Investigation continues for organized party

JULIE GREEN
Campusbeat editor

Allegan County police and Hope College officials are still investigating a severity and fearing organized party that was hosted when two students were hit by a vehicle pulling a U-Haul trailer last Sunday around 2:30 a.m.

The Allegan Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call, and found 10 empty kegs, six full kegs, and various bottles of liquor on a Girted Township field that hosted more than 200 students.

The two women hit by the vehicle, Hope students Shivaughn Myers ('01) and Krista Brewer ('00), were taken to Holland Community Hospital, treated and released. According to Sheriff David Haverdink of Allegan County, the party was organized by the Delta Phi Sorority and the Fraternal Society.

The accident has been classified as a hit-and-run; Haverdink said. The vehicle left the scene of the accident, and was later found on 14th Street and College Avenue in Holland.

"The party was found when one of the students went to a neighbor's and called 911," Haverdink said. "The party was pretty much over when the accident occurred."

About 40 or 50 students were still at the scene when police arrived.

For transportation to the party, three 50-passenger buses were chartered out of Grand Rapids, and there was an admission fee of $15, Haverdink said.

The party was held in a field at the 3600 block of 139th Avenue in Overisel Township. No citations were given out and no official charges have yet been brought, but the incident remains under investigation. Charges could be brought against the land owner of the property where the party took place.

Hope struggles for religious diversity

DANA LAMERS & JANE BAST
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Moments like passing other students heading to Chapel at 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are some of the most difficult for Buddhist student Kaushali Rupasinghe ('03).

"I used to go to the temple before exams, just to get piece of mind and to meditate, I do feel a part of me is empty, not complete," Rupasinghe said. "I feel I would miss my religious beliefs and wouldn’t get to practice it," she said.

"As long as I have it in inside and I live a good life as a Buddhist that’s all that matters to me," Rupasinghe said.

Hope has made conscious effort in the past several years to increase religious diversity on campus.

Report compares faculty salaries

CARRIE ARNOLD
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If a faculty member from Hope and a comparable one from another college were to compare paychecks, the one from Hope would notice a few discrepancies.

According to a report released by the Chronicle of Higher Education, Hope ranked average in comparison to other colleges of a similar size and status in Michigan. Another study ranking faculty salaries in the GLCA was done by the Professional Interests Committee (PIC) at Hope, and found that the college came in last place in two of the three categories of full professors, associate professor, and assistant professor.

"We look at not just salaries but also fringe benefits," said Provost Jack Nyenhuis. "If you look at compensation rather than salary alone, the college fares better."

These benefits include such more SALARIES on 7.

The VOTE: The Chairperson of the Holland Area Center Joint Building Authority, Louis Hollancy, expresses his regret over the failure of the proposed Area Center project.

The proposed Area Center that has been a dream for some in the Holland community for more than 10 years was voted down on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

"Tonight the community has missed a golden opportunity," said Holland Mayor Al McGeehan, who has supported the Area Center for the past eight years.

For the $25 million Area Center project to materialize, all three townships, Park Township, Holland Charter Township, and the City of Holland, had to pass both proposal A, a $20 million bond request, and proposal B, a $2 million operating cost.

Proposal A passed in Park Township and the City of Holland, but was killed in Holland Charter Township with a vote of 963 for the proposal and 1620 against.

"We feel bad for a lot of well-meaning civic people who put so much personal resources into it," said Tom Renner, Director of Public Relations at Hope.

Park Township passed the proposal with 1802 in support of it, and 1701 against, while the City of Holland passed it with a vote of 93 for it and 2292 against.

"We have done absolutely everything I could imagine to communicate to the voters its importance," said Judge Brooks, Chairperson of the Citizens Initiative Group.

For now, the proposal is dead. "It will go nowhere. It's dead," said Karen Kelly, Communications Coordinator for the Holland Area Center Joint Building Authority.

This was the first time that the public voted on the Area Center, which was to be a 3,000 seat multipurpose arena with an outdoor rink.

Two years ago, the initial proposal of a $50 million center was turned down by Holland Township Trustees. The later proposal of $28 million was accepted in August by the Township Trustees to go to public vote.

"It would have enriched the lives of a lot of people," said Robert DeYoung, Vice President of College Advancement.

For Hope, the Area Center could have meant a place to hold sporting events along with other events like Nykerk and Convocation. Hope even pledged $1 million to the Joint Building Authority. For now, the college will continue to play basketball and hold major events at the Civic Center like it has done for the past 45 years.

"I'm deeply disappointed that we've passed up a marvelous opportunity for a significant community resource," said Provost Jack Nyenhuis.

Because the Civic Center, built in 1954, doesn't have a regulation basketball floor, Hope isn't able to host playoff games.

For now, Hope has accepted the defeat of the policy.

"This is just another chapter," Renner said. "Something will come around again for the college."

Opponents of the Area Center feel that the proposed location, Sixth Street and College Avenue, is a poor choice because it was a more CENTER on 7.
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**History professor featured on Dutch TV**

History professor and A.C. Van Raalte Institute research fellow James Kennedy was featured on the Netherlands television program “BuitenhoP” for 20 minutes regarding the death of politics in the Netherlands in the Sixties,” about Dutch culture in the post World War II era.

Kennedy’s appearance on “BuitenhoP” was also in accordance to the conference he attended on the vote to Brian Porter’s (’01) six, campus activities

**SOMETHING NOTEWORTHY:**

The Odd-year song team finishes its last week of rehearsals

nykerk finishes last rehearsals

M. LOFOUIST staff reporter

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In fact, Brown was so impressed by Hope that she transferred to Hope last year for the Spring semester. Brown is now an even-year song team participant and is still excited about Nykerk. “I’m really excited because we get to Nykerk experience, 1998 winning orator Briony Peters (’98) talked about what a terrific and unique experience it was. Cromin’s upperclassmen friends also emphasized how fun Nykerk is and how many new people they met while preparing for the big night. “It’s really fun because we’re there working, but it’s not all work because we do a lot of cheers, tell stories, and goof around,” Crisman said.

Although she is a music major, Crisman stressed how great Nykerk is because not everyone is a music major but they can all come together and prepare a musical piece. The freshmen and sophomore women who Nykerk have also worked hard, preparing posters, skits, and the play set for the women. “I’m really excited because we have 18 girls and they’re all awesome,” said Charlie White (’01), ’03 morale coach. They’re just really dedicated to it.”

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Of the many religions of the world, Islam is the most misunderstood and that is partly due to its misrepresentation. There are few sources that truly explain the teachings of Islam and clarify the misconceptions surrounding it. Islam is essentially a combination of all previous religions, which means that a believer in Islam (a Muslim) also believes in Christianity and Judaism together with other religions.

I was born in Jordan and have roots and family in Palestine which happens to be where Jesus was born. I grew up in a house of tolerance where minds were open to all ideas. Keeping an open mind and looking at different opinions has always been a trend in the family.

Islam, Christianity, and Judaism are monotheistic, meaning that they follow the doctrine or belief that there is only one God. Islam calls that one and same God “Allah,” for which the literal translation is “The God.”

Three religions differ in the way they worship God and their beliefs. The same applies to Christianity, except there is a priest instead of a Rabbi. In Islam, a Muslim has a direct relationship with God. Muslims pray directly with God, who come to Hope with a religious background vastly different from the Christian majority, experience the reality of being a religious minority.

I don’t really talk about my religious beliefs, Rupesh suggests. “I never tell anyone unless they ask me if I am (Buddhist). But if they ask about my beliefs, I will tell them.

The campus continues to debate and discuss how Christians on campus should interact with those of other faiths. These questions are often raised in connection with world religion classes.

“Now we are good friends. The things they did to me were not wrong according to their world view,” he said.

Hussein believes Christian students need to be fully aware of the other individual’s beliefs before trying to force their own beliefs upon them.

“Most people at Hope are very narrow-minded — it’s good for people to know why people believe what they do,” Hussein said. “I recommend everyone take a world religions class, or read some books. You can’t condemn someone when you don’t understand their beliefs.”

Hussein also emphasized the point that many Christians are not even fully aware of their own beliefs.

“If you feel that what you believe is right, how can you even try to talk to others if you don’t really understand Christianity and what it means,” he said.

Religious diversity also includes those who are atheist or agnostic. “On this campus, other religious beliefs are not accepted, they are hesitantly tolerated,” said Josh Spalsbury (‘02), an agnostic student.

Spalsbury chose Hope College for its strong academics and a generous scholarship. He was aware of Hope’s religious atmosphere before deciding to come.

“I have no regrets. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else,” Spalsbury said. “There have been a few instances in which I have been told I am going to Hell. But for the most part, people will at least pretend to listen to what I am saying while thinking of their next evangelistic articulation.”

“Thanks for helping to raise money for Dance Marathon at Farview Farm!"
A vote for the Area Center

Hope College can only cling to the idea that something positive will come out of Tuesday’s defeat of the proposed Area Center.

Holland Township residents struck a major blow to the Holland community when they voted down a $28 million proposal for an arena at the suggested site of Sixth Street and College Avenue. One can only wonder what voters were thinking when they halted an effort that would have provided far more good to the community than bad.

Opponents of the arena were opposed to the site which was once home to a dump. Opponents also claim that several traffic problems could arise and would add more congestion to already rapidly growing city. All these arguments are minor when compared to the positives that the community and the college would experience.

Hope would benefit in several ways from a new arena. The Civic Center, which currently holds several community events and hosts Hope men’s basketball games, has served its purpose and needs to be replaced. The building went from being homey to dilapidated years ago. An Area Center would also be helpful for other college events, such as the annual Nykerk competition.

The Holland community would also benefit from an Area Center. The arena would house community events and help with downtown commerce and tourism.

The arguments that opponents make show they miss the big picture. An Area Center would provide a valuable public service to the community. Supporters have fought for 10 years to get the approval that should have come long ago, instead of the continued weak arguments.

Traffic congestion that would be a result of the arena would be no different than traffic created by the Civic Center. The arena would be no different than traffic created by the Civic Center.

The Holland Township residents should have backed the Pullers and Moralers of being elitist and psychotic. I would argue that Pullers and Moralers realize that they’re simply passionate about an experience that the critics are incapable of understanding. Lack of understanding, they say, is fear, and fear can lead to some amazingly silly opinions.

Reading Fleming’s letter, I almost thought that the “Church Lady” from Saturday Night Live had written to the Anchor. The idea that the red shirts of the Every Year are linked to the devil makes as much sense in the idea that Santa equals Satan. Blood may mean something to others also.

That red means something to others who believe that the Chand’s “Feed the Fire” CD is evil? Blood, fire, and the color red are merely symbols; images that everyone can associate with. What they mean is not hatred. The proof of this lies in the critic’s eye to see the irony, and condemn the Pull for encouraging hatred. But the most fundamental motivation of a Pull team is the desire to prove that the critics are wrong.

On Pull day, a little over a month ago, I watched the 99 Pull team in their moment of truth. Two hours into the Pull, coach Joel Neckers asked the Pullers to throw one heave for a specific reason. It wasn’t to cause pain and it wasn’t out of hatred. “Look into your Moraler’s eyes,” Neckers said. “Do this for her.”

The team took an incredible amount of pressure that they didn’t have to shoulder. But the Pullers and Moralers realize that their limits are illusions of the mind. They find that a determined heart can reach past them and tap into reserves of strength they never knew existed. They discover who they are and what they can accomplish.

The Pull is a competition in which the Even Year team is the only team. But when the Pull is over, both teams are left with a respectable for the accomplishments and strength of the other. The critic’s eye sees the irony, and condemns the Pull for encouraging hatred. But the foremost motivation of a Pull team is the desire to prove that the critics are wrong.

Once again, we are sorry that our football team received a penalty on account of our programing, and we assure you that we will do everything in our power to make sure this will not happen again.

Bill Kim (’99)
99 Pull team

Correction

Dean of Students Richard Fredt did not make the proposal that was reported in the Oct. 27 article, ‘‘Greeks have blindfold debate with Campus Life.’’ The proposal was submitted by the Panhelles and Interfraternity Councils, and was based on recommendations from both councils. Fredt, Derek Emerson, and the interim Greek Coordinator from last year. The proposal also did not recommend no blindfolding. The submitted proposal asked that blindfolding continue to be allowed, with the understanding that accommodations can be made when necessary. This information was reported incorrectly in the Anchor.
Art is all around us

While chatting with someone I had just met, I was asked, "Do you like art?"

I was taken aback by this question, as it was completely out of the blue. I scrambled out something about how I was never good at drawing and never liked studying paintings.

"Did I begin to ponder what I consider art and whether or not I like it."

Although we often forget, art can be found in the traditional academic activities that we spend so much time on while in college.

"Writing papers and reading literature are ways I daily engage in art. Even extensions of the classroom, such as writing for the Anchor, are ways I express myself through art."

Art is not something you find only in DePree. I am good at and enjoy writing and making scrap books, and in high school I was good at playing the flute and performing with the flag corps. All of these are art.

"When you sing along to your favorite MTV video when flipping channels, write a paper for biology class, or present a speech in your biology class, you are being creative and engaging in art.

The beauty of art is that it encompasses so much in our world that there is probably some form of art you enjoy. You might admire the changing colors of the leaves or the sunset over Lake Michigan. You might really enjoy decorating for Christmas. Maybe you really enjoy reading the daily comics."

"All of these things are art because they deeply affect us emotionally in some way. They inspire us or they repulse us. They make us happy or sad. They make us laugh out loud or they make us want to punch a wall in anger.

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"When I was asked, "Do you like art?" what I should have answered was, "Yes. I love art. Doesn't everyone?""

"I simmered out something that is one of the reasons why I was completely unprepared when I was asked this question."

"The second half of the concert will feature the Hope College Orchestra, directed by Richard Pappo. The orchestra will present works by Francis Poulenc and Antonin Dvorak."

"The Poulenc piece is one of his most popular compositions.

"The work successfully juxtaposes elements of concrete language and traditional forms."

"It will feature Dr. Howard Lewis, who is an organist and professor of music.

"One of the other works, by Antonin Dvorak, is described by Pappo as "a relaxed work, abounding in Czech feeling." The piece is based on Czech folklore and dance rhythms.

"The music that the ensembles are performing represents a wide range of style and will be very exciting, as well as a wonderful opportunity to hear faculty members from the music department performing with the ensembles," Ward said.

"The Symphony and Orchestra are made up of a variety of students. "The members are students from all the areas of study at Hope College," Pappo said. "This includes music majors and non-music majors."

"The students at Hope have the opportunity to continue their interest in the musical aspects of their lives by taking part in the various musical ensembles at Hope College."

"Both directors agree that the concert will be a wonderful event and encourage students to attend. "It should be a terrific evening," said Ward."

"The event will take place in Dimnent Chapel at 8 p.m. Admission is free."

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Write your own column

Insert your title here

I was reading the Campus Safety Report, and was (verb ending in ing) to read about another. (Adjective) incident on campus. This time a (noun) was left in a (building on campus) causing the fire alarm to activate.

Hope's (noun on campus) were too busy (verb ending in ing) to respond. A number of (plural noun) were (verb ending in ing) in their (Adjective) (plural noun) to evade the building. One (Adjective) of my friends even got the mistake of leaving the building wearing only a (noun).

This makes me (Adjective). How could something like this happen at Hope?

Remember back in (Adjective) in elementary school... how things were different? We were more concerned with (Adjective) of a (noun) than (Adjective) of (noun). If a groups on in the life of (Adjective) or (Adjective) in (15 characters or less) were the most important focus of life. What has happened to those innocent carefree days? Why are we, as students, wandering around (Adjective) worrying (Adjective) of the (15 characters or less) and (21 characters or less)?

We should (verb) our concerns and live life to the fullest. Focus more on (Adjective) than on the future. Enjoy life right now. We should rely on (Adjective) of (noun) to get a sense of life. That's my (Adjective) I don't know about you, but I am going to go back to watching (26 characters or less). Things are always (Adjective) (ending in ing) in the world of (26 characters or less).
We have an excellent faculty. We would like to have our salaries be as comparable as possible.

—Jack Nynhuys, Provost

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Flying Dutchmen shooting for sixth crown

MIKE ZUIDEMA
editor-in-chief

The Flying Dutchmen are refo- ching on some different goals since Saturday, 20-14 loss to Albion.

"Our goal is to play well every week," said head football coach Dean Keeps. "It was a slight change from the team's previous objective of reaching the playoffs. Last week's loss to Albion ended that dream.

"It hurts in that sense," said J.D. Graves ('01). "I think it was one of our best seasons."

"We've got to guard against letting them get away from us," added Odland-Dunn. "We played well in the game we played really well. In fact, I think it was one of our best matches of the season."

But the Dutchmen didn't lose their composure, and they were ready to step up and take the next three (15-10, 15-9, 15-11) and in three (15-10, 15-9, 15-11) and in turn take home third place.

"It took us a game to get them figured out, but then we put them on a run and scored three (15-10, 15-9, 15-11) and in three (15-10, 15-9, 15-11) and in turn take home third place.

"We've played them (Calvin) three times this season and beat them once. If we play again, the mentally stronger team will win." —Maureen Odland-Dunn Head Volleyball Coach

Volleyball finishes third at tournament

BEN DOWNIE
staff reporter

The women's volleyball team pulled together after an impressive showing at the Midwest Invitational, last weekend, finishing third winning three out of four matches.

The Flying Dutch began their weekend with a three game victory over Wittenberg, Ohio, 15-5, 15-5, 15-9 to average an earlier loss in the season.

"There's a lot of history between us and Wittenberg because they beat us in the NCAA tournament last year," said head coach Maureen Odland-Dunn. "Because of that, we were motivated to beat them. We're playing really well. In fact, I think it was one of our best matches of the season."

The team's next match against Hanover, Ind. proved to be more challenging than they'd expected. While they pulled it off the field, it took them five long games to do so. 15-8, 15-15, 16, 4, 15-13.

"It should have been an easier win than it was," Odland-Dunn said. "But we went in with the mind frame that it was going to be a walk in the park. I was proud that we pulled it off tonight."

In the third match, the Flying Dutch suffered their only loss to a Mount St. Joseph team who went on to become tournament champions.

"We played well in the game we beat them," Odland-Dunn said. "But they're a good team and they do smart things. We would have had to play our best.

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"Our goal is to play well every week," said head football coach Dean Keeps. "It was a slight change from the team's previous objective of reaching the playoffs. Last week's loss to Albion ended that dream.

"It hurts in that sense," said J.D. Graves ('01). "I think it was one of our best seasons."

"We've got to guard against letting them get away from us," added Odland-Dunn. "We played well in the game we played really well. In fact, I think it was one of our best matches of the season."

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Volleyball finishes third at tournament

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The women's volleyball team pulled together after an impressive showing at the Midwest Invitational, last weekend, finishing third winning three out of four matches.

The Flying Dutch began their weekend with a three game victory over Wittenberg, Ohio, 15-5, 15-5, 15-9 to average an earlier loss in the season.

"There's a lot of history between us and Wittenberg because they beat us in the NCAA tournament last year," said head coach Maureen Odland-Dunn. "Because of that, we were motivated to beat them. We're playing really well. In fact, I think it was one of our best matches of the season."

The team's next match against Hanover, Ind. proved to be more challenging than they'd expected. While they pulled it off the field, it took them five long games to do so. 15-8, 15-15, 16, 4, 15-13.

"It should have been an easier win than it was," Odland-Dunn said. "But we went in with the mind frame that it was going to be a walk in the park. I was proud that we pulled it off tonight."

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