Bultman announces sexuality task force

Task Force will help deal with issues of sexuality on campus

Courtney Klein
Campus Beat Editor

Recently in his Presidential Update, Jim Bultman, Hope College President announced that he has organized a Task Force to help Hope's community deal with issues of sexuality.

"As you know, our society, churches, and college campuses struggle with issues of sexuality. Hope College is no exception. In light of related campus events of the last several years, I have formed a task force of college personnel representing the academic, student development, chaplain, and counseling areas of the college," Bultman said in his update.

Bultman has asked that the Task Force, headed by Professor of Communications James Herrick, to report their findings to him by March 1, 2002.

"The idea of the Task Force originally surfaced during the spring semester of 2001. As for the time between now and March when we make our report, I don't see it as a delay. Five months is not a lot of time when you have such a large task before you. We want to be thorough and thoughtful in approaching our charge," Herrick said.

Herrick believes that he was asked to serve on the committee based on two factors: his experience leading other groups on and off campus, and his interest in the issues the task force would be addressing.

More TASK FORCE on 3

Nykerk event ends in '04 win on Saturday

Erica Heeg
Features Editor

The 67th Annual Nykerk Cup Competition ended in victory for the Class of 2004 on Saturday, November 3, at the Holland Civic Center. Both teams presented a song, oration and play for a panel of nine judges. The competition culminated a month of hard work for both even and odd years. This year more than 325 freshman and sophomore were part in the tradition.

Senior publicity chair for the 2001 Nykerk Executive Committee Marta Liang ('02) was very pleased with the evening.

"The Nykerk spirit and excitement are in the air," Liang ('02) said.

2005 Song, which consisted of 113 freshman girls, presented the song "My Guy," "The Genuine Treatment" was the title of freshman Gretchen Schmidt's 2005 Oration. And the 2005 Play, "The Genuine Treatment" was presented by a cast of fourteen freshman girls.

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The Class of 2004 got the taste of victory that they were not able to attain last year, when odd year was victorious. 2004 Play Mortar SETH Devries is savors his first Nykerk victory.

"I feel pretty good. This is the second year I've done Nykerk and winning this year was incredible. It was like redeeming ourselves," DeVries ('04) said.

Even year orator Meredith De Avila ('04) was also feeling fantastic.

"I got up on stage, and I nailed every motion and every word. It was there, and I was at ease. It was a lot of work but it was totally worth it," De Avila ('04) said.

2004 Song girl Tiffany Zylstra echoed De Avila's and Devries' excitement.

"Oh my gosh. It is incredible. I am so completely astounded and so relieved," Zylstra said.

Excitement was not just reserved for the winners of the competition though. For some 2005 Nykerk participants, losing does not matter. 2005 Song girl Melissa Gifford's was still ecstatic about the night's performances.

"I feel good. It was still fun to lose, and I'm definitely going to do it again next year," Gifford ('05) said.

The 2001 Nykerk program notes that, "Nykerk is not inherently about competition, but about friendships and showcasing talents." This was made apparent by both the '04 and '05 teams as they "met in the middle" after the winner was announced and then parted together afterward at the Klitz. For Liang, who has taken part in the tradition for four years, Nykerk has been a big part of her Hope College experience.

"All four years have been fabulous. It gets better and better every year," Liang said.

Greek organize risk management policy

Risk policy requires Greeks to take responsibility for their own actions

James Pierce
Campus Beat Editor

The Greek system at Hope is getting a facelift.

Last week the Panhellenic Board and Interfraternity Council resolved to officially recognize the risk management policy that was written two years ago, which entails a shift in the accountability of Hope's fraternity and sorority members and sororities from the administration to the Greek organizations themselves.

Under this new system, each fraternity and sorority will establish a standards board to handle minor internal problems that students may have within their sororities or fraternities.

The new changes are about "...upholding the values that our groups were founded on," said Jim Fisher ('02), Panhellenic Board President and member of the Sibylline sorority. The Panhellenic Board and the Interfraternity Council have set up a new standards board and have established a set of sanctions for violations.

"It's not just a punishment, it's a way to show that we're taking our own responsibility and being proactive," said Fisher.

"It is the responsibility of the Panhellenic Board to see that a new system is put in place to help students handle internal problems."
This week’s lecture on November 8th focuses on vegetarianism and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.

Becca Haynes
Staff Reporter

This week’s attendance of the Distinguished Lecture Series in Sports Medicine will provide information regarding vegetarianism and the athlete, in conjunction with healthier eating habits.

On Thursday, November 8th, the Lecture Series will present Debra Vinci, who is assistant professor in the department of health, leisure, and exercise science at Appalachian State University. Vinci also holds a doctorate in health education from Loma Linda University. Vinci has had a number of experiences in health education and nutrition in the Pacific Northwest. She has published or made more than forty presentations on subjects related to athletic nutrition.

Her lecture titled, “The Vegetarian Athlete,” is about the various types of vegetarianism and the importance of planning to insure a balanced vegetarian diet.

“We chose this topic because it is one that is current. More athletes are choosing to lead a vegetarian lifestyle, but it is one that presents challenges at a physical high performance level,” series coordinator Richard Ray said.

Vinci will examine the importance of following a diet that is high in carbohydrates, provides adequate protein to meet the increased needs of athletes and is low in fat. The Distinguished Lecture Series in Sports Medicine, now in its fifth year, is aimed towards students, educators, clinicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists, and physicians, features those in the professions of nursing, athletic training, and physical therapy.

“We wanted to make sure our staff was exposed to the best minds in the various disciplines that comprise Sports Medicine. We also thought the [series] would allow us to provide access to an excellent source of continuing education in the West Michigan area,” Ray said.

Ray is in charge of deciding on speakers and topics. He receives input from co-sponsors Holland Community Hospital, Hope College, and Grand Rapids Sports Center.

“I try to ask myself, what are the big questions in sports medicine? What topics are being talked about and written about?” Ray said.

The lectures usually draw fifty to two hundred attendees.

“We try to address the broadest segment of people interested in sports medicine: examining topics in psychology, nutrition, asthma; there’s a broad range of topics. This lecture may be interesting to athletes, vegetarian students, pre-med students, and other people from the Holland community,” Ray said.

“I hope that as many [individuals] as possible will take advantage of this opportunity. One of the benefits of attending Hope College is the variety of enrichment activities that are available. I’m very grateful to the professors who have advertised.”

“The Vegetarian Athlete” will be presented in the Maas Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free.

Grant helps students enhance literacy skills

Anne Pott (102) donates blood during the Blood Drive held from 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday. The American Red Cross is hoping the turnout will be as good as it was after the September 11th attacks.

Holland/Zeeland campaign raises money for Hope Fund

“Vegetarianism and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle”

The annual International Food Fair at Hope College will take place on Saturday, November 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. In the Maas Center Auditorium. Tickets for the dishes being served will be available at the door. Tickets are $5.00 each, with most dishes costing three to four tickets. A book of recipes will also be available for $3.

The international students at Hope have sponsored the event every year for more than twenty-five years. The International Food Fair is a celebration of the many cuisines and cultures represented at Hope. Nations represented will include Argentina, England, France, India, Japan, Romania, Sri Lanka, and Tajikistan.

In addition to the cuisine, the food fair will feature educational displays concerning the cultures participating; some of the students will wear traditional attire.

The event will continue until 8 p.m.

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The food fair will continue to be held on the following dates:

Saturday, November 10
Sunday, November 11
Monday, November 12
Mortar board carves pumpkins with CASA

Matt Cook
Entertainment Editor

Many children from the Holland community got to carve a pumpkin for the first time last week. Mortar Board teamed up with Children’s After School Achievement (CASA) for a Halloween pumpkin carving event on Monday the 26th and Wednesday the 28th. The members of Mortar Board came up with the idea after brainstorming a number of things they could do to help the community.

“It was a good idea and we just took off and ran with it,” said Liz Schofield (’02), the Mortar Board member responsible for organizing the event. CASA’s accessibility played a role in the decision. “It’s a good cause right here on campus,” Schofield said. “We thought of kids who would be interested and we thought of CASA.”

Mortar Board set up and cleaned up the event and they also provided the pumpkins.

“It was a great time for all of us and a chance for two great Hope organizations to work together,” said Jim Hull (’02), president of Mortar Board.

Hull said that this was the first time many of the children ever carved a pumpkin. Schofield doesn’t know if Mortar Board will organize this event again, but she hopes it becomes traditional.

“I think it would be a great idea to become an annual thing,” Schofield said.

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 TASK FORCE from 1

“I agreed to chair the Task Force for a couple of reasons. I saw it as an opportunity to serve the College by helping our community address a challenging set of concerns. I also wanted the opportunity to work with the other people the President was asking to serve on the Task Force,” Herrick said.

The committee will be composed of students, a board member, administrators, faculty, and Tim Brown, dean of the Chapel.

President Bultman further clarified the role of the Task Force in his Presidential Update. “The mandate of the task force will be to review the college attempts at educating about human sexuality including, but not limited to, homosexuality, research the educational activities of other Christian liberal arts colleges, evaluate the treatment of homosexual students at Hope College, explore how the college can best exhibit care and compassion for those with a homosexual orientation, and examine what periodic educational experiences would be beneficial for the campus community, including especially those entering the helping professions,” Bultman said.

Other colleges will be looked to by the President and the committee in providing an example on how to deal with issues of sexuality on campus.

“We certainly will look at how other campuses have addressed issues related to homosexuality, and larger issues of sexuality generally. Members of the campus community have been very helpful in providing links, documents, and other sources of information,” Herrick said.

Bultman shows optimism that the committee will accomplish it’s goal to clarify issues dealing with sexuality.

“I believe this is a highly capable Task Force that will address this matter thoroughly and with wisdom,” Bultman said. The role of the committee has been set by Bultman, and the committee understands what their role is, and what they must accomplish.

“There is emphasis in our charge on exploring how the College can best exhibit care and compassion for those of a homosexual orientation, as well as reviewing educational efforts on campus. We have also been asked to review the treatment of homosexual members of the community,” Herrick said. “Our committee’s role will be to make recommendations back to the President, but we will not ourselves set or implement policies.”

RISK POLICY from 1

fraternity Council are the governing bodies of Hope’s fraternities and sororities, and will now take a more active role in overseeing Greek life.

“Being a group of integrity means that you aren’t abusing the law,” Fisher said, referring to the new Greek effort to encourage the Hope community to focus on the positive points of Greek life rather than the negative ones.

Fisher and Matt Workman (’01), President of both the Interfraternity Council and the Ecumenical fraternity, are hopeful that the new policies will improve the image of Greek life at Hope College. They cited the “Animal House Stigma” as one that they would like to defeat.

The current risk management policy has been around for two years, but until now has been essentially unenforced. However, Workman now describes the policy as “a necessity.” According to Fisher, such Greek movements are becoming more and more common at colleges all over the United States.

“We have talked a lot this year about changing the way we’ve seen on campus,” Fisher said. “A recent Greek retreat, open to all Greeks, was intended to bring Hope’s Greek system together and to discuss issues regarding Greek life and Hope College.

“I think everyone’s enthusiastic about the new changes,” Fisher added.
Hope students publish poems in literary journal

Beth Lomasney

When Poetry Professor Jack Rolf sent word of a call for submissions to his advanced poetry students, two students rushed to meet a quick deadline prepared pen.

The Beloit Poetry Journal asked for work from poets ages twenty-five and under for their Spring 2001 issue. Katie Bode-Lang ('02) and Julie Green ('03) submitted without a backwards glance, and received thick envelopes in the mail one month later.

Bode-Lang, a recipient of the Distinguished Artist's Award for creative writing on her university to Hope, has been writing poetry for as long as she can remember, yet college has been "a wonderful chance to develop."

"I worked really hard on my accepted poem in Poetry 455 last semester. The poem is one of my longest, and it actually has a lot to do with the astronomy work I've been doing," Bode-Lang said. "It ties in with a Night Sky class I'd taken with Professor Gonthier."

Bode-Lang had never submitted to a magazine before, and she is "embarrassed to admit" her method of submission.

"I got the e-mail about the call for submissions so late, I ended up using Priority Mailing," Bode-Lang said. "I thought it was the stupidest thing I'd ever done."

Bode-Lang may be spending $3 on a poetry submission in the future, but her method has sure worked. She is thrilled to have her work appear in such a literary source.

"I feel really honored, especially since there are so many great writers here under twenty-five," Bode-Lang said. "Everyone has been so excited for me. It is nice to have Hope's support."

Green, who has previously had a column published in "Woman's Life" magazine, has only been writing poetry for just over a year. She submitted to the journal upon Rolf's suggestion with a four-day deadline.

"I stayed up all night in the kitchen with my pen and my computer, revising my poems," Green said. "I bought some envelopes the next morning and sent them off."

Green, who is currently applying to MFA programs in poetry, is influenced by poets such as Gary Soto, Mark Strand, and Mary Oliver, for their ability to "intrigue readers without explanation."

"They're part enigma, and if I could explain what draws me to them, I would lose some of what is unique about them," Green said. Green, who will have three poems printed in the journal, describes seeing her poems in print as "frightening but exciting."

"I am generally a private person, and these words feel like public announcements," Green said. "It's like looking at the audience and trying to imagine them in their underwear. You can't really do it, because you can't usually see the audience, but it makes you laugh anyway."

For more information on the Beloit Poetry Journal, visit their website at www.bpj.org.
Singing, Acting, Speaking:

'04 defeats '05 in the 67th annual Nykerk Cup Competition.

Saturday, November 3, 2001

Renee Mursch ('02), Nykerk general chair, presided over Saturday's event.

Nykerk judges were responsible for declaring the winners in three different events: song, play and oration.

Meredith DeAvila ('04) used hand motions to emphasize her points during the oration.

'05 Song Moralers congratulate themselves on a job well done.
Odd year song girls sing about their guy.

Huzzah! '05 Moral guys have the power of gourd.

Andrea Wellman ('05) and Lindsay ('06) are on a mission. The odd year play featured a mix of fairytales.
Even year song girls let their light shine.

The Nykerk cup awaits presentation to the winners of the competition.

'04 Play finds themselves magically whisked off the mystical land of Holland-Oz.

Renee Mursh ('02) Nykerk general chair gives the opening address.
The Women's Issues Organization uses ads with negative stereotypes for a positive purpose.

Angela Matusiak  
Staff Reporter

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"So many people struggle with self-esteem issues. But I am constantly reminded that these images are not for me; they are not what beauty should be defined as," Verbeke said.

Bouwer said that these negative images don't just affect women but men also.

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Verbeke also went on to talk about how all the images in magazines are airbrushed to begin with.

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Often, women reading these magazines get an unrealistic impression of what women's bodies should look like, and they base their self-worth on whether or not they measure up.

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Distributing Ignorance

This Monday, I walked into the Anchor office and a friend of mine handed me a small rectangular comic book he found on the ATM in DeWitt. On the cover of this book was the title "Holy Joe" and in the corner were the initials J.T.C: Jack T. Chick. I couldn't help but moan.

I first encountered these tracts back in high school. I remember looking at one titled "Are Roman Catholics Christian?" with one of my teachers, who just happened to be Catholic.

The book had a long list of reasons why Catholics were not Christian. The list accused Catholics of worshiping Mary, repeating the sacrifice of Christ, believing in transubstantiation—all sins against the Bible, according to Chick.

The tract went on to say Jesus calls the Catholic Church the great whore. If I remember correctly, I almost became physically sick.

I decided to do some investigation into the Jack T. Chick tracts. I found out that Jack T. Chick tracts were little comic books designed to convert people to born-again Christianity. People are told to hand out the tracts or leave them in common places where others will pick them up.

Some examples of tracts are "The Cross, a Jehovah's Witness accepts Christ just in time to save his girl's life," "Party Girl, a young woman's brush with death reveals Satan's plot for her destruction," and "Doom Town, story of Sodom. Delivers a compassionate plea to repent of homosexuality."

To make a long story short I was disgusted after reading the Catholic tract, but I was absolutely appalled when I read more of the tracts. They are a collection of stories not meant to tell people what is great about being a Christian, but rather the supposed horrible consequences for people who aren't; even good people. From what I have seen, about half the pamphlets are designed to convert practicing Christians to the right form Christianity rather than introducing non-Christians to the faith.

Hope College is a community of learning and exploring. Though education we are supposed to learn how to relate better with our fellow human beings, but these pamphlets breed nothing but intolerance and hatred. I don't know if I can think of anything further from the message of Jesus than these two ideas.

Too often today I have seen Christians obsessed with right at any cost and forgetting that God also calls for right action and right love.

Anybody who wants to can distribute these tracts; they have freedom of speech. Nobody understands this and wants it more than members of a newspaper staff. We also understand, however, that there is a great responsibility that comes along with freedom of speech. We should be sure that what we are saying is meaningful and intelligent. That a lot of thought has gone into it and that we are ready to accept criticism of those words.

So in that spirit I am going to exercise my freedom of speech. People claim that these pamphlets have converted many people. For my part however, when I read these pamphlets I am ashamed to call myself a Christian. There is too much mystery and beauty in life to be sure enough of the answers that we are willing to tell other people that they are wrong.

Don't take most of what you believe too seriously, because with our limited knowledge and understanding, it's most likely wrong.
A nationwide statistical report of criminal offenses for colleges and universities during the year 2000 was released several weeks ago. The report is provided by the Office of Postsecondary Education and required from colleges and universities by the Department of Education. In the report, Hope College showed a decrease in numbers from previous years.

In the year 2000, there were twenty-one campus arrests at Hope. Fifteen of them were for liquor law violations, four for drug law violations, and one for an illegal weapon possession. The same number of disciplinary actions and judicial referrals were reported. The number of arrests was down from twenty-seven in 1999 and twenty-nine in 1998. There were fifteen criminal offenses reported on campus in 2000. Twelve for burglary and three for arson. This number is also down from thirty-four in the previous years.

The nationwide report gives statistics for over colleges and universities nationwide. The website is designed to help potential students and current students stay informed about the safety of Hope's campus. All statistics represent alleged criminal offenses reported to campus security and do not necessarily reflect prosecutions or crimes. The website can be accessed at http://ope.ed.gov/Secur./Search.asp.

Staying safe at Hope: it's common sense

1. Walk with groups of people; try to avoid walking alone
2. Be with people that you trust
3. Don’t take chances
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5. Don’t stay out late at night
6. Let people know where you are
7. Don’t believe Hope is just a bubble
8. Use shuttle vans
9. Be sure to have your entry card
10. Use common sense

Statistics for the academic year 2000 are provided by the Office of Postsecondary Education Campus Security Statistics Website.
Opinion

What's best for us

In his Presidential Update announcing the formation of the Task Force on Sexuality, President Bultman wrote that the mandate of the Task Force is to address the issue of sexuality “in the context of biblical authority, the Reformed Church in America and Hope College positions, constituency and community expectations, and educational research literature.”

As evidenced by the events of the past few years, sexuality is a huge issue for the students of Hope College. However, Bultman does not seem interested in asking us his opinion. We the students, the most important population of the college, don't even make the list. Does he think we don't care?

I care about the issue of sexuality, but I don't expect to be asked for my opinion. They've never asked me about anything in the past. Unfortunately unlike me, most students don't have the opportunity to share their opinions with the campus every week, but that doesn't mean they don't care. I don't expect the Task Force to ask for their opinion either.

The constituency may not want a Gay Straight Alliance at Hope College, so you can forgive me if I don't expect much from this Task Force.

The people who run this college are afraid of us. They think that, if left to our own devices, we would make bad decisions. They think they know what's best for us. At least, that's what's apparent to me from Bultman's statements. But, they will consult the Bible, the RCA and the rich while conservative men who pay for 70 percent of our education (what Bultman means by “constituency expectations.”)

My experience has demonstrated over and over again that they care more about that money than the happiness of the students. They think they have their opinions with the campus every week, but that doesn't mean they are taking note of what the students think. They think they know what's best for us. At least, that's what's apparent to me from Bultman's statements.

I'm sorry that you feel that way, but I've been thinking a lot about my old boyfriend from home. I think that I will start dating him again... and please quite camping outside my room and singing love songs, it's pathetic. -Tarah

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To our readers in Russia- Don't worry, I'm still thinking of you. Watch the mail, I'm going to write you a letter tonight.

This is Cell Alpha 5!

Andrew, Steve, Paulie, Susanah: I am looking forward to the party this weekend. And the weekend after that... and the weekend after that...

Anchor staff: even though I yell at you a lot, I really appreciate all your hard work. -Matt

You're probably wondering about the Rancher, and so you should. Don't worry, it'll be here next week and it'll be funny.

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For Hope Students in the month of November
Volleyball season ends in loss to Calvin

John Rodstrom
Senior Staff Reporter

Despite the disappointment on Saturday, the Flying Dutch still had a very successful season, overcoming setbacks and winning 20 games for the fourth time in five years under Coach Dunn.

It was an interesting year for Hope, having to deal with Dunn bringing on and off for four weeks in the middle of the season while on maternity leave.

"I certainly appreciate the help that my assistant coach, Jill Vandersteep, gave as far as sort of stepping into my role when I wasn't there," Dunn said. "I think she did a fantastic job, but having two head coaches that have pretty different coaching styles around is difficult for the players.

After their co-championship season, the Flying Dutch are looking to do well in the MIAA again next year. Hope will only be graduating two players from this years squad.

"We have a core of starters returning and we should be strong next year as well. We'll miss their leadership. Brower and Henson have been the heart of the Hope team for the past year," Dunn said. "Amy's the kind of person that leads by example and works 120 percent and demands respect by the way she carries herself. Molly came into more of a leadership role this year and was really motivational to the other players by pushing them to perform their best.

Brower was voted the MIAA's most valuable player, and also named to the MIAA first team. Joining her on the first team was Van Assen.

On the second team were Luidens and Hienfeld.

The next step for the Flying Dutch is the non-traditional spring season, a new addition to the schedule this year.

The schedule consists of three weeks of two practices a week, six practices in all.

"It's not that much, but it does give them some guidance as to what they can do on their own as far as developing their individual skills which we haven't had in the past," Dunn said. "The more they can focus on the basics in the summer, the less time we have to spend on the basics in fall."

Coach Dunn is keeping in mind the big picture, and hopes to carry the team's optimism into next season.

"It's not all about wins and losses, it's about what the girls learn throughout the season and the relationships they make," Dunn said.

W-Basketball ready to roll

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Hope College women's basketball had a remarkable season to remember last year, and then a final game to forget.

After breaking a Hope record of 25 wins in a season, winning the MIAA title and the Great Lakes Region Division III championship, and being on a roll in the region, a first round bye and then hosting Ohio Wesleyan in the Dow Center, the teams amazing year came to an end with a 72-71 loss in the final seconds to Ohio Wesleyan.

The Flying Dutch will have a chance to make up for last season's early exit from the NCAA tournament when they host Ohio Wesleyan in their first game of the season on Friday November 16 in the Dow Center as part of the Hope Tipoff Tournament.

"We want to come back and prove to ourselves that we should have won that game last year," said Amy Baltmanis (03), Hope guard. "It means a lot for us to be able to come back and redeem ourselves for that last second loss.

When Ohio Wesleyan shows up to play the Flying Dutch they will see almost the same Hope squad from a year ago. Last year's squad only had one senior, Kristen Koenigsknecht (01), and the rest of the team (for the most part) is back.

This year's team will be bidding for an unprecedented third consecutive outright MIAA championship. They will have head coach Brian Morehouse leading the way in his sixth season. Last season Morehouse was voted the Michigan collegiate women's basketball coach of the year and the Great Lakes Region Division III coach of the year. He has coached Hope to an average of 19 wins a season.

Leading the way for the Hope this year will be four senior veterans: Beckey Sumton (02) and Jord Boom (02), and forwards Amy Baltmanis (02) and Laura Poppema (02). Hope will also have back Amanda Kerkstra (03), back from her fall semester sabbatical in Australia. She was voted the MIAA's most valuable player last season. Kerkstra was also voted to the Division III News women's basketball All-America third team.

In the Dimhoops.com preseason rankings, Hope is picked fourth. Last year's runner up Messiah is this season's number one selection.

Hope has some goals before going into play this season. "Our goal is to win the MIAA again, go undefeated in league like last year, but do not underestimate anybody we play," Baltmanis said. "Everyone's biggest game is when they play us."

In Baltmanis' freshmen year, Hope went 20-5 on the year but failed to win the MIAA tournament. Then the Flying Dutch were not given an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament. They want to make sure they win the MIAA tournament this season so that doesn't happen again this season.

"We don't want to leave it up to anyone else, we want to control our own destiny," Baltmanis said.

Hope will host Grand Valley State University in a scrimmage this Friday at 6 p.m. in the Dow.

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Football extends winning streak

As the Dutchmen took the field on Saturday against Olivet, there was emotion in the air from Parent's Day. However, the team knew they had a game to win, and quickly the focus turned to intensity. Day. However, the team knew they have led the entire game. With winning, Hope has set up an unofficial MIAA championship match at Albion next week. Albion defeated Kalamazoo last 30-28, and is now tied with Hope at 4-0 in the MIAA.

"This is championship week right here. It's all or nothing now; this is what it's all about right now," said Phil Butler ('04), Hope quarterback.

The Flying Dutchmen had plenty more to be happy about, as even more records were broken this week. Butler threw for four touchdowns, which sets his single season mark at 23 touchdowns. This surpassed former Hope quarterback Greg Heeres mark of 21 touchdowns. This week. Butler threw for four touchdowns, while only needing to punt the ball once the entire game.

Defensively, Hope shut down Olivet and never really let them into the game, holding them to just 152 offensive yards. Hope also picked up 3 sacks, an interception, and forced a fumble. Matt Beaver ('04) led the Dutchmen with 13 tackles, while Pat Warren ('02) added 12, and Bill Rozema ('04) tackling on 11.

"Everybody came out and did their job today," Warren said. "We came to play football today."

Hope's head coach, Dean Kreps, was happy with the play of his younger players. "Our younger guys did especially well today," Kreps said. "But we're going to get our other guys back at it for the game next week so we'll be at full strength."

Hope got the ball rolling in the first quarter when Hope forced Olivet to punt on three straight downs. Only three plays later, Butler hit Joel Solomon ('03) from 43 yards out to put the Dutch on the board first. On the ensuing kickoff, Olivet fumbled the kick, and Hope recovered on the Olivet 26-yard line. Hope would get inside the red zone, but was forced to settle with a 24-yard field goal from Ian Fish ('02) to make the score 0-6.

The Comets would take the ball back, but the solid defense of the Dutchmen forced another punt. Hope drove the ball all the way to Olivet's three-yard line, but was once again forced to settle with a field goal, this time a 20-yarder, from Fish. The Comets used this opportunity to answer with a touchdown of their own, as they capped off a 73-yard drive with a 1-yard run from running back Gabe Stewart. The PAT failed, though, and Hope held a 3-6 lead. Hope would counter the score only six plays later, as the offense stormed into Comet territory, ending with Gle's six yard touchdown catch from Butler to officially give Butler the single season record for touchdowns. Hope led at halftime 20-6.

Hope would come out just as strong in the second half. The defense held the Comets once again, and Hope would receive the ball on their own three-yard line. The Dutchmen used the time wisely, and drove the ball the distance of the field in 18 plays. Butler found Scott Jeschke ('04) in the endzone from two yards out to put Hope up 27-6.

"It was a whole team effort. Our players will be ready. Motivation is not a problem this week; it hasn’t been all year."

Kickoff at Albion is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Joel Solomon ('03) scores a touchdown during the win over Olivet on Saturday.

All MIAA teams named

**VOLLEYBALL**

1st Team: Amy Brower '02, Kara Van Assen '03

2nd Team: Martha Luidens '03, Laura Hahnfeld '03

Honorable Mention: Holly Henson '02

**M-SOCRER**

1st Team: Marcus Voss '03, Ed Huebner '04, Tim Koeler '02, Jon Kucinski '02

2nd Team: Matt Margaron '03

Honorable Mention: Tim Kelly '03

**W-SOCCKER**

1st Team: Liz Dornbos '02, Beth Stygstra '02

2nd Team: Candace Kool '02, Mary Ayres '03, Danielle Nave '04

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**AMY BROWER**

Brower ('02) was voted the MIAA's most valuable volleyball player for the season. She was one of the captains for the Co-Champion Flying Dutch Volleyball team who shared the championship with Alma College. Brower will now shift her attention to basketball for the Flying Dutch.

**Honorable Mention: Candace Kool '02, Mary Ayres '03, Danielle Nave '04**

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