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Many ways to give back this Christmas season

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With exams, papers and projects, it is easy to forget that it’s the Christmas season. It is definitely difficult to find time to give back or help those in need.

Hope College is giving back this holiday season. There are a variety of events this Christmas season to share the love of Christ with your local community, as well as those abroad.

Volunteer Services is co-sponsoring a food drive along with campus ministries for St. Francis de Sales’s food pantry. They are specifically collecting pinto beans, cereal, pasta and peanut butter that will be distributed to Holland residents.

This is a change from past years. Usually, Volunteer Services sponsors Operation Christmas Child, where shoeboxes are filled with toys and toiletries to be sent to children in need around the world.

“This year we decided to change what we do for Christmas because with operation Christmas Child we felt like we were helping people, but we felt like we weren’t helping locally. Instead, this year we choose to do a food drive for St. Francis de Sales’s food pantry,” said Celeste Norlander (’13), Volunteer Services Chair.

Going along with their motto, “serve locally to impact globally,” Volunteer Services is attempting to work within the community this year, trying to get Hope students involved in various ways in order to make Holland a better place.

“For our Christmas drive, we wanted to give with a purpose. That’s why we are only asking for four kinds of donations; these things are what the pantry needs most,” said Norlander.

The drive runs through Dec. 9. Students and staff can drop off donations in DeVitt outside the Volunteer Services Office or at any door of the chapel.

In addition to their food drive, Volunteer Services sponsored Christmas cookie decorating with the residents of Warm Friend in downtown Holland on Monday. Today, they will be Christmas trebling through local nursing homes. Email Volunteer Services for more information or to sign up.

There will also be an offering collected at the Sunday, Dec. 11, Gathering for Hopefield Ministries in Livinston, Zambia. The collection will benefit an orphanage with 45 street children who have lost parents. The money will go towards building chicken farms and providing clean water.

“These youth, after a few years of meeting at the house a few times a week, have grown to love Jesus Christ and have a compassion for their own community as well. A chicken farm would go towards the orphanage for these youth to be able to learn a skill, but in addition use the money from the farm to attend school,” said Sam Tsou (’12), who organized the collection.

With $15, Hopefield will be able to build a filter that can provide 40 liters of clean water to a family in need. In addition, Hopefield helps provide children with an education and a witness to Christ.

There are many ways to give back this holiday season at Hope. Take some time and find a way to spread Christmas cheer.

President search narrows to 2 candidates

The Presidential Search Committee has met with six candidates for off-campus interviews, and two finalists have accepted invitation to visit campus.

See the schedule below for open session times for students, faculty and staff for the week of Dec. 5-9.

Candidate #1

Dec. 6, 11-11:50 a.m., Maas Auditorium - students
Dec. 6, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Schaap 1000 - staff
Dec. 6, 3-4 p.m., Schaap 1000 - students, faculty or staff

Candidate #2

Dec. 8, 3-4 p.m., Winants Auditorium, faculty
Dec. 9, 11-11:50 a.m., Wichers Auditorium (Nykerk) - students
Dec. 9, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Winants Auditorium - staff
Dec. 9, 3-4 p.m., Winants Aud - students, faculty or staff
Kevin Watson: The man behind the music at WTHS

Ann Marie Paparelli

Guest Writer

Hope students listen to radio in their car, in their rooms and in the community bathrooms. Those who choose WTHS 89.9, Hope’s student-run radio station, know they’ll hear quality independent programming that includes witty DJs, a unique music selection, and news and sports updates. But they may not know the man behind the music.

General Manager Kevin Watson ‘12, oversees nearly every facet of WTHS whether it’s connecting the station and campus, coordinating an executive board meeting or checking the mail.

Getting involved at WTHS his freshman year provoked Watson to declare communication as his major. With a double major in business management and computer science, Watson is busy but putting his education to use—even before graduation.

“Communication is important in any facet of life, especially in a leadership role,” Watson said. “My communication classes have developed my abilities in constantly communicating with my team and also with the school to make sure that we stay on the air and sound good. I have also worked to put together a marketing plan, re-branding plan and strategic repositioning plan together for the station. Business management has helped out a lot with that.”

Watson is also the creator of WTHS’s new online look which can be partially credited to the web development skills he learned through his computer science minor. On top of the new look, WTHS has new streaming capabilities installed under Watson’s management.

“The re-branding of the website and new logo were designs that I created and built from scratch,” Watson said. “This project took a very long time. I worked on the website for nearly a year before it went live.”

Jason Cash ’10, campaign manager in-studio, said Watson’s positive impact on the station was kind of coasting instead of thriving.

“Kevin’s positive impact on WTHS is being felt immediately but will also set the station up for success in the long-term future. He is a great student leader and champion, not only for WTHS, but for all of Hope College,” Cash said. “Hope Watson was WTHS general manager as a student.

In addition to his work at WTHS, Watson is involved in an extensive list of extra-curricular activities including Dance Marathon, the worship team tech crew, orientation, admissions, student research and the gospel choir. That Watson is still able to devote quality time to the station says a lot about his time management skills and dedication to the station.

William DeBoer ’14, WTHS production director, said Watson leads in a way that motivates those who work with him.

“When (Kevin) took the position, WTHS was kind of all over the place; loose-running, just going along with things. He is a great student leader and champion, not only for WTHS, but for all of Hope College,” DeBoer said. “Kevin has come in and has tightened the screws, streamlined the station and now it’s got some great new music, it’s making money and it’s really fun to work there.”

Watson has a strong sense of solidarity with those involved at the station. As a host of “The Bro Show” with his brother, Josh, Watson shows his support and passion for the students involved.

Shade asked the crowd to stand if they knew someone who had experienced hurt because of race, sexual orientation, social class or bullying. Shade said people who have experienced this hurt need a voice.

“Every man is more than race, sexual orientation, social class or bullying,” Shade said.

Throughout the night, several participants stood up to explain why they were involved in the event.

“For the participants.

The most moving part of the night was when Fraley and Phillips persuaded audience members to come up and say one line: “I am______ and we are Hope College.” (See box below.)

Throughout the night, several students entered the spotlight on the stage to explain why they came to the Stand Up event.

“I’m here for the person whose voice was stolen away from them. I’m here for those who do not have equality,” Phillips said.

“I’m here to listen and to understand even when I don’t always agree,” Congressman President Alicia Wojcik ’13 said.

Participation is part of the process of becoming more educated. If you missed out on last week’s open mic event, don’t fret. There is more to come next semester so stay tuned. Future events will be announced on Facebook and KnowHope.

Voices of Hope:

• I am from a single parent household and we are Hope College.
• I am different and we are Hope College.
• I am a black girl with pretty hair and we are Hope College.
• I am a sister of a lesbian and we are Hope College.
• I am gay and we are Hope College.
• I am natural and we are Hope College.
• I am a black woman who isn’t angry and we are Hope College.
• I am a male social worker and we are Hope College.
• I am a Chinese American and we are Hope College.
• I am an atheist and we are Hope College.
• I am a family member of a cancer survivor and we are Hope College.
• I am a feminist and we are Hope College.
• I am adopted and we are Hope College.
• I am Catholic and Christian and we are Hope College.
• I am the first person in my family to go to college and we are Hope College.
• I am the only person from my country on this campus and we are Hope College.
• I am a Girl Scout and we are Hope College.
• I am a Taiwanese American with a Spanish major and we are Hope College.
Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo over elections

Amelisse Goetz

Fourteen people are dead in the Democratic Republic of Congo after Saturday’s election. There is disagreement about the cause of the deaths. Human Rights Watch is claiming that militants supportive of one candidate fired into a crowd of voters. The government dismisses these charges and insists that the deaths are the result of fighting between the voters themselves.

The two main opponents in this election were the current president, Joseph Kabila, of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Joseph Kabila, and the Union for Democracy and Social Progress leader Etienne Tshisekedi. According to Human Rights Watch, the shots were fired by militants who were supposedly in support of Kabila before the election on Nov. 28. According to the BBC, Human Rights Watch insists that “four more people were killed during the poll—claims that were not accepted by the government.”

There have been further unconfirmed reports that the Lord’s Resistance Army has been responsible for the shooting. According to the election results, the opposition had won the election, but the government had not recognized the results. “A significant amount of skewed data. Only 15 percent of the votes had been counted at the time, and they happened to have come from areas in which Kabila had established a solid following, such as Katanga. Areas like Kasai and Kindu, which had previously demonstrated dislike of Kabila in elections, were not represented in the 15 percent that were counted.” According to the BBC, “the official tally of votes was 1.5 million.”

When the official result was released on Thursday, Tshisekedi had won, not Kabila. Tshisekedi was met by a large crowd in Kinshasa, where—according to Human Rights Watch—guards loyal to Kabila took violent action. Information Minister Lambert Mende insists that this was not how the events played out. While he admits that guards fired the shots, he says that they were fired harmlessly into the air. Mende said it is voters in favor of Kabila who are responsible for the deaths of three people, not the guards.

Violence was not the only thing plaguing the elections. The major cities in DROC lack good roads or rail lines connecting them, meaning that there was difficulty in distributing election materials in time. UN peacekeeping officials were called upon to help distribute some of the material at his house for several days until local people agreed to vote for Mr. Kabila.” Despite this harassment, it seems that citizens of the Congo were eager to participate in the elections.

NATO airstrikes kill 24 Pakistan soldiers

Shubham Sapkota

Tension is mounting between Islamabad and Washington once again after a NATO airstrike killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

There is controversy over how the airstrike was provoked. Some reports have suggested that it was gun fire from across the Pakistan border that commed the NATO airstrike. However, some are speculating that it might all have been just a communication mishap. Whatever it was, the casualties and tension have led Pakistan to order the Central Intelligence Agency to pull its drone operations out of western Pakistan.

Even though international forces are being called home from Afghanistan, the administration of President Barack Obama diplomatically tried to make sure that the damage caused by NATO airstrikes will not affect U.S.-Pakistan relations. The relationship with Pakistan has been vital in the fight against terrorism, and the U.S. government hopes that the aftermath of the airstrike will not hinder the process of counter-terrorism developments. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed her “deepest condolences” to Pakistan. The Pakistani government is in the fight against al-Qaeda. “Pakistan has a crucial role to play in supporting a secure and stable and prosperous Afghanistan,” he said after the incident. “It’s absolutely critical that Afghanistan’s neighbors play a role in its future development, and certainly its relationship with Pakistan has been critical in that regard.”

The Pakistanis have denied that there was any firing from their side and have stated that the airstrike was an “unprovoked act of blatant aggression.” There is still confusion over the question of whether the Pakistani military provoked the attack or not. If not, then who shot at the NATO aircrafts?

Furthermore, there is a continuing discussion on why NATO aircrafts fired from the air a second time when NATO commanders and senior Pakistani generals had already established communication whereas the helicopters were asked to pull back. The Pakistani troops were reportedly fired on by some units in what the government suggests was mistaken identity. It is nothing, they said during the time of firing, they turned on the radio communication and repeatedly told NATO that they were not Taliban militants. This airstrike has definitely stirred more tension between the U.S. and Pakistan. Relations between the two nations started to turn bad when U.S. forces staged their attack on Osama Bin Laden’s compound in Pakistan without letting the Pakistani government know about it beforehand.

It was not a surprise that this action caused protests all over Pakistan. Protesters had gathered on the NATO and the U.S. who are the enemy, not the Taliban. The protests were organized by right-wing Islamist parties who have always disagreed with U.S. policy and with the involvement of American troops within Pakistani borders. It remains to be seen whether the recent intervention of the U.S. and Afghanistan will ease tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan.

UK public sector workers strike

Cory Lakatos

Last Wednesday, public sector workers across the United Kingdom struck in protest to proposed pension reforms. According to the government, most important public services were not closed as a result of the strike. The strike was the result of anger about proposed pension reforms that are part of recent austerity measures. “Robust arrangements” were made, according to government staff in England and Wales, roughly 670,000 out of 2.1 million struck, which is again about a third of the total.

The strike was accompanied by protests throughout the country. In London, the Metropolitan Police arrested 75 protestors, mostly in the eastern part of the city. Occupy London protesters showed their sympathy for the striking workers by targeting the mining company Xstrata. The general thrust of these protests, as with all Occupy protests, was the idea that greedy corporations are taking advantage of the working class and that workers should be generous, but as people live longer it’s only right and only fair that you should make greater contributions,” he said. Union leaders dispute these claims, saying that it is unjust to force workers to pay more and work longer for their pensions. Despite all this, a new study by the Office of National Statistics indicates that the median disposable income of U.K. residents is “satisfied with life.” It seems that the perceived need to strike has not adversely affected the happiness of British workers in any appreciable way.
Talent on display at juried student art show in DePree through Dec. 16

Amanda Vander Byl

The artistic talents of Hope students were on display Friday at the opening of the annual fall juried student art show at the DePree Art Gallery. The DePree Art Gallery is now home to a collection of 80 student pieces including paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, textural objects, sculptures, and photography.

Each year, students in any major or minor submit their art work to be judged by a recognized artist or curator. This year, the juried art show guest artist and art history invited Dana Fris-Hansen, director and chief executive officer of the Grand Rapids Art Museum, who reviewed and viewed all 166 student submissions and hand selected each of the 80 pieces selected.

Although some of the pieces are class assignments or exercises, all of the art work is in some way the students own. The exhibition is organized into seven sections or themes: ivory, black, white, breaking new ground, landscape, figure, portraits, clay and word/text.

Alison Zdan’s (’12) piece "Welcome" is anything but welcoming in the ivory section of the gallery. Nails poke through the black pieces of wood in the shape of a girl, but up close, the viewer discovers that the lines are made with small strips of duct tape. The artist chose not to include a mouth in the portrait which is interesting because duct tape is often used to cover the mouth. "Welcome" is anything but welcoming in the ivory section of the gallery. Nails poke through the black pieces of wood in the shape of a girl, but up close, the viewer discovers that the lines are made with small strips of duct tape. The artist chose not to include a mouth in the portrait which is interesting because duct tape is often used to cover the mouth. Photography is the main medium of the portrait section. Hanna Varner’s (’12) untitled portrait shows a woman wearing an apron and oven mitts reaching inside an oven. The interesting camera movement makes the viewer feel like some sort of baked good being retrieved from the oven. Canvas is the medium of the figure section. From a distance, Melodee Jackson’s (’13) piece "Duct Tape Self Portrait #2" two stone faces pitch which is unusually shaped and beautifully crafted. The words/text section includes pieces inspired by or including written word. "Wilm-
How much do you really know about the reindeer-taming, sleigh-riding, joy-spreading man in red? The American depiction of Santa Claus is a culmination of figures from various cultures, including that of Sinterklaas.

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Saint Nicholas was a Greek bishop who lived from 280-342 A.D. and became known as the patron saint of children. As his fame spread through Europe, the Western Catholic Church made his name day a church holiday. His garments emphasize his Catholic origins, and his slim form contrasts the jolly, rotund shape that suits America’s Santa only too well. With a beard reminiscent to Dumbledore’s, it’s not hard to imagine that Sint Nikolaas has great wisdom and intelligence.

Depictions of Sinterklaas show him clutching a large book containing the same content as Santa’s naughty-or-nice list. He is also shown riding a magnificent white steed named Amerigo, and in modern day parades he rides through the streets on horseback. As Santa has a colony of elves at the North Pole, Sinterklaas does not work without help. Zwarte Piete, his main helper, wears clothes resembling that of a 17th century page. Traditionally, as they walked through villages, Sinterklaas towed a bag full of candy for good children and Piete carried a chimney sweep broom to spank the bad children. I'd imagine that children tried extra hard to avoid the “naughty” label in this case: a spanking is a bit more convincing than lumps of coal.

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Do it yourself: Santa hat pretzels

Ingredients:
- Mini twist pretzels
- White chocolate almond bark
- Red sanding sugar
- Mini marshmallows

Directions:
1. Melt the white chocolate almond bark according to the directions on the package.
2. Dip each mini twist pretzel halfway into the melted white chocolate almond bark.
3. Dip each almond bark covered pretzel into the red sanding sugar until only a small amount of the almond bark is showing. Place on waxed paper.
4. Cut the mini marshmallows in half. Use additional melted almond bark to adhere a mini marshmallow half onto the side of each pretzel.

Sinterklaas is coming to town

Melody Hughes
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For me? You shouldn’t have

Melody Hughes
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Take a mo- m e n t to pat yourself on the b a c k. Y o u ’ r e n e a r ly at the end of the semester; the finish line is in sight! In all likelihood, this last lap will be sweat-inducing and muscle-stretching, but you will finish it like a champion. And you will be rewarded with the two most beautiful words in the college language: Winter Break.

As we settle into the winter holiday season, gift giving and receiving is on the brain. Shopping for presents remains a fun yet stressful experience for me. Upon entering a charmingly decked out shop, it does not take long for me to settle on an item. As I hold it in my hands and head to the register, I begin to question my choice: Wait. Will they REALLY like this gift? Do I think they will like it just because I like it? If I like it, shouldn’t they like it? What if they don’t?

I usually end this gift-recipient-analysis-anxiety by deciding that it’s the thought that counts, so they’ll have to like it.

So, how about finding a gift for a person who will definitely and absolutely like what you select? Yes, I am talking about giving gifts to yourself.

This year, I plan to give myself a New Year’s resolution that I will keep. In the past, my resolutions were more like a “Here’s What I’m Doing Wrong” list than actual goals. The negativity approach has never proven effective past the third week of January. I know that I’m in good company with other people whose resolutions have not become reality. Wikipedia notes a study that found only 12 percent of resolutions are achieved.

Thus, in the year of 2012 I will try something new, something revolutionary (revolutionary?): something that could really work. I invite you to try the same because you deserve it. Gifting yourself a resolution that you don’t keep is like receiving a toy that breaks within a week. We’ve all been there and it’s not pretty.

Furthermore, the heart of a resolution aims at self-improvement and overall improvement of life. As a person who wants to get the most out of life, it’s essential to be self-aware and initiate progress where it is needed.

According to about.com, the some of the top five New Year’s resolutions include:

1. Spend more time with family and friends.
2. Make time for fitness.
3. Get organized.
4. Help others.
5. Enjoy life more.

These are a great place to start and they focus on making positive improvements and leaving the negativity behind. Intentionality is a key ingredient to success. Here’s my list of top five ways to make resolutions come true:

1. Start small. Overwhelm yourself because that will lead to giving up. Break the goal apart into smaller steps that may be feasibly achievable.
2. Realistic.
   Everyone probably has one area of life that they’d like to change drastically. If you’re organized as a hoardo, chances are it will be really difficult to achieve militaristic organization. Resolutions works best if they are improvements, not drastic changes.
3. Write it down.
   Not just on a piece of scrap paper that gets lost or thrown away. Record it in a place that you will see it often and be reminded of what you are working towards.
4. Use a support system.
   Let a friend or two know about one of your resolutions. Ask them to check in with you and encourage you along the way. Accountability is frequently recommended as an effective motivation technique.
5. Have worthwhile goals.
   If it’s really worth it, chances are you will be willing to put in the work necessary to pull it off.

In a little under six months (178 days, to be exact) I’m going to get all dressed up, walk into a church aisle and marry the man I love. I’ve got my dress picked out, the decorations planned, and I have a playlist going of all the songs I want to dance to at the reception. It’s all going to be exactly how I always dreamed my wedding would be... except for one thing.

In all my childhood fancies, I never, ironically enough, spent much time imagining him. He was perfect, of course, but no more than a shade who floated around his way that I could be willing to do the same for him. And maybe the best part about this (Love Part 1) absolutely comes in: forgiveness. It means I will do the same for him. And (Love Part 2) we trust each other enough with our failures that we’re willing to commit to a lifelong relationship. But that’s where this other big piece (Love Part 3) comes in: commitment. Accountability is the heart of a resolution. It means that no matter how many times I fail to lift my fiancé up, he will still love me, and I will do the same for him. And (Love Part 3) we trust each other enough with our failures so we’re willing to commit to lifelong relationships.

This is something the groom in my daydreams didn’t understand, because it wasn’t something I understood, either. Even now, I don’t quite get how my fiancé (who didn’t know I existed before college) could love me in this way. Or the crazy way that I could be willing to do the same for him. And maybe the best part about this love is, it’s not limited to marriages: it goes for all relationships. I learned this lesson through a romance, but I had a conversation just the other day with a friend who came to these same conclusions about love through a mission trip. It just takes people, and a willingness to offer ourselves to others in a give-and-take of trust and forgiveness.

Kate would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas!

“Put her first, like Christ did for the church,” he repeatedly stressed.

And then I almost started crying, because this (Love Part 1) absolutely blew my mind. If, in our marriage, we were to do this, it would mean we’re more than just two people. It would mean we’re committed to loving one how beautiful that would be? And yet it seems impossible, because even since that revelation, we’ve gotten in fights because neither of us is willing to give. But that’s where this other big piece (Love Part 2) comes in: forgiveness. It means that no matter how many times I fail to lift my fiancé up, he will still love me, and I will do the same for him. And (Love Part 3) we trust each other enough with our failures so we’re willing to commit to lifelong relationships.

A little bit like God’s love

Kate Schrampfer
Columnist
Dr. Jack Mulder

If you’ve been to chapel lately, you may have noticed Josh Ban-ner’s take on “Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature / O thou of God and man the Son.” That’s what we sing, but Christians know perfectly well that what we mean is “of God and Mary the Son.” The traditional Christian teaching is that Jesus has one (non-adaptive) Father, God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, and only one mother, namely, the Virgin Mary. This means that Mary is the Mother of God the Son, Jesus. This mirth is just the historic Christian tradition ad-hered to by Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Chris-tians, since they all realize that if Mary isn’t the mother of God, then Jesus would have to be someone other than God. But the Catholic Church also believes something else about Mary, namely, that she was conceived with- out original sin or its psychological consequences, and Catholics celebrate that part of God’s plan of salvation on December 8th. Why? To get at a reason, consider two imaginary cases with me. Case 1: Suppose that when Mary is greeted by the angel in Luke 1 she doesn’t say “May it be done to me ac- cording to your word” but instead refuses. Why would she do this? Well, perhaps because, due to original sin, she is “totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil” as some Protestant traditions hold the rest of us to be. This won’t work, since God would know this and wouldn’t ask her in the first place and in any event would never coerce Mary to bear Jesus out of fear. Case 2: Suppose that God, knowing Mary’s condi-tion of original sin, decides to cleanse her of original sin before issuing this invitation (knowing Jesus’s sacrifice in the future) so that she can give a fully free consent. I believe that this case will not work. The majority opin-ion among Christian theologians from all three main branches of Christianity has been that redemption in- augurates a new life within us but that we still struggle with the old life. We still have disordered inclinations because of original sin. Those of us who are Christians don’t need much of a theological argument for this, since we experience it every day. But these disordered inclinations make us disinclined (and not eager) to ac- cept God’s will for us.

But suppose that God invites a woman to bear God’s own Son. Compare this to a marriage proposal for a moment. While there wouldn’t be anything wrong with a potential spouse who asked for some time to think upon being given a kind marriage proposal from a wort-hy suitor, the suitor wouldn’t want his or her intended to positively struggle with wanting to be married and wanting not to be married to the suitor. But that is what Mary would be struggling with if she possessed these disordered inclinations to disobey God. Even if Mary makes up her mind to accept this invitation as a bless- ing, there would still be a portion of her that would wish not to have this burden. That isn’t the kind of coercion that will make lawyers nervous, but it is a state of mind that a spouse would prefer to avoid in his or her beloved. God is asking Mary to be nothing less than the mother of God’s child. Cleansing Mary of original sin (however you conceive of it) and its psychological effects is to remove the disorder in her will. Since Chris-tians will claim that God is our blessedness, when the right order is restored, human beings will prefer God’s way to their own. Thus, Immaculate Mary, while as free as Eve was, will be in a position to consent to God’s invi-tation for all the right reasons.

It seems to me that the only situation in which God would invite Mary to be his bride was a situation in which she was not marked by original sin in these ways. This is not an attack on others who disagree with me. It is a prayer that they will love Mary better.

Title:

Song

Fleet Foxes

“Blood Bank”

Vampire Weekend

“Horchata”

Cake

“End of the Movie”

Ben Gibbard and Feist

“Train Song”

Ben Lee

“White Winter Hymnal”

City & Colour

“Carries Me Home”

Sufjan Stevens

“Sister Winter”

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“Come On, Let’s Boogey to the Elf Dance”

Punchline

“Tics”

Andrew Belle

“The Ladder”

The holidays are a time for in-dulgence, a time for cookies, cakes, brownies, sugar, butter, and cream. Forget the fro yo and fruit, if your go-ing to make a holiday dessert, go all out! Impress your friends at Hope or family at home by making a recipe that every person should have in their arsenal this season: pumpkin bread pudding. Reassembling a combination of baked French toast and pumpkin pie, this dessert gives a new dimen-sion to delicious. Pumpkin Bread Pudding

Yields: 6 servings

Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

5 cups cubed day old bread

½ stick butter

1 ½ cups whole milk

1 cup sugar

¼ cup canned pumpkin

2 eggs + 1 yolk

1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground ginger

¾ teaspoon salt

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and toss bread cubes with butter. In a separate bowl, whisk together remain-ing ingredients and pour into baking dish, stirring to make sure all pieces are coated. Bake until custard is set, around 30 minutes.

Allow me to be the first, second, or third Hope College student who has had the ever-surprising Holland weather for it lack of winter this December. I will be the first to gripe about snow when it comes, and will continue griping while I throw salt on my cottage’s steps.
Hockey sweeps Calvin in weekend games

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The hockey team traveled to the Eagles Ice Center in Grand Rapids on Friday to take on Calvin, outscoring the Knights 4-1. On Saturday, the Dutchmen faced off against the Knights in a battle at Edge Ice Arena in Holland, claiming the 3-1 victory and two-game weekend sweep of Calvin.

The two wins improved Hope’s record to 14-1-1 on the season. The Dutchmen were 14-2 through 16 games last season. Calvin fell to 11-5-1 after the two losses.

The Dutchmen’s two games prior to Calvin were against Michigan State University on Nov. 18 and 19. In the first of two contests, the Spartans won the shootout after the teams were tied 4-4. On Nov. 19, Michigan State edged Hope 4-3. It wasn’t State’s Division I team, but it was still hard-nosed competition that geared the Dutchmen for Calvin.

“We looked at what we didn’t do well against MSU and took that to practice,” left wing Riley Hoernschemeyer (’14) said. “We mixed up the lines a little bit and put the loss behind us. We didn’t take them [MSU] lightly and they definitely out-played us but they weren’t better than us.”

A two-week break from games gave the Dutchmen sufficient time to prepare for Calvin. Justin Nowicki (’12) came up huge for Hope on Friday, scoring two goals and assisting on the additional two. Jake Green (’13) and Andrew Dolehanty (’14) scored off of Glick’s passes. Goalie Dave Nowicki (’12) stopped 33 of 34 shots.

The two weekend victories put the Dutchmen for Calvin. Justin Johnston (’13) slapped the first goal of the first period, followed by a goal by Court Fall (’13) to put Hope up 2-0.

Drew O’Brien (’14) poured four in the third and last goal for the Dutchmen in the second period. Calvin scored once late in the third period, making the final score 3-1.

Glick, Johnston, Joe Pappas (’15), Chris Kunnen (’12), Caleb Morgan (’15), and Caleb Digison (’14) were all credited with assists.

Nowicki proved to be nearly unstoppable again, saving 35 of 36 shots. For the weekend, he stopped 68 of Calvin’s 70 shots. Nowicki’s teammates, who call him “Wicki” know that he is a huge factor to their seasonal success so far.

“Wicki did an amazing job this weekend,” Hoernschemeyer said. “He kept us in the game on Friday, shutting the door on Calvin during their five-minute power play and during their five-minute power play after that.”

“As a team we fed off him and try to help him out for how well he plays,” right wing Jamie Haak (’14) said. “Even when the rest of the team isn’t playing their best, Wicki is there to give us the best chance to pull out a win.”

“A win will be crucial to a run in the ACHA national tournament scheduled for March 14-17.”

“We have been confident all year that we are heading in the right direction to get into the ACHA national tournament and that is one of our team goals,” Hoernschemeyer said.

“We have a ton of talent on the team and we are back on the right track with our two wins against Calvin,” Haak said.

Women’s basketball rides win streak into MIAA play

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SPORTS EDITOR

The women’s basketball team rebounded from an early season loss to Capital, Ohio, with five consecutive wins over the past three weeks. The Dutch are currently in a three-way tie with Calvin and Trine for the top spot in the MIAA.

“The loss to Capital was a wake-up call,” co-captain Allie Cerone (’12) said. “Although I hate more than anything to lose, I am happy with how we have responded to it and have gotten better every practice and every game since then.

After defeating Mount St. Joseph on Nov. 19, the team took on Defiance from Ohio in its 100th game in DeVos Fieldhouse. Hope won the game 68-43 with Courtney Kast (’13), Liz Ellis (’13) and Cerone all scoring in the doubles. Rebekah Llorens (’15) pulled down nine rebounds in the victory.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, the women’s basketball team played Aquinas in its final nonconference games of the semester. Hope raced to a 10-0 lead early in the game, but Aquinas battled back to claim the lead with 10:36 remaining in the first half. Hope led by as many as eight points during the second half, but with three and a half minutes to play in the game, the Saints tied the score for the first time in the game.

A three-pointer by Ellis pulled Hope ahead for good. The Dutch handed Aquinas its fourth loss of the season, 66-65. Kast led scoring with 15 points while Ellis and Meredith Kussmaul (’13) both added 14 to Hope’s total.

The Dutch opened conference play against Kalamazoo on Nov. 30. Though the game remained close in the opening minutes, a three-pointer by Maddie Burnett (’12) sparked a 15-point, seven-minute run that gave the Dutch a solid 22 point lead over the visiting Hornets. Hope continued to dominate through the rest of the game, leading by as many as 40 points three different times on its way to a 76-39 victory. All 13 players on Hope’s roster saw action in the game. Llorens took game high scoring honors with 12 points and Kussmaul led both teams in rebounds with seven.

“We have definitely been playing really well together,” Cerone said. “I think a lot of it has to do with our defense. After the tournament in Mount St. Joe, we were upset about how we played defensively. We all decided that we needed to step it up and prove to the coaching staff that we could play their system of defense. When we play great defense and force the other team to turn the ball over, that definitely gives us a lot more energy on the offensive end.”

On Saturday, the Dutch traveled to Albion to take on the Britons in the second MIAA game of the season. Albion had a strong start, taking the lead three minutes into the game and maintaining it until just over 10 minutes remaining in the first half. Burnett’s 3-pointer gave the Dutch the advantage for a while, but the Britons regained their lead a little later. A layup by Kussmaul with 3:26 to play before the break put the scoreboard in Hope’s favor. Hope built its lead throughout the second half and defeated Albion 78-53. Kussmaul had a strong offensive game, contributing 24 points to the team’s score.

Kussmaul is one of six different players on Hope’s team that have led in scoring this season. Having a variety of players who can make an offensive impact is one of the team’s strengths Cerone said.

“I believe our biggest advantage is not having one all-star player,” Cerone said. “Teams cannot beat us by shutting down one person. If they want to beat us they will have to shut down our entire team. We are a blue-collar team full of hard workers.”

The Dutch will attempt their 100th win at DeVos Fieldhouse on Dec. 7 when they take on St. Mary’s at 7:30 p.m.

“We are nowhere near a finished project yet,” Burnett said. “We are all excited to see what the future holds.”