Spreading goodwill: Hope’s Christmas service projects

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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS—Van Wylen Library is collecting books for the Boys and Girls Club of Holland until Dec. 15. Please bring in donations to the red bookshelf on the first floor.

Sisterhood—The members of Theta Gamma Pi at Homecoming festivities. The sorority is new to Hope this year.

Sorority promotes diversity

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First established in the 1940s, Theta Gamma Pi was a sorority founded on multicultural principles. The Theta Gamma Pi sorority, informally known as the “Thetas,” had 29 active members to start off with. However, the Thetas were a presence on Hope’s campus for less than 15 years.

In the early winter of 2009, a group of Latina students along with the help of Professor Melissa Villareal, met with the Director of Student Life Ellen Awaad to discuss the options of bringing back this former national Latina sorority.

Students wanted to bring Theta Gamma Pi back into action in an effort to fulfill the needs for those students who come from colorful backgrounds, establishing the sorority to focus on multiculturalism and diversity, in contrast to the national Latina sorority of the past.

After much discussion and approval by the Campus Life Board, it was decided that Theta Gamma Pi was to return to Hope’s campus as a local sorority.

In spring 2010, the Theta Gamma Pi sorority was re-invigorated with a handful of eager and excited members. In hopes of bringing females with great ideas and cultural wisdom together, the Thetas currently have 17 active members that have jump-started this sorority.

As a multicultural sorority, we hope to promote diversity on campus. We hope to include women with all sorts of differing backgrounds—race, gender, socioeconomic status, nationality, ethnic group, abilities and disabilities, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, age, etc.—said Kate Purse, the president of Theta Gamma Pi.

All the members of the Theta Gamma Pi sorority share this common goal. With only 11 percent of Hope students identifying themselves as persons of color, according to the 2010-2011 Hope College Catalog, this sorority is a great step forward to make all Hope students more representative of the intended target.

According to campus safety, the incident is thought to have occurred in two parts. First, a pair of Hope students who were later identified and questioned sprayed paint on bushes, trees, and the grass surrounding the cottage. Later, another unidentified individual picked up the spray cans left in front of the cottage and spray-painted the word on the sidewalk. Campus safety believes that this action was not an attack on any particular Hope student and was simply an act of vandalism and was not motivated by the perceived sexual orientation of the intended target.

Dean of Students Dr. Richard Frost responded to this finding. “This act of vandalism was wrong, whether or not it was directed toward a specific student or group of students. My concern is that it happened. We continue to work very hard at sensitizing the campus community to the importance of being respectful to one another,” said Frost.

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Wednesday Dec. 8
Nursing Department SimMan
3G Open House
3 p.m. - 9 p.m., Science Center 113.
Dance Marathon Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
From 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. a shuttle will run from the DeWitt flagpole. Don’t forget your coupon. Coupons will be accepted all day at the restaurant.

Thursday Dec. 9
Resident Assistant Information Session
9:30 p.m., Voorhees Hall.
A Just Green Christmas
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Martha Miller Center 1st Floor Rotunda. Shop for sustainable gifts. Sponsored by Hope United for Justice.
Dew Crew Rally
9:30 p.m., DeVos Fieldhouse.

Friday Dec. 10
Last Day of Classes
Biology Seminar
3 p.m., Science Center 1019. “What are You Eating?” Update and Structural Recognition of Dietary Lipids by Celis” presented by Dr. Virginia McDonough.

Sunday Dec. 12
The Gathering
8 p.m., Dimnent Chapel.

Monday Dec. 13
Study Break Breakfast
9 a.m., Phelps Dining Hall.

The Christmas spirit provokes attitude of service on campus

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Cayes, Haiti.
“Contributing Beanie Babies is just a small way that AED and Hope College can help Dr. Bill’s mission work,” Grace Osborne (12) AED Secretary said.
Volunteer Services provided an opportunity for students to serve local senior citizens with cookie decorating at the Warm Friend Nursing Home Dec. 6. On Wednesday, Dec. 8, a group of students will meet at the DeWitt flagpole to sing Christmas carols at local nursing homes. Volunteer Services would love to have your lovely singing voice—the more the merrier! Please email volunteers@hope.edu for more information.

Other Hope Christmas-time events include Green Christmas, sponsored by Hope United for Justice. An array of local, eco-friendly gifts will be available for purchase in the Martha Miller first-floor rotunda on Dec. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Green gift-wrap will be provided. Consider buying local while helping the sustainability efforts at Hope.

If you are unable to volunteer this Christmas season, prayer is another way to help those in need. Students are encouraged to sign-up in half-hour time slots for 7/11 Prayer this week. Hope Students will be praying from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. until Friday Dec. 10. Consider signing up for an open slot and giving yourself in prayer.

It is easy to forget the reason for the season in the hustle and bustle of school, but participation in any of these activities is a good way to remember that life cannot revolve around school. Remember to find time to celebrate the season with friends and enjoy all that Holland and Hope College have to offer.

Board of Trustees to discuss sexuality policy in January

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matter, it would be inappropriate for me or anyone in the administration to enter into the conversation” said Frost.

The section of the policy that has most come under fire is the following portion: “The College does not condone the commission of homosexual acts. Neither does it condone organizations or activities that aim to vindicate the moral acceptability of homosexual acts, or that suggest by their manner of presenting themselves that they have that aim in view.”

However the policy also states that, “The College affirms the right of students and faculty to propound and defend ideas that may be at variance with the institutional position of the College. The full statement can be accessed on Hope’s website. Allison Bernard (‘11), a member of Hope is Ready, expressed concerns that the statement on homosexuality can cause harm.

“Because it lacks clarity, it gives power of definition to whoever is reading it, and that’s a really dangerous thing. It supports apathy towards discriminatory practices.”

Thetas look to educate and promote diversity on campus

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aware of all the many colorful backgrounds in the Hope community.

According to the Thetas, their sorority will help decrease discrimination across campus on race, gender, and even socioeconomic status.

Their hopes are to have Hope students increase their understanding on the different backgrounds of multicultural Hope students, as well as to make every race feel comfortable on campus.

Theta Gamma Pi provides a way for women to advocate and educate on behalf of those minorities not often heard on Hope’s campus.

“in my opinion, there are numerous reasons why promoting diversity is extremely important,” said Hickox. “For one, it helps prevent discrimination, decrease stereotypes, and create an inclusive environment. Further, increasing education about, and understanding of, other cultures allows for increased personal growth and feelings of self-value.

“It is important to have organizations on campus that help make minorities feel more comfortable and like an integral part of campus. Theta Gamma Pi provides a unique opportunity to do this as it is the first and only Greek Life organization on campus for which this is a primary focus,” said Hickox.

The Thetas are trying to spice up Hope’s campus and create a knowledgeable environment for all students. Because of their recent formation, they did not undergo a fall rush but are eager to have a spring rush in the upcoming semester of 2011 along with the rest of Hope’s established sororities.

If you are interested in joining, be sure to look for them during spring 2011 rush.
Jobless benefits expire

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Associated Press

As the holiday season approaches, a million people who have been unemployed for up to 99 weeks face the loss of their jobless benefits. At midnight Nov. 30 a short-term extension of these benefits expired, and Republicans and Democrats fail to agree on how best to extend them.

Jobless benefits usually expire after a period of six months, but Congress voted to extend them until the end of November. As December trudges on, Republicans and Democrats struggle to find a compromise.

“There’s just no current... plan or schedule for extending these benefits, and I think this is just wrong,” said Democrat Senator Dick Durbin to reporters. While Congress tried and tried and tried to extend the benefits, the Senate has yet to bring it up on the floor.

According to Durbin, Democrats don’t have enough votes to bring it up for discussion. “It requires a U.S. State Department, a State Department of Agriculture, a State Department of Commerce... The people of the world... they know where the money will come from or how it will affect the nation’s $13.8 trillion debt. Last year’s jobless benefits cost $160 billion. Recently sworn-in Illinois Republican Sen. Mark Kirk criticized those who support the extension, saying that, “If [extending the jobless benefits] is paid for by cutting other items in the budget, I will be a yes vote. If it’s added to further debts of the United States, no.”

Rhode Island Democratic Sen. Jack Reed disagreed with Kirk and defended his party’s position to extend unemployment benefits. “We’ve always done it on a year by year cutting other items in the budget.”

“Never so far away. Never so urgent. Because every time we delay, the public interest. They are fundamental to our ability to serve the public interest.”

The number of secret documents within the United States has risen 75 percent since Sept. 11, from 105,163 in 1996 to 183,224 in 2009, according to the U.S. Information Security Oversight Office. From 1996 to 2009, the government created new classified and other communications created as a result of the secrets has increased by 5,685,462 to 54,651,765. This increase is most probably due to increase in the number of individuals who have access to that information.

Similar to the WikiLeaks incident, in 1971, documents were leaked to the Washington Post and the New York Times that detailed the United States’ involvement in the Vietnam War. In that case, John Mitchell, who was the deputy secretary of state during the Nixon administration, is accused of giving the government advice to keep that information from the public.

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It’s impossible to be objective about Harry Potter. With something so embedded in popular culture, so much so that the World Quidditch Finals just took place in New York City a couple of weeks ago, there is no room for middle ground. You either know what a patronus is or you’re a sad muggle.

Herein lies the issue with making movies out of, arguably, the most popular series of books since “Lord of the Rings.” With a phenomenon so large that every child of the ’90s (and their parents) has read of the boy wizard’s exploits, how can a movie ever compare to J.K. Rowling’s soaring prose? Quite well, actually.

“Deathly Hallows” is part one of a two-part Harry Potter finale. The second half, coming out in the summer, will mark the end of Harry Potter’s immediate relevance in society.

The series has an amazing staying power (did you know that “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” is now in its 15th year?), and there is no doubt that Harry Potter and the wonderful wizarding world will charm children and adults for many years to come… but “Deathly Hallows” marks the beginning of the end.

The film has a lot to tackle. Rowling’s last novel, considered but “Deathly Hallows” marks the world will charm children and there is no doubt that Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone staying power (did you know that out in the summer, will mark the phenomenon so large that everyone, or you’re a sad muggle.

For middle ground. You either find the Horcruxes that would destroy Lord Voldemort once and for all. With so many adult themes, the young protagonists of the Harry Potter films had a lot riding on their shoulders. And not surprisingly, they delivered a major Harry Potter characters will have even the stoniest of people quietly sobbing to them- selves. The movie is not all dark- ness: Harry, Hermione and Ron enjoy a wedding and various moments of levity, but overall the film is bleak…as it should be.

These characters are no longer starry-eyed Hogwarts in- dividuals; they’ve faced death countless times and have no in- tention of running away from the dangerous fate that awaits them. The wonderful thing about how J.K. Rowling and the filmmak- ers crafted “Deathly Hallows” is that the characters we’ve grown up with are suddenly thrust out into the real world.

Away from the comforting halls of their hallowed Hogwarts, the world that Harry, Hermione and Ron attempt to navigate is a cruel and unfamiliar place. They, as well as we the audience, are for the first time uncertain of where they’re going and what exactly they are supposed to do.

This uncertainty leads to some of the most dynamic emotional scenes to emerge from the Harry Potter universe. The pressure of being the world’s last hope for deliverance causes the tight-knit trio to begin to drift apart. One particularly powerful scene, Ron decides to leave Harry and Hermione, the jealousy he feels towards Harry’s emotional connection to the surface. Ron is front and center in “Deathly Hallows,” be- ing all at once a person worth rooting for and a person worth hating with popcorn.

The narrative is pretty com- plex: there are the aforemen- tioned Horcruxes, as well as a score with another group of powerful magical artifacts called the deathly hallows, not to men- tion the introduction of some new characters. Harry, Her- mione and Ron with their search for the weapons they can use to destroy Lord Voldemort.

Although the narrative may be complex, the three actors pull it off with such ease it would seem they really did use words like “cave inimicum” in their real lives.

Rupert Grint, as Ron, is note- worthy only because he has been comedic effect in the Harry Pot- ter movies for so long it was a startling revelation that he could be so good in dramatic scenes. He was riveting; there was not one false note in his perfor- mance, and he seemed to elevate the other actors’ performance as well.

The only real criticism that can be given to “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part One” is that it left a lot of loose ends to be tied up in part two. It lacked action… but the action that part one lacked could be found in part two, where Harry finally faces up to Lord Voldemort, and the final battle between them begins.

Other than this small detail, “Deathly Hallows, Part One” is a movie that at once challenges the au- dience and rewarded them for being such faithful viewers. As Harry, Hermione and Ron learn how to navigate the adult world, the audience learns through their trials and tribulations at what characters the everlasting truths of friendship, family and love.

“My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy”
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When was the last time you heard something perfect? Pitchfork—one of the nation’s leading music reviewers—gave Kanye West’s new album, “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy,” the full 10 stars. I searched through every review of every album that have gotten all 10 stars. I searched the full 10 stars. I searched the best music reviewers—gave Kanye West, “one friend of mine said. There’s truth in that.

West’s music covers so many genres that it’s not shocking to find 4-year-old or 40-year-old fans. We need to recognize that West deserved those 10 stars before he even released his newest album.

Even so, from the symphony of instruments and effects to the gloomy interweaving melodies, West mastered the album. Every twist and turn of “MBDTF” is perfect. The samples are nothing short of genius. The piano taken from Aphex Twin’s “Avril 14” brilliantly complements John Legend’s croons on “Blame Game.”

Gil Scott-Heron’s spoken words, “Who will survive in America? Who will survive in America?” thump, thump, thump from “Lost in the World” until the very end of the album like an accelerating heartbeat: they panic listeners while exciting them with ideas of political revolution.

“Power” features an awfully appropriate King Crimson bass part as each chord, as well as cover art depicting a smiling, crowned, decapitated head with a sword stabbing through its cheek.

Whether you agree that “MBDTF” is Kanye’s finest work, it found the right time and place to settle down. Will it last as long as “Unknown Pleasures”? The two are incomparable, so that is an open question. But I’ll tell you in 20 years.
Compassion International donors bring hope for children

Two men, one organization, one goal: To help those who can’t help themselves.

There are organizations dedicated to conserving works of art and there are organizations geared toward improving the government, but Compassion International is different.

Compassion International is one of many organizations involved in helping children who live with little food, water and hope. Compassion has a unique presence on Hope College’s campus. Although it may not be evident at Hope College at first glance, many students are involved with this organization. Two seniors at Hope, Jon Wielenga and Bryant Russ, shared their stories and what Compassion means to them.

Since 1952, Compassion has helped children in need of assistance. The organization was founded by Rev. Everett Swanson. When Swanson returned to the United States after traveling as a preacher through South Korea, his heart felt moved to begin the Compassion organization. According to Compassion’s official website, compassion.com, “Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.”

Compassion began by providing basic needs and Christian training to Korean War orphans. Now, Compassion helps over 1 million children around the world.

Jon Wielenga: ‘God placed it in my heart to do this’

Jon Wielenga said he feels God’s call to help children in need.

Through Compassion, Wielenga sponsors a child named Gisagara Willy Constantin. Wielenga said Compassion “is an organization that takes underprivileged children especially in parts of Africa and the continent of Asia and binds kids that come from extremely under-privileged situations.”

“It works to help them grow holistically with education, spiritual parts of their lives, physical aspects of their lives and provides them with basic needs to survive while growing their mind and their spirit,” Wielenga said.

Wielenga first became involved with Compassion this August when one of his housemates suggested the idea to him. Wielenga said God placed it on his heart to sponsor a child through Compassion, along with donating money to another similar organization, Gospel for Asia.

Despite the struggle of today’s economy that affects many students, Wielenga decided that God would have to take full control of the sponsoring situations. Wielenga said, “I’m not exactly sure where all of the funds are going to come from. God placed it on my heart to do this, so I was like, I’m going to do it.”

Sponsoring a child from Compassion has affected Wielenga’s life by causing a greater awareness of struggles around him. “With Compassion, getting a letter in the mail describing what a day was like for a student that he maybe had to walk for two hours just to get a bucket of water. Things like that make you think. All I have to do is walk to the bathroom, turn the faucet on, and I get as much water as I want.”

Wielenga said that sponsoring a child and becoming more conscious of the issues are a personal discipline. “As much as organizations try really hard to remind you of how much you have been blessed with, I think it is personal discipline that can be resulted from just practicing basic disciplines of fasting,” Wielenga said.

He added, “That’s one of the nice things about fasting. It makes you realize you don’t necessarily need what you are fasting from whether it’s Facebook for college students or even food for a day.”

Bryant Russ: ‘Made my eyes bigger to the reality of the world’

Bryant Russ, a senior at Hope from Lansing, Mich., felt the call to sponsor a child through Compassion as well.

Russ sponsors a child named Edwers Sebastian. To Russ, Compassion is “a medium by which I can be useful with my money.” Russ said, “There are ways to spend money. I’m a firm believer that we are called to use not just 10 percent of our money, but all of our money, everything we have to be used by God. We are his stewards of it. Compassion is a cool way to use that money for a good cause.”

Reflecting on the five years in which he has sponsored Edwers, Russ believes that Compassion encourages him to continue sponsoring using one specific tactic. “One big thing that they do is they have you pen pal with the kid you sponsor and they send you a picture of the kid. It’s personal and it’s easier to continue a relationship,” Russ said.

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Paradoxical perspectives
The ultimate job
Karen Patterson
Co-Editor-in-Chief

As children we were often asked what we wanted to be when we grew up. Many common answers were firefighters, astronauts, professional athletes of some kind, or ballerinas. Few of us will actually go on to fulfill these youthful career aspirations. Even now, many of us are trying to figure out what we want to do with the rest of our lives—gosh, that just sounds intimidating! As a senior I have come to dread the impossible-to-ignore question, “What's next?” I don’t know.

However, I do know that I found my passion, that thing that makes me happy for no reason other than the fact that I get to do this for the rest of my life: sports journalism. At a school like Hope where so many students dream of changing the world through ministry or medicine, it's easy to feel shallow for wanting to spend the next 30 or 40 years getting paid to attend professional sporting events. But I've discovered that while it's easy to admire those individuals and appreciate their passions (and occasionally relate to them), not all of us are meant for that path.

I have an incredible internship this year that has afforded me the opportunity to experience the world of professional sports: I have loved every minute. I’m pretty sure that all my friends are sick of hearing the stories, but I can't stop talking and thinking about it because I am just so happy. In fact, I can't imagine doing anything else.

All this said, I still have days when I feel like a bad person for not wanting to work in a ministry-related job. But we can’t all be pastors. We can’t all work at non-profits.

The world we live in is broken and needs people of strong faith to be in careers where they can influence those around them. The greed and me-first attitude reflected in our country has created a situation that appears hopeless. However, for those of us called to more "traditional" careers, we have an incredible opportunity to serve the Lord as well as society.

Working as an accountant or doctor or sports journalist doesn't mean that we're shallow and care only about ourselves. Each of us has equal chances to share Christ, whether it is through our actions or through the job title that accompanies our name.

Maybe this sounds like I’m trying to justify my career choices; but I can honestly say that I have absolutely no idea what else I could do other than journalism. I feel about writing a sports article the way my friend Meghan feels about going to her youth ministry internship: alive and like I’m using a God-given talent.

I truly believe that there are students at this school who are going to change the world in some way—Hope is a community of movers and shakers after all—but the vast majority of us are going to end up in every-day jobs where it will be our actions that let others see Christ. Let's leave them a witness too strong to ever be ignored.

Karen hopes that everybody survives finals week with his or her sanity intact, and would like to wish the Hope community a very Merry Christmas! See you in 2011!
Running on empty
Holly Evenhouse
Photo Editor

Until this year, I’ve never felt the stress of exam week. Tests? No big deal. Papers? Get them done ahead of time. Group projects? Piece of cake, especially if all of my academic years were perfect. I was that student whom everyone else hated: the one who works ahead. So when everyone else was pulling their hair out trying to get things done on time, I was out baking cookies and making sure they were still alive. Whether that helped or made them mad because I had time to do that, no one has ever specified.

Entering my senior year, however, something changed. The first day of classes this year, I asked my older sister (a Hope alum) how she stayed motivated her senior year. Her response? “You aren’t doing as well this year as you have been in the past, and that makes me happy. Though my family doesn’t understand why I’ll run 13.1 miles just for a medal and a free T-shirt, they appreciate my dedication. Just want to get that title!”

So, then, especially when schoolwork seems so trivial or unimportant, two hours of grueling pain makes me realize that I really am for- tunate to have the opportunities I do, and even though senior year is kicking my butt and with- out a doubt the most difficult three months of my life thus far, things are going to be OK. So, while we enter this season of exams, and we’re all stressed beyond belief, remember to have patience with each other and yourself. Exams, papers, and the horrible grammar and punctuation mistakes obviously are not planned, and we can see that his twitter statements are a part of a whole new vocabulary set jumbled around in your brain, they sound alike just enough to embarrass yourself.

The above situation is a problem everyone who learns a foreign language faces. It’s embarrassing, but it’s mostly a learning experience. There is another, unforeseen problem that arises from immersion in a foreign language...sooner or later, you can’t speak English anymore. Words in English vanish and are replaced by the Spanish word. It’s a phenomenon I’ve dubbed “quasi-lingual” wherein you make such great progress learning a new language, that you lose some of your native tongue, and are left with zero complete languages. It’s nothing but a personal victory every way.

Outside looking in
A reminder
Sam Tzou
Guest Columnist

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Charlotte Park
Guest Writer

Comprised of 11 returning letter winners and four players who were on the 2009-2010 MAC or varsity roster, the Hope men’s basketball team is looking to channel its experience into wins this season, with five away games already under their belt.

For the first time in four decades, the team is under the leadership of a new coach, Matt Neil, a member of the Hope coaching staff since 1985, believes that through mental toughness and improving every game, the team will elevate to victory.

“It’s not so much where you start, it’s where you finish,” Neil said. So far the team is 2-3, suffering losses to Davenport (81-64), Cornerstone (85-76) and Carthage (70-71) and winning against Aquinas (92-69) and Wheaton (80-74).

Captains Will Bower (11), Peter Bunn (11) and David Krombeen (12) agree their team’s strength thus far lies in its ability to improve with each game.

“Right now we are dealing with quite a few injuries and some extremely good competition our first six games,” Bower said. “Our hope is to grow as much as possible through these first games, so that we are equipped to win the conference games to start the season and we can move on from there.”

A continual focus of the Dutchmen has been to defend harder. Neil said working to understand and anticipate their opponent’s actions is key to sharpening the team’s skills.

“If we play hard and smart for the full 40 minutes, we will be hard to beat,” Krombeen said. “We have shown the ability to score early in the season, but our defense needs to constantly keep improving.”

In addition to focusing on keeping its defense strong, Neil plans to instill a long lasting mental toughness in his players.

“While there are always people that want to see you fail, it is important to be mentally tough and not let obstacles get in the way of achieving your end results,” Neil said.

While every game is viewed as equally important, the Dutchmen always look forward to playing its rival Calvin.

“Nothing gets our team more fired up than playing Calvin,” center Adam Dickerson (11) said. “It’s an experience difficult to explain.”

Ranked fourth in ESPN’s greatest college rivalries, the first Hope-Calvin game is scheduled to take place at DeVos on Jan. 5.

**SPORTS**

**Men’s basketball underway**

The men’s basketball team opens its home season with the Holland Sentinel Community Tournament on Dec. 10 and 11.

**In Brief**

**HOKEY SPLIT WEEKEND**

Hope’s hockey team split weekend with games on Dec. 3 and 4. On Dec. 3, the Flying Dutchmen traveled to Grand Rapids, where they fell to the Knights, 4-3. Justin Glick (14), Court Fall (13) and Brett Kopinski (11) scored for Hope. Junior goalkeeper David No- wicki stopped 22 of 25 shots on the evening. The next day, Calvin came to the Edge Ice Arena in Holland to take on Hope. Hope triumphed in the home game with a score of 5-2. Chris Kun- nen (12), Jake Green (13), and Kevin Deane (14) each scored once in the Dutchmen’s victory, and Glick stopped twice. Sean LaDoucer (13) stopped 24 of 26 shots. The Dutchmen now have a 1-4-2 record.

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Bethany Stripp Sports Editor

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**Women’s basketball defeats Alma**

The women’s basketball team began their MIAA season on Dec. 4 with a 70-44 win against Alma. The Flying Dutch led throughout the game, starting off quick with an 11-2 lead with- in the first four minutes of play. Erika Bruinsma (‘11) and Miran- da Dekaupier (‘11) led the scor- ing for the Dutch, putting up 12 and 11 points, respectively. Car- rie Snukers (‘11) pulled down seven of the team’s 45 rebounds, while Bruinsma added six. The women are now 6-0.

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