from Phelps.

Odd Year play girl Aimeé Bari- gan (’11), who played “Wheat” of Frosted Mini Wheats, said “I really liked the energy that we had. I had a lot of fun and the people were awesome and the coaches were great. During the performance, I was really worried because there were certain times where we all had to be in certain places, and I was unsure that I would be able to get into place in time. But I did – we all did.”

The official winner of the 2007 2nd Nykerk Cup was the 2010 team, but both teams took away a unique experience – one that they will always remember.

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have been just a series of issues.”

Gonzales said that it is within the power of the students to properly use the resources that are made available to them.

“I want students to use this building but to make effective use of the building,” Gonzales said. “I guess I would ask, ‘how can students help us to treat the facility with respect?’”

According to Gonzales and Campus Safety Sgt. Chad Wolters, should the vandalism continue, action might have to be taken to ensure proper use, such as limiting access after academic hours, hiring someone to patrol the building at night or, in the worst case, installation of video monitoring equipment.

“I would not want to do that or for that to happen,” Gonzales said. “I see most students using the facility correctly, whether studying or socializing. It is a small handful of students who are misusing the facilities.”

Wolters emphasized that since the building belongs to students, an ownership role should be played by all.

“The ultimate goal is to have students, if they see something suspicious, to report it immediately,” Wolters said. “We’re relying on the students to take care of (the Martha Miller Center).”
Janet Chandler murder case comes to end

Amanda Gernents
Snr Writer

On Jan. 31, 1979, a horrible act of violence occurred in Holland. After 28 years, justice has been served.

Janet Chandler was a senior at Hope College in 1979 and was only a few months from her graduation when she was sexually assaulted and murdered. Chandler, 23, worked as the night clerk at the Blue Mill Inn in Holland. Her roommate, Laurie Swank, was the motel manager at the time. There was a strike going on at the local Chemetron Corporation chemical plant and there were extra security guards staying at the Blue Mill during the strike.

Rumors spread that several of the employees at the Blue Mill had begun to form sexual relationships with the older security guards living at the inn.

“Some of the guards became intimate with the motel manager, other desk clerks and the housekeeping staff... many of the relationships were sexual and non-monogamous in nature,” Detective Sgt. David Van Lopik said in his 11-page affidavit on Sept. 19, 2006. According to Swank, Chandler was having sexual relations with several of the guards and began spreading rumors about them in order to “instill jealousy among them.”

On the night of Jan. 31, 1979, several of the security guards, along with a couple of the female employees, including Swank, formed a plan to “teach (Chandler) a lesson.”

“Chandler was going to be taken to a guest house where she would be beaten and sexually assaulted,” Van Lopik said. “It was understood that she was going to be killed. The security guards planned to cover up their scheme by calling the police about a fictitious robbery of the motel and the abduction of Chandler by the robbers.”

In the house at that night, Chandler was raped by several guards and strangled several times until she passed out. A couple of the female employees witnessed these events, including Swank. When the men were done raping Chandler, Robert Michael Lynch, one of the security guards, strangled her to death. By her own admission, Swank was present when Chandler died. Lynch, along with another guard, Anthony Williams, drove Chandler’s body nearly 40 miles south and dumped it in a snow bank Interstate 196. A snowplow driver found her frozen body the next morning.

The police, mistaking the fictitious report of robbery at the Blue Mill Inn, stopped the investigation.

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California recovers from fires

Allison Hoffman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAND DIEGO (AP) — The football stadium where thousands of displaced residents sought refuge has closed as an evacuation center, symbolic progress against wildfires that menaced Southern California.

Once sheltering more than 10,000 people, Qualcomm Stadium closed Oct. 26. Norman Graczyk, who spent four nights at Qualcomm with his wife and their four sons, was packing up to head back to their apartment complex in Ramona.

“We’ve kind of tried of staying here,” said Graczyk, 43, as his sons played with a stuffed soccer ball near the two tents that had been their family’s refuge. “We want to go home and rest.”

The flare-ups underscored the wildfires’ continuing threat, even as crews made rapid progress.

An estimated 41,000 firefighters, backed by a growing region, was under mandatory evacuation, including Julian. The town of 3,000, nestled in the rolling hills of a popular apple-growing region, was under mandatory evacuation.

East of San Diego, firefighters also were trying to keep flames from Lake Morena, which is surrounded by hundreds of homes.

Firefighters and the public can get current information online at the state’s website, fires.ca.gov. A link is maintained through the county’s website.

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Students from California react

"My family is from central California and we were not hit at all from the fires. Thank God.

The fires were really tragic for people who lost their homes. The news showed that San Diego was burning down. It literally was burning to the ground. San Diego is one of the nicest areas in California and that sadness is that it is almost destroyed.”

--Almeida Barljan (11)

"I know a lot people whose families and friends are being evacuated. It’s a scary situation. The families and firefighters all need our prayers...some rain wouldn’t hurt either.”

--Daniel Cox (10)

"Thankfully no one I know lost their home, but my heart really goes out to those who did. I think God for the strength and effort of the fire fighters, without whom many more people would have been injured and many more homes lost.”

--Saul Knowles (19)

"When I was younger, my parents explained the fires best to me. Sometimes we need to clean out the landscape. The most unfortunate part of the disaster was that so many people’s and everything’s lives were affected by it. The landscape will renew itself, but those people’s lives are forever changed.”

--Mary Gear (18)

The Anchors

In Brief

MUKASEY NOMINATION TO CONTINUE OUT OF COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee prepared to advance Michael Mukasey’s nomination to be the nation’s 81st attorney general after two key Democrat pledged to support him because he promised to enforce a law against waterboarding if one was enacted by Congress. The senators’ support for Mukasey was enough to give him the majority vote on the committee needed to advance the nomination, essentially eliminating the chance that the nomination be killed in committee.

Many Democrats oppose Mukasey for refusing to say that so-called waterboarding, an interrogation technique that simulates drowning, is torture and illegal under domestic and international law.

2007 DEADLIEST YEAR IN IRAQ TO DATE

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military in Nov. 6 announced the deaths of five soldiers, making 2007 the deadliest year of the war for U.S. troops, according to an AP count. Five U.S. soldiers were killed Nov. 5 in two separate roadside bomb attacks, said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National Forces-Iraq’s communications division.

At least 852 American military personnel have died in Iraq so far this year — the highest annual toll since the war began in March 2003, according to AP figures.
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Six guilty in Chandler murder

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Finally, in April 2004, the Holland Police Department and the Michigan State Police assigned four detectives to the case. Interest in the case was in part rekindled by a 2003 documentary, produced by former Hope communica-tions professor David Schock’s documentary class, entitled “Who Killed Janet Chandler?”

After two and a half years of investigation, during which the detectives traveled to 18 states and conducted over 300 interviews, six people from four states were charged with first-degree murder. Lynch pleaded guilty in December 2006 to the lesser sentence of second-degree murder and is currently serving 25 to 40 years in prison. Swank pleaded guilty to the same charge in February 2007.

Dean works to bridge faith gap

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Democratic communities were caused by a fear in the Demo-cratic Party to run candidates in places where they were likely to lose, which bred a feeling of alienation. Also contributing to this problem has been an uncompromising attitude about ideology. Dean used abortion as an example, saying that society in general agrees that abortion is a regrettable operation.

“We ought to focus on (reduc-ing) the number of abortions rather than whether Roe v. Wade is a good idea.”

Howard Dean

California rebuilds after fires

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Officials have opened assistance centers where displaced residents can get help with insurance, rebuilding and mental health counseling.

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The wildfires are directly blamed for killing three people, a 52-year-old man in Tectate along the Mexican border and a couple in Escondido. Their bodies were discovered in the charred remains of their hillside home.

Border Patrol agents also found four charred bodies in what was believed to be a migrant camp east of San Diego, near the Mexican border. Medical examiners were trying to determine their identities and whether they had died in a fire that destroyed almost 100 homes. In Orange County, local authorities, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating a fire that de-stroyed 14 homes. It was believed to be started by an arsonist.

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat, Martha Mendez, Scott Lindlaw, Gillian Flaccus, Thomas Watkins, Jacob Adelman, Chelsea J. Carter, Jeremiah Marquez and Robert Jablon contributed to this report.
This Week in Art

Friday 11/9
ConcertanteGreat Performance Series
7:30 p.m. Dimnent Chapel

Saturday 11/10
Concerta/Aria Auditions
Wichers Auditorium, 12 p.m.
Kara Sauerman, soprano
Weitzes Auditorium, 6 p.m.
Kailey Schroeder, violin
Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Travis Kingsman Band
with We Know Jackson
Park Theater, 7:30 p.m., $5

Monday 11/12
Jack Ridi WVS: Marjorie Agosin
Weitzes Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11/13
Jazz Combos Concert
Wichers Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

In Brief

CONCERTANTE TO PERFORM
On Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel, the eminent chamber group Concertante, which is comprised of six virtuoso string players, will perform, “a wide array of repertoire ranging from works by established masters to less commonly performed composers,” according to the Great Performance Series website.

As solo performers, each member has won major national and international music competitions. Concertante has performed on some of the world’s foremost stages including New York’s Carnegie Hall, London’s Royal Festival Hall and Shanghai’s Grand Theatre, receiving excellent reviews from renowned publications.

Presently, Concertante performs regularly at Merkin Hall in New York City and is the Resident Chamber Music Ensemble of the Whitaker Center for the Arts and the Arts in Harrisburg, PA. Concertante’s program for the Dimnent Chapel performance this upcoming Friday consists of Richard Strauss’ Capriccio, Op. 85, Arnold Schoenberg’s Transfigured Night for string sextet, Op. 4 and Tchaikovsky’s Souvenir de Florence. For more information contact DeVos Ticket Office at (616) 395-7890 or email at tickets@hope.edu.

VanWylen houses masterpiece

David Moore Guest Writer

Safe and secure in the beautifully finished basement of the Van Wylen Library, Hope College houses a masterpiece. The college knew of the painting’s value and recently reappraised it for insurance reasons, due to the risks of transporting such a work to the exhibition of Hague School Artists at Calvin College.

During the reappraisal, Andrew Hill (’14) from the Leslie Hindman Auction house of Chicago, IL conducted research that not only led to redenomination of the piece’s increased value, but its distinctiveness as a work of art.

Hendrik Willem Mesdag (1831-1915), the painter of Hope College’s “Marine (Return from Fishing),” was the one of the artist within the Hague School, if not the school’s most prominent artist.

William Mayer, local artist and Hope College professor of art, said, “Mesdag is the favorite son (of the Hague School artists).” The Hague references a group of Dutch artists from the late 19th century that produced images of local landscapes and the daily activities of fishermen. His most famous piece, “Marine Panorama” (produced in 1881), resides in The Hague near his home. Hope College’s “Marine (Return from Fishing)” was one of Mesdag’s successful paintings and may have been painted from his favorite beach at Scheveningen, according to the Rijksmuseum of Amsterdam. Mesdag submitted “Return from Fishing” to the renowned Salon exhibition in Paris in 1904. It is one of his largest paintings at approximately 32 inches by 62 inches, thus adding to its distinctiveness.

The painting depicts a scene in late 19th century Holland; it is a charming document of old ways. The ports of Holland have always been shallow, so keeled boats were impractical for the harbors. In the late 1860s, fishing boats were keel-less with removable bil boards that lifted once in shallow water. “Marine (Return from Fishing)” depicts a horseman wading through the waves to meet a fishing boat and tow it onto shore, a regular practice of the day.

Mayer noted that it was fascinating to see such a simple, documented moment is now a jewel in the college’s collection. “Historically it’s an interesting painting because of the school, because of how beautiful it is, the colors in it, the luminosity of the painting … but also is it telling a story that is fascinating as well,” said Mayer. “We are so pleased to be able to showcase this wonderful painting from Hope College’s permanent collection of artwork, and are thankful to the people in the Department of Art and Art History that helped make the loan possible,” said Joel Zwart, director of exhibitions at Calvin College. The painting can be seen at the “Between Nature and Nationality” exhibition at Calvin College. More information on this exhibition and the Hague School is available at http://www.calvin.edu/news/releases/2007-08/den Hague.htm.

Music fraternity inducts prof

(HOPE) The students of the Hope College chapter of the national Delta Omicron music honorary society have honored Dr. Huw Lewis of the music faculty with induction as a Chapter Patron. Lewis, a professor of music and college organist, received the honor on Friday, Nov. 2, as a surprise during a concert in which Lewis performed the world premiere of an organ concerto by talented composer Benjamin Boyle. The college’s Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Omicron nominated Lewis for the award for the way that he represents the national organization’s mission of supporting excellence in music and musicianship.

“We nominated Dr. Lewis for this honor because we as a chapter feel he takes the ideals of Delta Omicron to heart and represents them to the students at Hope College,” said Tyler Racey, a senior and college organist, received the honor on Friday, Nov. 2, as a surprise during a concert in which Lewis performed the world premiere of an organ concerto by talented composer Benjamin Boyle.

Lewis is a renowned performer both nationally and internationally. The concert on Friday, Nov. 2, was presented as part of the college’s annual Parents’ Weekend and also was the fifth and final performance of the 2007 Skin- ner Organ Rededication Series at Hope. The concert featured the world premiere of Boyle’s “Concerto for Organ and Orchestra” which the college commissioned.

Kocsis reviews Prof. Heather Sellers’s latest book

Julie Kocsis reviews Prof. Heather Sellers’ latest book "I love poems that are clear, direct, generous and personal. I like to feel like I’m in someone’s house, poking around unsupervised," said Hope College English professor and published author Dr. Heather Sellers.


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In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Pappe

My Traditions

Christmas-tree hunts, garden-fresh tomatoes, homemade snowmen, first days of school, Fourth of July family extravaganzas, mid-summer camping trips and ice cream socials ... these are a few of my favorite things. My most beloved memories reside in these moments, in these traditions. Traditions? How can garden fresh tomatoes and homemade snowmen be considered traditions? Maybe some of these things seem trivial. But a tradition is not only something that is passed on from generation to generation. Traditions are also essentially any event or concept which is repeated. If the value of the event or experience exists in the fact that it is passed on and repeated, then it can be considered a tradition.

I will never forget the time my family spent together every year searching for that extra-wide, super-perfect Christmas tree. I will always remember the countless times I stayed up half of the night giggling with my little sisters, talking and fighting for the best spot on the hard ground in the tent. I will never stop looking forward to spending the Fourth of July with my family — watching fireworks and sitting in the sun.

I will never forget these moments because it is in these moments — these traditions — that my most valued memories are vested. As the seasons change, the leaves turn colors and the snow begins to fall, I get excited for my traditions. It seems as though yesterday was moved in day. In a few moments it will be New Year’s Eve. In a couple of hours it will be spring break, and tomorrow I will be entering a classroom to take my last final exam of the year. Sometimes these simple realities scare me. When I am reminded of the certainty of change and the speeding fast pace of life I sometimes get a bit flustered. I do take comfort in knowing that it is not only my life that is racing forward at an unimaginably fast pace. It is comforting to know that others feel as though summer slipped away and with the blink of an eye we are rapidly approaching the Christmas season. I also know that it is more than just this connection to others that helps me through the craziness of life — through the fast paced days, weeks and years.

I know the actual reason I can’t wait for the first snow of the year to make a snowman, have a snowball fight and go ice skating; these are my traditions. My traditions really help me through life’s crazy changes. It is easier to face change when embracing traditions. When recalling past memories and creating new memories through traditions, I am able to be excited and energized to face the future.

Regarding how mundane your traditions may seem, remember one of your favorite traditions this week. As college students racing quickly into the oblivion of the future, traditions are one way we can survive change and remember the past. Emily was notestruk this week when she learned that Chicago is the most caffeinated city in the United States. Furthermore, she found it difficult to believe that more than 70 percent of the 40,000 people interviewed for the survey by HealthSaver claimed they were not addicted to caffeine.
VOICES

Yellow Wallpaper
Rachel Lackey

Escape

Much has changed in the past few weeks. The leaves here on campus have fallen and flooded the ground with rich color. I think it is impossible to ignore God in all His creation during this time of year. The air is crisp and the stress of midterms is still lingering in our bubble of security. We have tucked away the flip flops, settled into the realization of November. Autumn is a visual reminder that nothing is permanent. It presents a world where change is unavoidable and constant. The insecurity of it all crowds me and I feel uncomfortable in my own skin. The monotone routine of school becomes apparent but irrelevant all at the same time.

Last week I reached a breaking point. I felt the walls in my house, trapping me in, like if I didn’t get out right then—maybe I never would. I grabbed my notebook and a pen and started driving. I didn’t know where I was headed, but I wanted to be alone—where no one knew me—somewhere all my own. I landed in a coffee shop far from Holland, far from mundane, far from familiar. I left the hours writing my Lifesivew paper and my Surahs of Qur’an reading tucked away in my backpack of obligation. It is still lingering in our bubble of security.

From the Inside Out
Ashley DeVecht

Reality Check

Eight a.m. classes are not my favorite by any means, but sometimes there’s something refreshing about the crisp morning air, especially in the autumn. The trees are changing, the sunrise is a bit more beautiful than usual, and the morning air, especially in the autumn, is crisp and the stress of midterms is still lingering in our bubble of security. We have tucked away the flip flops, settled into the realization of November. Autumn is a visual reminder that nothing is permanent. It presents a world where change is unavoidable and constant. The insecurity of it all crowds me and I feel uncomfortable in my own skin. The monotone routine of school becomes apparent but irrelevant all at the same time.

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In the course of a few hours I met Doyle, a struggling musician from out of state just passing through. We talked about music and traveling, and he had never heard of Hope College. I met Jesse, a high school student fighting to keep himself in school and out of jail. He told me about his parents and how he needed some new friends. He wasn’t looking for advice, just someone to listen to his story. Martin, a middle-aged man balancing family and his career, offered me a Sudoku puzzle from his newspaper to keep me occupied while I attempted to document my surroundings on the napkin in front of me. I felt more like myself in this unknown place than I had in a long time in the comforts of my own home.

As my anxiety calmed and the new blend of caffeine was getting acquainted with my bloodstream, I began to realize the importance of the secret place I had found. I was free from my life for just a few hours, but I don’t know if I would have survived had I not escaped. I decided right then that the shop would be a gift to myself—a haven of clarity and solitude.

The air here is damp and I am sure we are now teetering on the cusp of winter. Soon the snow will come and our world will become white. Find your secret place—the playground on 15th, the back corner of Evick Library, the art museum downtown or the coffee shop on US 31. Make some time to be a local, not just a student—your sanity may depend on it.

Rachel Lackey is an English major from Davison, Michigan. She finds that coffee shops provide the perfect remedy to writer’s block.

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VOICES

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West Michigan goes to the polls
Local school district unveils bond proposal

Brittany Ryzenga
Guest Writer

Zeeland Public Schools Superintendent Gary Feenstra gave a presentation on the Zeeland Public Schools bond issue at the Howard Miller Community Center in Zeeland last Thursday.

The proposal, introduced last year, includes a new early childhood center for kindergartners, renovation of the existing early childhood center for use by preschool and child care programs, purchase of instructional technology for every classroom, ten new school buses and renovation of parking and traffic layouts at two elementary schools.

Feenstra said the school district is bringing the proposal back to voters because the economy was so bad last year and that they expect more positive outlooks this time around.

The proposal will cost $19.75 million but can be financed without increasing the district’s current millage rate of 6.63.

Zeeland Public Schools gained 123 new students this year. Because of continued growth, Feenstra hopes to create more space for the students in order to maintain a small and beneficial environment.

“We pride ourselves on the safe feeling we create for our children and parents in our district,” Feenstra said.

The new early childhood center, the largest investment proposed in the bond, is aimed at having all 500 kindergartners under one roof. There are 15 classrooms spread among three “villages” or pods, which all branch off from a middle plaza. The new format is intended to have the students feel as though they are in their own building, while inside of an even greater building.

“The village concept gives the one-on-one feeling to the students even though they may be in a building with 400 to 500 other students,” Feenstra said. “It is very conducive for learning and safety, along with many other positive aspects.”

Feenstra’s goal is to inform the community that while Zeeland Public Schools is continuing to grow, it is clear the space and availability of materials is not.

The bond also proposes technology upgrades throughout the schools that is not necessarily instant, but a slow process of replacement.

While the presentation may have been deceiving for the ten audience members at the presentation, Feenstra and Zeeland Public Schools have already spoken to over 100 people since August.

Many community members attend the presentations to show their support.

Melinie Cappello, whose two daughters attend Lincoln Elementary School and the current Early Childhood Center in the district, strongly favors the opportunities the bond can create for her children, as well as others.

“Zeeland is a great school district,” Cappello said.

Cappello explained she moved to her current residence so that her daughters could attend the Zeeland schools.

The election was Nov. 6 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The bond proposal failed to garner enough public support to pass, losing 53 percent to 47 percent.

Holland
Mayor
Albert H. McGeehan 55% (2,929 votes)
Myron F. Tretheway 45% (2,397 votes)
City Council Ward 2
Jay Peters 65% (381 votes)
Orlando Estrada 35% (203 votes)
City Council Ward 6
David E. Hoekstra 69% (581 votes)
Ronald A. Chavez 31% (259 votes)

Zeeland
Mayor
Lester Hoogland 67% (1,164 votes)
Jacqueline C. Bordner 33% (566 votes)
Public Schools $19.75 Million Bond Proposal
No 53% (2,084 votes)
Yes 47% (1,846 votes)

Hudsonville
Repeal ban on Retail Alcohol Sales
Yes 56% (928 votes)
No 44% (735 votes)

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Men's Soccer: Late win streak not enough for title

Nick Hinkle
Sports Editor

The Hope College men’s soccer team managed a second-place finish in the MIAA, after a come-from-behind win against Kalamazoo College in the MIAA tournament on Nov. 3. Despite finishing runner-up to Calvin College, the team needed to make adjustments in adding freshmen to the starting lineup.

“We had a young team with a lot of experience, but we improved a lot throughout the season,” captain Nora Slenk (’09) said.

Before losing to Calvin in the final tournament game, Hope had compiled an 11-match winning streak.

Hope was able to defeat Calvin this year at the DeVos Fieldhouse in front of a crowd of 1,801 fans. Last year, the Dutch did not beat Calvin all season, losing in four appearances.

“Beating Calvin was definitely the highlight of our season,” Novak said. “Winning against Calvin with 1,800 people watching, able to experience that was awesome. It was almost like we won a championship.”

In the MIAA tournament, Hope could not manage a repeat victory. The Dutch lost the match in three straight games 22-30, 19-30 and 23-30.

“Overall, Calvin just really stepped up their game and exposed our game,” Novak said. “When the whistle blows everyone one kind of freezes sometimes, that was a portion of the loss and them playing on the top of their game.”

Slenk was one of three Hope players to be awarded All-MIAA honors.

“I have to give credit to the rest of the team,” Slenk said. “We played well enough to make each other look good.”

A SLENK SPIKE— Nora Slenk (’09) spikes the ball in Hope’s game against Calvin College during the finals of the MIAA tournament. Hope lost 22-30, 19-30 and 23-30, which made Calvin the MIAA champions.

With the team’s runner-up finish, Hope did not receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament; therefore, they had to wait and possibly receive an at-large invitation. Unfortunately, Hope did not receive an invitation to the tournament but would not look back on the season as a disappointment.

Tresslar earns scoring title

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“The key to our success at the end of the season was that we looked and really focused on having fun while we were out on the field,” said captain Kevin McMahon (’08) said.

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With two goals against Kalamazoo, Tresslar was awarded the MIAA scoring title finishing the season with 15 goals and seven assists. Tresslar also received the award in 2006.

“Winning the scoring title is pretty cool, and I have been lucky enough to do it two years in a row now,” Tresslar said. “The entire year I have strived to be a leader for our team, and by example I was able to do that.”

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