Hope Tree raises funds to support local ministry

Matt Oosterhouse

In an effort to bring peace to Hope College students and support a local ministry during the often-busy Christmas season, Student Congress has erected a 15-foot Christmas tree in the middle of the second floor Rotunda of the Martha Miller Center.

The Hope Tree, an initiative sponsored by Student Congress, is raising funds for the City On A Hill Ministries through the sale of bows and bulbs that have been placed on the tree. At press time, 33 bows and 85 bulbs have been purchased raising a total of $5,400 for the Zeeland-based ministry.

On Friday, Nov. 30, Holland community members and students, faculty, and staff gathered to commemorate the undertaking, sing Christmas carols, and officially light the tree. Hope’s make acapella group, 12th Street Harmony, was on hand to lead the attendees in the of singing of carols such as “O Come All Ye Faithful” and “Silent Night.”

Joy Taylor (’09) attended the lighting ceremony and really enjoyed the carols. “I know that it was only one event,” Taylor said, “but it was nice to see the turnout of people who came and see the Hope community come together.”

According to sophomore class representative David Paul (’10), the coordinator of the Hope Tree, the initiative began in October when David Moore (’10) approached him about putting up a Christmas tree on campus.

“This is a perfect example of Student Congress listening to the voice of the students,” Paul said.

Paul said that Student Congress performed an in-depth analysis of five local non-profit organizations and compared their services, their needs and their relationship with Hope College. “(We saw that) City On A Hill did not have a very strong relationship with Hope,” Paul said. “We chose City On A Hill because we felt it shared Hope’s mission of reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus with the community. We were (also) excited about all the services they offer, and we felt that the students would get excited.”

According to Director Gary Ellens, City On A Hill is home to about 26 ministries, including food service for all economic levels, counseling and mentoring services, and assistance for the poor and homeless.

“It’s encouraging to see the collaboration between Hope and City On A Hill!” Ellens said. “We’d like to see that more often.”

Fred Johnson announces run for Congress

Kevin Soubly

On Nov. 19, Hope College Associate History Professor Fred Johnson announced his candidacy for Michigan’s Second Congressional seat.

Running as a Democrat with the slogan “restoring growth and integrity,” Johnson is stressing a phased withdrawal from Iraq, a tightening of border security, increased international diplomacy and a reexamination of foreign trade agreements. Johnson also supports reforming America’s formal education systems and support of environmental stewardship, as well as the reform of the current health care system.

His position as a history professor places him in a unique situation. “As a historian, I’ve had plenty of opportunity to see what can happen when the majority of people either exhibit too much trust in leadership or don’t challenge (“Change) is going to take my one voice plus many more like it.” — Fred Johnson, Assoc. Professor of History their leadership,” Johnson said.

And challenging leadership he is—in his race for the Congressional seat, he is running against the Republican incumbent and longtime Congressman Peter Hoekstra.

Fred Johnson, first elected to Congress in 1993, Hoekstra has enjoyed much support in the Republican-dominated 2nd District.

Hoekstra won the 2006 election with 66 percent of the vote, according to the Michigan Secretary of State. He has appeared in a variety of media, appearing numerous times on national television, had articles published in major newspapers across the country and appeared in novel writing class.

Volunteer Services shares holiday ‘Hope’

Katie Harper

This holiday season, many students are searching for ways to extend hope beyond the campus parameters. Thankfully, two conveniently located organizations, Hope College Volunteer Services and the Holland Rescue Mission, are eager to put these hopeful hands to work.

While Hope College Volunteer Services provides volunteer opportunities to students regardless of the season, Christmastime usually shows an increase in student volunteerism.

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International students celebrate holidays far away from home but not alone

Sunyoung Hong

With Christmas break approaching, Hope College students are getting excited about finishing with exams and going home to celebrate and spend time with family. For some students, however, this is not possible. Many international students live overseas and thus will not go home due to the expense of travel.

“A minority of (international) students go home but numbers are increasing due to cheaper tickets; seven years ago, perhaps one student would fly home,” said International Student Advisor Habeeb Awad.

Fortunately, these students are not on their own. The International Education Office works closely with housing to accommodate these international students. Those who stay are usually allowed to stay in their current housing until the campus shuts down later in December, although Residential Life tries to ensure that students are not left alone in their residence halls for several reasons. As Dr. John Johnson, director of Residential Life and Housing, explained, it is important that students live near each other because of potential emergencies, loneliness and the fact that only two RAs are assigned to check up on residents during the Christmas break. During the shut down, the international students move to the Haworth Inn until the school becomes operational again.

Felix Kikaya (‘11), a student from Kenya, intends to do just that.

“I appreciate (this arrangement) so much because I would not have any place to stay if we were not for this plan,” Kikaya said.

Kikaya intends to spend the break working at the Hope College Transportation Garage and celebrating Christmas day with his friend Victor Kanyi (‘11), also a Hope student, and Victor’s host family. When asked about his situation, Kikaya explained that he misses Kenya very much because he has not seen his family since he arrived in the U.S. and because of the harsh climate of Michigan.

“If there’s any opportunity for me to go home, it’s the first thing I’ll do,” Kikaya said.

Housing is not the only way in which Hope College accommodates the needs of international students. Over-the-break residents can arrange to get some food by talking to Jobson. Furthermore, the International Education Office stays in touch with international students by arranging a meal and a movie during the break.

Also, although the students do not get to spend Christmas with their families, many who signed up for host families get invited to celebrate the day with them. One international student, Peter Pan (‘08), will spend the entire Christmas break with his host family in Grandville.

“What comes out of (all these efforts) is we try to accommodate international students as much as possible. So in this sense, Hope College is very helpful,” Awad said.
Amtrak crashes

CHICAGO (AP) — An Amtrak train plowed into the back of a Norfolk Southern freight train and crushed one end of a boxcar under its wheels Friday, injuring dozens of people, some seriously. Most of the 187 passengers walked away unhurt.

Passengers were huddled into the seats in front of them in the accident on the city’s South Side, and four people had to be guided from the front of the train, where the engine was located, authorities said.

The collision sent 71 people to a dozen hospitals, most of them in stable or good condition, according to the Chicago Fire Department. Five people were taken from the scene in serious to critical condition.

Hope College student, Emily Hunt (’08), was a passenger on the train. She was on her way to a job interview, but missed the interview due to being Cook County Hospital, where she was until 6 p.m. the night of the accident.

“All my muscles kill me. But specifically my muscles in my neck are so out of whack it hurts to swallow,” Hunt said. “I often get bad headaches in the back of my head. My sides hurt because of how I twisted.”

Hunt described the collision after the collision as “really sketchy,” explaining that it took her a while to be able to get treatment. She was put on a charter bus, which were available for the walking wounded to be taken to various hospitals in the metro area.

In Brief

Kent, others investigate medical practices

Erin Fortner
Staff Writer

Health Departments around the nation, including Kent County, have documented and are investigating cases of medical professionals’ unhygienic practices, concerning the use of syringes and multi-dose medicine vials. The unhygienic medical applications have the potential to infect numerous patients with HIV and hepatitis, while exposing thousands more.

According to a New York Times article, “Dr. Michael Bell, associate director of infection control for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said any virus is most easily spread through the reuse of needles and syringes. But even if clean needles and syringes are used, the potent hepatitis C virus – or any other infectious agent – could be spread if the vial itself is contaminated through handling or other avenues of exposure and then used again to medicate other patients.”

Currently, the Kent County Health Department in Grand Rapids is in the process of notifying and testing over 2,000 previous patients of dermatologist Dr. Robert Stokes for HIV and hepatitis. Three past employees of Stokes will testify they witnessed him using a single vial itself is contaminated through virus – or hepatitis C are used, needles and syringes.

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According to a recent Chicago Sun-Times report, the Amtrak engineer who “plowed into the rear of a freight train had been fully certified for only about three months when he sped up,” even though he was signaled to be “extremely cautious.” The Sun-Times reported that the engineer accelerated to speeds 25 mph over the maximum indicated speed prior to hitting the freight train.

While news reports have stated breaks were suddenly applied in an attempt to avoid the accident, Hunt said there was “no slamming on the breaks.”

Hunt described two hits. One when the Amtrak train hit the freight train and then when the Amtrak train finally stopped on top of the other train.

The damage to the passenger train was mostly to its engine, where some of the five Amtrak workers aboard were, authorities said. It was unclear how many of them were hurt. The train’s three double-decker passenger cars re- mained upright.

No one was in the portion of the Norfolk Southern freight train that was struck, and neither of the two workers aboard was hurt.

Hunt has had some difficulty adjusting to classes. On Monday, she explained, that she had to leave class due to the pain caused from the simple motion of moving her head up and down as she took notes.

She has entered physical therapy and been given muscle relaxants; however, she is worried about exam week, because the relaxants cause drowsiness.

“Admittedly, I probably won’t take them until after exam week,” Hunt said.

Hunt’s experience in the accident, however, did not deter her from riding on the train back to Hope.

Screenwriter strike continues

Jonathon Parrish
Guest Writer

On Nov. 5, after weeks of failed negotiation, the Writers Guild of America officially went on strike. This labor union represents the majority of film, television and radio writers working in the United States. Currently, about 12,000 WGA writers are striking against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

Every three years, the Writers Guild negotiates a contract with the AMPTP. Talks between the two groups broke down this year primarily due to disagreements over writers’ residuals and compensation for new media. Writers’ residuals are profits made by writers for subsequent airings or purchasing of their work. Citing the need writers have for this continued compensation, the WGA has requested a doubling of this rate for DVD sales. So far the AMPTP has been unwilling to comply with this demand.

The current impasse is important to both sides as the issue of new media. This growing market encompasses internet streaming and downloading of television programs and movies. While the AMPTP claims that this market needs further study before discussing compensation, the Writers Guild believes that they are being denied their fair share of the profits in this important new venue.

Attempts to reconcile these difficulties have so far been unsuccessful. “We’re not going to negotiate with a gun to our heads—that’s just stupid,” said the president and chief negotiator of AMPTP in response to the strike. Interestingly, public opinion has remained very high in support of the writers. In a national survey conducted by Pepperdine University, nearly two-thirds of Americans tend to side with the writers and only about 4 percent sympathize with the AMPTP.

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Looking at the Democratic candidates

Emily Krupczak

Guest Writer

As Election Day draws near, the presidential candidates are eager to clarify their ambitious plans, and poke holes in their opponents’. Former Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico vigorously criticized the way Republican candidates have been “trying to outdo each other demonizing illegal immigrants,” adding that it is “unrealistic to think we’re going to deport 12 million people.” He supports tighter border security and a path to legal citizenship for those already in the country. A recent poll released by American Research Group, Inc. showed Richardson as suffering the greatest drop in support, from 12 percent in mid November to only 4 percent by the end of the month.

In other Iowa polling data, support for Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., fell from 27 percent to 25 percent, sparking increased attacks on her opponents, specifically Obama. Clinton has picked up two endorsements from environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy and the Amalgamated Transit Union. At a recent summit on AIDS, Clinton spoke about her faith with a guaranteed annual income of $5,000, irrespective of work status. He also supports a universal health care plan, under which citizens would pay nothing for health benefits. Currently, Gravel is polling at less than 1 percent.

Chris Dodd recently received the endorsement of the International Association of Firefighters. The endorsement, which was pursued by every presidential candidate, went to Dodd because he is “the candidate that best represents firefighters and what they do to protect the public,” according to a spokesperson for IAF. Dodd is also reminding voters of his key role in passing the Families and Medical Leave Act, which allows workers to take time off due to birth, adoption, or illness in the family. Support for Dodd has stayed steady at 3 percent.

As Richardson was trying to outdo each other demonizing illegal immigrants, John Edwards, a former North Carolina senator, recently released more details about his proposed health care plan. Under the “Edwards Mandate,” all Americans would be required to submit proof of insurance with their income tax returns. Edwards is looking up in the polls. With a rise from 20 percent to 23 percent, he is catching up to Obama and Clinton.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, another Democratic candidate, maintained support at 2 percent. He is using his media coverage to remind voters that he voted against the Iraq war from the beginning, and that he is one of only a few candidates advocating a truly universal, non-profit health care system. Kucinich has, specifically, criticized the other Democratic candidates for their support of Sen. Joe Biden’s, D-Del, policies.

Biden himself has noted the apparent tendency of the other candidates to latch on to his foreign policy. “I know a lot of my opponents out there say I would be a great secretary of state,” he said on Nov. 29, speaking at a forum on Iraq. “Do you watch any of the debates? ‘Joe’s right, Joe’s right, Joe’s right.’” Biden reminds voters that if he would make such a great secretary of state, he would also make a great president. When Biden arrived late to a New Hampshire student convention, he said that his tardiness was a reason the students should vote for him. He was held up because the Israeli prime minister called to ask his advice. Biden saw a slight increase in support, from 5 percent in mid November to 8 percent by late November.

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Republicans race to the nomination

The 2008 elections are less than a year away, and some states are having their party primaries within the next month. Much of the media attention has been focused on the Democratic race between Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. However, the ongoing Republican race is equally as important.

Earlier this week, a poll conducted by the Des Moines Register, the leading newspaper in Iowa, found that Mike Huckabee was leading that state’s race with 29 percent support, followed by Mitt Romney’s 24 percent. In a distant third was Rudy Giuliani with 13 percent. Iowa’s race is so important as it is the first state to hold primaries, and its outcome determine patterns for the rest of the nation.

Mike Huckabee was the governor of Arkansas from 1996 to 2007 and is an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist church. Although not initially a popular candidate, he has been rising in prominence in the recent months. He is a supporter of traditional marriage and pro-life movements, and recently put a video on YouTube with Chuck Norris affirming his dedication to the Second Amendment gun rights. Huckabee is also the only major candidate that supports the “Fair-Tax” initiative, a proposal to do away with the IRS and institute a nationwide sales tax; however, many question this tax initiatives’ effectiveness.

Mitt Romney, also the former governor of Massachusetts and a Mormon, is another force to be reckoned with; he is considered a strong social and economic conservative. His Mormon faith, however, is something that continues to haunt him among the more religious members of the Republican Party. Some party members fear that his faith will influence his decisions as president in an undesirable manner. Up until now his campaign has refused to talk about his faith, but this week they will announced that he will be giving more talks about it, and how it influences his decision.

Rudy Giuliani, the mayor of New York during the 9-11 attacks, is trailing in Iowa, but still a favorite with more moderate and liberal Republicans, supporting both same-sex marriage. This week he spent time in New Hampshire spreading his plans of lowering taxes and business assistance. But his past is something that he will have to work around, as allegations of corruption from his time as mayor keep coming out.

Rounding out the rest of the poll were Fred Thompson (9 percent), John McCain and Ron Paul (7 percent), and Tom Tancredo (6 percent).
Hope takes a stand on global warming

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Global warming is a topic that is often in the news. Global warming used to be something that liberals and conservatives disagreed on, but now, more and more people acknowledge it is happening.

The real question is: What is Hope College doing about it? There are several angles that staff and students are taking to show the dangers of global warming. The first step is education.

Chemistry professor Joanne Stewart teaches a general education math and science course entitled “Abrupt Climate Change.”

Stewart uses the education angle to teach students the dangers of abrupt climate change, which was dramatized by the motion picture “The Day After Tomorrow.” Though the earth has not reached the extreme show in the film, the movie shows some of the techniques that Stewart uses to show her students the science behind it. Compared to this “extraordinary science,” as Stewart calls it, global warming is a long-term concern. However, her students now know the dangers involved, which is the first stride toward environmental change.

There are also several Hope professors and students who are preparing to attend a nation-wide “teach-in” event called “Focus The Nation” on Jan. 31, which will be primarily focusing on global warming solutions for America. This event is also working on that first step in the process of change—education. “Focus The Nation” is using four components to help bring about the change to stop global warming: the national teach-in, “green democracy,” “choose your future,” and “2% solution.”

Green democracy is about informing our government about the solutions for change in our country. “Choose your future” concentrates on voting for the top resolutions, and takes place during the week leading up to Jan. 31. “2% solution” is an international webcast set to air on the evening of Jan. 30 that features several of the leading researchers and pioneers in “green” entrepreneurship from across the country. This should be a very informative event that brings together many of the great young minds in our country in order to bring about change.

Another event that took place this year was called “Power Shift,” a conference that occurred at the University of Maryland from Nov. 2-5, which brought together politicians and students to discuss what our nation is doing to combat global warming.

Emily Hunt, co-president of the Environmental Issues Organization here at Hope, attended along with other students.

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HOLLAND SUNSET—The sun sets over Lake Michigan at the Holland State Park Pier. U.S. Geological Survey scientists are studying the fluctuating lake levels in conjunction with global warming.
This week’s juried art show entitled “Take Notice” is being held in the DePree Art gallery until Friday, Dec. 7. The show is open to all Hope College students and features 79 student pieces on display. The exhibit features a variety of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. This year’s juror was Tom Allen, a photographer and graphic designer from Grand Rapids. Allen chose the show’s pieces from the 196 submitted pieces. Students were invited to accompany Tom Allen as he critiqued the works. This show gives students the experience of entering work into a gallery, as well as having their work reviewed by a professional. The shows more notable works include Evan Dawson’s ('10) “Thought,” a charcoal work depicting a man waking from a restful night’s sleep and recording something on this wall, joining dozens of other midnight notes.

Sacred Dance gives concert

Service blends “passion for faith and dancing”

Cassandria Warner

Guest Writer

It is Christmas time again and as always, all the seasonal trap-pings are in place. The snow is falling, the lights are up, carolers sing and the air is filled with holiday cheer. To top it all off, Sacred Dance is dancing at an advent service at Pillar Church on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

Sacred Dance is a group on campus that uses dance as an avenue to worship God. The group’s practice every Saturday and dances during worship services at Churches in the community, as well as at venues like retirement homes, such as Warm Friend.

“It is a great way to tie my passion for faith and dancing into one great thing,” says Lauren Keiser

This year’s judge was Tom Allen, a photographer and graphic designer from Grand Rapids. Allen chose the show’s pieces from the 196 submitted pieces. Students were invited to accompany Tom Allen as he critiqued the works. This show gives students the experience of entering work into a gallery, as well as having their work reviewed by a professional. The shows more notable works include Evan Dawson’s (’10) “Thought,” a charcoal work depicting a man waking from a restful night’s sleep and recording something on this wall, joining dozens of other midnight notes.

This year’s juried art show entitled “Take Notice” is being held in the DePree Art gallery until Friday, Dec. 7. The show is open to all Hope College students and features 79 student pieces on display. The exhibit features a variety of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. This year’s juror was Tom Allen, a photographer and graphic designer from Grand Rapids. Allen chose the show’s pieces from the 196 submitted pieces. Students were invited to accompany Tom Allen as he critiqued the works. This show gives students the experience of entering work into a gallery, as well as having their work reviewed by a professional. The shows more notable works include Evan Dawson’s (’10) “Thought,” a charcoal work depicting a man waking from a restful night’s sleep and recording something on this wall, joining dozens of other midnight notes.

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IN BRIEF

VESPER S SERVICE KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas Vespers has been a Hope College tradi-tion for more than 60 years. The 2007 services were held Dec. 1-2. Participating groups included Hope’s College Chor-us, Chapel Choir, and Symphony-ette, as well as organists, the flute choir and brass ensemble. Numerous members of the Holland and Hope communities gather for the services each year. For many families, the event has been a highlight for generations. Christmas Vespers was first held on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, at 4 p.m. The timing was fateful—the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor only hours before, precipitating the entry of the United States into World War II.

The program was sponsored, The Anchor noted at the time, by the college’s Musical Arts club as the first of a series “de-signed to give music students of Hope an opportunity to per-form in public and to bring to public attention the work of the music school.” Approximately 500 attended, the Holland Evening Sentinel reported afterward. Vespers today takes place on a scale that 1941’s organizers could scarcely have imagined. The college regularly starts receiving inquiries about tickets in August. Hope now presents four ser-vices instead of one. All four regularly sell out, with capacity crowds in Dimnent Memorial Chap-el, totaling more than 4,000 audience members each year.

This Week in Art

Wednesday 12/5
Avenue Montaigne
7 p.m. Knickerbocker Theatre
Knickkerbocker Theatre Film Series
10-Minute Direction Scenes
8 pm Dewitt Theatre
Free Admission

Thursday 12/6
Departmental Student Recital
11 a.m. Wickers Auditorium
English Department Tea
3 p.m. Ludlow, for capacity December graduates
Avenue Montaigne
9 pm Knickerbocker Theatre
Knickkerbocker Theatre Film Series

Friday 12/7
Christmas pottery sale
10 a.m. Main lobby, DePree
Christmas Madrigal Dinner
7 p.m. Maas Auditorium

Saturday 12/8
Christmas Madrigal Dinner
7 p.m. Maas Auditorium
Avenue Montaigne
9 pm Knickerbocker Theatre
Knickkerbocker Theatre Film Series

Sunday 12/9
Sacred Dance Advent Service
6 p.m. Pillar Church
North Street and College Avenue

A SEMESTER’S TOIL—Karen Luidens’s (’09) painting is one of 79 student pieces on display in the DePree Art Gallery.

Kristen Underhill, an alumna who is also a current student, submitted a small sculpture of a woman unzipping her skin to reveal the true woman beneath, which was named “Brand New Skin.” Interstate 80 was the topic of a two-piece photography series by Mike Gori (’10). John F. Kay (’08) submitted a creative display of a DVD player playing eight shades on top of a red pillow. One of the most moving pieces was done by Cassandrea Thomas (’09): “Invisible Children,” a series of four intaglio prints il-lustrating the conditions of child soldiers in Africa.

The show will be running in the DePree Art gallery until Fri-day, Dec. 7.
An excerpt from the novel
“lines of god”
By Aric Marsil (’09)

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Now, the letter still sat there, unopened. His eyes shifted over its white crispness. He could drive it back to the post office and let them know there’d been a mistake. Still – what a name. And, then there was that other issue.

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Walking in, Clive picked the letter up. "Look – just tear the thing open. Come on. Come on." Matthew sighed, grabbed the item, and flipped it, sticking a finger in the flap and tearing its side open. He squeezed the sides with the C of his hand, and two papers fell out.

Clive squinted at Matthew unfolded the first parchment.

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Are you tired of painting things and having them do nothing besides make a stand still for ten seconds?
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Are you wondering what God is up to?
Worry no more.
The G Pen makes God vanish away and lends you the power.

"What the hell is this?" Matthew said, a mock smirk on his face. Clive pinched the left side of the paper and stepped closer.

We want to get people involved – give them experience to put on a resume."

– Carl Morrison (’09)
Novel Experience

Sixteen students and one professor complete novels during November

Lindsey Manthei
Features Editor

Meghan Fore
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what it feels like to finish a novel? "I feel like I just sent a kid off to college. I love him but I'm really glad he got the hell out of the house. In a few months, he's going to come back to visit and maybe, if I'm lucky, something I'll actually become something," Peter Jurmu ('08) said.

Jurmu took part in National Novel Writing Month 2007 as part of English professor Elizabeth Trembley’s intermediate fiction writing class. Sixteen students took the challenge. The goal: finish a 50,000-word novel (approximately 175 pages) during the month of November.

Looking Back

This is the second time Trembley’s intermediate fiction class has participated in National Novel Writing Month. This year, Trembley participated along with her students.

National Novel Writing Month was launched in 1999 by Chris Baty, a San Francisco-based young professional, who gathered together a group of 20 friends who wanted to have a good time and write a book quickly. They enjoyed their writing month so much, they decided to do it again the next year.

In the following eight years, National Novel Writing month has swelled in participants and popularity. A press release from National Novel Writing Month reported that more than 100,000 writers from over 70 countries participated in 2007. Annually, about 18 percent of the participants in National Novel Writing Month complete their 50,000-word goal.

16 of the Hope students who participated finished on time. To write 50,000 words in a month, participants need to write approximately 1,680 words each day. This task took most students several hours daily if they remained on schedule.

Patrick Crumb ('10) wrote 20,000 words the first weekend and, on Nov. 16, was the first in his class to finish his novel. In contrast, Katie Kruyf ('08) wrote 20,000 words in the last two days and finished with only an hour to spare before the Nov. 30 midnight deadline.

The novels the students just finished are first rough drafts, written quickly with the intent of simply getting something on paper. The theory goes that once writers have drafted something, they then have the raw material they need to craft and edit it into a readable work. "Part of what makes we who do National Novel Writing Month free is knowing that a "shitty first draft" is fine and even applauded in National Novel Writing Month," Trembley said.

"I don’t think anyone realizes how hard it is to make a coherent story," Raina Khatri ('10) said. "It was nice to put into practice what I’ve learned in previous classes in little segments," Joe Vasko ('08) said.

Knowing that a "shitty first draft" is fine and even applauded in National Novel Writing Month is no excuse for slacking off, Trembley said. "I don’t think anyone realizes how hard it is to make up a coherent story. I still haven’t done that," Dan Vasko ('08) said. "Writing a good story is harder than writing a research paper," he added.

Though Trembley does not read each student’s novel from cover to cover, she reads the first and last 20 pages and skims the middle. "When people would ask, 'Does your professor read it?' and I would tell them no, they would think it wasn’t that big of a deal," Lauren Stacks ('08) said.

Trembley said that writing a novel, no matter how bad, is a laudable feat. "Writing my first novel was harder than writing my dissertation," she said.

Finally Done

With finished and bound novels in hand, members of Trembley’s class were relieved and satisfied at their ending celebration.

Writing a novel is a huge task that takes lots of motivation and hard work; however, the students continue to be in good spirits about writing now and in the future. "It’s definitely encouraging because you’ve done it. I could probably do it again and make it more coherent. There’s a desire to want to make it better," Charlie Marcus ('08) said.

Maggie McGurn ('09) said that writing a novel has made her think about a career in writing. "There were days when I wanted to be an author and days when I didn’t. Hard days were like, oh I hate writing, and good days were like, I love this!" she said.

Nationally, 16 National Novel Writing Month novelists have had their National Novel Writing Month novels published, including Sarah Gruen, author of New York Times #1 best seller, “Water for Elephants.”

The next step the students plan to take, if they intend to keep working on their novels, is to go back and edit—lots and lots of editing. Some students plan to use the freedom of Christmas break as a time for revisions.

Novelists at Hope

In comparison, all

Pile up—Bound copies in hand, Elizabeth Trembley’s intermediate fiction class celebrates the completion of National Novel Writing Month. All 16 students wrote a 50,000-word novel during the month of November. Excerpts from three of the novels completed in November appear on page 8.
HOPE, from page 1
neighbors’ directly and donate the food there.”
Longwell also said that the food drive provided a great opportunity to learn more about the seminary’s food ministry, which serves breakfast and lunch everyday to individuals in need.
On Dec. 11, the soup kitchen will be serving Christmas dinner to about 100 to 150 people and is still looking for individuals willing to help out, Longwell said.
Volunteer Services is also planning the annual caroling and cookie decorating activity with RestHaven on Dec. 4 and 5. This year, students can decorate cookies at the Eighth Street location on Dec. 4 and travel to the Maplewood and 40th Street facilities for caroling on Dec. 5.
Longwell also encourages students to visit the Volunteer Services website, which provides a vast variety of ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the community that can match individual interests. She also said that plenty of exciting opportunities will be coming in the new year—including a special Martin Luther King Day event, the Cinderella Project in February and the second-annual Moonlight Serenade for senior citizens. Students can also take advantage of volunteer opportunities available at the nearby Holland Rescue Mission. The mission consists of facilities located on both Fairbanks Avenue and South River Avenue and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities within a walking distance of campus.

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On a meal plan? Looking forward to the holidays?

The Hope College Dining Service will host a holiday-themed progressive-style dinner on Thursday, December 6. The meal will celebrate the cultures and traditions associated with Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. The meal will be served in three courses, which will be held between Cook Hall, Phillips Hall, and the Ksieg’s Brunch Bar.

Cocktail Hall

Philips Hall

Ksieg Hall

Pickled Herring

Boef Brisket

Roulou

Hamakkah Featured Dishes

Featurd Dishes

Beef Brisket

Ladies

Featurd Dishes

Sweet and Sour Corned Beef

Hamakkah Featured Dishes

Sweet and Sour Corned Beef

Featurd Dishes

Kwanzaa Featured Dishes

Featurd Dishes

Christmas Celebrate Salmon and Waldorf Salad

Roasted Turkey and Trimings

Southern Style Red Velvet Cake

Savory Sweet Potato Cakes

What About Yassa Chicken

Orange and Black Eyed Peas

Christmas Featured Dishes

Featurd Dishes

Southern Style Red Velvet Cake

In addition to the delicious food, each occasion will be decorated to reflect the three traditions represented for the evening. There will be several door prizes away such as a 6-Pack Nikon. In order to qualify, you must begin your evening at Cook Dining Room where you will receive a punch and a group. You will receive a second stamp at Phillips Hall and a third stamp at the Ksieg. Prizes will be awarded at the Ksieg.

Opportunities abound for students to share holiday ‘hope’

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In pursuit of knowledge

Emily Paple

Overwhelmed and over-cafefeinated

If you are reading this before Dec. 14 you know you should probably stop procrastinating and start studying.

Three papers due by 5 p.m. on Friday—perhaps you’re thinking about starting them, since it is Wednesday already. Oh, and don’t forget about that 9 a.m. exam tomorrow. It might be a good idea to review soon. Or is procrastinating the last thing on your mind?

Do you have a to-do list five pages long (…and growing)? Get it all out of the way early to finish that homework assignment.

Class—just a few more lectures to go. Think about studying but you have to go to the library to check out some more books for the research paper due on Friday. Don’t forget to grab an extra large, super NOT decaf coffee on the way to the library.

Stop the beeping, it’s time to finish your Christmas shopping—’I’m sure your Great Aunt Rita will love yet another Hope T-shirt.’ Ah, while you’re there, why not get a tie for your dad and mug for your mom too?

Nap—Yep, that is a nice thought. Remember you have a study session at 6 at night—no time for dinner. Grab a peanut butter and raspberry jelly sandwich to-go.

Bake some cookies for the Christmas cookies exchange. And, remember you have to finish the rug to put in the guest bedroom.

Despite your very best efforts you will probably have to pull an all nighter on Thursday to finish those three papers due by 5 p.m. on Friday.

Now, before you start spinning, think of how much you will be learning between now and Dec 14 (or, if you didn’t have a procrastination habit to begin with—think of how much you actually learned in the past few weeks).

Now, I will be honest: preparation is not a strong characteristic of mine and I usually do work best under pressure. Sometimes, regardless of how hard I try, I still can’t even think about studying until the night before a test. And even then, due to the many study breaks I take, I sometimes end up staying up a bit too late, to say the least.

Regardless of the many sleepy days and those three papers due by 5 p.m. on Friday, I really do love this time of year. Maybe I am crazy, or maybe I have just been spending too much time with Captain Ahab and Ishmael, but I love when the campus is awake around the clock—studying, reading, writing papers and taking too many study breaks. I love when the library is fall to capacity and everyone is in the same boat—overwhelmed and over-cafefeinated.

Emily was amused to learn this week that according to the BBC, Mancun Over-dressed a Dutch woman is driving a tractor from Holland to the South Pole. As she travels across Africa she is using her tractor in demonstrating that fulfilling dreams requires patience.

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Podcasts are regularMP3s

To the Editors:
As a faculty member who has been us-
ing podcasts in his courses for two years, I’d like to offer a few corrections to the front page story from the Nov. 14, 2007 edition of the Anchor.

You note that “Hope College Minis-
tries recently established … that they are now posting podcasts (and regular MP3s for those without iTunes) of their Chapel and Gathering services…”

The vast majority of all podcasts are, in fact, “regular MP3s” and are playable in a number of locations; Apple’s iTunes music program (as you mentioned), almost every other freeware-based desktop music program, and portable music play-
ers from almost every company. Many mobile phone makers are now making it possible to listen to podcasts on their phones, and you can even find various websites that will allow you to listen to podcasts from any computer using only a web browser and an MP3 reader to eliminate the need to have a computer of your own.

The only difference between a pod-
cast and the “regular MP3” that you men-
tion comes in how those files are received. The best analogy is to how peo-
ple read newspapers—which apparently people do less and less these days. Some people don’t read newspapers often enough to choose to go buy a single copy of the pa-
per. When they do so they have to walk or drive to the store or head to the library in order to get the paper. The burden here is on the reader/user’s shoulders. However, if you get a subscription to the newspa-
per, it gets delivered to your doorstep every day and no extra effort is required from you to get the newspaper.

The same is true for podcasts. With “regular MP3s” on the Chapel website, someone who’s interested in listening can find the web page, download the file, or listen to it in their browser—but every time that they want to listen again, they have to repeat the process of “finding” the content. With most podcasting pro-
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Reader takes ‘umbrage’ to column

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Joe Seymour

In the defense of eggnog

For many years, I have been the subject of countless grimaces and gags as I indulge in this delicacy. For one, eggnog is creamy and smooth, not unlike malts, smoothies and DQ’s famous Moolattes. Secondly, there are numerous low-fat and low-cal eggnog varieties available that are true to taste but without the guilt-expanding caloric density and risk of commercial eggnog, like other dairy products, is pasteurized, so fear not food poisoning. Additionally, there is nothing wrong with including raw eggs in one’s diet, look what it did for Gaston and Arnold. Fortunately for me, eggnog pairs well with a variety of liquors such as rum, brandy, bourbon, and whiskey, but only for those old enough to procure them.

There is another type of obstacle when trying to convert non-noggers, and that is blatant drinking. People sometimes hate and are afraid of what they don’t understand like other religions, races, customs, vegetables, and even drinks. I know that many people’s disgust of eggnog stems not from personal experience, but rather a baseless knee-jerk juvenile reaction, like that to Brussels sprouts, limes, beans, and homework. It is not unlike malts, smoothies and DQ’s Moolattes, for those without iTunes) of their Chapel and Gathering services…

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ment of human existence, however, sadly when I reached the end of his article it be-
came abundantly clear to me that he did not only not twice but twice lost that key to the impeccable sands and stalwart, pok-
ing dune grains of time. Heath Thompson, (‘07)

and milk-based drinks date back to the
time of the Romans, and it was reserved for royalty, the wealthy, and non-vegans. Up
until the creation of refrigeration, milk was sometimes kept fresh by adding tasty boozes. In the olden days, “grog,” a name for rum, was part of a traditional English and Colonial eggnog milk drink, egg-and-grog. It’s believed that over the years, the name was shortened to eggnog (other stories cite the Illuminati drinking it from skulls, a.k.a. nogginns).

So for all you WASPs out there, eggnog is as much a part of your ancestry as the Reformation and Native exploitation. In my conversations with non-noggers, I have come across common themes of disgust: the texture, the calorie content, eggnog is my eggnog appreciation month, so in the words of the late Steve Irwin via Dane Cook, “c’m on, let’s go, let me stick my head is my eggnog appreciation month, so in the words of the late Steve Irwin via Dane Cook, “c’m on, let’s go, let me stick my head in the simmering eggnog and show the world. Recently, though, I took se-
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There is another type of obstacle when trying to convert non-noggers, and that is blatant drinking. People sometimes hate and are afraid of what they don’t understand like other religions, races, customs, vegetables, and even drinks. I know that many people’s disgust of eggnog stems not from personal experience, but rather a baseless knee-jerk juvenile reaction, like that to Brussels sprouts, limes, beans, and homework. It is not unlike malts, smoothies and DQ’s Moolattes, for those without iTunes) of their Chapel and Gathering services…

For a few sentences it seemed that Mr. Cupery had found the key with which he would unlock the ruchal metaphysical truth that is simultaneously the all encompassing essence and unattainable ele-
ment of human existence, however, sadly when I reached the end of his article it be-
came abundantly clear to me that he did not only not twice but twice lost that key to the impeccable sands and stalwart, pok-
ing dune grains of time. Heath Thompson, (‘07)
From the inside out

James Ernst
Ralphston

If you really want to see Chicago

From living in the city for a few months, I’ve learned that there is a lot more to see than the usual tourist attractions of shopping, “Wicked,” deep-dish pizza and Second City. So, without further ado, I would like to present my five recommendations of things to do in Chicago.

• See a play at The Lookingglass Theatre - 875 N Michigan Ave.

This theater group is just one of many small, less commercial production companies in Chicago. Although the big money plays in the theater district are dedicated to presenting and bringing in nothing but top quality productions, from these smaller theaters. The members of this company are highly entertaining, some of the greatest theater comes from these smaller theaters. The members of this company are dedicated to presenting and bringing in nothing but top quality productions. www.lookingglasstheatre.org

• Research and visit a neighborhood Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, with a majority of the neighborhoods dominated by the tourist show hold. It is important to experience a new country and culture in each neighborhood that you visit. Two that I recommend are Pilsen and Humboldt Park. Pilsen, primarily a Mexican community, is home to interesting Mexican museums, shops and restaurants. Humboldt Park is a “boho” community with a unique shopping district that you won’t find anywhere else in Chicago.

• Eat at Macarthur’s - 5412 W Madison St.

This suggestion goes along with the neighborhood suggestions, as eating at Macarthur’s is a dining as well as a cultural experience. Macarthur’s is located within the trendy Hip Hop District of Austin and serves fine southern cuisine (more popularly known as soul food). They offer excellent food in a lighthearted (and inexpensive) cafe-style setting. www.macarthurrestaurant.com

• See “Too Much Light Makes You Blind” by 5153 N. Ashland Ave., a storefront theater that has been longest running in Chicago with an amazing 19 year streak. The comical show is built on simple premise of attempting to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes. The performers compile 30 short plays each week and then attempt to perform them in the allotted time. Gimmicks such as a price range from $8 to $13 (based on the roll of a die) and free pizza if the show sells out add to the allure of the experience. www. noisefiturs.com

• Attend a festival Chicago is host to countless festivals each year, some very popular and others less well known. Take the time to research what things are going on during your visit to Chicago and go try one out. Some sample festivals: Women Warrior Festival (Oct. 3-13) Pitchfork Music Festival (July 13-15) and the Pierogi Festival. For more information about festivals including a full listing by date visit: www.chicagofestivals.com

So now when you want to leave Hope and take a road trip to the city, free to do the tourist attractions, but don’t let other opportunities pass you by. Chicago has a lot of interesting activities to offer that often get passed up by the average tourist.

James is almost finished with his time in the Windy City and is looking forward to a return to Hope College. He recognizes that most people probably will not read this column, let alone act upon the suggestions. Despite this he feels as though it is worth his efforts just in case a single individual actually experiences one item on the list.

Matt Oosterhouse

Christmas spirit

Ah, the Christmas Season has arrived! It’s about time! I have eagerly waited for the Christmas spirit to come to me. I’ll gladly admit that I am a big fan of the Christmas season. When thinking about issues of death, the Romans 2:4 admonishes that human imper- Patience to judge shows “contempt for the outcome of what they had done had large moral and social fall-out.”

Lastly, implicit into the redemption message of God are forgiveness and patience, time that allow each person’s desire, what are you wantnow? In order to ask yourself, if you don’t intentionally do this, the limits of the English language will allow you to continue in blind turpi- tude. Do better for yourself. Actively think about “wanthen” and “wantnow” verbs whenever you use the word “want.”

• “I want an iPod”—When? Newer models will be out tomorrow. Internet radio sites are not enough? If you fol- low your wantnow desires, what are you doing up later when you want some- thing else? Maybe you want to superize that? Ugh, the fries taste great. I also want to take care of the body God’s given me. Wantnow says yes. Wantnow says no.

• “I want to do something fun.” Don’t give me enough words to ask the right questions. I’m experiment- ing with my new verbs wantnow and wanthen. Let me know if they help you.

“Dr. Brian Mork, chemistry professor
Hope takes a stand on global warming issue

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along with other students. “Michigan was the fourth most represented state (at the conference), and the farthest away (of the most highly represented states),” Hunt said. The goal was to “take leaders and people who are passionate about climate change and connect them with each other,” Hunt said. “The only way to change things is with direct human contact.”

Hope is slowly catching up with the forerunners of change in this issue. Global warming is something that affects everyone, and many college campuses across the country are already taking steps to prevent further damage to our environment. There are many ways that students can get involved on campus, including the Environmental Issues Organization, among others.

Viewers have mixed opinion of strike

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ment industry an estimated $500 million.

Without new material and unsure of how long the strike will last, TV networks have been forced to decide whether to air their last few remaining episodes or attempt to make them last as long as possible. Already, hit shows such as “The Office” and “Heroes” have run out of episodes. “Grey’s Anatomy” has only two episodes left and the new season of “24” has been postponed indefinitely.

Since scripted dramas and comedies are in short supply, unscripted shows such as reality TV and sports events may soon see more air time.

“It’s a tough tradeoff,” said Hope College junior Scott Petersen. While he will miss seeing new episodes of “The Office,” he would enjoy seeing more sports televised.

Many Hope students enjoy watching their favorite weekly TV shows, but fitting it into their hectic schedule is not always easy. Lucas Osterbur is a junior majoring in chemistry and a member of the Hope Men’s Swim Team.

“I watch when I can” he said, and speculates that the strike will probably not affect the amount of TV he watches.

After resuming talks on Nov. 26, WGA and AMPTP leaders are scheduled to meet again on Dec. 4 to continue negotiations. AMPTP’s newest proposal is reportedly worth an additional $130 million in compensation, although the WGA’s initial response to this proposal has not been favorable.
Hope gathering momentum after tourney win

Men’s basketball sweep MIAA/CCIW Challenge and improve to 3-1 overall

Gordie Fall

As the first semester wraps up, Hope College sports fans turn their eyes to the hardwood as the Dutchmen basketball team’s season has begun. Two weekends into the season, Hope has a 3-1 record.

Last weekend, Hope swept the MIAA/CCIW Challenge at Calvin, defeating Wheaton College by a score of 83-53, and defeating Vin, defeating Wheaton College MIAA/CCIW Challenge at Calvin College, with scores of a 69-78 overtime loss to Aquinas, and an 87-68 win over the weekend’s host. The first Dutchmen win of the season revealed four players with double-digit point totals, leading to a 25-point lead during the second half. Led by captains Ryan Klein ('08), Jesse Reimink ('09), and Vanderheide, Hope looks to return to the NCAA tournament. Along with the three captains, coach Glenn Van Wieren will be counting on seniors Tyler Wolfe and Derek Van Solkema to heavily contribute. When asked on the team, Van Solkema feels that the team “started slow, but we have been doing well since. We have a really good team, and our defensive tenacity has been showing in our last couple games.”

For the remainder of the season, Van Solkema explained that “the conference is a lot stronger, and there will be a lot of close games. But our senior leadership will help us win those games.” Hope will look to repeat as conference champions, with the conference schedule beginning in January. Hope hosts the Holland Sentinel Community Tournament this Friday. Tip-off against Marygrove is at 8 p.m., with Hope playing either Aquinas or Trinity International at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The Hope College men’s and women’s swimming teams traveled to Wheaton College for the Wheaton Invitational on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The men finished fourth overall out of seven teams. The Dutchmen won the 200 (1:24.11) and 400-yard (3:06.03) freestyle relays, which both received consideration cuts for the NCAA meet. Individually, Ryan Vogelzang ('99) finished second in the 50-yard freestyle with a consideration cut (21.05) and second in the 100-yard freestyle (46.59).

Ryan Nells ('10) received a consideration cut in the 100-yard butterfly (50.70) and Phil Heyboer ('10) received consideration cuts in the 400-yard (3:33.50) and 50-yard freestyle with a consideration cut (21.05) and second in the 100-yard freestyle (46.59).

The team’s next meet is Jan. 19 against Kalamazoo College, Lake Forest and Wheaton College at the Holland Aquatic Center.

On the women’s side, the team finished in fifth place overall. The University of Wisconsin Milwaukee won with 902 points. Notables included Hope’s 400-yard freestyle of Laura Ansilio ('09), Trisha Meier ('08), Kate Willliams ('10) and Christina Vogelzang ('10), which finished with a consideration cut of 3:33.50. Ansilio also received consideration cuts in the 100-yard freestyle (52.99), 200-yard freestyle (1:55.73) and the 50-yard freestyle (24.57). Along with Ansilio, Brittaney Reest ('09) achieved individual consideration cuts in the 100-yard backstroke (59.97) and 200-yard backstroke (2:08.10).

The women’s team will compete next home against Saint Mary’s on Jan. 11 at 5 p.m.
Dutch ranked No. 1 after tourney win

Nicholas Hinkle

After winning the MIAA/CCIW Challenge, the Hope College women’s basketball team continues to move up the national rankings and remain undefeated. Currently, the Dutch are 5-0 overall and have climbed to first in the nation in the USA Today/ESPN poll, which is conducted by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.

Hope defeated Wheaton College 76-53 on Dec. 3 to claim the MIAA/CCIW Challenge title. Stacy Warsen ('08) had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while Carrie Snikkers ('11) led the team in scoring with 15 points.

The team was able feed off confidence from its win in the season’s first tournament. Hope won the Tipoff Tournament on Nov. 17.

“The first tournament win is nice to have under our belts,” captain Lindsay Lange ('08) said. “It’s a great way to start off the season and gave the freshmen a chance to ease into college basketball.”

The Tipoff and MIAA/CCIW tournaments showed the freshmen will make considerable contributions this season. Most recently, Snikkers led the team in scoring against Wheaton. “As upperclassmen we knew we had to lead, especially during this first tournament, and the freshman had to follow,” Lange said.

They did a great job of keeping the energy up, cheering, and making a difference in the game whenever they were on the court.”

Today, Hope faces Marygrove College at 7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse. Hope did not play Marygrove last year, who is 3-7 overall this season. “I really don’t know much about Marygrove, but I know (Coach Morehouse),” Lange said. “He will treat them like any other team regardless of their record or statistics. We’ll review and learn their plays and defensive styles and then execute on our own plays.”

The Dutch will implement the same tactics they have used in their previous games to defeat Marygrove and protect its undefeated record.

“If we do the few fundamental things, defense, swing the ball, inside-out game, then it’s going to be hard to stop us,” Lange said. “We still, of course, need to work on those three things as well.”

Hockey plays rival Calvin Friday

Jon Kinsey

Hope College hockey faces Calvin College Friday at 9 p.m. The Dutchmen come into the game with a 9-2 record, highlighted by 12-0, 13-0 and 14-1 victories over Albion College, the University of Toledo and Calvin, respectively. Calvin, whose record is 7-8 overall this season, has scored 66 goals and allowed 78.

This is good news for Hope players, who have collectively scored 85 goals, led by Gunnar Martin ('08) who has 10, Ryan Kelly ('09) with nine and Brian Gatiff ('08) with eight. To compliment the scoring, goaltenders Stephen Pels ('08) and Mike Headley ('09) have carried their own weight with four shut-outs and four games where only one goal has been allowed.

“They’ll make adjustments for the game, the outcomes of the previous games mean little to nothing to the team, this is a rivalry game - you throw the records out the window,” Van Timmeren said.

Despite the lopsided scores in the last games (14-1-3-1), Hope players are not looking ahead of the upcoming game versus the rival Knights. “A season highlight so far was when we beat Calvin so bad, we’re still confident that we can win but it’s not like we’re not going to try,” Allen Campbell (‘11) said.

Coach also know that Calvin is taking this game as serious as ever. “They’ll make adjustments for the game, the outcomes of the previous games mean little to nothing to the team, this is a rivalry game - you throw the records out the window. These are always big games,” head coach Chris Van Timmeren said.

So far Hope has proved to be one of the best teams in the Northern Conference. Their preseason goals consisted of being ranked in the conference, winning their league and winning the national tournament. They are well on their way to accomplishing them.

“We’re achieving what we want to right now, we’re currently tied for the lead in the league and we want to win the national championship so I would say we are doing well right now,” Van Timmeren said.

The game will be played at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids this Friday following the Grand Rapids Griffins semi-pro game. The excitement has already started to build among players and fans.

“I don’t want to give them any bulletin board material, but I expect a hard fought game with us coming out on top,” Bazydlo said.