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The norovirus outbreak may have delayed the Nykerk Cup competition, but it couldn’t change the beloved 74-year-old Hope College tradition. Friday night displayed the Nykerk usuals: smiling navy-blue clad song girls, bright colored props and set pieces, boys in tuxes, song girls, bright colored props and set pieces, boys in tuxes, fancy gowns and an overdose of all things sparkly.

On Friday, Nov. 14, students, faculty and community members braved the grous to watch the competition between the freshmen and sophomore women featuring song, play and oration. After three hours of performances, the class of 2012 took the cup, naming Even Year Nykerk champions for the second year in a row.

Originally set for Saturday, Nov. 8, the Nykerk competition was postponed due to the campus shutdown and cancellation of student activities, creating much disappointment and concern for Nykerk participants.

“Noro really had us down when the information first came out that Nykerk was not going to be able to happen as scheduled, but our coaches really encouraged us to see the postponement as an opportunity to have even more Nykerk love,” Heather Gill (’12) said.

“I think about half of the girls in play got sick with the norovirus, and we were all worried about what would happen with Nykerk,” said freshman play participant Molly Vass (’12).

After much discussion and planning, Nykerk was rescheduled almost a week later with a venue change from the Holland Civic Center to Central Wesleyan Church.

“I think it was exciting to try it in a different venue this year,” Vass said. “The layout was different than it would have been at the Civic Center, but we made it all come together.”

Nykerk night began with the freshmen song, “A Spoonful of Sugar” from “Mary Poppins,” and the sophomore song, a medley from the Broadway musical, “Hairspray.”

The orators, Jordan Walters (’12) and Alexa Wesley (’11) see NYKERR, page 2

A complicated history

Thus while controversy has surrounded the issue of homosexuality for the past 30 years and beyond, the question of official group recognition only recently became a campus issue. In the spring of 2001, students on campus formed a second group independent of GLOBE— the gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Rather than focusing on confidentiality support, GSA intended to actively raise campus awareness on issues of sexuality and to promote tolerance and understanding. GSA tried twice to be recognized as an official campus group, in April 2001 and January 2002, and both times the CLB denied the group recognition.

“GSA was definitely a strong advocacy group,” President James Bultman said this past week. “And no, our policy doesn’t allow for groups that advocate homosexual behavior.”

His assertion was questioned by Professor Jason Dickie of the psychology department, who pointed out that “GSA advocated understanding and human respect,” not any type of sexual activity.

The policy Bultman referred to is Hope’s Institutional Statement on homosexuality adopted by the Board of Trustees, which distinguishes between homosexual orientation and practice. A 2002 college press release explains that the statement “reflects the perspective of the Reformed Church in America (RCA)”.

The RCA’s 1978 Theological Commission stated that “homosexual acts are contrary to the will of God for human sexuality.” In 1990 the General Synod added that the RCA “encouraged” love and sensitivity towards such persons.

“The college’s policy, I think, is fairly reasonable,” Bultman said. “It calls for the humane treatment of all students.”

Nevertheless, faced with campus consternation over GSA’s denial in 2001, Bultman formed a Task Force on Issues of Sexuality to evaluate what actions the college should take.

Emily West

Student Dance Concert— Students exhibitions evoke strong crowd support.

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Despite the strong discouragement of the administration, many students fled from campus.

Others stayed on campus. Bethany Gravert ('12) said, "I live on campus, so thought it would be kind of ridiculous to waste gas going home to avoid a possible illness." Gravert felt the emptiness of campus after students took off. "It was very quiet. A lot of movement was done, some studying. Also, many videos were posted to my friends on their Facebook wall," she said.

The Task Force's night was increased as the number of reported cases did. The situation at Hope made the front page of the Grand Rapids Press on Saturday, Nov. 8.

An email to students from Provost Jim Boelkins stated that several tests attempted to calm fears stated that "The college is NOT being quarantined...students are encouraged to stay in their residence hall rooms...students are NOT extending the class calendar or the exam week. " are NOT extending the class calendar or the exam week."

"We believe that since the college lives its life 'in the context of the historic Christian faith' it ought to similarly place the Bible "in a privileged position as the only final authority for the faith and practice of the people of God," and as the primary resource for people seeking to discern their moral responsibilities." Though such GSA's perceived agenda of advocacy was rejected, Hope gave the nod for GLOBE to continue unofficially provide confidential support under student leadership. In addition, the Task Force's Programming Committee created an entirely new group, the "Sexuality Roundtable, A Forum for Gay and Straight Students."

"The naming has often led to confusion: to clarify, the Sexuality Roundtable is often referred to as the Gay Straight Forum [GSF], which is derived from its subtitle—GSF is not a separate entity. Meanwhile GSA no longer functions on Hope's campus."

GSF's unofficial status

The Task Force did a really good job," Bultman said. "The group that was established was widely accepted by the campus, and I think it's worked well."

"However, while GSF was created by the administration's own Programming Committee, it has never been formally recognized by the college governance system. According to CLB meeting minutes regarding the creation of the Sexuality Roundtable, "the goal of the group was to make it possible for the group to have open education discussions and programs without becoming an official student group."

Bultman said, "When the group first came out, because they didn't have official status, they were often denied meeting space and things like that."

It wasn't until a 2004 CLB meeting, two years after GSF's creation, that this was added to the minutes.

"It was recommended that the group have a permanent faculty/staff liaison, funds made available in a set budget, and student representation on the Programming Committee," the minutes stated.

Since that time, GSF has also been regularly granted meeting space, catering for events, and promotional space on KnowHope, but it is still not an official Hope College student group.

This non-status is the source of heated resentment among some students.

"I am just baffled at how Hope cannot 'formally recognize' the Gay Straight Forum on campus," Seth Carlson ('10) said. "While (some) say that we have enough recognition already, it is only half-way there."

"It seems odd that an institution would provide funding, access to rooms and other resources and still say that it does not officially recognize GSF," Dickie said.

"Even though the group has not been recognized as an official student organization by the CLB, it still has considerable support from the college," said Dr. Steven Hoogerwerd of the religion department. "Over the last few years, GSF has sponsored many well-attended speakers, has been effective in providing a forum for conversation and has provided programs that have contributed to increased knowledge and understanding."

But Hoogerwerd said that some see official status as an important symbolic step.

"For now, in my role as its advisor, I encourage the leadership team to pursue GSF's mission with the kind of excellence and character that will make the college proud of its work," Hoogerwerd said.

Student questions policy

Meanwhile, those who continue to press the issue of official recognition often have a view of administrators that is jaded by suspicion. In his Oct. 22 letter to the editor, Carlson worded such suspicions as a direct accusation: "Because certain authorities fear donor withdrawal from college funding, official recognition and allowance of these groups on campus is not tolerated."

"I think I could say that I've never had a donor that has influenced a decision," Bultman responded. "Have donors stepped on campus because they didn't like a decision? Yes. But I've never had one come to me using money as a threat.

''Asked whether he nonetheless keeps donor money in mind during the decision-making process, Bultman said, "I try to make decisions that are in accord with the missions of the college."

Others have pointed out that it is the Campus Life Board who has a final say in determining the status of student groups, and the CLB is composed of different administrators, faculty, and students each year.

Though homosexuality-related student groups may have come a long way from the hostility of 30 years ago, conversations about the matter continue. It remains to be seen whether students will content themselves with the current conditions, or rally for GSF's official recognition.

Nykerk cup showcases students' talents

"The long hours of practice every night, getting up early on Saturday mornings, and even the extra work of practice due to the noro-like virus were all worth it in the end. We did our best, and though it may have been disappointing not to win the cup, that is not at all what Nykerk is about," said sophomore play participant Audrey Griffith ('11).

Freshmen song participant, Allison Corso ('12) said, "There were so many times when my fellow assistant coaches and I would complain about not wanting to go to rehearsal... but getting to touch the cup last night was worth every minute of the past four weeks."
The ‘Change’ Administration

Stated goals

**War in Iraq**
Barack Obama wants to responsibly end the war in Iraq, encourage political accommodation, and increase stability in Iraq and the region.

**Healthcare**
Obama’s plan for healthcare is to make it affordable and accessible to all, lower costs, and promote public health.

**Immigration**
Obama wants to secure our borders, improve our immigration system, and create incentives for illegals to want to naturalize.

**Economy**
Obama wants to provide a tax cut for working families, provide tax relief for small businesses and startups, and fight for fair trade.

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**Transition Co-Chair**
**John Podesta**
Former chief of staff for Bill Clinton, he wrote a book outlining the key priorities that he felt a Democratic president should pursue.

**Senior Advisor**
**Valerie Jarrett**
A close friend of Obama’s, she is the former chair of Chicago’s Transit Board.

**Chief of Staff**
**Rahm Emanuel**
Another close friend of Obama’s, he was the deputy chief of staff for Bill Clinton.

**Legislative Affairs**
**Phil Schiliro**
Will be responsible for pushing legislation through Congress.

**Vice President’s Chief of Staff**
**Ron Klain**
Gained prominence in 2000 for pushing for a recount in Florida, he also held the same position under Al Gore.

**Press Secretary**
**Robert Gibbs**
Press secretary for John Kerry’s presidential bid in 2004, he was communications director for Obama’s campaign.

**White House Counsel**
**Greg Craig**
Head of Clinton’s defense team during the impeachment trial, he will now be the White House’s top lawyer.

**Senior Advisor**
**Peter Orszag**
Served as Obama’s chief of staff in the Senate.

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“In one out of 10 jobs in this country are auto-related. Twenty percent of retail sales are auto-related or automobiles, so this is a national problem.” – Sen. Carl Levin on the need for a package to go toward bailing out some of the $700 billion stimulus

“We don’t want an agreement with America. We don’t want an agreement with Israel. We don’t want an agreement with Iran. We fully and totally reject this security pact.” – Iraqi citizen Rasheed al-Jumali, rejecting the security pact.

“Electorally and financially, the trend in defending the right to an abortion continues with three new states defeating proposals restricting abortion.” – The trend in defending the right to an abortion continues with three new states defeating proposals restricting abortion.

“A French court of appeal has overruled the decision to annul the marriage of two Muslims because the bride had lied about being a virgin. Under French civil code, a marriage can be annulled if a spouse has lied about an “essential quality” of the relationship.”

“We forbid buying of Christmas and New Year’s gifts as well as Christmas and New Year’s presents. We forbid the organising of Christmas and New Year’s receptions.” – Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader on the country’s ban on public (not private) holiday celebrations due to the global financial crisis.

“We don’t want an agreement with America. We don’t want an agreement with Israel. We don’t want an agreement with Iran. We fully and totally reject this security pact.” – Iraqi citizen Rasheed al-Jumali, rejecting the proposed withdrawal of US troops from the streets of Iraqi towns next year, leaving Iraq by the end of 2011.

Doctors and nurses are being attacked daily by armed criminals in the town of al-Saada north of Dohuk in Iraq. The trend in defending the right to an abortion continues with three new states defeating proposals restricting abortion.

“From the fullness of my heart, I personally apologize on behalf of my family and me. These are not the values upon which I was raised or those of my family.” – Rahm Emanuel apologizing to the US-Arab community for his father’s remarks.

“Obviously he'll influence the president to be pro-Israel. Why wouldn’t he? What is he, an Arab? He's not going to be mopping floors at the White House.” – Benjamin Emanuel to a reporter concerning his son, Rahm Emanuel, the newly appointed chief-of-staff for Obama’s administration.

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Students showcase big talent

Fall concert gives dance students a chance to put their praised pieces to show

Anna Pillet

The Student Dance Concert is arguably one of the most popular and highly anticipated dance events among Hope’s general student body. From hip hop to ballet, solos to sextets, the variety of the student-performed works is extensive. With guidance and production help from dance faculty, students are able to create their own works to be showcased in a concert setting.

“Dancers put just as much time and effort into the SDC as other things put into events like The Pull and Nykerk. Many students have friends that are involved in the dance concert whether that’s choreographing, dancing, or technical support,” said Lindsey Ferguson ’09, one of this year’s student performers.

Ferguson is no stranger to the SDC. She has participated in four years at Hope. “Knowing that we are supplied with resources, but we have to produce something that’s going to be showcased in a concert setting,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson has choreographed a solo, “Portraits,” and is part of the Composition II class presenting “Distortia.” The number of students involved as dancers, choreographers or as part of the technical crew multiplies every semester. As participation grows, so do enthusiastic crowds. SDC is trade-marked with unconvivially rowdy audience participation, making this dance concert unlike any other around.

“The pieces you see at the Student Dance Concert are coming from the hearts of the students. We’ve choreographed them, and we’re performing them. It’s next to experience what’s been going on in the creative minds of dance students, not just their friends and the performers,” said Sarah Stinson ’11, student choreographer of “Lo que dejé en Guatemala.”

Roasting 17 student-choreographed works, the SDC takes the stage in the Dow Center on Nov. 18-19 at 8 p.m. Each night will feature different shows. The pieces will be adjudicated by Roberto Rodri- guez, company manager of Ballet de San Juan; Jackie Bartley, adjunct assistant professor from the Hope Eng- lish department; and Katherine Sullivan, assistant professor from the art department. Works selected after the Dow show will advance to an encore perfor- mance at the Knickerbocker Theatre Nov. 24-25 at 8 p.m.

The 1940s Radio Hour’ promises to please

Play employs dancing and old-time sound effects to depict infamous holiday broadcast

Hope College Press Release

Audiences can take a step back to December 1942 when Hope College Theatre presents “The 1940s Radio Hour” by Walton Jones in the DeVitt Center main theatre.

Show times are Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25, at 7 p.m.

The production features a colorful cast of characters working on The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade. There’s the announcer and producer always in search of his harem; the Sinatra-wannabe lead singer who just can’t keep it together; the bubble-headed waitress who speaks with a Grace-A llen vacancy—until she opens her mouth to sing that is, and many more.

“The 1940s Radio Hour” takes us back to the days of radio va- riety shows and radio drama,” said John V. Tammi, who is the production’s director. “The re- markable thing is that it is both a stage show and a radio broadcast, very much like attending Garrison Keeler’s Prairie Home Companion in person. There will be music from the swing era, well-known love songs, comedy routines and radio drama with sound effects.”

Tammi noted that he finds working with students on the production especially rewarding. “Perhaps I’m most happy that this play will give our students a chance to learn about the time when their grandparen- t’s were young and in love, jitterbugging to the big band sound and crooning the songs that are now stan- dards of the American pop- ular songbook,” he said. “The play takes place during the dark days of World War II but is full of American optimism.”

Members of the cast include:

Tom Bird of Baraboo, Wis., as Neal Tilden; Lauren Conley of White Lake as Connie Miller; Andrew Gras of Holland as Stanley; Jared Graybel of Leba- non, Ind., as B.J. Gibson; Nick Hemeren of Skovde, Sweden, as Biff Baker; Ben Hertel of Richmond as Lou Cohn; Scott L. Kosiba of Vicksburg as JohnnyVancote; Lucas Leavenworth of Naper- ville, Ill., as Pops Baily; Evany Potts of Kalama- zoo as Wally Ferguson; Kalyn Ry- vers of Flossmoor, Ill., as Geneva Lee Brown; Brittany Stock of St. Charles, Ill., as Ann Collier; and Candice Tindell of Grayslake, Ill., as Ginger Brooks.

“‘The 1940s Radio Hour’ are $7 for regular ad- mission, $5 for Hope faculty and staff, and $4 for senior citizens, available in the DeVos Fieldhouse. In addition, the DeVitt Center before the curtain rises. Contact the ticket office at (616) 395-7890.

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COMING PERFORMANCES AT Hope COLLEGE

Thursday November 20

English Department Tea
3:30 - 6 p.m., Lubbers Loft
Friday November 21

Flute Recital, Sarah Brown 8 p.m., Wichers Auditorium
Sunday November 23

Faculty Recital at St. Gabriel South, 3 p.m., Dimnent
Monday November 24

Women’s Chamber Choir to Perform
7:30 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

IN BRIEF

WOMEN’S CHAMBER CHOIR TO PERFORM

The Women’s Chamber Choir will perform with Lumi- nescence, 12th Street Harmony and the Collegium Musicum on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

The program will include a setting of E.E. Cummings’ poem, “I Thank You God,” composed by recent visiting composer Gwyneth Walker. Other pieces include a setting of the “Prayer of St. Francis,” a temperance song from the 1600s, and music about birds, democracy, and the stars. And a cappella, “Lantze Zylman” Tenor Have will be accompanying on piano and will be joined by oboes, a clarinet, and a glockenspiel.

The Women’s Chamber Choir is directed by instructor and staff accompanist Jennifer Wolfe. She holds master’s degrees in cho- ral conducting and piano perfor- mance from Michigan State University and the University of Illinois.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is located on the corner of 13th Street and Maple Ave.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the annual Hope College Christmas Vespers will be sold to the public on Saturday, Nov. 22, beginning at 10 a.m. at the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Christmas Vespers will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The tickets will be sold at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse, which is located between Ninth and 11th streets at 222 Fairbanks Ave.

The sale is scheduled to run until noon, but will end earlier if the supply of tickets runs out.

Because the ticket services tradition- ally sell out, persons wishing to purchase tickets for a particular service are encouraged to con- sider arriving early and obtain- ing a place in line.

Tickets will be $7 each, with a limit of four tickets per person. No pre-orders accepted, and tickets not sold at the door.
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Nykerk
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Change for tradition’s sake

Katie Bennett

Co Editor-in-Chief

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2008 Fall Staff Report

Hold your fire and take a closer look

Over the last few weeks, The Anchor has run several pieces about homossexual

ity on Hope's campus. (For an illu-

minating look at the facts behind GSA, GLOBE, and the Hope administra-

relationship with them, see "Gay

About women, and sometimes in that context, and sometimes in the general

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Gotta stay positive

RJ Casey

Columnist

To infinity and well, not too much farther than that

All week I had a good day coming up with something sub-

stantial to write about for this column. “Talk about the virus,” is all my friends were recommending, but I

realized that by the time this column was published, the Noro would be so "yest-

teryday" that it would be a minor concern (contrary to the implantation of those Orwellian orbs all over campuses that are so undeniably "tomorrow". Now I know how Wall-E sanitizes his hands). Just as I was about to give up and let the idea of writer's block row a crevice in my psyche, an idea literally materialized

from the heavens. As I sat down in my room, intense graphics and booming music strained from my small TV. The words "Breaking News" appeared and I was like Pavlov's dog;

waiting, drooling. It turns out NASA has done it again. Crazy distant satellites have taken images of a rocket pettary launch system. These latecomers now bring the total number of orbiters outside the Milky Way to (get this!) 326. I was very much like Pavlov's dog; waiting, drooling. It turns out NASA has done it again. Crazy distant satellites have taken images of a rocket pettary launch system. These latecomers now bring the total number of orbiters outside the Milky Way to (get this!) 326. I was very much


Indifferent karma

Eric Anderson

Columnist

Giving thanks

As the holiday season approaches, I have decided to take the time and look back on the school year so far to find the things for which I am grateful. And so after many long hours of searching I have come to realize that every situation we encounter could produce something to be thankful for, even if it is not immediately obvious to us. However, if you do not see the immediate value of a situation, here are some times in my life where I was

able to sit back, see something I could appreciate, and laugh.

I am thankful for the sun providing us with warmth and the means for life, despite some of the days this year being so bright and beautiful. I am thankful for the extra hour of sleep that daylight savings time provided us. Even though it now gets dark just after I finish lunch, I am sure the extra hour was a great help for those who needed to sleep off hangovers from Halloween parties. I am thankful for the survival of the Salvation Army bell ringers, because I have not been feeling guilty enough on my trips to buy grocer-

ies. I am thankful for the outcome of the recent election, mostly because now we can stop talking about it and move on. I am thankful for Jose Cuervo—not for its alcoholic purposes, but rather because I like using the phrase “Live Notoriously.”

I am thankful for the newfound fear of getting mercury at the ATM. Never have I been more in favor of my spending. I am thankful that our football team got new practice equipment, because if they can get new gear, any team must have a chance! I am thankful that Hope sporting events are so well attended by elderly people, even if they are too quiet they could be watching a play. I am thankful for Parents’ Weekend and the motivation it gives for all the dorm residents to clear the empty beer cans out of their rooms. I am very thankful for the heat in cottages, especially when I go off-campus houses that rely on an abundance of blankets and "friction" for heat. I am thankful for quotation marks and their “ability” to "fill" an ordinary sentence with an extraordinary amount of sexual "innuendo.”

I am thankful for the norovirus. I was able to avoid it, but it was still nice to have my fear of death heightened to unprecedented levels. I am also thankful for the people who suffered through it so everyone else could have a five-day weekend. I realize the experience might have been a bit unpleasant, but I am sure that soon we can all look back and laugh at what some have described as "explosive...
Tribute to parents...

Parents’ Weekend essay winner Rebekah Ostosh ('12),
thanks mom for preparing her for life’s obstacles

Floating warmly next to my mom in her endless sea of covers, I stared at her ceiling and asked her, “Why is your chandelier not in the middle?” I remember this morning, it was early and we had just moved into our new house, my brother’s and my mother’s sky was dark and it was just me and my mom walked away on the shore of a lazy Sunday morning. “Well my dear,” she began, “life isn’t always centered on chandeliers.”

Although I laughed at her for answering my silly question so seriously, I sat there in those moments and began to ponder this, to try and make sense of it. I began to associate my mom with the chandelier, because of the common bond we share. In the end, Pull and Nykerk have been an honor and a privilege. When I see maroon and gold ‘11 Pull shirts around campus I smile because of the pride I have to be a part of that tradition. I now understand that the challenges that I will face here will only make me stronger as a student and as a person. I am eager to have these new experiences and eager to achieve them. Thank you, my wise mother, for preparing me for life’s obstacles and allowing me to find balance and strength deep within myself, and to be able to live and love every day of my life. I am proud to be a part of this group, this year I have come to a new appreciation for the tradition of even and odd year. Pull and Nykerk are two of Hope’s longest and greatest traditions. They bring students together, giving them a chance to be involved in something much larger than just themselves. This year I was blessed to be one of the members of the ’11 Pull team. It was, without a doubt, one of the greatest experiences of my life.

Two weeks after Pull ended, Nykerk began and one of my friends convinced me to try it. I’ll be perfectly honest, I hated the first few days. People were smiling, doing these cute little cheers, and the coaches were jumping up and down in the name of Odd Year spirit. I had a very different image of Odd Year in my mind, and I found it difficult to reconcile the differences between Pull and Nykerk.

Somewhere amidst all the singing and crazy motions, I discovered something important: there was nothing wrong with being happy and getting excited about Odd Year. This isn’t to say that I didn’t ever laugh or smile during Pull, because I did—quite a lot actually, but, Pull and Nykerk are inherently different. When I hear people say “Nykerk is like the musical version of Pull,” I have to smile at their misconception. Granted, both Odd and Even Year teams are coached by the same coach, but Nykerk doesn’t push you to your physical and mental limits. Pull doesn’t require participants to smile non-stop for two hours. Rather, it is the similarities, though few, that make me love both Pull and Nykerk so much.

Each requires unquestioned faith in the coaches. In Pull, the moral is to never take your eyes off the stand, and in Nykerk, we have to trust that even though our motion may seem weird, it looks amazing when the group moves in unison.

There is a sense of teamwork like no other. In Pull, we drilled as a team over and over so that we moved as one unstoppable unit. For Nykerk, we learned our cues and trusted our coaches to do things that seem insignificant individually were just part of the big picture.

Though it is only by my birthday that I am a part of Odd Year, I consider it an honor and a privilege. When I see maroon and gold ‘11 Pull shirts around campus I smile because of the pride I have to be a part of that tradition. I now wear my bright orange ‘11 song shirt and grin when I pass a fellow song girl because of the common bond we share. In the end, Pull and Nykerk have been two of my greatest Hope memories thus far and I am proud to be Odd.

Karen Patterson would give anything for five more minutes on the oars or the chance to be the sun in the sky again, but is so excited for next year...Yeah ‘13!!!

Make it big

Gray Emerson & Andreas VanDender

Phoenician life

As we met each other on Saturday night, realizing we had no one to watch a movie with us and with our respective schedules, terms and policies stated in the Anchor’s advertisement brochure.

Parents’ Weekend Essay Contest winners one parent with the Family Awards: Rebekah’s mother, Lisa Paulan, was unable to officially receive the award due to the Norovirus circulating.

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Odd Year, Even Year. For Hope students, those four simple words bring up many thoughts and memories. I am proud to be a part of the class of 2011. While it’s only by simple luck of my birthday that puts me in this group, this year I have come to a new appreciation for the tradition of even and odd year.

Pull and Nykerk are two of Hope’s longest and greatest traditions. They bring students together, giving them a chance to be involved in something much larger than just themselves. This year I was blessed to be one of the members of the ’11 Pull team. It was, without a doubt, one of the greatest experiences of my life.

Two weeks after Pull ended, Nykerk began and one of my friends convinced me to try it. I’ll be perfectly honest, I hated the first few days. People were smiling, doing these cute little cheers, and the coaches were jumping up and down in the name of Odd Year spirit. I had a very different image of Odd Year in my mind, and I found it difficult to reconcile the differences between Pull and Nykerk.

Somewhere amidst all the singing and crazy motions, I discovered something important: there was nothing wrong with being happy and getting excited about Odd Year. This isn’t to say that I didn’t ever laugh or smile during Pull, because I did—quite a lot actually, but, Pull and Nykerk are inherently different. When I hear people say “Nykerk is like the musical version of Pull,” I have to smile at their misconception. Granted, both Odd and Even Year teams are coached by the same coach, but Nykerk doesn’t push you to your physical and mental limits. Pull doesn’t require participants to smile non-stop for two hours. Rather, it is the similarities, though few, that make me love both Pull and Nykerk so much.

Each requires unquestioned faith in the coaches. In Pull, the moral is to never take your eyes off the stand, and in Nykerk, we have to trust that even though our motion may seem weird, it looks amazing when the group moves in unison.

There is a sense of teamwork like no other. In Pull, we drilled as a team over and over so that we moved as one unstoppable unit. For Nykerk, we learned our cues and trusted our coaches to do things that seem insignificant individually were just part of the big picture.

Though it is only by my birthday that I am a part of Odd Year, I consider it an honor and a privilege. When I see maroon and gold ‘11 Pull shirts around campus I smile because of the pride I have to be a part of that tradition. I now wear my bright orange ‘11 song shirt and grin when I pass a fellow song girl because of the common bond we share. In the end, Pull and Nykerk have been two of my greatest Hope memories thus far and I am proud to be Odd.

Karen Patterson would give anything for five more minutes on the oars or the chance to be the sun in the sky again, but is so excited for next year...Yeah ‘13!!!
**WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Nov. 20, Indiana South Bend, 8 p.m.
Nov. 22, Trinity Christian, Ill., 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28-29, Host Hall Of Fame Tournament
   - Friday: Calvin vs. Aquinas, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Cornerstone, 8 p.m.
   - Saturday: Consolation, 6 p.m.; Championship, 8 p.m.
Dec. 5-6, CCHW/MIAA Classic at Wheaton, Ill.
   - Friday: Hope vs. Carthage, Wisc., 6 p.m.; Calvin vs. Wheaton, Ill., 8 p.m.
   - Saturday: Calvin vs. Carthage, 1 p.m.; Hope vs. Wheaton, 3 p.m.
Dec. 12-13, Host Holland Sentinel Community Tournament
   - Friday: Purdue N. Central, Ind. vs. Marygrove, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Grace Bible, 8 p.m.
   - Saturday: 1 & 3 p.m. Consolation & Championship games; Hope plays at 3 p.m.
Dec. 20, at Aquinas, 2 p.m.
Dec. 29-30, Host Russ Devette Holiday Classic
   - Monday: Madonna vs. Judson, Ill., 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Davenport 8 p.m.
   - Tuesday: 6 & 8 p.m.; Hope plays at 8 p.m.
Jan. 7, *at Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, *Allison, 3 p.m.
Jan. 14, *at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17, *Calvin, 3 p.m.
Jan. 21, *Alma, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, *at Adrian, 3 p.m.
Jan. 28, *Trine, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31, *Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4, *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, *Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11, *at Calvin, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14, *at Alma, 3 p.m.
Feb. 18, *Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21, *at Trine, 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Nov. 21-22, Host Hope Tip-Off Tournament
   - Friday: Alma vs. Defiance, Ohio, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Concordia, Minn., 8 p.m.
   - Saturday: 1 & 3 p.m. - Consolation & Championship games; Hope plays at 3 p.m.
Nov. 25, at Defiance, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3, *at Albion, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6, *Alma, 3 p.m.
Dec. 13, Cornerstone, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 15-16, at RDV Sportsplex Tournament, Orlando, Fla.
   - Monday: Elmhurst, Ill. vs. Hope, 6 p.m.; Carthage, Wisc. vs. Lawrence, Wisc., 8 p.m.
   - Tuesday: Lawrence vs. Elmhurst, 6 p.m.; Hope vs. Carthage, 8 p.m.
Jan. 3, *at Saint Mary’s, 3 p.m.
Jan. 7, *at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, *at Trine, 1 p.m.
Jan. 14, *Calvin, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17, *Olivet, 5 p.m.
Jan. 21, *at Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, *Allison, 3 p.m.
Jan. 28, *at Alma, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31, *at Saint Mary’s, 3 p.m.
Feb. 4, Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, *at Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11, *Trine, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14, *Adrian, 3 p.m.
Feb. 18, *at Olivet, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21, *at Calvin, 2 p.m.

**MEN AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING**

Dec. 5-6, at Wheaton Invitational, 11 a.m. CT
Jan. 10, *Hope at Saint Mary’s, 1 p.m.
Jan. 17, *Host Illinois-Michigan Quad, 1 p.m.
Hope, Kalamazoo, Lake Forest, Wheaton
Jan. 23, *at Grand Valley, 6 p.m.
Jan. 24, *Hope at Calvin, 1 p.m.
Jan. 31, *at Olivet at Hope, 1 p.m.
Feb. 7, *at Hope at Albion, 1 p.m.

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Volleyball defeated in NCAA tourney

James Ralston
Sports Editor

The dominant season for Hope's volleyball team came to an end on Friday when they were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament after losing to Heidelberg College in the first round 2-3. The closely fought match concluded as the women did not qualify, but this year it's more mental than physical. "At this point the preparation was the virus that swept Hope's campus. Athletics were not allowed to practice straight days, with practice resuming a mere two days before the tournament began. "The fact that we didn't play for five days could have been a factor," VandeGuchte said. "But we came in as prepared as possible." The match was very competitive throughout. Heidelberg won the first set. Hope responded with two consecutive set wins and then lost the last two.

"The match was tough, we played well and Heidelberg just played great," VandeGuchte said. "They had a lot of good digs and they are also a good hitting team." The match came down to the last set, where Hope battled a 7-15 defeat. "We got down early in the fifth set," Helminiak said. "When we started to come back it was already too late.

Despite the loss, Helminiak pointed out that just being in the NCAA tournament offered the team the opportunity to play at another level and experience a new atmosphere. "The atmosphere at the tournament is just intense," Helminiak said. "It definitely has a different feel from any other game during the year, it's very hardcore because everyone knows its a win or go home situation." With the season over, the underclassmen can only wait for the year to come. The team graduates two senior starters; outside hitter Nora Slenk and defensive specialist Meghan Winer. Despite this setback, the team is confident in their future. "Nora and Meghan will be missed, they played a big role," Helminiak said. "But we're really looking forward to next year. We have a lot of good returners and hopefully some new people can help add to the team."
Back strong: Despite losing many key players, Flying Dutch aim for the top

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Following a near perfect 2007-08, the Hope College women's basketball team is looking to put together another solid run in pursuit of a national title. Despite graduating players at all positions, the team's roster includes 10 returning letterwinners.

"I think that this is going to be a good year for us," coach Brian Morehouse said. "It's hard to predict this early in the season; a lot depends on the health of the team and how much they improve. They have a lot of talent and are working extremely hard." The team is led by tri-captains Kaitlyn Kopke ('09), Phila Na Greene ('10) and Jenny Cowen ('10). Greene earned all-conference honors as a sophomore and will be key to the team's success as the only returning starter.

Despite not starting last season, six of the ten returners averaged 12 minutes or more per game last season, giving the team depth and experience. New additions to the team include Elise Adams ('11), Heather Kreuze ('11) and Abby Phillips ('11), moving up to the team from last year's jayvee squad. Rounding out the new members are freshmen players forward Jessa Boles, guard Aliie Cerone, and guard Amy Veltkamp.

"The leadership of our seniors is going to be important both as solid players and guiding new players. Since we play a lot of people we've never really been a superstar program where one or two players dominate," Morehouse said.

Looking to this season, Morehouse's team was given a vote of confidence when they were named as the pre-season favorite to win the MIAA Title this year. All coaches but one were unanimous in voting Hope as the favorite. The Flying Dutch posted a 16-6 conference record and 25-4 overall in the 2007-08 season and went undefeated on the season until they were defeated in the quarterfinals by Howard Payne. This season had a slightly shaky start, though. With the outbreak of the virus on Hope's campus, the team was forced to postpone their season-opening game against Mt. Union. As Hope returned to classes on Wednesday, Mt. Union officials informed Hope that they would be unable to travel to the campus the following weekend for the game. The season opener will now be the home Tipoff Tournament this weekend.

"We're a little disappointed because we thought at this point we'd have a game under our belts, but we've been able to catch up on the practices we missed and things have gone back to normal," Morehouse said.

Already this season looks to be a strong one for the Flying Dutch. A solid base of returning players has given them confidence in conference, but only time will show if their full potential can be realized. Coach Morehouse knows his team is ready though.

"I like the fact that we're not set in stone as a team," Morehouse said. "There's going to be some solid competition for the playing time. This is a different team from last year and that's a good thing for us. It will push us all to explore our strengths, ultimately making us a better team."