Phi Sigma Kappa is recognized

The new fraternity in town looks ahead with big plans

Anjey Dykhuis  
Senior Staff Reporter

The new fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa has been working hard to get onto campus. A few weeks ago, the Extra-Curricular Activities Committee finally supported them to go to the Campus Life Board to become a recognized student group.

"We had to present our case on why we wanted to come onto campus and our ideals. As of now, there are 21 members in Phi Sigma Kappa," said Christian Viel (‘04).

The next step for Phi Sigma Kappa is to become recognized by the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC).

"IFC is another group on campus, and we were a group coming onto campus, and for us to be involved with IFC, we have to apply to get into it. I don't know the whole process of joining IFC. As of now, I need to contact the IFC president and figure out what Phi Sigma Kappa needs to do to get in," Viel said.

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Through the Harry F. Frissel Observatory on the roof of VanderWerf Hall, students can see images of galaxies like the M31 pictured at right. The observatory is the first new one for the college in 25 years.

FRATERNITY from 1

The IFC website says, "Hope College Inter Fraternity Council shall integrate the purposes of Fraternity life with the mission of the College in a manner that enhances both. IFC is to initiate and correlate such action as is required to foster harmonious and efficient inter fraternity relationships, and to further engender a cooperative spirit between the fraternities and the college community."Phi Sigma Kappa is the national fraternity that came upon campus earlier this fall.

To my understanding, IFC is a link between other fraternities that brings people from all different backgrounds and even beliefs the same opportunities to explore the truth of Veritas in the ways that the founders of Harvard intended."

VERITAS from 1

The Veritas Forum at Hope College is an outgrowth of a nationwide movement that began at Harvard University. In 1992, writers of the book Finding God at Harvard organized the first Veritas Forum in an effort to engage the University in what they believed was its fundamental purpose: the pursuit of truth. Since then, the forum has spread to more than fifty university and college campuses, involving more than 75,000 students, faculty and community members.

Organizers think the local forum remains true to the national effort. "The purpose of Veritas at Hope is the same as it is at other school across the country; to provide students from different disciplines, backgrounds and even beliefs the opportunity to explore the truth of Jesus through intelligent discussion," said Lori Strehler, Veritas Forum administrator. "I think it’s exciting for students at a small mid-western college like Hope to have the same opportunities to explore truth (Veritas) in the ways that the founders of Harvard intended."

The First New Observatory on Campus

The Frissel Observatory is a new observatory built in the 1990s at Hope College. It is named after the philanthropic Frissel family, and it was opened to the public in 2002. The observatory is located on the campus of Hope College, and it is equipped with advanced telescopes and other astronomical instruments. It is open to the public for educational and research purposes. The observatory is a significant addition to the college's astronomy program and provides students with the opportunity to conduct research in the field of astronomy. It also serves as a valuable resource for the local community to engage in educational and outreach activities related to astronomy. The observatory is a testament to the college's commitment to providing students with state-of-the-art facilities to support their academic and research goals.
New hazards to one of Hope's favorite pastimes?

Nicole Lantz

Spotlight editor

"Jingle bells, Batman smells..."

This song and others like it were my favorite holiday tunes on the bus ride home from school when I was a little kid. I don't know just exactly what made the variations from the original songs so funny, but all through grade school (even into the beginning of high school) my friends and I sang them. We created new versions from Thanksgiving until New Year's. However amusing at the time, I have since grown past that stage and learned to appreciate the traditional Christmas songs for what they are.

Well, it's that time of year again when Christmas songs take over the radio stations and hold all normal songs hostage. I don't have a problem with this; Christmas music is a welcome change. But with every year I listen to the traditional songs, I have grown accustomed to mutter just a little more. They've become to me just as awful and meaningless as those versions of Christmas songs that I sang for so many years. Extra notes are added and different words are written to old words, so much so that they can't even be considered the same songs. I can only compare this tragedy to the new Frisbee golfer for four years. Inclement weather has caused most of the damage.

"Most alterations in the past have been unavoidable," Diekema said. The school, however, has been involved in other changes that made some avid Frisbee golfers question if more care could have been taken to avoid changing the course.

The college just replaced a few of the aluminum light poles along the north side of DeWitt," said Greg Maybury, director of Operations and Technology at Hope.

"These changes weren't made without good reason, however. For safety reasons...we found the wire that was feeding them was fraying and worn...there was actually current from the pole to the ground," said Gerald Rademaker, director of the physical plant.

"Some people were shocked from them, not seriously, but they got a bolt from them."

The goal is to eventually replace all of the light poles with ones similar to those downtown.

"Sooner or later we intend to change them all over to these new glass-bonded, old-fashioned light fixtures so they match the ambiance of downtown and campus," Rademaker said.

In addition to safety concerns, some of the light poles were moved because they were too close to the sidewalks and were constantly getting knocked down. There are also plans to add a few new poles to dimly lit areas of campus.

"I was not aware of any effects to the frisbee golf course. Most of the poles were put into position very near the aluminum poles that were removed. The college is hopeful that the new poles will withstand frisbee damage more than the aluminum poles," Maybury said.

Although in this instance, the school may not have been aware of the negative effects of the new changes, it has in the past been supportive of the course.

"With the efforts of the school and Cosmopolitans, warning signs were posted for the 'blind' holes, and a brief history of the course was by the Cosmopolitan dorm," Wernlund said. Since then, the signs have been stolen. Recently, cement slabs have been added at the different holes.

"I'm not angry about the changes because I feel the same way. But... they, in themselves, are NOT Christmas. Our society has done a wonderful job of marring up the holidays. We have added so much decoration to the outside, that we have gotten just about nothing with opening it to see what's inside. With that in mind, all I'm asking is, what are we celebrating for? I think you know, don't you?"

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Spotlight photo by Eric Cornelius

The new DeWitt light pole.

"The college makes every effort to be sensitive to student needs as it maintains the campus environment," Maybury said. With that in mind, golfers need to respect students or vehicles that may be passing by.

Frisbee golfers need to have more respect for the campus and for pedestrians. They destroy grass when they could easily throw from cement, they step on plants...they have little regard for pedestrians, vehicles, and other important things. I don't think Frisbee golfers should get any respect until they start respecting the campus and those who walk through it," Diekema said.

Spotlight editor

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"People are playing all different kinds of objects on the key holes that have changed from new trees to golf carts," Collins said. "I think for the most part, people play the same holes. Due to so many changes, less and less people are playing." Diekema said. "A clearly established course...is crucial in keeping the tradition alive."

Despite all the recent developments, the much-loved game is not going to disappear any time soon. "People will continue to play frisbee golf despite holes that are missing or moved. You will still see Cosmos gathering for a round...it's out in nature away from all the pressures of school," Wernlund said. "There is pride that goes into the course...it is people enjoying nature."

Communication appears to be the link between maintaining the integrity of the course as well as the campus grounds.

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Ken Diekema ('03)
Jars of Clay rocks in the new year Jan. 11

Danielle Koski
BUSINESS MANAGER

"They have opened for Sting, and toured with groups like Matchbox Twenty, B轨迹 to Cashmere, and Silage. They have performed in all fifty states and in Scotland, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, and Singapore. And on January 11, Jars of Clay will come to Hope for the first time."

"[Hope] students have always wanted a larger music group, much like Clay has, and this is the first one," said Nakisha Zwyghuizen ('04), SAC concert coordinator.

Last year SAC and Student Congress did a survey on who students would like to see in concert. According to Zwyghuizen, Jars of Clay was the most popular.

"[Jars of Clay]'s music appeals to people with different tastes in music, including folk, alternative, rock, and pop," said Peter Binne.

"Christian group Jars of Clay performs at Dimnent Chapel."

SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

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"I even think students who aren't Jars of Clay fans should go to the concert simply because the success of this concert will determine whether or not we're able to make large concerts such as this an annual deal," Binne said.

The Jars of Clay concert is sponsored jointly by SAC and Student Congress in conjunction with the Veritas Forum. The concert is at 9 p.m. on Jan. 11 in Dimnent Chapel. Tickets are available for $15 for students at the Student Union Desk.

"We've worked really hard to bring a band that the students want and have given them lots of time to buy tickets before the public because we want to have all the tickets go to students," Zwyghuizen said.

Concert tickets go on sale for $20 to the public and Hope faculty and staff Dec. 9-13 and Jan. 6-10 at the Hope College Ticket Office in DeWitt.

12th Night' premieres Thursday

Anjey Dykhulis

Senior Staff Reporter

"Twelfth Night" has made its way to Hope's campus under the direction of Theater Department.

Patrick Glaub ('02), director, have been working on the project all semester. Their hard work on a production, they began planning the project, has made possible over two dozen Hope students from all over the board, experience, major, and goal-wise.

"One of the main things that caught my attention when I heard about tryouts was the fact that the production would be run by our peers," Paarlberg said.

The two seniors decided on "Twelfth Night" as a culmination of their years at Hope.

"It is important to examine his work and the influences the work has had on our language," Glaub said.

For $2, any Hope student can see the show on the DeWitt theatre Mainstage. Tickets are available at the door.

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DePree Gallery

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Student work highlighted in annual juried art show

Exhibition continues through Dec. 13 at DePree Gallery

Maureen Yonovitz
Arts Editor

After much examination, selected Hope student artwork is on display to be viewed by the public.

The Juried Student Art Show began Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 13 at the DePree Gallery. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday to which all are welcome to attend.

Curt Hoard, the juror for this year's exhibition, has been an art professor at the University of Minnesota for 36 years. During that time, he has judged numerous exhibitions. Bill Mayer, Hope art department chair, invited Hoard to jury the show as well as to give lectures to ceramics classes.

"My philosophy about art is that it's idea based," Hoard said. "There is a visual intelligence, a philosophical intelligence, in good work."

The role of the juror is to choose what pieces will be in the show. This was Hoard's sole decision, and there was no interference from Hope professors.

"If I were outside professors do it, it becomes isolationism," said John Hanson, gallery director. "If we have outside professors evaluate it, it better represents the art world."

The show has no specific theme except that it is all student work. Although it is mainly composed of work by art majors, anyone can submit. This makes the show difficult to judge because the work is eclectic and comes from so many different places.

"I'd rather be inclusive in bringing works into an exhibition instead of exclusive," Hoard said.

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The 'Night Shift' premieres at Knick

Performers from three nations will be featured in the presentation of the premiere of the dance theater piece "Night Shift" at 7 p.m. on Friday & Saturday at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

"Night Shift" will be performed and was also created by Avi Kaiser of Germany. Steven Iannaccone of the Hope dance faculty and Sergio Antonio of Italy. It will feature original music by Gerhard Stabler of Germany.

The evening’s program will feature two pieces. The first work is “Placido Figure 2,” where, in a metaphysic space made of leaves and souvenirs, figures experience relations of diverse colors. In the second work, “Night Shift,” three men confront time, boredom and escape in a shabby hotel lobby.

Tickets will be available at the door, and cost $7 for regular admission, and $5 for senior citizens and students. Admission is free for children under 12.

"Night Shift" is a co-production of Hope College and the college’s Patrons for the Arts, Geethe Institute. Inter Nations of Chicago, Ill.; "The Roof" Tanznium of Germany; Aerial Dance Theatre; the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts; "In the Body"; and the Holland Area Arts Council.
Paying through the teeth: Buying books

Hope-Geneva Bookstore shops around to find the best prices
Sarah Dunlop  Guest Writer

David Gutierrez  Intern Editor

Every student has gone through the book-buying rut of passage that takes place at the beginning of each semester here at Hope. Peering down their list of classes and matching the CRN numbers to the array of books housed within the Hope-Geneva Bookstore can create a quick deduction in one's paycheck as the shopping basket's weight increases with each sweep of the bookshelf.

From a student perspective, one may only see negative numbers. However, the Hope-Geneva bookstore goes through a process to ensure that the book prices remain as low as possible. There are a number of ways in which the bookstore purchases textbooks; from a wholesaler, distributor, publisher, or buying used books from students at the end of each semester.

To determine which books are needed, the textbook manager, Mary Deenik, receives a book list from each of the professors. This is an important step in the pricing of textbooks. When the professors give the book list to Deenik, she can begin looking for used books early for the coming year. The professors lists determine the books that will be bought back from the students.

"At the book buyback the bookstore pays 55 percent of what the student originally paid for a new book," Deenik said.

Whether or not this is considered prudent compensation, some students complain they get very little money when selling an expensive text book back. This happens because the bookstore purchases the textbook to sell to a book wholesaler. The bookstore then pays ten to 30 percent, depending if the textbook was bought new or used.

Book prices do not originate from the minds of bookstore employees, but begin at the publisher. This is by far the most costly way to purchase new textbooks. Publishers get bookstores to pay this high price because textbooks are sold to a limited market. This option is not a first choice in Deenik's mind, but a necessary one.

"We go to the publisher only when we can not get the books from a buyback or the wholesaler," Deenik said.

The bookstore buys from the publisher when new editions are printed. Deenik often confronts the publisher representatives about the expensive prices, but finds it difficult to receive a straight answer. When possible, the bookstore obtains the rest of its textbooks from used book wholesalers and student buybacks. Not only do these buy-backs benefit students by giving them extra cash, they also allow the bookstore to save money on their annual orders.

After the Hope-Geneva bookstore obtains the books, they markup the prices 20 to 25 percent. While the bookstore is a retail store that exists within the college, it remains autonomous of the school itself. The money they makepays for rent, equipment, utilities, and other expenses. The Hope-Geneva bookstore also donates over 27 percent of their profits to the Geneva Scholarship Fund; a scholarship that gives third-world students the opportunity to attend Hope College.

"Are they [textbooks] expensive? Absolutely," Deenik said. These high prices are most often attributed to the small audience and the limited market to which they are sold. Here at Hope, Deenik tries to keep costs down by working hard to find more used textbooks. An important key for her is having the professor's book list on time. When her lists arrive, she is able to begin finding used textbooks before other college bookstores get them. Although the bookstore raises book prices, some of their profit pays to run the bookstore.

While the budgets of most college students tend to be fragile, and paying triple-digit figures at the beginning of each semester may strain the pocketbook, it's important to realize that high costs are unavoidable due to the process of buying books each year.

Polarization: Understanding the bigger picture

In one of the letters to the Editor in the last issue of The Anchor, the statement was made that someone "was finally standing up for Christianity." This statement was made by Jeffery Konfara in reference to a letter that Brian Boty wrote about homosexuality being in contrast with the Christian faith. I have been attending Hope for three and a half years now, and I've seen more than a few debates between Christians who have different views on the morality of homosexuality.

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Some would argue that these people didn't have a solid enough faith, but I am not convinced. Even if this were the case, it's not much of an excuse, seeing as how it would appear difficult to convince new converts that Christianity is the way when we can't even keep the Christians that we have.

I believe that this problem is due in large part to the belief circulated in certain Christian circles on campus that they are the last stand for what is right and true. This "uncompromising" stance is, more often than not, in opposition to other Christians and what I would classify as militant evangelicism. These students seem to want to shake things up and live in complete opposition to the culture around them.

I say go ahead and shake things up, but don't do it with words of anger and condemnation. I don't believe that Hope should apologize for it's Christian foundations, but simply learn how to live them better. The Hope community has a problem with its hospitality and for once I don't think the administration is to blame. The quality of a college is not measured in leadership alone.

The student body can affect the climate of a campus far more than any policy. If you want to shake things up and live in opposition to culture, then do it with radical kindness and love, not words and condemnation. If this is to happen, and the polarization is to end then it may take the admittance that some of what we believe may be wrong, but this is okay. In a panel discussion a number of weeks ago I was very impressed to hear David Bast, a Hope College alumnus and member of the Board of Directors say that he "was going to be saved in spite of most of what he believed, not because of it." Hope has been divided since I arrived; maybe it's time to work on being a community again. I think president Bultman and the rest of the administration have been trying to repair the wounds that Hope received in the past. This will never succeed unless the students are fully involved.

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts

It is gratifying to see all of your letters this week. This interest in campus issues is encouraging, with your thoughts and words spread over almost two pages of this issue. I enjoy being in an environment that is willing to discuss issues and to offer their opinion in this public forum. The sheer number of student responses is overwhelming. Having this many letters means that everyone is working through these difficult issues, and this is the first step toward change.

Because finals are under way, this will be the last Anchor of the semester. I hope we can all come back next semester even more willing to engage in dialogue on the issues that affect our lives. Thank you for a wonderful semester, I am looking forward to what everyone is willing to engage in dialogue on the issues that affect our lives. Thank you for a wonderful semester, I am looking forward to what the rest of the academic year. Thank you for a wonderful semester, I am looking forward to what the rest of the academic year.

Filling out professor evaluation forms in my classes got me thinking about the Anchor. I know that we are not perfect, and that the paper can still grow in many ways. Because our readers are so important to us, I would like to ask you what you think. What do you like about the Anchor? What would you like to see change? Where do you think we should expand our coverage? Because the Anchor is run by students and we represent students, the quality and issues covered in this paper need to accurately discuss the issues that are important to you.

In order to better serve the Hope College community, I would like to take community members’ opinions into consideration when planning for next semester. Responses can be emailed to Anchor@hope.edu or dropped off outside the Anchor office in the DeWitt Student Center, behind the WTHS studios.

Today’s Count: 62

Merry Christmas from the Anchor staff and your $10 contribution to the Student Activity Fee!

Student responds to campus issues

To the Editor:

I came to Hope College in 1996. In 1999 when I graduated I became a fourth generation alumna. My father tells me stories about how tol- erant Hope was when he was a stu- dent and so does my grandfather. The reason that some of these issues, like is homosexuality right or wrong weren’t discussed back then is because no one discussed sex the way we do today. When you are forging your own identity, your views should be chal- lenged by other ideas.

I agree with Mr. Konfara if he points to our newly organized Student Activity Fee! I would like to challenge all of those Christians who may be more conservative politically. Why did George W. win the last presidential election when Al Gore received more votes? Was God on Bush’s side? Just like God, George W. never compromises his values by listen- ing to liberals.

Unfortunately, so many people overlook God’s conservative beliefs at the voting booths. The devil con- vinces weak minds that voting for liberals is the way to Heaven. But God calls Satan in her dorm every night for being a Muslim. The Gathering is the only way to Heaven wish they had never voted for Clinton.

In fact, why do we even need to talk about the word “Christian”? God should choose the president, since He is perfect and would never choose one of those liberals. Americans need to start thinking about the issues and stop pleasing God to please everyone else.

To the Editor:

According to Jeffrey Konfara’s letter to the editor (11/20), “Hope College is getting too liberal. It should show members of the Liberal Religious Reform movement how to have such a group on campus to show members of GLOBE that other students on campus wanted them to feel comfortable.” Our “bubble” has now ac- companying [its Christian] val- ues.” In this assumption, Jeffery has found the root of all that is wrong with Hope College and America. As the Bible clearly states, God Himself, like all real Christians, is conservative politically. Why did not founded on liberal values, but upon conservative Christian practices this school was founded upon? The answer lies in the fact that Hope was not founded on conservative Chris- tian values, but upon Christian val- ues. This addition of “conserva- tive” to Hope’s mission is not only inaccurate but also offensive to people who identify themselves as both liberal and Christian.

To believe that Christians are by definition conservatives is a wild misconception. This delusion is the original name. In 1997 we wanted to have such a group on campus to show members of GLOBE that other students on campus wanted them to feel comfortable. I certainly hope that the new name “sexuality round table” will cause a corruption of the original intent.

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Rebecca Brockmeyer (’03)

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We need to respect the truth of God's word

To the Editor:

Hope College is a Christian college. I believe this is a concept that some non-Christians and some liberals would like to set. Jeffrey Konfara's letter (11/20/02) created some controversy, but why? Because some people are forgetting that the Bible is God's word.

Christians are supposed to love all people, and I do not believe that most people know how. If you love someone, you care for them and their well being. As a Christian, one should know that all that have accepted Jesus as their personal savior will go to Heaven. Those that didn't will reap the consequence of Hell. So, if you really want to express your Christian love for others, let them know this. If you let people of other faiths go by believing what they are, and fail to tell them that you believe that you are not doing them any good. You are actually keeping the truth from them, and they will have to suffer because of it.

This is a 'liberal' arts institution, right?

To the Editor:

This is a response to Mr. Konfara's "Hope needs to apologize for its Christian foundations" editorial. Mr. Konfara actually believes Hope is becoming more conservative by the way. Mr. Konfara's assertion that non-Christian students should "expect" all Christian surroundings and "adapt to hearing that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven" is understandable, but also I must say closed-minded, anti-democratic, and against the very principles this country was founded on.

Of course, the Christian people believe that Jesus is the only way to Heaven; It is their absolute right to believe so. But, the fact remains that the belief is not more valid than that of some others on campus (and around the globe) who happen to believe otherwise, who may be Buddhists, Jewish, Muslims, or even atheists.

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This is a response to Mr. Konfara's "Hope needs to apologize for its Christian foundations" editorial. Mr. Konfara actually believes Hope is becoming more conservative by the way. Mr. Konfara's assertion that non-Christian students should "expect" all Christian surroundings and "adapt to hearing that Jesus Christ is the only way to Heaven" is understandable, but also I must say closed-minded, anti-democratic, and against the very principles this country was founded on.

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Dutchmen take Select Bank championship

Hope knocks off Cornerstone and GVSU to take title

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The Flying Dutchmen have big expectations for themselves this year, and gave a strong message to their competition. Despite not playing in the Holland Civic Center, the Dutchmen found comfort in the Van Andel Arena last week in the Select Bank Tournament.

Van Wieren, Hope Coach.

"I feel that in this tournament, our team played about as well as we possibly could," said Glenn Van Wieren, Hope Coach.

"Both of the games were incredible, and defending two nationally ranked teams made our guys feel pretty good. Both Cornerstone and Grand Valley have premier basketball programs with a reputation for great success, and it was a big step for us to win the tournament."

Against Cornerstone, Hope was able to blow open the game early in the second half following a tight 32-31 lead at the half. The Dutchmen went on a 14-0 run as both Jeff Carlson ('06) and Don Overbeek ('03) scored seven points each, much to the delight of the 2100 fans in Van Andel.

Cornerstone would fight back in the game's waning minutes, and would decrease Hope's lead to 70-67 with just over two minutes to play, but couldn't get any closer. Hope finished the game with another run, outscoring the Eagles 10-2 in the final two minutes.

Jeff Carlson led the Dutchmen with 18 points, while Don Overbeek followed closely with 16. Overbeek also had 11 rebounds against the Eagles, marking his 19th career double-double.

"I was very pleased with the way we went against Cornerstone," said Van Wieren. "We were able to shoot well above our average, and held them to 38 percent shooting, which is well under their average."

On Saturday, the Dutchmen squared off against the GVSU Lakers, and did not waste any time taking the title. Hope did not trail once throughout the entire game, and shot 61 percent in the second half on their way to a win. Hope also out-rebounded the Lakers 48-28, and went 14-15 from the free throw line.

Overbeck had 21 points and 12 rebounds to mark his 20th career double-double, and was named the tournament's MVP. Jeff Carlson also made the all-tournament team, along with Greg Immink ('05).

The win against Grand Valley also marked the first time that Hope has won the Select Bank Tournament since 1997.

Women's basketball gain two win, remain undefeated

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Brian Morehouse’s Flying Dutch continued their success in the early season. Not only was Hope able to take the Calvin Thanksgiving Tournament title, but the Dutch were victorious over rival Calvin in the finals.

Hope managed to get into the tournament’s championship match with a win over Cornerstone last Friday. The Flying Dutch edged the Lady Eagles 77-59, while Calvin edged past Aquinas College 68-59 to set the up the rivalry match.

Against the Eagles, Amanda Kerkstra ('03) led the team with 19 points and seven rebounds, while Amy Baltmanis ('03) racked up 18 points for the Dutch. Adelynn Villman ('00) was a key player on defense for the Flying Dutch, as she tallied 11 rebounds and four steals.

In the championship game, the Flying Dutch managed to take an early lead in the score, but Calvin eventually pulled away in other aspects of the game. The Knights out-rebounded the Dutch 25-20 in the first half, as Hope narrowed a slim 36-33 lead at the half.

This changed quickly in the second half, as the Dutch not only outscored the Knights, but out-rebounded them as well. The Dutch had a overwhelming advantage in the second half on rebounds, 25-12, shutting down the Knight's chances of regaining the lead in their home tournament.

The dominance on Hope's defense resulted in a breakthrough performance from Hope's offense. Five players managed to get into double digits in Hope's victory.

Once again, Kerkstra led the way in scoring for the Dutch, getting 16 points in the effort. She also racked up 11 rebounds in the game as she garnered her first double-double of the season.

Baltmanis also heavily attributed to Hope's scoring with 13 points and seven assists. At the conclusion of the game, Baltmanis was named the tournament's MVP.

Linda Ebels ('06) scored 13 points for the Dutch, while Kelly Taylor ('05) and Katie Nienhuis ('03) tallied ten points each.

Hope will host the Hope Subway Shootout this weekend with Alma, Westminster College, and North Central College (Ill). Hope will play Westminster in the first round of the tournament this Friday. Tipoff is at 8:00 pm.

One last kick

It’s the final issue of the semester for the Anchor, and being in the Christmas spirit, I suppose I’m looking more to give than receive. So for all the faithful Anchor sports readers, I give you my co-author and sidekick, Jeff Rodstrom ('03).

Those of you who actually read the back page of the Anchor have probably seen columns like these from John and I every now and again. Of course, you’ll always be able to tell which ones are written by Rodstrom because he’ll have a column boasting about the greatness of the ultimate frisbee club, whereas I tend to pay attention more to the real sports at Hope. It’s always a laugh at staff meetings.

But through all the differences that Rodstrom and I go to work with him. The best part about this job is probably sitting the office, typing up the stories, while Rodstrom makes fun of me for not knowing my classic rock.

This what I’ll miss about this job, it’s my Anchor (frankly), So i’s time for one last kick. And I suppose for my last kick, I need a holder like Rodstrom. I trust that he’ll carry on a great sports section for the remainder of the year.

Rodstrom and I have had the distinct pleasure of being taught all our newspaper skills from Rand Arwady ('03). And in honor of Mr. Arwady’s famous predictions, I’m going to make one of my own.

So before I kick the last extra point, I’m going to predict Ohio State’s loss to Miami for the BCS championship. ‘Kicks up; it’s good. That one’s for you, John.