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Even year wins Nykerk

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, faculty and community members braved the germs 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.

“I was 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 Westley (’11)

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Gay Straight Forum lacks official recognition

Karlie Luidens

Production Assistant

“Due to a general lack of understanding and acceptance, attending Hope can be an extremely painful experience for homosexuals,” an anonymous writer said. “Perhaps only another homosexual can fully comprehend the occasional feelings of loneliness and anguish that come from not being a member of Hope’s heterosexual majorities.”

Printed in 1978, the short Anchor article from which these quotes are drawn introduced Hope College’s first student organization addressing issues of homosexuality, the group that would eventually be known as Gay Lesbian or Bisexual Equality (GLBE).

The organization formed as a confidential support group, offering students a safe place to meet and talk each week about the uncertainties and struggles of being homosexual on Hope’s campus. From the start, the group maintained a working relationship with faculty members, but it never sought the support of the campus governance system via the Campus Life Board (CLB).

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 central 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 confidential 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 Jane 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 relatively reasonable,” Bultman said. “It calls for the humane treatment of all students.”

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

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Noro-like virus causes campus shut-down

Emily West

CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Shortly before 1 p.m. on Nov. 7 state mandate temporarily closed Hope College because at that point 140 students had reported symptoms of nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, common attributes of the Norovirus.

In cooperation with administrators and in compliance with Michigan Public Health Code, the Ottawa County issued an emergency order to control an epidemic through 8 a.m. on Tuesday. The order prohibited the gathering of people on campus including classes, athletic events and other gatherings.

Students immediately took preventative measures. Josi Niemann (’11) said that in the community bathrooms of Gilmore Hall “some of the girls had put up two sick signs and three healthy signs on the bathroom stalls not wanting to spread germs.”

“I just made sure to get enough sleep, washed my hands plenty and ate healthfully,” Niemann said.

On Sunday, college officials and the Ottawa County Health Department extended the cancellation of college activities until Wednesday at 6 a.m. after the number of reported sick faculty and students grew to 400.

A Facebook group, “Hope College: The Great Plague of 2008,” invited all Hope students saying, “Join this group, invite your friends, and let’s find out just how many are actually affected by the Norovirus epidemic plaguing our beloved school.” The group has over 1,300 members and includes pictures, videos and discussion posts.

Katie Opatik-Duff (’12), creator of the group, said “I created the facebook group Thursday night... mostly because I was really curious and how many people were actually sick. I didn’t think the numbers we were hearing were accurate.”

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STUDENT PROVIDES COMIC RELIEF—Freshman Tim Nagi wears his homemade virus suit.
Despite the strong disapproval and warnings, many students flocked from campus.

Others stayed on campus. Bethany Gravert (’12) said, “I live about a five minute walk away, so I thought it would be kind of ridiculous to waste gas going home to avoid a possible virus.”

Gravert felt the emptiness of campus after students took off. “[It was] very quiet. A lot of more things were done, some studying. Also, many videos were posted to my friends on their Facebook wall,” she said. The total school population 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 Dr. Seth Carlson attempted to calm fears stated that “the College is NOT being quarantined...students are encouraged to ENJOY the activities and classes.” This quote appeared on T-shirts sold by Kollen Hall this past week.

Timothy Nagi (’12) took another approach to calm the student body and built a protective suit. “I was feeling kind of bored on Thursday night and everyone was freaking out about the virus already by that time. I decided that since we needed to provide some comic relief since everyone was all worried, he said.”

Nagi used a black garbage bag, duct tape, a plastic cup and a sock to construct the suit. He said, “I did stay healthy during the whole outbreak. This is probably due more to the fact that I washed my hands very frequently and only touched things with something covering my hands than the suit, since I only wore it for about an hour or two, and it provided no protection to the arms.”

Before the reopening of the campus, custodial staff cleaned all areas to meet the standards of the Center for Disease Control. According to the Grand Rapids Press, 40 hand sanitizer dispensers were overhauled from California, and students were provided with a special cleaner (TB-CIDE QUAT). Students were given the responsibility to clean their personal spaces and practice good hygiene. The Health Center sent out an email stating “All Hope students are from this day forward-department as hand washing police officers.” According to Dr. Steven Bultman, I feel safe now. I think when we got back it felt a little weird, but now I feel like campus is pretty much back to normal.”

Provost Jim Bokoblins contradicted rumors that the college was extending the first semester. “Contrary to rumors circulating the campus, we are NOT extending the class calendar or the exam week.”

The 12-member Task Force’s findings were presented in the spring of 2003 in a three-part report with recommendations. “Central among its conclusions, said the college press release, “is the conviction 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.”

Thus while GSAs (perceived) agenda of advocacy was rejected, Hope gave the nod for GLOBE to continue officially, non-statutorily, publicly support student leadership. In addition, Task Force on 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.”

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 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 Hoogerwerf of the religion department.

The task of GSFS was 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 never had a donor that has influenced a decision,” Bultman responded. “Have donating anything, but because they didn’t like a decision? Yes. But I’ve never had one come to use 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.

While 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

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performed speeches of their own interpretation of this year’s theme, “Reaching Beyond.” Walters spoke of the importance of community while Westley spoke of paying attention to inner beauty.

Each class also performed student written and directed plays and the Task Force on Conduct, a collective of teachers, put on a series of sets, dramatic movements and spontaneous dance parties. The freshmen play, “Little Rascals,” put a Hope spin on the popular film, in which members of the Dutch-man Calvin Haters Club had to find a mythical treasure in order to stop Calvin College from taking over Hope. The sophomore play, “The Office: From Scranton to Holland,” parodied the popular NBC sitcom in which the characters of “The Office” (located in Holland instead of Scranton) tried to solve the mystery of how to put the Calvin seal on all of their paper.

Nykerk night allowed the participants to showcase their talents and the efforts of four weeks of hard work and preparation. “It’s impossible to describe the hours of work we threw into perfecting our song. Each day we would spend our time getting each note right, each word enunciated,” said each member on the cup, said Bethany Vander Laan (’11).
The ‘Change’ Administration

Stated goals

**War in Iraq**
President-elect 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 health care 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.

**Energy and Environment**
Obama’s energy plan includes providing short-term relief to American families, creating millions of new green jobs, and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

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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.

**Senior Advisor**
**David Axelrod**
Obama’s chief strategist in both his senate and presidential runs.

**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.

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

**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**
**Pete Rouse**
Served as Obama’s chief of staff in the Senate.

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

**Graphics by Gina Holder**
This Week in News

“Obviously he’ll influence the president to 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.

“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.

“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 bailout of the auto companies.

A French court of appeal has ruled 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 organising of Christmas and New Year’s receptions.”
– Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader on the country’s ban of 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 on the proposed withdrawal of US troops from the streets of Iraqi towns next year, leaving Iraq by the end of 2011.

“The risk of Japan posting a third or fourth straight quarterly contraction is growing, given the fact that we can no longer rely on exports.”
– Takeshi Minami, chief economist at Norinchukin Research Institute on Japan’s first recession since 2001 after shrinking by 0.1% in the third quarter. The world’s second-largest economy had previously shrunk by 0.9% from April to June.

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Data courtesy of the Initiative and Referendum Institute.
Students showcase big talent

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

Anna Pilott
Guest Writer

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 shows to be showcased in a concert setting.

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

Ferguson is no stranger to the SDC. She has participated in many of the concerts throughout her four years at Hope.

“Knowing that we are supported by our peers is crucial and justifies the countless hours, energy and injuries that go into putting on a show. We aren’t choreographing for ourselves. We choreograph for others to witness what we took from our imagination and is now physically alive and present,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson has choreographed a solo, “Portraits,” and is part of the Composition II class presenting “Distortion.” 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 trademarked with unconventionally 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 dancers or faculty members,” 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 En-glish department; and Kath-erine Sullivan, assistant professor from the art department. Works selected after the Dow show will advance to an encore performance at the Knickerbocker Theatre Nov. 24-25 at 8 p.m.

The Student Dance Concert are comprised of dance faculty, staff, and students from around the university. Works include a setting of the “Prayer of St. Francis,” a temperament songbook, “he said. Other pieces include a setting of the “Prairie Home Companion” score, working with students on the production especially rewarding.

“This play will give our students a chance to learn about the time when their grandparents were young and in love,” John K.V. Tammi, Production Director.

Photograph courtesy of Public Relations

COMING THIS WEEK IN ART

Thursday Nov. 20
English Department Tea
3:30 - 6 p.m., Lubeck’s Loft

Friday Nov. 21
Flute Recital, Sarah Brown
8 p.m., Wichers Auditorium

Sunday Nov. 23
Faculty Recital
H. Gabe Southard, 3 p.m., Dimnent

Women’s Chamber Chor 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-nence, 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 selection 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 temperament songbook, and music about birds, bats, and the stars. Letanne Zylman-TenHave 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 performance from Michigan State University and the University of Illinois.

The DeVos Fieldhouse is located on the corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue.

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 tickets are sold 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.
Special thanks to Public Relations for providing two photos.

Graphic by Gina Holder.

Nykerk
Hold your fire and take a closer look

Over the last few weeks, The Anchor has run several pieces about homosexuality on Hope's campus. (For an illuminating look at the facts behind GSF, GLOBE, and the Hope administration’s relationship with them, see “Gay Straight Forum lacks official recognition” by Karina Bohlen on page B3.) But the great debate over homosexuality extends beyond Hope College. It runs through our election coverage as well as through our religious discussions. This year’s election saw the highly publicized passing of Proposition 8 in California, which amended the state constitution to exclude same-sex unions from the definition of marriage. The Episcopal Church is now divided over its ordaining of openly gay bishops in 2003. Closer to home, the Reformed Church of America opened a Homosexuality Dialogue in 2005 which meets to spark “honest and intentional denomination-wide dialogue on homosexuality.” One theme is consistent even among conservative Christian denominations: the need for discussion over this issue is real and complex.

Many of the disagreements over homosexuality within Christianity boil down to a fundamental difference in opinion over whether homosexuality is or is not a sin. Biblically speaking, there are a total of seven passages in the Bible that are thought to reference homosexuality in some capacity. Leviticus lists male sexual relations as an “abomination.” Some Christians view homosexuality as a sin. Levi- civit et al. view male sexual relations to be an “unnatural offense.” However, very few modern Christians follow all of what Leviticus prescribes for the righteous. The di- namic laws, for example, certainly pro- hibit our Saturday morning serving of bacon, yet we consider this antiquated. Paul seems to condemn homosexuality in both 1 Corinthians and Timothy, but scholars disagree on whether he was re- ferring to consensual adult relationships much like Romans 1 (and possibly in other texts, etc. The Greek word he uses, “ar- sikoikos,” has no clear translation and there is no Greek word for “homosexual” in the sense we use it. Many believe Paul’s reference to homosexuality in Romans is used as an example of mankind’s general fallleness, like pain in childbirth, rather than a condemnation of specific actions.

While many of us have already drawn our own conclusions from these texts, it is important to acknowledge that there is no easy answer, regardless of our ideology. I am sick of the hasty, “The Bible doesn’t apply to our times, so homosexuality is fine.” The Bible carries meaning for hundreds of thou- sands of modern day people. Certainly it is timeless to some extent. I am sick of the thoughtless, “God didn’t make us to be gay.” Supposedly, then, God didn’t make us to be infertile either; and yet many couples are. No one is the perfect prototype for all mankind.

If there was ever a time for thought- fulness and consideration, this is it. Let the intellectually dead name calling per- vade the discussion on the national stage. As members of the Hope community, we can do better than this. We can sim- ply write off the opinions of those who disagree with us. This issue calls for re- spect for both sides and a commitment to truly hear each other’s perspectives.

Katie wonders when it suddenly be- came winter. She is busting out the mittens and baking more cookies. 

I am thankful for the sun providing us with warmth and the means for life, despite some of the days this year being too bright. 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 rings, 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 “Literally Noteworthy.”

I am thankful for my newfound fear of getting mugged going to the ATM. Never have I been so keen on being ra- gular with my spending. I am thankful that our foot- ball 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 att- ended by elderly people, even if they are so quiet they could be watching an opera. 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 farther than that
Make it big

Gray Emerson & Andreas VanDenend
Columnists

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 friends moving away, we began to ponder how we could get more friends. Both being fans of Ancient Phoenician culture (as well as their alphabet) we decide to base a social organization on the elements of homosexuality, separatist tendencies, and bourgeois principles. What would this group do, you may ask?

Obviously exclusive parties, expensive galas, and serous bonding with other members of the Phoenician group – well with Phoenician life, it is easier No, we don't know what it means either, but we sure do think it'll look great on a sweatshirt! Speaking of sweatshirts, we want people to know who we are and let's face it, we need pullies! No, we don't know how terribly "off-center" life can be, but at the same time, we are able to accept towards academics or being emotion-ally strong for my family.

Upon transitioning here at Hope College, we can interact socially with each other, and experience and be able to live each day knowing that I am a strong woman and can handle life's obstacles no matter how "off centered" they are.

I know to expect everything other than perfection, and am able to live each day knowing I am a strong woman and can handle life's obstacles no matter how "off centered" they are.

The Parents' Weekend Essay Contest awards one parent with the Family Anchor's award. Rebekah's mother, Lisa Paulin, was unable to officially receive the award due to the Norovirus closing.

The Parents' Weekend Essay

Contests were available for $40. The Anchor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertising.

Lettor Guidelines: The Anchor welcomes all letters, the staff reserves the right to edit due to space constraints, personal editorial biases, and the desire to avoid errors, libel, and typos. However, if any mistake occurs, the newspaper may cancel its charges for the portion of the ad if, in the publisher's reasonable judgment, the ad has been rendered undesirable by the mistake.

Advertising Deadlines: All ad and classified requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, prior to Wednesday distribution.

Contact Information: To submit an ad or a classified, to receive a brochure or other information, contact our Ad Representative at anchorage@hope.edu.

To contact the office, call our office at (616) 395-7877.

From the inside out

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 the 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 larg-er 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 some-thing important: there was nothing wrong with being happy and getting ex- cited about Odd Year. This isn't to say that I didn't ever laugh or smile during Pull; 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 upperclassmen, 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 mentor is told not to take their 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 the same thing every time. We love when the coaches give us a different color theme—men are usually blue, women are red. We need to about building brother-ship by creating individuality through group activity.

Now brotherhood and eternal friendship do not come without a price. You don't think fancy weekends at hotels pay for themselves do you? Of course they don't, but you do! For a reasonable monthly fee, you can have life-long friends do your laundry, and as a per- son, I am eager to have these new experiences and eager to achieve them. Thanks to my wise mother, my mom has taught me to find balance and the importance of putting family first.

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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, CCH/MAIA 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, * Albion, 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, *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, * at Calvin, 7:30 p.m.
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Jan. 31, * Saint Mary’s, 3 p.m.
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Feb. 7, * at Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11, * at 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, * at 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, * at Calvin, 1 p.m.
Jan. 31, *Olivet vs. Hope, 1 p.m.
Feb. 7, * 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 what had been a highly successful year for the Dutch, who won the MIAA regular season and finished the regular season ranked 22nd in the nation.

Hope had the opportunity to face Heidelberg earlier in the season where they lost 2-3 as well. The team worked hard before the re-match in an attempt to change the previous outcome.

One difficult factor in the team’s preparation was the virus that swept Hope’s campus. Athletics were not allowed to practice for most of the 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,” Kara 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 to a 2-15 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 given a spot 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 it’s 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.”

FIRST TEAM— Courtney Kook (’11) was one of four women’s soccer players to be honored with All-MIAA status.

Hope athletes take top MIAA honors

15 Hope athletes were named to All-MIAA first or second team from Hope’s soccer and volleyball teams.

Senior Seth Weener leads runners

Karen Patterson
Assistant Sports Editor

The Hope College cross country teams finished out a successful season over the weekend at the Great Lakes Regional Qualifier in Westerville, OH. The men’s team took 10th place in a field of 34 while the women captured 9th. For nationals, Seth Weener (’08) took 10th place in a field of 34 competitors, missing All-Region honors by one place.

Coming in after her were Karlyn Sikma (’12) finishing 50th, Kelly Luftin (’12) taking 64th, followed by Susan Savasky at 68th, and Claire Bird rounded out the top five in 77th.

Similar to the men, the women did not finish quite as high as they were hoping, but overall the team was happy with their finish. “I don’t think the times were reflective of how good we were, but the conditions were pretty bad. The top three of us were able to run together for a while, so that was cool. Overall, I think we met our expectations.”

Though neither team was able to capture a conference title this season, overall Hope’s cross country teams had successful years with young runners on both sides showing promise and older runners stepping up to lead the team.

In brief

HOCKEY

Hope’s Hockey team has had a successful first month of the season, posting a 3-10 record. Over the weekend the team fell to the University of Cincinnati 3-2 with the game ending in a shootout. In the few weeks before Christmas, the team will play three games including rival Calvin at the Jolly Roger Ice Arena in Grand Rapids.

SWIMMING

Both of Hope’s swim teams continued to dominate their opponents over the weekend. Friday afternoon the men out-swam Kalamazoo, finishing with 191 points ahead of Hornet’s 141. Saturday they finished ahead of Carthage 205 points to 109. On the women’s side, the Flying Dutch powered ahead of Kalamazoo 257-94. Saturday they defeated Carthage 196-147. The team will next travel to Illinois for the Wheaton Invitational.

MEN’S SOCCER

The Dutchmen finished up the season with a 1-1 tie against Alma College on Nov. 14. The game was inclusive as neither team could score through two overtimes. The tie marked the end of their 14-2-4 regular season (10-2-1 MIAA). Despite their strong season, Hope came in second to Calvin in the MIAA and did not receive a bid into the NCAA Tournament.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team was eliminated from the MIAA tournament, losing to Alma College in the semi-finals on Nov. 4. The game concluded when Alma hit a goal in the final seconds of the second overtime to win 1-0. Hope finished the season with a 13-6 overall record and did not receive a bid into the NCAA Tournament.

This Week in Sports

Friday
Nov. 21

Women’s Basketball
Tipoff Tournament vs. Concordia, MN. at 8 p.m.

Friday
Dec. 5

Men’s Basketball
Hall of Fame Tournament vs. Cornerstone at 8 p.m.

Football

The Flying Dutchmen captured their second win over the weekend. The victory came against Kalamazoo in the Wooden Shoes Rivalry game. The team has not lost a game to the Hornets since 1995. The Flying Dutchmen are now 2-3 in the MIAA and 2-7 overall. Their final game of the season at Alma this weekend at Bays Fields.

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Men’s Basketball
Hall of Fame Tournament vs. Cornerstone at 8 p.m.

This is the seventh time in the last eight years that the Flying Dutchmen have had a top ten finish. However, it wasn’t quite the finish the team was hoping for. “I think we ran solid considering the conditions,” Weener said. “Overall, though, I don’t think we quite did what we were looking for.”

While the season is now over for the team, Weener will run this weekend in Hanover, IN. This is his second trip to Nationals; his first came in 2006 when he was one of two runners to qualify. Looking to the weekend, he was optimistic.

“At this point the preparation is more mental than physical. Two years ago I was surprised to qualify, but this year it’s something I’ve been gearing for all season.”

Rounding out Hope’s top five on the men’s side were Rob Bailey (’09) in 48th, Paul VanderVeld (’09) taking 59th, Matt Wiersum (’10) coming in 69th, and Ryan Jara (’10) finishing in 93rd.

The women ran a tough race as well, managing to capture their first top ten finish in four years. Leading the team was Kate Nelson (’12) in 36th out of 233 competitors, missing All-Region honors by one place.
The coach behind the dynasty

Chris Lewis

Hope College head women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse will be entering his 13th season at Hope this year. Since his first season as head coach in 1996, Morehouse's career at Hope has been quite noteworthy. As head coach, Morehouse has a .537 winning percentage, with 288 career wins against only 56 losses.

Under Morehouse, the Flying Dutch have won 20 or won games for ten consecutive seasons, won seven Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) titles, and played in eight NCAA tournaments. Last season, the Flying Dutch finished with an overall record of 30-4 and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III Tournament before losing to National Champions Wheaton College.

However, perhaps the most significant accomplishment of Morehouse's career thus far occurred during the 2005-06 season, as the women's basketball team finished with an overall record of 33-1 on their way to the NCAA Division III National Championship.

"Most people would point toward the national championship (as the greatest achievement of my coaching career so far). I'd like to think that year was the result of 10 years of our program growing instead of a single achievement. It's been a process over time," Morehouse said.

Morehouse has enjoyed several aspects of his head coaching position since he first began the job in 1996. "I love that I have great relationships with my players. We are fortunate to attract good student athletes to a great school. It's also good to win, but that's a result of attracting good student athletes to a great school."

As a 1991 Hope graduate, Morehouse coached with the Hope men's program from 1987 through 1995 before men's head coach Glenn Van Wieren told him about an opening for the women's head coaching position. During the past 20 years, Morehouse has learned some valuable life lessons while coaching. "I needed to be honest (and) trust my gut instinct. Leading isn't easy. It's not a popularity contest. Student athletes also appreciate discipline," Morehouse said.

Morehouse is looking forward to leading a younger team this season. "I'm really anxious to take a younger team and help it mature. I really like practice and I enjoy watching a team get better and better every day," Morehouse said. "The games are just a chance to showcase what we do in practice."

Morehouse admits that while his team has many positive aspects this season, there is also room for improvement. "(Some) positives (of the team are that it is) athletic, skilled, and fun group to be around. (However, the team is) young and still learning a lot. We need to rebond the ball better (as well)," Morehouse said.

In the meantime, Morehouse, as usual, is focused on attaining certain goals this season, including playing in the Final Four, which will be his 10th. "We need to improve every day (and) win the league, win the MIAA tournament, (and) go as far as we can in the NCAA. Ideally we'd like to play at the national championship (as the greatest achievement of my coaching career so far)."

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 Allie 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.

"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.

"I'd like to think that the fact we're not set in stone as a team," Morehouse said. "There's going to be some solid competition for 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."