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Glorious and Holy

Approximately 15 African American and Hispanic students are interested in bringing a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta to Hope, according to Garrison. Their efforts may prove to be successful within a matter of months.

"Hopefully we'll have things in place by next fall," said Amber Garrison, assistant director of housing and Greek coordinator. "What we're doing right now is trying to get in contact with the national organization to see about their interest in coming to Hope."

To learn more about Delta Sigma Theta, check www.deltasigmatheta.org.

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Lent is more than a traditional season

Whether Catholic or Protestant, students practice Lenten traditions.

Erica Heeg and Jen Troke

Many students around campus, both Catholic and Protestant, have given something up for Lent, but many do not really know the symbolism and significance behind that act.

For many students, Lent extends beyond traditions like ashes and fasting to an attitude of the heart.

Lent is the forty day period leading up to Easter Sunday. In the western church, it begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday. In the eastern church, it begins on the Monday before Great and Holy Week. In the Roman Catholic Church, it begins on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent.

The practice of giving something up for Lent is ancient. The self-sacrifice and denial are also symbols of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

In general, Catholics and Protestants hold the same beliefs about Lent. However, the Protestant celebration tends to be based less in tradition and ritual.

"There was so much anonymity toward the Roman Catholic Church engendered by the Reformation, that in a sense, it went overboard and threw out so many things that never should have been thrown out," Brown said. "We are now just retrieving some of those great practices."

Maura Reynolds, director of academic advising, is practicing Catholicism.

"There is a lot of wonderful symbolism in Lent," Reynold said. "One of the best things is the fasting during Lent. Catholics used to set aside the Sunday before Easter, we're given palms, and those palms, the next Ash Wednesday are what's burned, so that there's that connection, a liturgical connection between the year before and the year coming."

"There are many traditions, but one of the main ones is fasting. In the Catholic faith, fasting during Lent is eating only two meals a day, that add up to a third, small meal. Every Friday, we abstain from eating meat," said Jung Koral ('04), also Catholic. "You're sacrificing something and the point is that after a while, it's going to become obvious that you probably do other things in your life too."

The traditions are not followed simply for the sake of ritual, however.

"It's a series of things to help Catholics become more humble in the course of days before actual Easter time is upon us," Koral said.

Reynolds also recognized the deeper significance.

"If we think we are being encouraged to do is to think about ourselves both collectively and individually and help ourselves, especially during this time of year, then the people we have been created to be," Reynolds said.

Symbolism and tradition are not confined to the Catholic faith, however. Meghan Carrier ('05) is Protestant, and she has also participated in fasting for Lent.

"One activity I took part in this Lent season was a 24 hour fast," Carrier said. "We did this to direct our focus on our dependence on our Lord, friendship with God and servanthood."

Sara Holleman ('03) was one of those who helped sign in the dancers, and said that she participated in the marathon because she felt as if dance marathon was a good cause.

"With this year's marathon completed, Otto feels a sense of relief after the hard work that she has done."

"I am relieved that the marathon is over. It is somewhat bittersweet. This is something that has been a huge part of my college experience and to know that it is over is sad. But at the same time, I will finally have some free time," Otto said.

The marathon does take a lot of time, and both Otto and Holleman have used all of their advice for those who might participate next year.

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For many, the most difficult aspect for some was staying awake the whole time.

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Richard Frost, dean of students, and Diana Breclaw, director of student activities, participated in a Dance Marathon fundraiser last Wednesday in Phelps.

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Ank. Staff: Have a good spring break! Beware of Gory, Indiana and other scribbles. Be smart.

Free Munia

I eat magic magic. You can't cause me or me. I'm never being attacked. I attack the darkness.

To John Rodstrom's friend who feels this way. Why do you say this? To be fair, you know this is not personal attacks or this is not about my housing situation. Do you really want to make a few simple changes in your lifestyles with me?

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Christina Van Roegemorter on her recent letter to the editor. I am impressed with the way that she went beyond many of the angry and hostile things that are often said in such situations, and cut to what is truly important; consideration for the feelings of others.

I do not say this to imply that dialogue shouldn't occur, I simply mean that we should strive to think about how the things we say are affecting others. I truly do not want to cast any bash on any person, I want to agree with Christina in saying that people are being hurt in this way. Chuck Whitney ('02)

Hope grad suggests some Biblical changes

To the Editor:

I always interested in learning more about Christianity, and as such was very happy to read the letter by Daniel Smith. I believe it is wonderful to see how members of the Christian community reach out and embrace others.

What better way to win converts to Christianity than to call their lifestyle "taught homosexual convictions"? The spirit of Christ, Biblical love, I am planning, from now on, to follow every detail of the Bible literally.

I am certain that the students of Hope, being strongly committed to Christ, will be willing to make a few simple changes in their lifestyles with me.

First, Phelps may no longer serve crab, shrimp or any other non-fish seafood. Clearly this should have never even started, having been labeled an abomination in Leviticus 11:9-10.

Secondly, all women are menstruating must not go to class, much less to chapel. If any of them do, the desks or pens where they sit must be cleaned, and the people who sat in them ritually cleansed and even then will be un cleaned until the evening (Exodus 15:21-24).

Finally, no one, without exception, their head must be completely shaved. I'm sure the Chaplain's office is willing to foot the small bill for this, as it is the will of God.

Jordy Vandebilt ('05)

Opinion

Student appreciates letter from last week

To the Editor:

I get lack of the way people act sometimes and I know it's not just me who feels this way. Why do people pay to provide social organizations where they must go through embarrassing, painful, or dangerous activities that alienate them from their current friends just so they can be part of a larger group of people who are just like them? I speak, of course, of fraternity and sorority life. It is part of our system for its historical, academic and social tradition, but here at Hope College that stuff has been thoroughly questioned. Fewer and fewer students would they return, "don't you know what you're talking about since you're not in one?" Lison. I could get many friends together, make some matching sweatshirts that say Alpha Gamma whatever, sit at the same table at Phelps everyday, and I would have just as much understanding as Greek members.

When I hear about all of the things that go on in "new member education" (give me a break, it's called hazing) I carefully consider the fact that they very well may be coming up with rumors. But because I hear so many things, I logically assume that some are at least partly true. Thus, if even a basis for rumor in these norm sororities/fraternities, I am further disgusted with the way these people carry themselves. Don't shut yourself out. Expand your minds and carefully consider each of the things you've done to become a member of Greek society. Are you proud of what you've done? Would you gladly do it again? Did it ever have anything to do with friendship, loyalty, or pride? Did you complete these things without having to prostitute your beliefs or values? If you can confidently say yes to all of these questions, then what you did was all right. But if you said no, then you may want to seriously consider why you participated at all.

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Baseball season has opened. Last weekend, as the snow in Holland was melting, Hope's Dutchmen traveled to Greencastle, Indiana for their season opener against DePauw.

Hope was up one to nothing in the bottom of the fourth inning. "We made three errors in the double-header, which we can certainly live with, but thirteen hits in one game. We did some pretty good things," said Stu Fritz, Hope's head coach. Hope ended the game having left fourteen base runners. The final score was DePauw 9, Hope 4.

"DePauw was in the NCAA Mid-East regional, and returned about the same number of kids we did, so we wanted a very formidable opponent," Fritz said.

"[Mark Simonson ('02)] pitched well enough to win, but we didn't score," Fritz said. Kevin Kittle ('02) pitched a complete-four hit game in the second match, and Hope won 9-1. Saturday's action against Rose Hulman was rained out.

"We executed very well for our first time out," Fritz said. "I made the trek to Wisconsin for the NCAA tournament game against Carthage. Driving to the game, my friends and I battled white out, sleet, snow and rain, and about everything else Mother Nature could throw at us. Finally, we arrived at Carthage College, only to discover that the game had been over for 20 minutes. Faced with the thought of driving another 6 straight hours back to Hope, Coach VanWieren suggested a local hotel we could stay at, put the bill on his credit card, and even gave us one of his sleeping bags. Now that's what I call a good coach and a good man."

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Flying Dutch end season

Ben DeHaan

Sports Editor

Going into Friday's NCAA DIi Sweet Sixteen round, the Hope College women's basketball team sat at 2-0.

Against Wilmington College, the Flying Dutch looked to extend that record. However, the record remained the same.

The Flying Dutch saw their record-breaking season come to a halt as they fell to the Lady Quakers 89-81. The loss ended Hope's season with a win and three losses.

"It's a tune-up," Fritz said, "but it goes on our record. We look to play consistent basketball over the course of the seven days."

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Winter Season Awards Roundup

Men's B-ball

1st Team MIAA: Chad Carlson ('03), Don Overbeek ('03)
2nd Team MIAA: Greg Immink ('05)
Coach of Honororable Mention MIAA: Matt Taylor ('04)

Women's B-ball

1st Team MIAA: Laura Poppema ('02), Becky Sutton ('02)
2nd Team MIAA: Amy Baltmanis ('03)
Coaches Honororable Mention MIAA: Jodi Boom ('02)

Swimming (M&W)

National Qualifiers: Joshua Boss ('02), Daniel Bowens ('03), Tim DeHaan ('03), Chris Hamstra ('04), Jeffrey Heydlauf ('05), Ian Kobes ('03), Brian Slagh ('03), Jeff Vroegindeweij ('05), Beth Fredericks ('05)

Basketball Fever

Another exciting basketball season has come and past, and oh, what a ride it was. Hope basketball is unique from any other college program.

First and foremost, members of the Hope basketball program are good men and women before they are good basketball players. Good sportsmanship is always exhibited on the court, and the source of this can easily be explained: it emanates from the coaches.

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BETH FREDERICKS

Fredericks ('05) was the only member of the women's swim team to qualify for the NCAA Division III National meet this weekend. She will be swimming in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, and 200-yard butterfly.