70th Nykerk cup competition draws near

Women from the classes of '07 and '08 make their final preparations for the show

Andrea Vandenburgh

For students new to Hope College, there are many traditions here on campus they may not know about. Most students either experienced or witnessed the hard work and dedication that went into the 2004 Pull competition. On Saturday, the 70th Annual Nykerk Cup Competition among Hope women will take place at the Holland Civic Center.

For those who do not know what Nykerk is, it is a competition between the freshmen and sophomore classes. Nykerk molds three frenzied weeks of preparations into a night of performances.

“We are really pumped about our song and motions, and together with our '07 play and creation girls we just really want to go out with a bang for our last year of Nykerk,” said Anna Marshall ('07), a song girl. “My favorite part is when all the jitters and practice ends, the spotlight is turned on, and we finally get the chance to present our final product to our families and friends who have been wondering what we've been working on for so long.”

“We are going to dazzle the audience with our voice, motions and overall performance. And I'm anxious to present the final product” said Heidi Weir ('08), another song girl.

Leading the sophomores this year are Annie Otto ('05) and Emily Llewellyn ('05), and leading the freshmen this year are Suszy Lockwood ('06) and Rachel VandeGeissen ('06).

In Nykerk, it is said that there are no winners. The cup is awarded to a team, but there are never any losers. In the past sixty-nine years, the freshmen have been awarded the cup forty-one times, and the sophomores have been awarded the cup twenty-eight times. The Holland Civic Center is located at 150 W. 8th St.
New international program changes on the way

Students will soon face new study abroad billing policies to even out expenditures

Amanda Zoratti
Senior Staff Reporter

For students with plans to study abroad next year, it may be a bit more difficult than expected to afford trips to study in other countries. Beginning next fall, Hope College will be introducing a new billing policy for off-campus study.

The current billing policy charges students cost of the program for their studies; however, the new policy requires all students to pay Hope College tuition, regardless of what program they are going on. The only exception to this is if the off-campus program’s tuition is higher, the student will be charged the higher tuition.

On the other hand, students will no longer be charged Hope’s room and board cost, but the program room and board fees instead. This is being done to prevent a student studying in Switzerland from paying the same as a student living in the Dominican Republic, where the cost of living is much less.

“We recognize that within the range of room and board costs, there are apples and oranges,” said Neal Sobania, director of International Education. “We want students to be charged appropriately.”

Because of the increased interest in off-campus study, it has become necessary for Hope to review the policy to reduce significant costs to the college.

According to Sobania, the decision was not taken lightly, but it was looked at from the standpoint of the college as a whole.

“Students don’t realize that when they study off-campus, we’re exporting all of their tuition dollars, plus letting them keep their financial aid packages,” Sobania said.

“That’s a very generous policy, but off-campus study is important, so I think it’s the right thing for us to do.”

Additional changes are being made as well. Beginning with spring programs, students who wish to participate in any off-campus event will be reviewed for behavioral and disciplinary difficulties in an effort to deal with alcohol and drug issues or a lack of respect for others, which is anything from disorderly conduct to sexual harassment.

“We’re trying to protect faculty and staff who take students off-campus from being surprised by students with serious behavioral problems,” Sobania said.

“Not only are they with faculty and staff who are probably not trained to deal with these issues, because that is what Student Development is for, but that behavior can also impact the experience of other students.”

This policy is already in place for the study abroad programs, but the new regulations are being put into place to expand this process to all programs.

Each application will have an Eligibility to Participate form attached where the student will indicate their disciplinary history. The sheet holds 3 options: 1) I am not, and have never been, on disciplinary probation; 2) I am currently not on disciplinary probation but have been in the past. Explain; and 3) I am currently on disciplinary probation. Explain.

“Students are still representing Hope College on these trips,” Sobania said. “This gives the faculty and staff the option of leaving the student behind if they have shown action we should worry about, or giving them a behavioral contract if they decide to take them. It’s a one-strike-you’re-out rule, to help keep the trips from getting out of hand.”

The sheet does take into account the severity of the disciplinary violation. A senior who has broken parking laws 3 times since his freshman year, for instance, would not be as seriously considered a student who has been cited for drug use.

“We’re not trying to prevent students from being able to go,” says Sobania. “We’re just trying to show students that it is important to consider the consequences of behaving in a disrespectful fashion and make our trips as safe and enjoyable as possible.”

Two professors bring race relations knowledge to Hope

Series of KKK films examine the racist group’s history in Michigan

Lindsey Manthei
Senior Staff Reporter

What on earth could Hope College have to do with the Ku Klux Klan? Lately, quite a bit.

Two Hope professors have recently finished and screened the first in a series of documentaries about the history of the Ku Klux Klan in Michigan.

David Schock, professor of communications and Fred Johnson, professor of history, have been working for the last three years on putting this massive project together. The two professors have spent countless hours researching, interviewing, and putting together the videos.

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However, the Klan does have unexpected ties to local citizens.

“I was talking to a kid from Grand Haven not long ago and he told me he had a friend who went to a Klan rally and could not believe how many kids from his high school he saw there,” Schock said.

While Schock and Johnson have made every effort to interview current Klan members, they have had trouble getting members to speak with them.

“It’s mostly a history because it’s hard to get people to speak with us about it. I have talked with a couple current and former Klan members. After the first video showed we did get a few calls,” Schock said.

“We’re trying to be objective. Never make the mistake of calling them stupid. They are intelligent and well organized.”

The hour-long first video in the series was shown on Oct. 15, which falling Fall Break, so turnout was minimal. Hope students will have another opportunity to see the video on Nov. 10, with free popcorn and admission.

“If people are interested I hope they’ll come and tell me what they truly think. No video project is ever perfect,” Schock said.
The Internationally Acclaimed Vienna Choir Boys.

Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble create an evening of music

Concert will feature a mix of upbeat Jazz and classical chamber music

Amanda Zoratti
Evelyn Daniel

This Friday, Dimnent Chapel will echo with the music of our Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., this joint concert is a fun way to spend your evening and enjoy the support of your fellow students.

The Wind Symphony is made up of 56 students playing woodwinds, brass, and percussion. This particular concert will also have an organ in one of the pieces. Both the Wind Symphony and the Jazz Ensemble rehearse twice a week, and the individuals put in considerable practice time outside of this.

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The internationally Acclaimed Vienna Choir Boys.

The Vienna Choir Boys have dedicated itself to bringing music, theater, and dance events to the college and Holland community.

The Vienna Choir Boys will perform on Thursday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. Due to the demand, the concert is sold out. Any comments or concerns can be directed to the DeWitt Box Office.

Art Brief

The Knickerbocker Theatre is presenting its Fall Film Series through Saturday, Dec. 4. The series features "The Fog of War," "Father and Son," and "Since Otar Left" and "Valentin.

"The Fog of War" continued through Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. This documentary by filmmaker Errol Morris is a look at Robert McNamara, who served as Secretary of Defense for John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. The film is rated PG-13.

"Father and Son" ran Monday-Saturday, Oct. 18-23, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. This Russian film is a study of a 10-year-old boy who lives with his parents. The film is unrated and is suggested for mature teens.

"Since Otar Left" is showing Friday-Saturday, Nov. 15-20, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. This film is moving study of three women living in Tbilisi, the capital of former Soviet Georgia. Eka, the grandmother, emigrated from France, and lives in a small flat with her daughter and granddaughter. The person who dominates the flat's space, though, is Eka's son Otar, who has left to find work in Paris. The film is in French, Russian and Georgian with English subtitles. This film is unrated.

The series will end with "Valentin," showing Friday-Saturday, Nov. 26-27, and Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. "Valentin" is a coming-of-age story told through the eyes of a 10-year-old boy who lives with his grandmother in 1909 Argentina. He befriends a reclusive neighbor, forms an unlikely friendship with one of his father's ex-girlfriends and sets out to discover the harsh realities about his parents. The film is rated PG-13 and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

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Resonances I," for instance, was chosen to "resound" through the atmosphere of the chapel, adding to the beauty and mystique of the piece, and the "Folk Song Suite" is a classical piece for a Wind band.

"My students rehearse well, play well, and are terrific people to work with," said Ward. "It will be a great concert.

The Symphony plays a wide variety of music, from traditional band literature to more modern compositions.

"I think it is so special to me that many students decide to make such a significant contribution to this College by participating in the Arts," says Ward. "It is so important, and I feel privileged to be a part of that.

The concert is free and open to both students and the community. Doors will open at 7 p.m.
Civility is not contingent upon sexual orientation: Prominent and personal chalkings on Proposal 2

SPOTLIGHT

College. The students chalked pro-homo-weeks. II sparked some grassroots activism and an the stale constitutional amendment proposal that was established in the early nineties to Grove, posted signs and handed out ribbons sexual messages along sidewalks in the Pine recognized National Coming Out Day at Hope Prominent and personal chalkings on Proposal 2 participating organizations.

One of the actions the Hope Coming Out Day organizers undertook was advertising by chalkging of campus walkways throughout the Pine Grove, and most of campus. Displaying messages promoting acceptance of others was a concern regarding sexual orientation, including gay? Fine By Me! The chalking took place Monday night, October 10, the evening before National Coming Out Day. "We must talk to and involve our families and friends. Their voices are some of the strongest in the fight for equality,"Jacques said.

At one day's celebration is marks the 11th anniversary of National Coming Out Day. Its theme was Come Out. Speak Out. Vote. We're Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender. The chalking took place Monday night, October 10, the evening before National Coming Out Day.

On October 11, the chalked messages were almost completely erased. "There was an eidt issued by President Bulter to wipe out the chalking," said Jay Burns (’06), co-president of GLOBE. One day later, the event was one of Hope’s major visitation days. "I honestly didn’t like the fact that (Hope College) wiped out the chalking. But if it happened, I don’t understand why they did it," said Erin Taylor (’07).

Last week on October 27, several departments and student groups opened the floor for discussion concerning Same Sex Marriage. A Civil Debate and Proposal 2: How it Affects You.

The chalking was addressed during the debate as well as a question from the audience related to Proposal 2. Lead by the Depts. Of Political Science, Women’s Studies, and Psychology, as well as GLOBE, the Sexuality Roundtable, and the Women’s Issues Organization, the discussions featured a debate between Focus on the Family sociologist Glenn Stanton and lawyer Evan Wolfson on the pros and cons of legalizing same-sex marriage. Introducing the debate, a liaison from the speakers emphasized that, "Civility is not contingent upon agreements."

Glenn Stanton, in his opening statements by presenting marriage and its’ public perspective through a sociological approach. "Marriage has always existed to serve the family and society...nature demands it and human nature requires it," Stanton said.

He expressed concerns that although some same-sex couples cohabit and do have loving relationships, children would not be able to grow in a natural way. "No culture has raised a generation of children in a same sex family," Stanton said.

Comparing a single parent family by homosexual relationships, Stanton also stated that a healthy family maintains the normative roles of a father and another figure. "Fatherness has hurt children deeply," Stanton said.

He concluded with a summarization of his views of parenting roles. In his experience, "Social science tells us that fathers matter and our hearts tell us that mothers matter," he explained.

Evan Wolfson was then permitted to approach his podium to debate his perspective on Proposal 2. In his opening statement, Wolfson said, "We have an opportunity to mark a statement of commitment and have their marriage honored the way they want to make a commitment," Wolfson said.

He referred to cases concerning marriage that were presented to the Supreme Court in 1987. When marriage was defined in constitutional law, the judge declared that marriage is an opportunity to mark a statement of commitment and receive support for it. Under law, marriage also brings an important spiritual dimension, Wolfson said. It also opens a way to an array of legal, economic, private, and public protections. "These statements were made in the defense of fables," Wolfson said.

Past confrontations on the battleground of defining marriage are the ending of race restrictions, abuses relationships and divorce, a husband’s right to "take what belongs to him" in respect to a wife, and government restrictions on how to marry same-sex couples. "I am concerned about the corruption of marriage...against God’s will...we will develop a race structure," Stanton said.

At the end of the debate, there was a panel discussion about Proposal 2. It were five speakers: Karima Jeffrey, Hope professor of English; Jason Burns (’06), co-president of GLOBE; David Myres, Hope professor of philosophy; Lesia Johnson, co-president of the sexuality roundtable; and Mike Nelson, a Grand Rapids attorney and member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Putting in the hands of the state, "You are going to take healthcare coverage away from kids...it's about discriminat-

ing against people because you are not mar-

ried," Burns said.

Johnson added that becoming aware of all perspectives is imperative. "Keep becoming more knowledgeable about personal responses about this (Proposal 2)," Johnson said.

Nelson continued, interpreting homosexual marriage from a legal perspective. "In Proposal 2, the issue is not whether or not homosexual marriage is allowed. Same sex marriage is already illegal...the proposal will prohibit places from providing domestic partner benefits...on civil union for any purpose," Nelson said.

Although the majority of rights are permanent once obtained through the full faith and credit clause, homosexual civil union rights are not. If the contract is recognized, it should be in other states too...Proposal 2 wouldn’t affect that," Nelson said.

Nelson offered statistics, that according to Charles Patterson of the University of Virginia, three in ten homosexual couples have children and most adopt from foreign countries. Sexual identities of these children have been proven unaffected by a parent’s orientation.

Evan Wolfson, a civil rights attorney, presents his perspective on same sex marriage and the right to marry before all, despite orientation.

Although society is beginning to accept homosexual couples, Burns expressed sentiments that are not being vocalized. "Gay couples" are not seen on campus during National Coming Out Day. Posters and chalk messages in support of homosexuals were taken down, whereas, "Vote for Bush, gays are going to hell...the president did not take them down, they were up all day," Burns said.

He also spoke of the discrimination he and several homosexual students experienced every day on campus. He was told, "You are a gay, you live a filthy and immoral lifestyle."

Air professor John Hansen sympathized responses are not taken into account because your experiences, "We faculty members are still affected by the same silence and same fears," Hansen said.

Hope springs eternal, however, according to Meyers. "Attitudes are changing with dama-

fast speed...twenty years from now the whole culture will have changed unless something turns it around. The states not discriminate against its citizens, it gives cre-

dence for others to do the same," Meyers said.

Jeffrey concluded the open discussion by commenting on her perspective regarding homosexuality and same sex marriage.

"I do think every individual should have provisions to have their loved ones protected. When you forge that relationship with God...he will let you know what you should change in your life...there will be many people in heaven that people in the world would not expect to be there," Jeffrey said.
The man wasn't a threat, and a person can't assume that another's intentions are harmful. He explained that the man could have thought it was socially acceptable behavior to sit and talk with a female student, because he was a known wanderer in the community. He was befriended by college students in the past. Since he wasn't a threat, a posting on KnowHope wasn't needed. But does this situation deserve to be posted in the incident reports? To this question, Frost was unsure.

Stgt. Chad Wolters said that these situations weren't considered threats to the community, but he thought that they should have been posted in the incident reports.

"I don't know why these situations aren't in the incident report. They should be. Typically we only post incidents in which Campus Safety is directly contacted. In those situations, Student Development was contacted first. Student Development had the choice to inform Campus Safety of these incidents if they thought it affected the security of the entire student body." 

So what constitutes a situation that affects the security of the entire student body? Sixty-two percent of Hope's student body is made up of females. Can an assumption be made that these situations could have affected the sense of security for the majority, if not the entire student body?

If so, do these situations deserve to be posted on KnowHope and/or on the incident reports? Or is Hope content with hearing about the abundance of burnt toast in Dykstra Hall?

Campus Security Suggestions from Student Development and Campus Safety

When an incident occurs, telephone Campus Safety immediately. Don't delay in reporting an incident by sending it through email. With the help of CIT, a new anonymous telephone line will be installed at Campus Safety next year, so you will be able to call without worrying about "ratting people out." If something seems suspicious, report it.

It's getting darker. Walk with a buddy at night.

Be sure to close doors behind you. Do not prop them open!

Coming soon to Wichers Auditorium
The Hope College Music Faculty's last performance of the semester will be this Sunday at 3 p.m. Do not miss this performance at Nykerk Hall.
Appreciating the little things

When I was younger, I really liked dirt. One of my favorite places to play was the sandbox, building castles, digging tunnels and searching for clay buried beneath the sand. These days, people still make fun of me for liking dirt so much, but now that I study it, it's easy to forget why I liked it so much in the first place, what made it so much fun. I've forgotten what it's like to get my hands dirty just for the heck of it. I've forgotten what it's like to play.

In my creative writing class last semester, I learned a new way of writing, affectionately known as "the method." For those who don't know what this is, the method is based on not thinking, just writing, a much more difficult skill to master than one may expect. I sometimes try to not think, just being some tree bark, but in going to find it out, I met a really cool old man named Lanny who showed me a tree where a great horned owl lived. He told me that there was another owl a bit farther away, and at night, they would talk to each other. So later that night, I went back and listened to the owls' conversation for a while. It was really peaceful, simple, wonderful, and I was glad to have loved the chance to experience it, an opportunity I would have missed had I not been curious about something in the middle of the road.

I love it when those sorts of things happen because it reminds me that even amidst all the hard stuff, I am still able to feel like a kid again. Playing in the dirt. Making mistakes and getting messy. It's great. When was the last time you acted like a kid?

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Students' Right to know: Real Events happening on YOUR campus

Monday, November 1

Suspicious Situation - Campus Safety was called to Kraker Annex for a loud music complaint; the student advised to turn the music down.

A sink was found to be overflowing in the basement of Lichty Hall.

Thursday, October 28

Suspicious Situation - The custodian at Mass reported a male acting suspiciously in the Mass Center; he appeared to be checking the place out rather than just taking his medication like he said. The subject was located and advised that Hope College was private property and that he should not be in the buildings.

The fire alarm was activated at Depree due to heat in the kiln room, a heat detector was activated and needed to be replaced before the system would reset.

Tuesday, October 26

A window was broken at Lubbers Hall due to a Frisbee; the name of the student is unknown.

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Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m. at Pillar (10th and College)
The Hope Men's soccer team needed overtime to dispatch a pesky Alma team Saturday afternoon. The Flying Dutchmen notched their 12th straight victory in the 102nd minute of play, scoring on a Bryan Johnson goal after an assist from Devin McNeil. Johnson's goal gave him 6 for the season, while McNeil's assist gave him a team-leading 10 for the year.

The game was played in blustery conditions, with wind gusts blowing above 40 miles per hour for most of the game. Dust and debris blew onto the field from the construction of the DeVos Fieldhouse across the street, worsening the winds already brutal effect. The game was tightly contested throughout, with both teams trading scoring chances. It was a costly turnover by Alma that ended up being the difference. Devin McNeil took a pass at midfield and brought it up the right side, finding Johnson who knocked it past the keeper from 18 yards out.

Goalkeeper Kevin Butterfield notched his 10th shutout of the season. The Flying Dutchmen outshot Alma 19-8 on the game.

The win kept Hope's conference record a perfect 12-0 and moved their overall record to 15-3. More importantly, it kept the Flying Dutchmen a game ahead of rival Calvin. Calvin blanked Olivet 4-0 on Saturday, moving to 11-1 in the conference. If both Hope and Calvin win their respective games on Tuesday, the stage will be set for a season-ending showdown between these two bitter rivals with the MIAA conference championship on the line. 

The Flying Dutchmen finish their season with two tough road games. Hope soccer coach Steve Smith knows it will be tough finishing the season on the road, but believes his team can handle the added pressure. "A coach always feels good about his team's chance of winning," remarked Smith. "It's tougher to play on the road, but I think our players will play well on the road this year, perhaps even better than at home. We know it's going to be tough but we are playing hard and hoping for a good outcome."

If Hope can win-out it will mark the first time the Flying Dutchmen have finished conference play undefeated. It would also be the third consecutive conference championship for the Dutchmen, matching the streak set by the 1994-96 teams.