Pledging revamp nears final vote

JOJI MCFARLAND

campusbeat editor

The results of over 400 hours of interviews and extensive evaluation of the Greek pledging process will come to a vote before the Campus Life Board next Tuesday, with the fate of Greek organizations hanging in the balance.

The finished product of hours of deliberation by the board's Ad-Hoc Committee, the Restructured Pledging Program is now under deliberation by the full Board, and under scrutiny by all involved.

But the Greek alumni who met with Dean of Students Richard Frost Sunday and Monday night voiced concern that it is difficult for those involved to speak up.

"I think there's also a sense that the Greeks are hesitant to be questioned, because they know the seriousness of it, but they are kind of caught," Frost told the Campus Life Board at its meeting yesterday.

There are three possible outcomes for next week's vote; the proposal can be either approved unchanged, modified by the board, and approved, or rejected. And according to Ad-Hoc Committee chair Janet Andersen, if it is rejected, there will be no pledging this spring. Yet those involved in the proposal are hopeful that this will not be an issue.

"I commend all of you who worked on it," Board member and education professor Ron Wolthusen told the Board yesterday. "It's an enormous amount of work. It's an awesome task and a very fine document."

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Trashed again

Damages are at their worst this year in first floor men's Kollen Hall, but residents "learn to step over the mess."

JENN DORN

staff reporter

It looked like a tornado hit the men's first floor side of Kollen Hall as the chalky crumblings of 10 to 15 ceiling tiles lay scattered on the floor and ground into the wall carpeting this weekend.

The tiles were destroyed sometime during the night last Friday.

"We don't know who did this," said Tom Renner, director of Public Relations. "We do not even know if it was Hope student or not.

While officials are unsure of the identity of the culprit, other residents of the hall have less confusion.

"It gets frustrating," said Brian Tucker ('98), first floor RA. "It's like vandalizing your own house. I don't see the point. I've tried to talk to the guys about it, but it hasn't stopped."

The destroyed tiles were replaced, costing the College an estimated $400.

This is the third time this semester that such an incident has occurred in the hall. A similar incident happened when residents deposited a gift of approximately 70 ceiling tiles outside the door of one of the first floor RAs. The residents replaced those tiles themselves.

Kollen received a complete makeover last year. The College funneled a cool $5 million into the renovation, which included fresh paint and carpet for some rooms and hallways.

Despite renovations, the vandalism did not let up.

"We had to re-paint the first floor men's hallway one month after it had been re-decorated. There was graffiti all over the walls written in dry erase markers," said Lela Wilson, Kollen Hall custodial lead.

The tile destruction has been increasing this semester, Wilson said. She said that for the past two months, the vandalism and conditions of first floor Kollen have been at their worst all year.

"All the partitions were taken out of the bathroom," Wilson said. "We clean toothpaste and shaving cream off the walls and carpet and we have to scrape it off the mirrors. There is food ground into the walls. We spent 45 minutes scrubbing writing off the walls and we are still not finished."

"The decor is not the only thing that has taken a beating in Kollen; the smoke detectors also get a beating," Wilson said. "There is food thrown at the smoke detectors - we have to replace them all."

Yet the custodial staff was told by Resident Director Ellen Awd and Dean Frost not to clean up the disarray.

"They said that if they want to live with the mess, to let them," said Wilson. "When it gets bad, we just leave it. The students used the more KOLLEN on 2

Vespers brightens season

HEATHER BOSCH

staff reporter

It takes a lot of effort to carry off a hallowed tradition. Over 200 student musicians brought the magic of Christmas to the fore this weekend, despite the work in creating the powerful spirit of Vespers is just one part of the collective effort that bring the yearly tradition to life.

Behind the sparkling lights, scarlet pom-poms, and heavenly music that is Christmas Vespers, there is an unseen presence that brings the whole act together — hard work.

Choir, choirs and symphonette members start working on their pieces the first day of class. Mark Van Soest ('97), a chapel choir member, considers all the preparation worthwhile.

"Working 25 hours a week, he has found is some-what difficult to balance time between his job, studies, and the large time commitment of Vespers."

"In the last two days I've gotten about five hours of sleep," said Lela Wilson, Kollen Hall custodial lead. "I commend all of you who worked on it," Board member and education professor Ron Wolthusen told the Board yesterday. "It's an extreme amount of work. It's an awesome task and a very fine document."

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TRANSFERITIS

Once some students switch colleges, they keep switching and switching and...

JENN DORN
staff reporter

When students are unhappy with their learning environment, they have a couple of options they can choose from: staying where they are or transferring. But be forewarned. It seems for some transfers, it’s hard to break the pattern, so they just keep on transferring.

Angie Kaukonen ('97) just transferred to Hope this past semester from Western Michigan University. Prior to Western, she attended a community college for a year. She plans to return to WMU after Christmas break.

“I decided to transfer because I wanted to try something different and try a smaller school,” Kaukonen said. “But Hope and Holland are too small. Also, everyone here has been together for three years, so people already have their groups of friends.”

When students decide that they want to leave Hope, they have to fill out a withdrawal form, which asks the student their reasons for transferring. The students must fill out the form in order to get their deposit back.

Students leave for a variety of reasons, ranging from academic to financial to personal reasons,” said Associate Registrar Gloria Shay. “Some also leave because Hope does not have the major that they want. Most of the students leaving do say that they are transferring for somewhat else.

Departments on campus try to identify students who are thinking about transferring to find out their reasons, but often that contact is made too late.

“We want to get feedback from the students about why they are leaving,” Shay said. “If possible, we try to get them to Student Development or Career Placement to try to make contact and talk to them. But by the time students have filled out the forms, they have pretty much made up their minds to leave and it becomes difficult to reach them.”

“It was easier to transfer into Hope that it is to transfer back to Western because Hope is a lot smaller,” Kaukonen said.

All in all, it takes two to three weeks to complete the entire transfer process into Hope.

“Transferring is a pretty easy process,” said Jim Bekkering, vice-president of admissions. The students have to submit the same materials as regular incoming freshman, with one exception; they also have to submit their college transcript.

Once the transcript is sent to the college, it goes to the Registrar. There, the transcript is reviewed to tell what courses will be accepted towards core and major credits.

“Most students coming in have transcripts where we accept virtually everything,” said Shay.

Since most credits do transfer, the students transferring in are not set back too far academically.

“Hope accepted most of the classes that I took,” said Jonathan Fly ('96), who just transferred to Hope this semester. “So I did not need to make up much core when I got here.

Hope is the fifth college that Fly has attended. He started out attending a community college, “but no one plans on staying at a junior college,” he said.

From there he went on to attend three other four-year colleges.

“I transferred from the other schools because I did not see anything there that I wanted to do. I didn’t want to go to school just to earn a degree; I wanted to learn something.”

In the summer of 1995, Fly got a scholarship to a ballet conference held here at the College. The conference lasted two weeks and Fly returned home to Texas. It was then that he decided that he wanted to attend Hope to study with the dance department.

“Within two weeks of calling Maxine (DeBruyn), the chairman of the dance department, and I was on the plane to Michigan,” Fly said. “I needed to graduate in two years and Hope was willing to work with me on that.”

So Fly is here to stay.

“Most students who transfer to Hope, stick with Hope,” Bekkering said. “A lot of the students look at Hope when they are in high school and then choose to go elsewhere. Then they discover that it is a different experience than what they expected and realize that Hope is where they should be.”

Hope’s student hosts give prospective perspective

MICHELLE PIEL
staff reporter

Hope students who host prospective students enjoy their job for reasons that extend beyond the money.

The job of being a host is a paid position, students enjoy sharing this with their prospective students because they are proud of their school.

“The money is nice,” said Jeanette Petkins ('98). “But what I enjoy most about being a host is making sure that I answer questions my prospective students have about the college and that all of the activities available on and off campus.”

Students make a semester-long commitment to the program for hosting prospective students. Most prospective stays overnight on a Thursday or Friday. A weekly meeting informs the hosts when they will be hosting a prospective student in their room.

The prospective arrives at the admissions office at 4 p.m., where the host picks them up. From there, it is the responsibility of the host to bring the prospective to classes and spend the evening with them. During the day the prospectives have their own itinerary from admissions, so the host doesn’t have to worry about entertaining them.

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be billed for the damages, but that did not teach them not to vandalize again. It is more successful to leave the mess and when they tried of leaving like that, they clean it up for themselves.

In the most recent case involving the ceiling tiles, "several residents asked us for brooms and shovels so that they could clean it up," Wilson said.

"Normally it’s the RA’s who end up cleaning it up, but this time when I came home, some guys were cleaning it up, which was nice,” Tucker said.

The residents of first floor Kollen have grown accustomed to the condition of their home.

"Some nasty stuff goes on here," said Adam Laughlin ('98). "Eventually, you get used to it and learn to just step over the mess."

The College is currently investigating the most recent vandalism, but no charges have been filed.

Getting to know you: Sorority members and independents united to make Christmas crafts and cheery chatter at Monday’s Sorority Open House in the Kletz.

From left: Mercedes Mermoven ('98), Stephanie Haggard ('98), Allison Etheridge ('97).

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year as a choir member, is also enthusiastic about the event.

"I love it," she said. "It’s a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun.

Not as visible as the performers are the people who literally set up the service—the custodial staff. Custodians unite to set up the event, literally rolling out the red carpet and turning the chapel into a Christmas wonderland of lights, balsam trees and wreaths.

And their hard work doesn’t go unrecognized. James Morrow, choir director, and Stuart Sharp, vocal music instructor of the music department, had eggs and good conversation with the custodial staff on the Saturday morning of the first performance. This is the twentieth year that faculty have been treating the custodians to breakfast "to show appreciation for their sacrifice of a weekend," Sharp said.

Every contributor to Vespers is vital to the smooth outcome of the event. Morrow, choir director of Vespers for the past two years, agrees.

"The individual energy that is expended on Vespers is remarkable," he said. "Each participant’s commitment is significant in that it is given to a collective effort which becomes truly transcendent. This, to me, is one of the most touching and profound aspects of Vespers."

An event with a deep sense of history and tradition, the First Christmas Vespers was held Dec. 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was bombed. Since then, Vespers has grown immensely.

Today, there are four Vespers services in a two-day span. About 4,000 tickets to the performances are sold each year. PBS records and broadcasts the program nationally. A full recording of the event is available on CD, cassette, and video. These can be ordered or bought through the bookstore.

"We probably sell 250 to 300 CDs per year," said Mark Cook, Hope-Genesis Bookstore director. But media attention is just a detail compared to the powerful service itself, made up of "great traditions mixed with new music," said Robert Ritesma, director of the Symphontoon.

"I think this is a marvelous event with a tremendous history and great sense of tradition," Morrow said. "I am thrilled to be a part of it."
Terminal Anxiety
Crashing computers leave students wired

JIM RIEKSE
infocus editor

Pick any table in the Kletz and mention computers, and you are besieged by tales of Mac lab meltdowns.

A glitch in a save caused Peter Peol (’98) to lose hours of work, a system error swallowed Melinda Tunnism’s (’98) five-page paper and Paul Kudriel (’96) waited at CIT for half an hour to get a question answered.

Their stories are not at all uncommon, as Hope has seen a rise in computer errors and increased usage, but CIT believes that the worst is over as they race to meet demand.

Last Thursday, Hope’s VAX system suffered a system error, unexpectedly ending students’ e-mail sessions. The VAX, which a layman might consider a phone line to computers all over the world, allows students to communicate over the Internet and access the World Wide Web.

Fortunately, the VAX rarely crashes, according to Carl Heideman, head of CIT. Unfortunately, Hope’s file server, which is much more important for the College’s computing health, has seen more than its fair share of woes lately.

The file server, which runs such Hope favorites as WorldPerfect, has been less than reliable this year. It crashed ten times early in the semester and again for an hour last Wednesday. The worst instance was November 7, when Hope labs were rendered inoperable for over four hours, the realization of a procrastinator’s worst nightmare.

Not only were students unable to use the computers, anything they had not saved at the time of the crash vanished before their harried eyes. Such file server crashes are “Devastating, absolutely the worst to lose,” according to Heideman.

Heideman blames this year’s influx of problems on a number of variables. “We’ve had hardware and software problems, but the main factor is that computer usage is double the rate from last year,” Heideman said.

“We try to buy enough performance to keep up with the demand, but usage has increased at a nonlinear rate. We knew it would go up, but not this much.”

New computers that were supposed to unburden computer stress have actually added to the dilemma. “We replaced 66 PCs with Pentiums, but they arrived in late August, so we’ve been backlogged.”

Already buried in requests, CIT is also operating short staffed, lacking student staff to work the night shifts in the computer labs. “Students must be too busy these days, because no one is applying,” Heideman said.

“I’ve got money to pay if anyone is interested.”

The College has experienced a number of computer thefts, but they are not seen as a contributing factor to computer problems. “The thefts were not a huge setback, more of an annoyance,” Heideman said. “To me the worst thing is that the faculty lost all their data.”

The facility are not fond of losing their data either, or experiencing a hassle to get to it. Many Hope professors appreciate their programs to run smoothly and are upset by the delays and errors they encounter. “They bring things in and ask if they’ll run,” Heideman said.

“We respond that they will but there will be problems. The faculty say that is ok, until they actually experience the problems.”

Many believe that an easy solution is just a few dollars away, but Heideman fights this assumption. “People believe that technology is cheap, free and accessible,” Heideman said. “This is not the case. We spent $200,000 this summer and are talking about things that could easily run up to $1 million.”

Money is already being spent to improve the situation for next semester. An e-mail message from Tom Renner, director of public relations, details how the College will “replacing Hope’s VAX’s with a single, faster system on December 16.” The College will also enhance labs by installing file servers with more capacity to prevent crashes.

The administration is also addressing staffing problems. “We are aware of how short they are on service personnel and are working on it,” Bill Anderson, vice president of business and finance, said. “They are not, however, the only department on campus short of staff.”

With the changes, Heideman sees a smoother semester ahead.

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Campus Pulse

When asked their feelings about the state of computing technology at the College, Hope students said...

“Everyone I’m in there, it seems like the computers are crashing. It always happens just before I save and I lose half of my stuff. I can’t stand that.”

—Victi Duff (’97)

“The computer system at Hope is adequate, however, it is failure prone and not fair for a student body who spends $17,000 a year to use it.”

—Aaron Frank (’97)

“It is very frustrating as a student trying to get things done, when the only thing holding you back is a computer that is down.”

—Michelle Moxjzak (’96)

“Maybe they could limit the social use of computers. Whenever I come in to write a paper, the computers are filled with people laughing and giggling on e-mail.”

—Chris Wirth (’96)

“I’ve had real problems, especially because I commute. It is a real pain in the neck if I come in and the computers don’t work, which seems like all the time”

—Lisa Box (’97)
A pledge to reform

Six years ago, the Hope College pledge program was restructured. The theme in the discussion was the need to eliminate hazing and liability to the College. The Greek Judicial Board reworked the rules. The discussion centered on the need to eliminate hazing and the need for a belief in tradition often persuaded Greeks to continue what is allowed during pledging and what is outlawed. It forces of all in the Hope College community and ensures the protection for individual organizations to retool and refine their programs for students to utilize their leadership skills, complete outreach programs, and incentive programs. Better yet, the plan includes the option what is allowed during pledging and what is outlawed. It forces of all in the Hope College community and ensures the protection for individual organizations to retool and refine their programs for students to utilize their leadership skills, complete outreach programs, and incentive programs. Better yet, the plan includes the option what is allowed during pledging and what is outlawed.
Pledging proposal revamps the system

**Dear Editor,**

We would like to take this opportunity to note the changes that are occurring throughout the Greek population. As a result of a recent meeting, we believe that our organization has sustained the restructuring of its pledging program in order to enhance the experience of its members, particularly the pledges. We have modified the system of the Campus Life Board so as to meet the needs of all members involved. We are proud of the changes that have been made and are excited to see how they will improve the experience for all members.

Sincerely,

[Organization Name]

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Gifts from the heart

taking time during the hustle and bustle to show you care

The list goes on

AMY HALVERSON
spotlight editor


We at the Anchor tried to start our "to buy for others" Christmas list and it never seemed to stop.

Names kept popping up when we thought the list was done. Oh, forgot Aunt Judy and Uncle Tom. Godmother. Godfather. Professors. Academic Advisors. RA's. RD's. The list starting getting out of control with all the gift we wanted to give.

Just as the list goes on so does the use of Master Cards, American Expresses and other forms of payments.

Definitely not looking forward to January when we receive the statements...another $600 down. Time to start paying it off. So much time spent choosing the perfect gift and even more spent trying to pay for them.

This year, we are challenging ourselves to stay budgeted. Yes, budgeted! And being among fellow starving college students we know for a fact we’re not the only ones strapped for money.

To help spark your creative side and spent time making gifts rather than spending large sums of money, we’ve jotted down a few ideas that speak from the heart.

Your creation can be an elaborate gifts or a simple trinkets. All that matters is what you want to share. Start out with a trusty glue gun, a sharp pair of scissors, a stack of colored paper, plethora of markers, an open mind, and start creating. Who knows, you might end up with enough money to treat yourself.

Can’t contain the Joy

cost: $3.50
supplies: clay pot, acrylic paints, paint brushes, stickers, paint pens, ribbons
creation: Paint clay pots with acrylic paints, creating a treat that reflects true character. Wait for paint to dry. Use stickers, ribbons, and paint pens to add character to the pots.
visit: Franks Nursery and Crafts

Burning for you

cost: $5 to $10
supplies: candles, silk flowers, ribbons, and glue gun
creation: Glue silk flowers and ribbons on candles. Decorate to match room decor or parallel certain personalities.
visit: Big Lots, Dollar Store

99 Bottles of Love on the Wall

cost $5
supplies: various glass bottles in all shapes and sizes, paints, paint pens, and ribbons
creation: Cover bottles with paint creating intricate scenes or an artistic creation. Tie ribbons around neck of bottle to add more personality.
visit: Big Lots, Dollar Store

Just write it

cost: $5 to $10
supplies: blank books, fabric, ribbon, and hot glue gun
visit Big Lots, 8th Street Bookstore, and Jo-Ann Fabrics
Year-round Yuletide giving
making Christmas last 365 days a year
by Amy-Lynn Halverson & Kim Powell
Spotlight Editor & Staff Reporter

December 6, 1995

A time to give

Christmas is a time of giving and taking. And taking. And taking. And taking. It seemed endless. Huge boxes with shiny gold paper and bright red paper and ripped boxes I lost the target goal of the Salvation Army.

Americans take gifts and forget to give.

When I was a child presents were a big deal. Food boxes and set up the toy shop. Not just a vintage clothing store, there is a place where Christmas is all about. Loving hugs reminds me what love, people forget to give.

Giving starts with the simplest things. Longs hugs, warm kisses, bright smiles, and from there it grows.

Instead of giving a gift, Give your time. Make someone's day or take a walk with them. Enjoy just being with them.

At a time of year when families come together and friends, there are people who don't have the comfort of a warm house or a hearty dinner.

Give to people outside your family and friends. Right here in Holland there are dozens of missions and organizations that you can support. Rummage through your closet and donate those thing outifts you haven't worn in years. Box up can goods and drop them off at the local church.

At Christmas, my mother visits Sam's Club, buys a case of toilet paper and dozens packs of socks, and ships them off to a shelter. Give practical things. Toothpaste. Shampoo. Soap. Things like these might be part of your everyday life but the simplest things make the biggest difference.

There are twenty more days till Christmas and before you get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, remember to step back and remember the magic of Christmas. Remember to give.

The Salvation Army
Holland, MI 392-4361

Holland Community Hospital
Holland, MI 394-3140

Habitat for Humanity
Holland, MI 396-7100

Boys and Girls Club
Holland, MI 392-1102

Spotlight: Assisting in the area of trauma and helping people in need, the Holland Hospital lends its services 24 hours a day.

year-round: Volunteer opportunities for anyone of any age to help out by being on call to transport patients to the hospital.

Holland Community Hospital
Holland, MI 394-3140

As Christmas quickly approaches, the staff at the Holland Mission is calling on the community members to lend a helping hand not only during the season of giving but year-round.

"It's great that people focus on the Holiday season, but we are a 365 day a year operation," Bartlett said.

"We try to encourage people to think about the mission and volunteer their time throughout the year."

Editor's note: Names in this article have been changed to protect the identity of those featured.

Holland City Mission
Holland, MI 393-2200

Holland City Mission is always looking for volunteers.

year-round: Everything donated to the mission is recycled around and reused in many ways.

By spending time instead of giving a gift, you can help people who love kids to help a few hours a week. Groups pick a room and decorate it to make a more homely feeling
Art is young and living in DePree

M. HERWALDT & S. STEVENS staff reporter and Intermission editor

Students who emerged upon the juried artist student show in the DePree Art Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 1, were greeted by a girl with a shaved head urging them to recycle their blue guide checklists. Gripping goblets of fruit punch, they sauntered past, eager to explore the room full of a compilation of 85 student created sculptures, photographs, drawings, paintings and ceramics.

"I think once a student needs time to see what the school's artists are doing," said Heidi Aronen ('96), whose photography is featured in this year's exhibition. "Otherwise, student artists have the tendency to hole themselves up. The deadline for the judging of the exhibition is very inspirational."

Paintings included an ancient oak tree on a background of dripping pink, as pictured in Sarah Hendrick's ('99) "Grandfather Oak," and abstract squares of Lake Superior rendered by Wade Eldlean's ('76) pantbrush, entitled, "Chart 040 Lake Superior." Andrea Johnson's ('99), entitled steel and ink drawing displayed a forlorn African-American girl with hair in plaits peering around an American flag.

Scott Hice’s ('96) "Manure Spreader" glowed in its steel body painted blue under the gallery lights, while another sculpture of sharpened pencils sticking out of a bed frame by Matt Tallford ('97), welcomed visitors to the gallery lobby.

"If an artist's work is picked, it gives them the feeling that someone thought that their piece was worth something," said Deana Hendrick's ('96) yellow-green tinted photograph erusions in his color photograph of chemically clever "Re-action."

Heidi Aronen's ('96) stark webbing of phantom light and dark in Documentati: Deana Hendrick's ('96) Installation (with figures) presented a blur of gothic intimacy mixed with the rustic formations of branches. Melissa Anderson's ('97) Untitled color photography captured the wild sparkling tentacles of fire, contrasted in night blackness.

**BLACK & WHITE MELANCHOLY: Andrea Johnson’s (99) Lost Opportunities portrays a lonely demeanor.**

**DePree Art Gallery:**

**Friday, December 8 & 9**

7:30 p.m.

**DePree Art Gallery:**

**Sunday, December 10**

1:30 p.m.

**DePree Art Gallery:**

**Thursday, December 7**

7:30 p.m.

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Dinner

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Dinner featuring the Collegium Musicum Mass, 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 8**

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First the store buys books that are being used the following semester at Hope at 51% of the purchase price. The quantities bought are sometimes limited by projected class enrollments and the number of books the store already has on hand.

The second buy is done for Follett College Book Co. of Chicago and the prices paid are their established wholesale prices. In general, three price ranges between 10% and 30% of the current selling price. The bookstore does not encourage students to sell books in this manner unless there seems to be no indication that the book will be used again at Hope.

How can I get my books back?
In a given semester there are several factors that can cause a book not to be bought back at the 51% price offered by the bookstore. Some of these are:
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Students should not buy their textbooks purchased by students will be obtained by studying it carefully and if it it can be resold when no longer needed.

The real value of a book is not the cost of materials or the work involved in creating it. The real value of a book is to offer used books as well as new ones.

Over half the times used at Hope are bought back about 25% of their books at the end of the term.

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Hoopsters hit century mark in rout

GLYN WILLIAMS
Staff reporter

Minor setbacks are a big part of life and an even bigger part of sports. After a single loss, it is important to not dwell on the momentary step backwards and move on to greener pastures, bluer skies, and smiles on fan's faces that could light up a tunnel.

The latest opponent to confront the Dutchmen with an optimistic outlook was Concordia College last weekend at the Civic Center. The Dutchmen defeated Concordia with ease, 107-53, making seven games left to play until the MIAA season opens on January 6. The game was the second time Hope has scored over 100 points this season.

With a halftime score of 50-28, coach Glenn Van Wieren and his corps of hoopsters always felt in control of the game. "At no point did I really think that Concordia would come out with the win," Van Wieren said. "I think part of that comes with placing at home and in front of the home crowd. That gives you a sort of confidence unmatched by anything."

Starting point guard Kevin Brintnell ('96) and off-guard Joel Holstege ('98) did an outstanding job on defense, monitoring the Cougar guards, and not allowing a singleudu. Brintnell limited his opponents to one point and forced six turnovers, while Holstege shut-downs at the Cougar off-guard, allowing him to make five points, no assists, and five turnovers.

"Our defense as a whole is getting stronger and that is leading to a better and more confident offense and vice-versa," Van Wieren said. "I am pleased with our defense and the effort we are putting out." Duane Bosma ('96) earned MIAA player of the week honors by leading all scorers with 23 points, and Tom Gortsemia ('97) added a stunning 15 points off the bench for the Dutchmen. Adding 12 points apiece were Holstege, Kris Merritt ('98), Pat Stegeman ('99) and Jason VanderWoude ('97).

"Our scoring has been very balanced and nice off the bench," Van Wieren said. "The methodical execution of our defense has led to a far better offense. The steals and blocked shots has led to fast breaks and easy points."

Elevens Hope players scored a basket, and every Dutchman riding the pine played at least 14 minutes. "Some of that had to do with the large margin of victory," said Van Wieren. "But all season long I have been working it around, mixing up the players and allowing a lot of players to have some play time. We have a lot of depth and I intend to take advantage of that. Every player this season has played a significant amount." The next small step in the Dutchmen's ladder to the NCAA Division III tournament is the Russ Devotte Classic tournament to be played at the Civic Center on Dec. 8-9. For the first game of the tournament, Hope will face Aurora College of Illinois. The Dutchmen's opponent for Saturday will depend on the outcome of the game between Cornerstone and Aquinas College that will be played earlier.
Swimmers get high marks at Wheaton

B. HOLLENDEN staff reporter

The swim teams poked on buses and took their nationally ranked show on the road to the Wheaton Invitational. The competition was stiff with eight teams competing on both days.

Both the men's and women's swim teams finished strong at last Saturday's Wheaton Invitational in Wisconsin at Milwaukee, a Division I event. Saturday's Wheaton Invitation in Wisconsin was a Division I event with eight teams competing on both days.

The team finished in first place while the men took second behind the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, a Division I school.

"It was a team effort," said Donna Massenitz ('96), "the competition was tougher than what we had against local teams, but it was a fantastic experience for our program." One point shoot was still not much of an option for Hope, as they hit only six of 22 field goals, and seven free throws to divest away offensively. The three point shot was not much of an option for Hope, as they hit only five of 21 shots from the spot where the grass was definitely greener.

"It wasn't so much that they stayed up on defense," Coach Ted Gugino said glumly. "We had chances to make shots, but we still were just not falling. But they will. Just give me time, the three point shots will drop for us sooner or later." Dass Smith ('96) led Hope in scoring with 12, followed by Amy Meyers ('97) and Joanna LaCroy ('98) who both scored nine points in the failed contest.

The consolation game was a tougher loss, as Hope dominated in all but the final score. According to Gugino, Witteberg is a normally outstanding rebounding team, but despite this fact, the Dutch cleaned up the boards 51-29. "That was a good thing," Gugino said. "We are a lot of seconds, and we think that if we keep that up we will win." The final score does not reveal the truth of the game, as Hope was down by only four with a minute to go, and the Dutch was forced to foul.

"When you get to that point all you can do is hope for the best," Gugino said. At halftime Hope trailed 38-31. The weekend tournament marked the return of Tara Porter ('98), Dori Freeland ('98), and Danielle Hop ('97) and they made their presence felt. While starting point guard Porter and backup forward Hop made their presence felt non-statistically, Freeland had a marvelous game off the bench on Saturday, scoring 11 points for the Dutch in 24 minutes of play time. Hope provided us with quality bench leadership and showed great defensive skills out there," said Gugino. "She played awesome in those little categories that really don't show up in the box score."

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RUMBLIN', RUMBLIN', RUMBLIN': Kari Nyssse ('96) grapples in a crowd for a loose ball against Trinity.

Streak continues with fourth defeat

GLYN WILLIAMS staff reporter

Perhaps the Dutch are uncomfortable at home in front of their own crowns. Maybe they don't play well outside of the MIAA.

Or it could be the absence of star forward Shelly Kuykens ('96) who is out until possibly early February. For whatever reason, the defending MIAA champion Hope College women's basketball team has not been able to win a game yet this season, and it only gets tougher from here on out, as the team has yet to play a game away from the comfort of the Dow Center.

The 0-4 Dutch have only seven games left to play before the MIAA season starts on January 6 at home against Alma College.

This past weekend Hope hosted their annual Tipoff Tournament in the Dow and failed to come away with single victory, as the Dutch were smoked by Trinity Christian 57-48 on Friday night, and then lost to Albion College 69-60 on Saturday. The Dutch demonstrated their ability to win with an amazing first half against Trinity Christian that showed Hope hitting everything but the lights. The Dutch were ahead at halftime for the first time this season, 32-28.

The second half was a shadow of the first, as the Dutch could not connect on anything, whether it be an easy layup, or an outside jumper. Hope made four of 22 field goals, and seven free throws to divest away offensively. The three point shot was not much of an option for Hope, as they hit only five of 21 shots from the spot where the grass was definitely greener.

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The meet was also significant because Hope was the only MIAA conference school in attendance. With eight teams there is more of a balance," said coach John Patton. "There were a good variety of swimmers from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin at this invitational."

Not as much emphasis was placed on point totals for this event, and instead, both the men's and women's teams concentrated on making good times and creating a sense of team unity. This invitation helps us to gauge where we are and see what we need to work on for the rest of the season. It is also a really fun meet that lets us bond as a team," said Aaron Hoffman ('96). If the Wheaton Invitational was a good gauge of the upcoming season, the Hope College teams can look forward to a lot of success in the MIAA race. The swimmers move on to face Grand Valley State University this Friday at 5 p.m. at Grand Valley.
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