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New ministry formed for Greek students

James Pierce

Hope's newest Christian ministry is Greek Life, and as its name suggests, it is a ministry for Greek students and is similar to Young Life. According to Paul Hendricks ('02), the creation of a ministry group for Hope's Greek students began early last semester when he and Paul Boersma, senior chaplain, discussed the need for such a group.

"God really put this on my heart this summer," Hendricks said. A "launch team" was formed to make the Greek Life vision a reality, Hendricks said, and after much prayer and planning a retreat to Boesema's cabin helped the leaders to finalize plans.

When describing the Greek Life program, Hendricks makes comparisons to Young Life, an established and popular Christian ministry Greek life will feature praise singing, sports, and mixer activities. The group will also receive a message at its meetings, either from a member of Greek Life or an invited speaker. Hendricks was the featured speaker at last week's Greek Life meeting. He led the group with a message on relationships, both with each other and with Christ.

"I thought it was received very well," said Rachel Peckenpaugh ('04), speaking about last week's program.

Peckenpaugh is a member of the Delta Phi sorority and is involved with the leadership of Greek Life.

Greek Life is open to all Greeks and usually meets every other Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Maas Conference room. There is a meeting next Thursday, however; that is open to those involved in rush this spring. This meeting will be held in the DeVitt Center's Herrick Room. Peckenpaugh described Greek Life as being necessary for the survival of the Greek system at Hope.

"I think it's going to be an amazing outreach," Peckenpaugh said.

Hendricks was very pleased with the turnout at last week's meeting, estimating attendance at around 100 students.

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review first year applications and reward permits based upon predetermined, need-based criteria.

A minimum of 50 permits will be designated as Overflow permits. Throughout the school year, any Hope student will be able to apply for a permit, pending review by the committee.

Problems concerning student parking have occurred each year, yet this does not appear to deter students from buying permits.

Hope has a Transportation Department, but its services are only available to students who have field placements or jobs in the Holland-Zeeland area.

As a result, the number of permits issued continues to exceed the number of parking spaces that are actually available. Frustration mounts as a number of spaces become unavailable during the winter months to allow for snow removal from parking lots.

Matt Scogin ('02), Student Congress president, feels that the new proposal is necessary to alleviate the many problems with student parking.

"If such a large percentage of students are having trouble finding a parking spot, that is a big concern," Scogin said.

The new proposal will likely draw mixed reactions from the Hope College community. Currently, there is some hesitation on the part of Admissions, considering that the allotment of first year students to have cars on campus is an attractive selling point.

Yet in a survey done by the Frost Center, only 9.1% of students stated that they would not have attended Hope if first year students were not allowed to have cars on campus. Meanwhile, 95.7% of students surveyed reported frequent difficulty in finding parking spots.

The parking committee is aware of the concerns about the affect of restricting freshmen parking on first year enrollment. Yet the committee feels that implementing the proposal will be a successful change, considering that other colleges have implemented similar policies with apparent success.

Research has indicated that Kalamazoo College, the University of Michigan, Albion College, Wheaton College, and Spring Arbor College, among others, currently employ policies that are similar to the new proposal.

Scogin is optimistic that the implementation of the proposal will be successful.

"This is a short-term solution that [the committee] feels would work. Hopefully in the future, the college will purchase more land to allow for more parking, but currently this is a practical short-term solution," Scogin said.

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we are more than willing to do that. I think the task force is a step in the right direction for Hope," Howard said.

Lorna Jarvis, associate professor of psychology, Campus Life Board member and ECAC chair, said that the board struggled to determine how the decision would affect the college community.

"The vote by the board, as difficult as it was, was not meant to invalidate the students, or the need for such discussions," Jarvis said. "It is in that sense that the decision was considered to be in the best interest of the community."

According to Jarvis, the board did not ignore the feelings of the GSF members.

"I can understand how supporters of the Gay-Straight Forum feel that the good they can officially provide the Hope community has been denied," Manoa said.

"I thought that the Gay-Straight Forum would stand on both sides of this issue." According to Jeff Howard, GSF president, the Campus Life vote was a surprise because he was told that they wouldn't make a decision until after the Task Force made their recommendation to the President. Because they did not know the vote was taking place, no GSF members were in attendance at the meeting.

Howard feels that the Campus Life Board has not made enough effort to learn about the GSF.

"I am extremely disappointed by the administration and some of the faculty and students that serve on the Campus Life Board because invitations have been extended in the past to these people to join us at our meetings and they have not done a good job of educating themselves about this issue," Howard said. "They are not educating themselves about this, and they are going into the meetings unprepared.

Last April, the Campus Life Board turned down the GSF, which was then called the Gay-Straight Forum, by a vote of 5-3.

As previously reported in the Anchor, the Task Force on Issues of Sexuality plan on reporting to the President in March.

Norden and Golitz initially wrote voluntary statements to the county Prosecutor urging him not to pursue the case.

In their statements they pleaded "not guilty" to the school's charges. The college has not yet indicated what their punishment will entail.

Norden expressed annoyance with the situation at hand.

"I would prefer the student body not to ask me for 'a penny for my thoughts,' because they could be leading a criminal," Norden said.

Amber Garrison, Assistant Coordinator of Housing, said that the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants were made aware of the problem.

However, students involved in the case were not worried about the consequences that disabling the locks could involve. Garrison said she hopes this situation will prevent penny-throwing from happening in the future.
Student shares her experience with blindness

Erica Heeg
InFocus Boston

Allison Hilliker ('05) doesn't consider blindness such a terrible thing. "I've dealt with it more or less my entire life. I never really had much of a choice, you either live with it or you don't," Hilliker said. And Hilliker has definitely chosen the former; she lives. Born in Shelby Township, MI, Hilliker was born with glaucoma and has been blind in some form all her life. "There are a lot of different levels of blindness. When I started out in school I could read, but I had to read large print. I used a magnifier to read and dark pens and markers. But around third grade it got really difficult because the print got smaller and there was more of it," Hilliker said. "I've dealt with it more or less. I didn't want to see people who do it," Hilliker said. "It was such a confidence builder to see people who do what you're learning everyday and who are professional and successful and have such good attitudes." Hilliker spent eight months in Louisiana improving her Braille reading, becoming a better cane traveler, and learning to cook, clean, do laundry, grocery shop, and other similar skills. After applying to five schools and being accepted at all five, Hilliker decided to come to Hope for the typical reasons. "Hope, because of its size, doesn't have an awful lot of services for disabled students. They have them, but they are very small. I don't mind that though, because they are there when I need them, and they don't interfere with my life," Hilliker said. Hilliker says that big schools the services are very custodial. They will schedule your classes for you, buy your books for you, and make all of your decisions for you." The only accommodation that she has at all is that Hope allows Hilliker to sign up for classes early because she needs to order her books early in order to have them in time for the start of classes. Because Braille is hard to come by, Hilliker tries to buy most of her books on tape. If she can't do that then she can do one of two things: "I can scan the book, and there is software that I can use to convert text to spoken word. And if that doesn't work I hire readers," Hilliker said. "I also use a Braille notetaker to take notes. It's like a little lap top, and I can make files and folders and then put them onto a disk and insert them in my computer. There is a special printer in the library too called a Braille embosser which prints in Braille."

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Opinion

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Battle of the Bands will rock the Knickerbocker Theater

Maureen Yonovitz
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 19 at 8 p.m. in the Knickerbocker Theater, Hope students and other members of the community will get a chance to vote for their favorite local music group in the Third Annual WTHS Battle of the Bands.

The event is sponsored by Hope's radio station WTHS to give up and coming bands from Hope and from throughout Western Michigan recognition for their efforts.

"We believe this is the perfect opportunity to give new, up and coming groups exposure and performance experience in a non-threatening atmosphere," said Josiah Dykstra ('02), General Manager for WTHS.

Groups interested in performing were asked to audition in person or submit a CD sample of their music, and were then reviewed by the members of the WTHS executive committee.

"From the 15 or so entries, we selected 8 based on originality, musicality, and presentation," Dykstra said.

The eight groups selected will each play for ten minutes and then the audience will vote for their favorite group. The winner will return at the end of the competition to play for another 15 minutes.

The evening will include performances by Hope groups Dutch Mafia, Obsessed Deformed Bullfrogs, Antelope Mutiny, Lyle!, Chris Bryan, the Dave Tucker Band, and non-Hope groups, Smash Your Radio from Holland and Despondent from Kalamazoo.

The bands are looking forward to performing at this event. "It's always fun just to get up and perform and have a good time," said Lee Heerspink, ('04), of the Obsessed Deformed Bullfrogs. "It sounds like a good opportunity to come out and play."

For many bands, this is one of the only ways to get exposure and "gigs" at Hope College. "I know we are definitely excited," said Dutch Mafia band member Brian Mott Phelps ('05). "We haven't played in six months."

A portion of the proceeds from the concert will go directly to the Holland Rescue Mission.

"I think it's great to give back to the community," Mott said.

Mott encourages all students to come out and support their friends and enjoy the wide variety of talent. "I believe it will be good entertainment," Mott said. "It will be a lot of fun, and it will be a good date night, so bring a date."

Tickets to see Battle of the Bands cost $3 and are sold at the door. Those opting not to pay the $3 may bring two cans of food to benefit the Holland Rescue Mission.

Hope Professor to perform at Carnegie Hall

Emily Moellman
Arts Editor

There is a celebrity roaming the halls of Nykerk Music Hall. Hope College faculty member and musician Mihai Craioveanu is about to take the stage at the world famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Craioveanu, a violinist, recently accepted an invitation to perform in the Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, January 22, as part of the prestigious Mid America Concert Series.

Mid America Productions Inc. listened to Craioveanu's CD recording (which is available for sale worldwide at amazon.com), and chose him to be featured in their series at Carnegie Hall. The concert series is an outgrowth of the production company, which also supports a recording company, orchestras such as the Manhattan Philharmonic, and opera festivals.

Craioveanu has toured the world performing in London, New York, Paris, Washington, Barcelona, Cleveland, and Bucharest.

He has also been broadcast on major American television networks, as well as on European and Australian television. In addition, Craioveanu has been featured on international radio stations Free Europe and Voice of America.

Although his performances have already earned him international acclaim, this will be Craioveanu's first performance at the venue, and he is honored to be included in such an admirable concert series.

"I love all of the program, it is hard to find a particular favorite," Craioveanu said. "Each work has its own character and beauty. Together they create a wonderful and very attractive program."

Hope College audiences were treated to a preview of the musician's upcoming concert in Dimnent Chapel on January 11.

Craioveanu felt good about his performance here, and was very excited by the response of the audience.

Craioveanu is professor of violin and viola and teaches studio classes in those instruments as well as other music courses. He is the founding member of the Anchor Trio.

For aspiring musicians who hope to one day perform in the famed Carnegie Hall as Craioveanu is about to, he offers this advice: "I tell students three equally important things when they are in pursuit of a dream: love what you do, work extremely hard, and never give up on your dreams!"
A new semester: books, class, panic attacks

Panic attacks more common than many students may know

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As all Hope students know, with a new semester comes the stresses of activities like buying books, paying for tuition and, of course, classes and homework. These renewed stresses can trigger excess anxiety in some students.

Sometimes this anxiety reveals itself in the form of panic attacks. However, panic attacks are not restricted to especially stressful times like exam week. For some people, they are a way of life.

Christal Saffee, who works with students at the Health Clinic, says that they are more common than one might think.

"We have at least one [case] every two weeks," said Saffee.

A panic attack, according to Kristen Gray, assistant dean and director of counseling, is "a time of intense fear or discomfort which includes at least four of the symptoms. The symptoms develop quickly and reach a peak in about 10 minutes."

The feelings involved resemble emotions of fear and anxiety common to some people when around snakes, watching a scary movie, or enclosed in a small space.

The causes of panic attacks are usually not easily discovered. Panic attacks have many possible triggers, and they are different for everyone. There is also evidence that the attacks may be related to genetic factors.

"For folks who struggle with and seek treatment for panic attacks, the triggers are usually very person-specific and may also be very vague: certain settings, or events, or even thinking about the possibility of certain events. They usually are things that the person believes they cannot control," Gray said.

For others, attacks may be brought on for specific reasons. Irregular sleep patterns, use of illegal drugs like marijuana and cocaine, and excess amounts of caffeine can facilitate attacks. Cutting back on these harmful stimulants can help control the attacks. Setting lifestyle boundaries and learning to say "no" to extra activities may also be beneficial.

"Learn to prioritize what's most important," Saffee said.

Many people experience a panic attack at some point in life, but only those who have continuing problems with attacks should be concerned.

The Health Clinic recommends that students experiencing the symptoms be checked out.

"We do like people to come in because [panic attack symptoms] can also be a sign of cardiac problems," Saffee said.

If the symptoms are diagnosed as related to panic attacks and not something more serious, the student is in no physical danger. However, the mental and emotional results can be serious.

People who experience attacks may progressively restrict their activities in an effort to restrict the possibility of having an attack. According to Saffee and Gray, the best treatment for panic attacks is counseling.

"The therapy will teach the person to use their own parasympathetic nervous system response to decrease the severity of the panic attack," Gray said.

Many times, only a couple therapy sessions are needed. The sessions include relaxation activities like deep breathing. There are also medicinal options, and students often use a combination of cognitive therapy and medication.

Some of the available medications at the Health Clinic include Ativan, a muscle relaxer, and Buspar. Drugs such as Valium and Xanax can also treat the symptoms, but they can be addictive.

Students who experience panic attack symptoms should make an appointment at the Health Clinic. There are also brochures available with more information.

POSSIBLE PANIC ATTACK SYMPTOMS:

1. pounding heart
2. sweating
3. trembling or shaking
4. shortness of breath
5. feeling of choking
6. chest pain
7. nausea
8. dizziness or faintness
9. feelings of unreality or detachment
10. fear of losing control
11. fear of going crazy
12. fear of dying
13. numbness
14. chills
15. hot flashes
16. sense of doom

information from the Health Clinic and the Counseling Center

AVOIDING PANIC ATTACKS:

1. Do not use illegal drugs like marijuana or cocaine.
2. Stay away from excessive caffeine.
3. Prioritize!
4. Set boundaries on activities and involvement.
5. Learn to relax.
6. Create a regular sleep routine and stick to it.
7. Avoid known stressors and continual stimulation.

Seen & Heard
How do you deal with stress?

"I usually go work out." -Sara Page ('04)

"I go to Hot 'N Now and get four double cheeseburgers and two fries for $4.99." -Nate Pyke ('02)

"I take my wooden shoes out of the closet and I clomp around campus." -Cody Statema ('02) (2001 homecoming king)

"I take a 'peaches 'n cream' bubble bath while listening to Jimmy Buffet." -Tanner Smith ('02)

"My roommate and I play with playdough." -Lisa Elenbaas ('05)
Hope Democrats, GLOBE host politician

First openly gay Michigan legislator to speak on Wednesday

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Flying Dutch remain unbeaten, lead MIAA

Ben DeHaan/SPORTS EDITOR

The Hope women’s team arrived in South Bend last Saturday to take on Saint Mary’s. The Belles hope to maintain their undefeated season, striking up a few rivalries throughout the game.

Ben DeHaan

In South Bend last Saturday to take on Saint Mary’s, the Dutch were defeated by the Belles 75-62. The Belles have a record of 15-0, while the Dutch remain number two in the nation. They are also a win away from the MIAA with a record of 4-0.

The Dutch began the game with a lead of 10 points, but the Belles rallied back to take the lead at halftime. The Dutch were 36-25 at halftime.

“We got off to a great start in the first twelve minutes,” said Hope Coach Brian Morehouse. “However, we struggled in the last minutes of the half. That’s what happens when you play a gritty team like Saint Mary’s.”

In the second half, the Dutch regained their poise, stretching their lead out to 20 points. They managed to hold this advantage throughout the second half before the Belles began another rally. However, in the replay of the first half, they came up short, and the Dutch walked out with a victory.

The Dutch did a great job of sharing the wealth when it came to scoring, as five players had double digits in points. Amanda Kerkstra and Amy Baltman each scored 12 points while Amy Brower, Laura Poppe and Becky Sutton each put up 10. Laura Poppe picked up five steals, part of the Belles 22 turnovers.

Hockey loses two

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“We played against Muskegon at Hope before Christmas break, so we had plenty of crowd support, and our team was really racking up penalties. But playing in Muskegon was a lot tougher, and we were still really rusty because it was our first game back from break,” said defensemen George Dickenson.

Hockey jumped around after we heard we were in the finals. We couldn’t believe it!” said Evans.

Hope’s final performance was incredible, and they proved to the competition what they were capable of. The team gave one of their best performances of the season, and cheered their way into the finals! We couldn’t believe it!” said Evans.

Hope traveled down to Florida last week, and prepared to compete in the semifinals. The Dutch were in a competition with some veteran teams that had made the trip to nationals numerous times.

“It was really intense. There were so many teams that had been at nationals for years. We were one of only two Division III teams there,” said Beth Evans (’02).

In the semifinals, Hope’s performance was great, but walking off the performance stage, the team felt otherwise.

“We came out knowing we didn’t do as well as we had done it before,” said Bethie McManus (’04).

For the short amount of time that we had to prepare, and the little experience we had with the guys on the team, we did awesome. Most of the teams there had ten guys on their squads, and for us to have only four guys and get to eighth in the nation is unbelievable,” said Brandenburg.

For such an incredible performance, the Dutch most definitely deserve it.

“It was a great experience for us. It was a lot of fun, and we really saw our hard work pay off,” said Meredith Albers. (’04)

Cheerleaders take eighth at nationals

John Rodstrom & Ben DeHaan

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A couple months ago, the Hope College cheerleading squad sent in a video to Florida for an opportunity to qualify for the national championships. At the time, the team was not exactly expecting anything spectacular to happen.

“When we first had the idea of going to nationals, I don’t think we thought it was even possible. We really didn’t think it was ever realistic that we could do it,” said Josh Brandenburg (’03).

However, once they received notice that they were on the way to Orlando to compete, the attitude changed from disbelief to full business. Even with little preparation time, the squad pulled it together and practiced hard for an incredible show.

“We went above and beyond our level. Even though we first started we had our doubts, but once everything started falling into place and we started getting more serious about it. Our coach told us that our routine could possibly fit into the top five,” said Curtis Tyler (’03).

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“Flying Dutch Women’s Head Basketball Coach Brian Morehouse addresses the team during a time-out. But we’re staying focused too. This is because we have some great senior leadership on this team, and they always have focus on the next team at hand. We expect a tough week coming up with Alma and Calvin as well. We came out in the beginning of the season with a high ranking, and it’s gone up since the start of the year. Right now we’re getting everyone’s best effort when ever they come play us, but we’re used to it. We’ve accepted the fact that the bulls eye’s on our backs.”

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