Many ways to give back this Christmas season

Madalyn Muncey
Corr Editor

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 students.

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 treasuring 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 is organizing 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.

Presidential 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. 9, 3-4 p.m., Winants Auditorium - faculty
Dec. 9, 11-11:50 a.m., Wickers Auditorium (Nykerk) - students
Dec. 9, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Winants Auditorium - staff
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Following the on-campus visits, the Presidential Search Committee will meet and decide upon an individual to recommend to the Board as Hope’s next president.

The Board will appoint the twelfth president of Hope College at its January 2012 meeting.
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 music, 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 communica-
tion as his major. With a double minor 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,” Wat-
son said. “My communication classes have developed my abili-
ties 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 reposition-
ing plan together for the sta-
tion. Business management has helped out a lot with that.”

Watson is also the creator of WTHS’ 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 web site and new logo were designs that I created and built from scratch,” Watson said. “This process took a very long time. I worked on the website for nearly a year before it went live.”

Jason Cash ‘10, campaign associate in student advance-
tion, knew they’ll hear quality music, know they’ll hear diversity.

“Every man is more than one line: “I am __________ and __________” Phillips said.

“I’m here to listen and to understand even when I don’t always agree,” Student Congress President Alicia Wojick ‘13 said.

Participation is part of the pro-
cess 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

Anneliese Goetz
World Co-Editor

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, and the government denies 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, 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 made public. An early poll showed Kabila in the lead, but this is believed to be the result 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 Kasaï 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 results also said that their website had been hacked and false results published there.” 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 vot- ers 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 distrib- uting election materials in time. UN peacekeeping officials were called upon to help dis- tribute 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.

STRESS AT THE POLLS – Opponents supporters burned “false” ballots the day after the elections began.

NATO airstrike kill 24 Pakistani soldiers

Shubham Sapkota
Staff Writer

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 Pakistani border that com- pelled the NATO airstrike. However, some are speculat- ing that it might all have been just a communication mishap. Whatever it was, the casual- ties and tension have led Pakistan to order the Central Intelligence Agency to pull its drone opera- tions out of western Pakistan.

Even though international forces are being called home from Afghanistan, the admin- istration of President Barack Obama diplomatically tried to make sure that the damage caused by NATO’s airstrike will not affect U.S.-Pakistan rela- tions. The relationship with Pakistan has been vital in the fight against terrorism, and the U.S. government hopes that the aftermath of the air- strike will not hinder the pro- cess of counterterrorism developments.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed her “deepest condolences” to Pakistan. The U.S. government hopes that the after- math of the airstrike will not harm the international relationship.

However, according to the BBC, “It’s absolutely critical that the U.S. government show exactly how im- portant its relationship to Pakistan remains to be seen whether the Taliban will ease tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan.

The Pakistanis have de- nied that there was any firing from their side and have stated that the airstrike as an “unpro- voked act of blatant aggression.” There is still confusion over the question of whether the Paki- stani military provoked the at- tack or not. If not, then who shot at the NATO aircrafts?

Furthermore, there is a con- tinuing discussion on why NATO aircraft fired from the air a second time when NATO commandos and senior Paki- stani generals had already estab- lished communication whereby the helicopters were asked to pull back. The Pakistani troops were then warned that the skins- hish have said that during the time of firing, they turned on the radio communication and repeatedly told NATO that they were not Taliban militants.

The airstrike has definitely stoked more tension between the U.S. and Pakistan. Rela- tions between the two na- tions started to turn bad when US. forces staged their attack on Osama Bin Laden’s com- pound in Pakistan without letting the Pakistani govern- ment know about it beforehand.

It was not a surprise that this action caused protests all over Pakistan. Protesters have targeted 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 inv- olvement of American troops within Pakistani borders. It remains to be seen whether the new government of Pakistan will ease tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan.

UK public sector workers strike

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World Co-Editor

Last Wednesday, public sec- tor workers across the United Kingdom struck in protest to proposed pension reforms. Ac- cording to the government, most important public services were not closed as a result of the strike. However, some are speculating that the airstrike as an “unpro- voked act of blatant aggression.”

According to the Office of National Statistics, “Robust arrangements” were put in place by the British coalition govern- ment to pull back. “Guided loy- al to Kabila took violent action. Information Minister Lam- bert 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

Though the strike made head- lines internationally and caused disturbances to the daily rou- tines of millions of Britons, not all observers believe that it had a significant impact. Maudie said that “despite the best efforts of union bosses, the United King- dom remains open for business.” “Robust arrangements” were taken by the Home Office to bol- ster airports by training manag- ers, contractors, and foreign staff to fill in for striking workers. On the other hand, the BBC reported that hospitals were forced to cancel thousands of routine operations as a result of the worst strike to hit the Nation- al Health Service in 2010.

The program of tax hikes and spending cuts of the Con- servative Party, which leads the governing coalition, has proven unpopular since their election in May 2010. These measures are meant to address increasing debt and unem- ployment as well as decreasing household income in the U.K.

Prime Minister David Cameron defended the pension reforms by saying that Parliament has “a responsi- bility to deliver an affordable public sector pension system.” “Welfare public sector protests 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 three-quarters of U.K. residents are “satisfied with life.” It seems that the perceived need to strike has not adversely affected the happiness of British workers in any appreciable way.

2 MILLION WORKERS ON STRIKE— Workers protest pension cuts by striking in the streets of London.
Aliens are on display Friday at the opening of the fall juried student art show in the DePree Art Gallery. The art show is open to the public through December 16.

Amanda Vander Byl
Gazette Earner

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

Each year, students in any major can submit their art to be judged by a recognized artist or curator. This year, the juried student art show judged by history invited Dana Fris-Hansen, director and chief executive officer of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Fris-Hansen viewed all 166 student submissions and hand selected each of the 80 pieces included in the exhibition. Although some of the pieces are class assignments or exercises, all of the art work is included in the exhibition. The exhibition is organized into seven sections or themes: irony, landscape, figure, portraits, clay and word/text.

Alison Zdan’s (‘12) piece “Welcome” is anything but welcoming in the irony section of the gallery. Nails poke through the back piece of wood, brothered by a screen “welcome”, but the viewer should not get too close for fear of being hurt by the sharp tips.

Talent on display at juried student art show in DePree through Dec. 16

Student Edwina Fread, an art history major, says her art was inspired by Francisco Goya’s “The Third of May.”

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As for cast performance, the male roles stole the show. Behind the strength of Edwars and Telfer as the main characters, Valentine finds love on a dress the DeWitt Theater Nov. 17-19 and the Dow Center dance studio six times over. Their onstage emotion and dedication to their characters were evident in their acting and singing. Meanwhile, Cratty and Hodgerson turned in great performances as the production’s heroines. Their onstage emotion and dedication to their characters were evident in their acting and singing.

Artwork inspired this piece. As the performances were completed, the audience roared and applause and flowers were given to the choreographers and dancers. Not only does the concert allow students to display their creativity, it gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work, interact with renown dance teachers and learn from the experience. Guest adjudicatore Luise Wykell, a nationally known teacher and performer, worked with students individually to give them advice on how to improve their piece.

The DePree Art Gallery exhibit will continue through December 16. Gallery hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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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. Sinterklaas, formally known as Sint Nikolaas, is a traditional figure who is still celebrated in the Netherlands and Belgium during the winter holidays. “De Goedheiligman” is another name that he answers to, which means the “Good Holy Man.”

Sinterklaas is a translation of the name Saint Nicholas. 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.

Zwart 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.

Some old songs about Sinterklaas even mention naughty children being packed into his bag and towed off to Spain: Sinterklaas does not mess around.

The original celebration of Sinterklaas included a feast and festival day on Dec. 6. Good and evil were important to the feast, as good was rewarded and evil was punished. This day was also a time of helping the poor by putting coins in their shoes. Legend has it that Zwarte Piete saved three young women from prostitution by tossing gold coins through their windows so their fathers could pay off debts.

In the Netherlands and Belgium today, the arrival of Sinterklaas is broadcast on television. He parades through the streets while his Zwarte Piete helpers toss candy and small gingerbread cookies into the crowd. From his arrival in mid-November through Dec. 5th children place their shoes by the fireplace at night. They slip carrots, hay, and other horse-friendly foods into their shoes before going to sleep. They awake to small gifts, candy or fruit in their shoes. It may be past the Sinterklaas season, but I think your roommates/housemates would enjoy waking up to discover little surprises that you snuck in their shoes.

Sinterklaas is coming to town

Melody Hughes
Copy Editor

Sinterklaas greets local residents as he makes his way through downtown Holland.

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.
**For me? You shouldn’t have**

Melody Hughes
Copy Editor

Take a mo- 

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ly at the end of the semester, the final 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 set 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 experience for me. Upon entering a charmingly gift giving and receiving is on the brain. Shop-

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solutions: five ways to make resolutions come true:

In 2011, I will try something new, something revolutionary (resolutionary?): 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

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 hear at the reception. It’s all going to be exactly how I always dreamed my wed-

right that these two things (Love Part 1 and 2) work in tandem, chances are it will be really difficult to achieve militaristic organization. Resolutions work best if they are improvements, not dra-

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This is something the groom in my daydreams didn’t understand, because it

In all my childhood fairytales, I never, ironically enough, spent much time imag-

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As I fly to New York, I will remember all of you back here, but I will most definitely love where I am: my home away from home, New York.

Truth be told, I am more nervous about living in New York than I have ever been nervous about anything else. All the anticipation is killer, but I couldn’t be more excited if I tried. Think about it: lights, people, Broadway, Central Park, cheesecake. Mmm, what more could anyone ask for? Books! That’s right! I could only ask for one more thing and guess what? I got it.

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So, how about finding a gift for a person who

In my view, the word to work with to describe how beautiful that would be? And yet it seems so 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 that we’re willing to commit to a lifelong relationship.

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5. Enjoy life more.

Sometimes you have to do the unexpected, to experience life in another part of the world.

So where do you want to go? France. Brazil. Spain. Philadelphia. Chicago. New York. Pick your poison, because you’re here at school to do whatever you want. Go ahead, study abroad! Experience new settings in a way that you won’t ever get the chance again! Take the world by the scruff and tell it what you want to do!

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Professor's Corner: Why I believe in Mary's Immaculate Conception

Dr. Jack Mulder

If you’ve been to chapel lately, you may have noticed with Josh Ban-nen’s take on “Fairest Lord Jesus,” an old hymn in which we sing “Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O Hou-that 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 teach-ing is that Jesus has one (non-adoption) Father: God the Father, God 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 mashi is just the historic Christian tradition ad-ded 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. We 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, knowing Mary’s condi-tion of original sin, decides to cleanse her of original sin before issuing this invitation (knowing Jesus’ sacrifice in the future) so that she can give a fully free consent. I believe that this case will still 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 disillusioned (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 wor-thy 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 assumption. 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, 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 earthly Mother of God is 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.

The college chef: pumpkin bread pudding

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Pumpkin Bread Pudding
Yields: 6 servings
Time: 35 minutes
Ingredients:
5 cups cubed day old bread
4 ¾ stick butter
1 ¾ cup sugar
3/4 cup canned pumpkin
2 eggs + ½ egg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¾ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon salt

Directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and melt butter in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Once melted, take out of oven and toss bread cubes with butter. In a separate bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients and pour into baking dish, stirring to make sure all pieces are coated. Bake until custard is set, around 30 minutes.

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Hockey sweeps Calvin in weekend games

The hockey team traveled to the Eagles Ice Center in Grand Rapids on Friday to take on Calvin, ousting 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. They out-played us but they out-played us.”

A two-week break from games gave the Dutchmen sufficient time to prepare for Calvin. Justin Glick (’14) 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 led all Hope scorers with 15 points.

Hoernschemeyer said, “He kept us in the game on Friday, shutting the door on Calvin during their five-minute power play and their five-minute power play after that.”

“As a team we feed 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 and that is one of our team goals,” Hope head coach Drew O’Brien (’14) 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.

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Women’s basketball rides win streak to MIAA play

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