Vegas Night 2003 rolls in Friday evening

This Friday night, SAC will present Vegas Night 2003 from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Vegas Night will include a wedding setup, with a partner dance, a do-it-yourself spa, and Vegas style games. Students will also be able to make their own music videos and participate in a murder mystery game. There is a $3 cover and a trip for two to Disney World will be given away at midnight. Students are given one chance to win the Disney Trip when they attend Vegas Night, and another if they choose to participate in the mystery game.

Tickets available for Caedmon's Call

Tickets are on sale for Deve Aweil promotes Caedmon's Call, who will perform as part of the Christian Music Series on Jan. 10 at 9 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel. The six-piece group, an eclectic folk-influenced band, has created a large (following across the nation, particularly on the college circuit. Tickets for the concert are $15 for Hope College students (limit of 1 per student ID) and $20 for faculty, staff, and the general public.

Summer program changes stuff

MacKenzie Smith
Senior Features

The Philadelphia Center, a domestic off-campus program, will be offering a summer session for the first time in its 35 year history this June-July. This Hope-sponsored study experience, termed "Summer in the City," offers students another opportunity to experience life away from the Holland campus.

The Philadelphia Center is a project of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, with Hope serving as its sponsoring campus. The program's founder, Steve Brooks, is still serving as its director after more than 35 successful years. The center's brochure describes its as "an experiential education program (that) provides opportunities for professional exploration, intellectual development, and personal growth -- in the heart of one of America's largest and most dynamic cities."

Professor James Herrick, of the Hope College communications department, serves as one of the programs representatives here on campus. He is a supporter of the center and said, "It's a well-run program. We've put hundreds of students through it."

Anyone who is interested may spend a semester or summer at the Philadelphia Center, but Herrick said that communications and business majors are the most frequent attendees. According to Mary Butler, the summer program coordinator in Philadelphia, "(The summer program) will be more PHILLY on 2".

Spring mission trips send students around world

Kirsten Winek
Features

Many students head to Florida and other warm locales for Spring Break. Some students choose to participate in another option--Hope's Spring Break mission trips. These trips, several of which are new this year, send students to various parts of the Holland community, several states, and foreign countries.

The mission trips have been a Hope college tradition since around 1996. The program continues to grow each year--this year new programs to Bolivia, Jamaica, Hollywood, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Hazel Green, KY; Holland, MI have been added to the program.

This program also offers specialized trips for students in nursing and pre-med programs, Young Life, and Sacred Dance. Pre-med and nursing students can choose between trips to Bolivia and Nicaragua where they will assist doctors and nurses in providing much-needed medical care, teaching people good hygiene and nutrition, and working with children. The Young Life trip will take place in La Vega, Dominican Republic, where they will help with work projects, work with children and young adults, and lead activities. Sacred Dance will travel to Los Angeles and share their faith through dance, which can be used in teaching, worship, and therapy.

The national mission trips include trips to Newark, NJ; Memphis, TN; East Palo Alto, CA; Queens, NY; Pompano Beach, Florida; Philadelphia, PA; Gap Mills, WV; Washington D.C.; Clinchco, VA; Walker, KY; Leesville, PA; Hazel Green, KY; Apache, OK; and of course, Holland. While each of the trips is unique, most include home repair and similar work, evangelism, work in youth ministries, and the chance to hear and share stories with people from all walks of life. Some destinations are rural and have students working on farms; others give students the opportunity to work with inner-city youth.

International destinations include Tijuana, Mexico; Chiquin, Mexico, the Dominican Republic (different from the Young Life trip); Honduras; and Jamaica. The goals of these trips are similar to those of the national trips; however, the Honduran trip is primarily aimed at students considering careers as Bible translators and many of these

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Sexuality round table encourages discussion

Jenny Cencer
Senior Staff Reporter

The Sexuality Round Table, or Gay Straight Forum (GSF), has only been in existence since the spring of 2001, yet it has impacted the campus in a variety of ways and has an ambitious outlook.

In the past at Hope, the Gay Straight Forum gained renown and garnered various reactions throughout campus. However, vice-president Jessica Honeysett depicts a promising future for the club stating, “Although the GSF is not an official Hope organization, we now have a budget from Dean Frost to provide for speakers as well as allowed Professor Hoogerwerf, our faculty advisor, to rent spaces for discussion on campus. Our ultimate goal is to be a student group. We’d like to be recognized without limitations.”

This stipend made several guest speakers and annual activities possible for the group. Last year, for instance, the GSF participated in the American Friends Service Committee and had the opportunity to host speakers relating to each topic of discussion. Recent discussion focuses have included politics, sexual assault, increase of homosexual and heterosexual portrayal in the media, as well as fraternity and sorority life.

In order to have unbiased discussion, supportive of all perspectives, respect is emphasized in the group. Co-president of GSF, Butley Martin said, “I want everyone to feel like they’re in a safe and protective environment.”

Students, faculty, and staff of every belief and sexuality are encouraged to attend meetings, held every other Tuesday in Lubbers 107. The week following each discussion provides opportunities for further enrichment through films and activities.

Honeysett explains, “We want to open people’s minds.” Future activities include a campus wide Day of Silence followed by a Day of Dialogue in the spring. The Day of Silence, sponsored by Glisten, is representative of the violence and discrimination experienced by homosexuals, and all others who are persecuted.

Participants who commit to verbal silence will wear t-shirts reminding the community of acceptance and will be given note cards to explain to professors why they are unable to speak during a class debate, if the need arises. The Day of Dialogue will be open to all members of the community to discuss experiences through diverse perspectives.

The growing number of participants in GSF emphasize as well as acceptance of all faiths, values, and sexual preferences. Co-president Rachel Hunt mentions, “I’m not gay, yet this is my passion.” Current members strongly encourage participation throughout the Hope community. Have your voice heard at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 p.m. in Lubbers 107. The topic of discussion, facilitated by a local pastor, will be religion.

Members of the Sexuality Round Table gather weekly to talk about issues on campus and off. Every other week features a fun event, the other weeks are spent in discussion.

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Ice sculptures
Behind Phelps last Thursday: Chainsaws and blocks of ice

My heart goes out to everyone who has endured the harsh weather over the past few weeks. With these ice sculptures, made behind Phelps last Thursday, the Hope community has something to look forward to. Chainsaws and blocks of ice were used to create the sculptures, which are being displayed around campus.

These sculptures were created by a group of students working with the Philadelphia Center for the Deaf Village, a community that helps deaf people live and work. Students will take away many different things from these experiences. One of the most important parts of the Philadelphia experience, according to those involved, is the experience it gives students in independent living. In the semester-long program, students are responsible for finding their own housing. Butler explains that this won’t happen in the summer. “Students really value the experience and it is intrinsic preparation for life as an adult, but time constraints in the summer make it necessary to line up housing in advance.” However, transportation and meals will still be the responsibility of individual students.

Spending time learning in Philadelphia has additional perks as well. Butler said, “There is so much happening here in the summer, from outdoor concerts, to ballgames...to eating fresh brioche and people-watching at a sidewalk café.”

Philadelphia is also a short train ride away from Washington D.C., New York City, and Atlantic City. This first-ever summer session will run for nine weeks from June 1 to July 30.

The program fee and tuition are $6400, and enrollment is capped at 20 for the summer. For more information, visit the Philadelphia Center website at www.philactr.edu or meet with a representative from the Fried International Office here on Hope’s campus.

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Unknown student groups active on campus

SPOTLIGHT

AJ Smith
Senior Staff Reporter

There are some student activity groups that everyone knows about. It is common knowledge that foreign language groups for Spanish, French and German meet on campus. Groups for sports such as ice hockey, lacrosse and even ultimate frisbee exist as well.

However, that is by no means anywhere near all the student organizations on campus. There are 52 distinct student activity groups on campus, including everything from Silent Praise and gospel choir to the outdoor adventure club.

Some of these lesser known groups have done very well recently in competitions with other schools. The Hope sailing club is one such group. The team regularly goes to regattas with public universities such as Michigan State, Indiana State, and Ohio State. Most of the schools competitors come from have many times more students than Hope.

A few weeks ago, the sailing team hosted a regatta that six other teams attended. All larger than Hope; the next smallest was Purdue.

The Hope team came in fifth overall, which, notes team captain John Leahey (’04), was very good for Hope against teams from Indiana State and University of Michigan. Other teams there were from places such as Harvard and MIT. Leahey also said that Hope has been invited to the Mark Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta in Chicago over Thanksgiving, which is a huge honor.

The sailing team consists of 15 students, who race competitively almost every weekend in the fall, in regattas held everywhere from Boston to Chicago. They are always open to new members, with or without sailing experience.

“Hope couldn’t go without a sailing team,” said Leahey, making references to Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa.

Another student group that doesn’t receive much attention is the swing club. The swing club is not as old or well established as some of the other student groups, as they were only founded in 2001. The group was started on a high ideal.

David Pridmore (’04) said that the ideals were like the ones from the movie “Swing Kids,” which was about a group of teens in World War II Germany who, even though it was legal, went swing dancing because they had a passion for it.

There are about 15 regular members of the Swing Club, and each one is passionate about swing dancing. The swing club is about more than just learning how to dance.

“It’s about how to passionately dance,” said Pridmore, saying that swing dance is an “expression of how you feel.” Since the swing club is still rather young, some things are still not set right. They are setting up a tradition for the swing club, since most of the original members have or will be graduating soon. Still, all the members of the club love swing dancing.

Some people may wonder why these groups aren’t as well known as others. For groups such as the swing club, it may be that they aren’t as well established on campus as other, older groups. Others may not get the publicity or advertise as much as other groups do. Still, these groups are still doing well, and they are all open to anyone who is interested in joining them.

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Student dancers make their moves

The year's first student choreographed dance concert draws near

Jordan Wolfson
Senior Staff Reporter

Two weeks from now, the students of the Hope College dance department will be performing the pieces that they have been working on since the beginning of the semester. The concerts will feature student-choreographed works, written to the themes of ballet, jazz, modern, tap, and African.

One of the features in this production will be Lindsay Townsend's ('04) presentation of "To Be Free," a work encapsulating the emotions of frustration and confusion that abound from youthful love. This piece was assigned to her as part of an independent study assignment, supervised by the head of the dance department, Maxine DeBruyn. When asked about her independent study work, Lindsay said, "(It) has been an educational experience. It's great because I'm being coached in my choreography, which will help me when I student teach."

The main event of the dance performance will be a piece entitled "Them Apples." This work has taken the dance students three months to learn and execute to the point of perfection under the direction of Ray Tudio, professor of dance. These students have choreographed this whole piece from the very beginning and its main purpose is to challenge pre-conceived notions of rhythm and music. "Them Apples" will test the limits of the stage and is slated to be the biggest and loudest rhythmic explosion in college history.

The performances on Nov. 24 and 25 will be held at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theatre. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

A combination of sounds

Jazz combos join forces with Anchor Band for two nights of music

Joe Turbessi
Staff Reporter

The perennially busy jazz department of Hope College is at it again. This time the jazz combos will be presenting a consecutive two nights of concerts at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The Monday concert will be held in Wichers Auditorium and the Tuesday concert will be held in Snow Auditorium. Both auditoriums are located in the Nykerk Hall of Music.

Music on the program will include many of the older American standards from the 20's and 50's (such as Gershwin, Porter, Hart, and Ellington) as well as original music by some of Hope's jazz students. "These composers, they are our Bachs and Mozarts and Beethoven's," said Coyle.

In addition to Coyle, combo coaches include Steven Talaga and Ryan Janus. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.
Let's Talk About... Caffeine

In the medical world, caffeine is known as trimethylxanthine, which acts as a cardiac stimulant and also a mild diuretic (increase of urine production). Caffeine users are familiar with the boost of energy it provides, making it possible for the user to be more awake and alert. This is part of the reason that 90 percent of Americans consume caffeine every day, commonly through coffee, tea, cola, or chocolate.

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The short-term effects of caffeine are quite positive, but the problems are the long-term effects. When the adrenaline wears off, the consumer becomes tired or depressed once again until they consume more caffeine. It takes about six hours for it to stay in the body. So much caffeine running through the body all day long isn’t healthy; the consumer can become jumpy and irritable. Caffeine also makes it hard for the consumer to fall into the deep sleep they need. So after a night of tossing and turning, one is likely to grab another cup of coffee the next morning, continuing the cycle of addiction.

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Facing issues at Hope

Over the past few years, few issues have raged at Hope with as much ferocity as homosexuality. It was only five years ago that the campus was almost divided in two over comments made in chapel about homosexuality. The subsequent reactions from both sides of the issue only widened the gap, with neither side willing to give.

The next year, returning students came back to school in the fall worried that the debate may explode once again. Surely enough, some of the feelings left over from the past, and arguments over the moral implications of homosexuality began. This time around, however, the arguments were not as venomous. Even though it seemed that campus was more willing to participate in accepting dialogue, our division was still large enough to rank us nationally, as a questionable school for homosexuals to attend.

The successes of the past year witnessed a similar increase in awareness and acceptance of others’ views. With the exception of a couple of events, Hope has become a much friendlier place to express one’s opinions about homosexuality.

This advancement in our attitudes is what I am most proud of at Hope. At first, I thought it was ridiculous that any group of educated individuals would even have this argument. I quickly realized, however, that Hope was not the only school to turn its back. I consider it an accomplishment to have gotten even this far in such little time.

At the same time that the homosexuality debates have been getting better, another division has been rising in this campus. As most know, last year’s race debate was not Hope’s finest moment. In the aftermath of a couple of insensitive occurrences, the campus was divided as it was years ago.

One side was claiming the events as insensitive, while the other screamed about hypersensitivity. What resulted was a series of dialogues that, while helpful, lost much of their impact due to students’ discontent with the whole situation. It feels to me that so far this year, we have been doing a good job of putting the past behind us and moving on with the best intentions.

Though I am sure that we are not yet through the storm of these disagreements, I can see the light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. If Hope could find a way to approach agreement on a hot topic like homosexuality, then we can repair the damage we have done to our race relations. Therefore, I would like to say congratulations to the members of this community at beginning of the process of making all fried welcome, but also remind everyone that the work is not done. Once again, Hope has a long, hard road ahead of it, but it has pulled through before, and I am sure it can again.

To the editor:

There was a scathing audience in VanderWerf lecture hall 102. Speaking on the issue of a Panel Discussion on Sexual Assault and Rape. How often does this happen? A panel discussion, a lecture, a dialogue—about important issues that all students should care about. Issues that deal with our very humanity, how we work, the events that happen in our lives, tragedies that occur— all on this campus. All with a small sprinkling of the Hope student body. These events all have vital information that it is necessary for students to know about sexual harassment and assault, alcohol and drug abuse, and racial tensions on this campus. Yet no one attends.

Then you get the rumors started when something does occur on campus that you cannot ignore. You get outraged students saying: “Why weren’t we better informed?”, and “the Administration needs to do a better job of informing us of these things.”

It has been said and again, and I will say it again—there is a terrible mood of complacency on this campus. Students don’t care. There’s not a whole lot that the administration doesn’t do enough to proactively educate students. I am turning that around and putting the responsibility on the students of Hope College. You are college students. Legally adults. It is high time that you stand by the exit. Aha! It is students enrolled in the program that are the ones that require them to go to these events. All this problem stems from is concerned professors that want to educate their students. It would be nice if these students were not required to attend these events simply because they do so, without question. Why are students forced to? I understand the principle, but in its execution, it fails. Students who want to go to these events will go to them. Students who do not want to go will find ways not to attend, and in the process annoy people who actually want to be there, and may be making Hope look bad to the performers.

I don’t want to sound too highbrowed. But, when I enter beauty, I want to enjoy it. I want to be able to savor it. I do not want it to be interrupted, like it has been at every event that I have attended that has been at Hope sponsored. I know that the cashiers, students being forced to attend events when they clearly do not want to attend, will not be changed with this letter. But, I hope that how people will change. So, please, just have some decency and sit on the back or side and wait for a break in the performance if you feel the need to leave.

—Angela Matuszyk ('04)

Your voice

Attendance of Hope events promotes understanding

To the editor:

I have noticed a problem at Hope College. This problem has been bothering me for a long time. It seems that whenever I go to a concert, a poetry reading, a visiting writer, a lecture, or a play, people will start to leave a quarter of the way through the perfor-

mance. This shouldn’t be such a large problem to warrant a letter to the school newspaper. However, this is happening more and more, the reasons for the problem make it a large problem.

Well, I think I will start with how people are leaving. I have to admit that I don’t know the etiquette of leaving the events. I have to admit that I don’t know the etiquette of leaving the events sit in the middle of the audience. When they leave it draws attention away from the perfor-
mance. It would just be common sense to sit in the back or on the end of an aisle. Also, it would be nice to see people wait for a break in the performance be-

fore they leave.

But, that part doesn’t concern me as much as the why. Tonight, at the Terence Blanchard concert, I was asked to turn in a green slip of paper to a woman standing by the exit. Aha! It is students enrolled in the program that are the ones that require them to go to these events. All this problem stems from is concerned professors that want to educate their students. It would be nice if these students were not required to attend these events simply because they do so, without question. Why are students forced to? I understand the principle, but in its execution, it fails. Students who want to go to these events will go to them. Students who do not want to go will find ways not to attend, and in the process annoy people who actually want to be there, and may be making Hope look bad to the performers.

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—William Rekdahl ('06)

Forced attendance deleterious to respect, enjoyment

Student questions monitoring of newspaper budget

To the editor:

Can Be Okay,” I would like to make a few comments.

First of all, I completely agree with the idea that it is okay to be a single college student. I am writing especially to the freshmen students on campus that may feel some pressure to find a boyfriend/girlfriend. When I first came to Hope last year, there was this sense around that seemed to scream, “You must get into a relationship NOW!”

This thought, however convincing it seems to be, is pretty silly. If you let it float around in your head too long, you may face a lot more stress than necessary. Think about it—you’re just starting to get to know a lot of new people. Develop those relationships, both with those of the opposite sexes. If deeper relationship comes out of one of them, great! I think having a committed relationship is an amazing thing. But don’t try too hard to make one. You could be missing out on a lot of wonderful friendships if you do.

—Paul Hayes ('05)

Trying to find a relationship can hinder finding friends

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In response to the November 12th article, “Single Can Be Okay,” I would like to make a few comments. First of all, I completely agree with the idea that it is okay to be a single college student. I am writing especially to the freshmen students on campus that may feel some pressure to find a boyfriend/girlfriend. When I first came to Hope last year, there was this sense around that seemed to scream, “You must get into a relationship NOW!”

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—Brian Barry ('06)
American elections should focus on voters, not money

To the editor:

We cannot honor the words of Lincoln — "government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth" — while our political system segregates us into those who can buy access and those who cannot.

We cannot preach democracy to the world when the leaders of our country are forced to sell access and influence to those who finance campaigns.

We cannot sincerely teach our children the ideal of "one person, one vote" when those with money speak louder than those without.

A cascade of special interest money endangers the principles of American democracy. A government of, by and for the people, as President Abraham Lincoln said seven score years ago, is threatened by a money-driven political system that makes donors and their dollars count for more than voters and their votes.

No where are the dangers to these principles more apparent than in the race for the White House. The presidency is the only office that is supposed to belong equally to each and every one of us. Yet our would-be leaders are required by this process to spend too much time raising money from a small group of contributors who too often want something in return.

In pursuit of his party’s nomination, George W. Bush has set his sights on raising an unprecedented $200 million, despite being uncontested in his primary. Just as he did in his 2000 campaign, President Bush has chosen not to participate in the presidential campaign financing system with its public matching funds and spending limits, which was established after the Watergate scandal three decades ago.

Other candidates, including front-running Democrats, are considering opting out as well, threatening to turn the presidential nominating process into a hunt for big money.

What is needed is a system of full public financing that puts voters first. Models for such a law are already working well in Maine and Arizona.

The people in voting booths, and no one else, should choose our leaders.

—Chris Thibault ('04)
Magical seasons come to an end

The 2003 season was filled with highlights and Hope firsts.

Brad Vanderberg
Sports Editor

After remarkable runs for both the men's and women's soccer teams, the fun came to an end Friday afternoon as the Dutch fell to DePauw University 1-0 and the Dutchmen bowed to Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2-0.

The Dutchmen looked to advance after defeating Wisconsin-Whitewater 3-1 on Wednesday as they took on third ranked Wisconsin-Oshkosh. It wouldn't be easy. The Titans came into the game allowing only five goals all season.

Back on Sept. 20, the Dutchmen had fallen to the Titans 2-0 in the Wisconsin-Oshkosh tournament. Friday would prove to be no different as the Dutchmen fell by an identical score.

The Titans played offensively throughout the game, out shooting Oshkosh 11-7, but the Titans regrouped late in the second half knocking in two goals past Hope keeper Jake Hofmeister ('05), who finished the contest with two saves.

Steve Smith's Dutchmen ended the season with a 14-4 overall record and posted a second straight NCAA championship berth. Karter Klingenberg ('06) led the MIAA with 11 goals scored and El Haebron ('04) led the assist category with six.

After shutting out Manchester, Indiana, on Wednesday in Holland 2-0, the Dutch were forced to face another Indiana foe, DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, this weekend.

Taking on the fifth ranked Tigers in the NSCAA poll would not be an easy task. The Tigers seemed to have control of the ball in the Hope end most of the first half as Hope goalkeeper Holly Nestle ('07) was forced to make nine saves. The Dutch only managed to get three shots on target, none much of a threat.

The 2003 season was different as the Dutchmen fell by an unfortunate losses, but making it into the tournament was an awesome experience.

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Lady Dutch basketball returns

Team returns adding new and aggressive players to mix

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I am excited about this year's Flying Dutch team. We should be exciting to watch while playing an up tempo style of pushing the basketball and playing aggressive defense," said Morehouse. "It's that aggressive defense that has dominated the MIAA the past four years and led the Dutch to an undefeated regular season and a sectional-finals visit last year in the NCAA tournament."

The Dutch look now to add even more wins to Morehouse's remarkable 155-41 record as head coach at Hope.

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Hope wins MIAA championship

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It was a bittersweet day for the Dutchmen last Saturday as they managed to drop their first conference contest of the year to rival Albion and win the conference outright at the same time.

Hope took their undefeated conference mark to Sprinkle-Sprandel stadium Saturday, as they took a 21-0 lead into halftime.

The lead would dwindle in the closing minutes as Albion quarterback Steve Wasil threw a desperation pass with three seconds left into the endzone which Albion receiver Roman Starr grabbed for the 44-yard touchdown. It wasn't the Albion sideline who was going nuts, however; as the entire Hope team erupted at a controversial no call of offensive pass interference on Starr who seemed to push off of the Hope defender. The extra point sailed through the uprights, handing Hope its third loss of the season, first in the conference.

The heartbreaking 28-27 loss was partially overshadowed as they heard the score from the Kalamazoo Adrian game. The 27-21 Adrian loss gave Hope the conference title.

"We are very disappointed with the loss to Albion. It was a game we could of won and should have won. That is what makes it sting so bad," commented head coach Dean Kreps. "To end the game on a controversial call makes it even worse. We should never have put ourselves in that position."

Despite the loss, Hope can be happy about the defensive play of Joe Deskerv's ('06), as he had nine tackles (seven solo) and three interceptions.

Hope must now put the loss behind them quickly as they look forward to the first round of the NCAA playoffs. "We are a confidenct group so I'm sure we will be able to bounce back from last week's game," said Joe VerSchueren who turned in an exceptional performance Saturday with eight receptions for 159 yards and three touchdowns. With his three touchdown catches in Saturday's performance, VerSchueren set Hope's single season touchdown receptions record with 15.

Hope's first round game will be at Wheaton College, a recognizable foe.

"We have already played Wheaton this season and although we lost that game we hung tough in there with them and are a better team at this point in the season than when we played them the first time around. It's going to be a good game," added VerSchueren.

"We have a chance to redeem ourselves this week in the national playoffs against Wheaton College. We are familiar with Wheaton because we played them earlier in the year. We are a much improved team from when we played Wheaton on Sept. 26, but I'm sure they are better too. The team is excited about this opportunity. Only 28 teams make it to the tournament out of roughly 300 schools. We are in a select group and we are proud of that."