National sorority may come to Hope next year

James Pierce
Anchor Staff Editor

A group of students is hoping to expand Greek life by bringing a national sorority to Hope, and 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 touch with the national organization to see about their interest in coming to Hope."
Religion

Lent is more than a traditional season

Whether Catholic or Protestant, students practice Lenten traditions.

Erica Heeg and Jen Troke
InforTeam & Academic Life

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. The forty days are parallel to Jesus’ period of fasting and temptation in the desert at the beginning of his ministry.

Lent has been observed since the days of the early church. The traditional purpose of observing Lent in the Christian church has been anticipation for Easter as well as instruction and preparation for baptism.

"Easter Sunday was a huge day for baptism, and there was a very intensive and extensive catechumene: the people who were being catechized or taught the ways of the Christian faith," said Tim Brown, dean of the Theatre Department.

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

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 animosity 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 a practicing Catholic.

"There is a lot of wonderful symbolism in Lent," Reynolds said. "On the first day, 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 plus 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’ll 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.

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

Symbolism and tradition are not confined to the Catholic faith, however. Meghan Carrer ('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."

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[The NETS] and see how well they would support what we were already doing in our classes. We have now totally integrated the technology standards for everything we're teaching, is a practicing Catholic.

"It's a gift to be able to work collaboratively towards a common end, which is a play that leaves the audience affected, a play that stirrs the emotions and helps us to grow as people," Sherup said.

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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run by students with the support of the Theatre Department. The students are given equipment, a budget to finance a show of their choice. Sturrus is impressed with the way everyone involved with the show has come together to make it a success.

Daniel Kwiatkowski ('04) and Emily Niewendorp ('02)."
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Your voice

Residential life not caring enough, say students

To the Editor:

As all you students know, deciding where you will be living for next year is not always an easy process. Too bad the housing department isn’t willing to help out. I am a sophomore and was hoping to live off-campus next year with two friends on my athletic team. They will both be seniors next year so it would be my last opportunity to live with them. As you could guess, living off-campus is a big financial saver. I could save around $200 a month by living off campus, which would be a big help.

My mom is a single mother supporting her and me. She is self-employed and working a job with that has an unpredictable income. Housing had no compassion for this argument. I told them it was in a personal letter.

Matt Cook
Math

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Erik Frost ('04)

Student appreciates letter from last week

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Christina Van Rogenmorten on her recent letter to the editor (Opinion, 2/27). I was impressed with the way that she went beyond many of the angry and hostile things that are often said in such letters. She did so without a bit of sarcasm, anger, or unfounded attacks. I think it is important to consider the feelings of others.

Christina could have made her point in an editorial without thinking for a second that the things said might truly hurt another person. I think that if she would have just as much understanding as Greek members.

I achieve about all of the things that go on in “new member education” (give me a break, it’s called having). I carefully consider the fact that they very well may go to college. But because I have many friends, I logically assume that some times and I know it’s not just a few. Thus, if a bunch of girls or boys who are really good at something, I carefully consider each of the things you’ve done to become a member of Greek society. Are you proud of it? Would you gladly do it again? Did it even have anything to do with the things we say are affecting others.

I truly do not wish to cast any blame with this letter. It is simply one of the many I am hoping to have to proficiently believe or values. I am confident that you can achieve.

Cluck Whitney ('02)

Greek organizations sicken student

To the Editor:

I get sick of the way people act sometimes and I know it’s not just me who feels this way. Why do people pay to participate in social organizations where they must go through embarrassing, painful, and/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. The spirit of the Greek system for its historical, academic and social tradition, but here at Hope College this stuff has been thoroughly undercut. I imagine that would return, “you don’t know what you’re talking about since you’re not in one.” I wish, I could get my friends together, make some matching sweatshirts that say Alpha Greek Gamma whatever, sit at the same table at Phillips’ 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 having). I carefully consider the fact that they very well may go to college. But because I have many friends, I logically assume that some times and I know it’s not just a few. Thus, if a bunch of girls or boys who are really good at something, I carefully consider each of the things you’ve done to become a member of Greek society. Are you proud of it? Would you gladly do it again? Did it even have anything to do with friendship, loyalty, or pride? Did you complete these things without having to proficiently believe or values. I am confident that you can achieve.

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Baseball splits openers

Men’s baseball opens season with a win and a loss against DePauw.

Jared Gall
Sports Editor

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

Hope was up one to nothing in the bottom of the fourth inning. "Wham Bam, Mountain," said Stu Fritz, Hope’s head coach. Hope ended the game having left fourteen base runners. The final score was DePauw 9, Hope 8.

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

"[Mark Simonson ('02)] pitched well enough to win, but we didn’t support him enough," 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 ruined by rain.

"We executed very well for our first time out," Fritz said. "We played pretty good defense, 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."

The Dutch are hoping to improve on their play against DePauw next week when the team makes their annual pilgrimage to Florida over spring break.

Hope will play ten games against teams from Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. Although the teams are not in Hope’s division, the tournament goes on their regular season record.

Hope’s regular opponents will also be at the tournament in Florida, but the Dutchmen will not see them on the field. Calvin will be in Florida at the same time, but will not play Hope. Alhion, Adrian, and Alma have already returned from tournament play.

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

The baseball team lost three players from last year and one pitcher. Nineteen players from last year’s team are returning to play against this year. Six first-team all-league players are returning, including junior B.J. Maas, who last year led the league in every offensive category.

Flynmg Dutch end season

Ben DeHaan
Sports Editor

Going into Friday’s NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen round, the Hope College women’s basketball team was considered one of the favorites. Against Wilmington College, the Flying Dutch looked to extend that record. However, the record turned for the Dutch.

The Flying Dutch saw their record-breaking season come to a halt as they fell to the Lady Quakers 50-37. "We lost the game," said Fritz. "The players 50-37."

The beginning of the second half would become Hope’s chance for redemption. "We dug ourselves a hole in the first half," Brian Morehouse, Hope women’s head coach, told the press after the game. "They shot their free throws really well. They were a big part of the ball game."

The teams faced off in front of a crowd of 2,185 fans. Several hundred of them were Hope and had paid hotel room charges and bus fees to watch the Dutch play. Hope started off well in the first couple minutes, taking a short lead of 6-4. Wilmington then blew open and took the lead, scoring nine unanswered points to make it 13-6. Midway through the half, the Lady Quakers had doubled up on Hope with a 32-16 lead.

The Flying Dutch’s Amy Baltmanis led the team with 20 points, including a three pointer to give Hope a 71-68 edge with 7:30 to play.

That would be as close to advancing to the next round as Hope would get. Wilmington rallied to score the next eight points of the game, taking a 75-71 advantage. Hope would manage to get within two, but Wilmington hit six of seven free throws in the final games minutes to seal the victory.

Baltmanis led the Dutch with 20 points while Kerksita had a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Boom added 10 points. Colleen Corey ('03) and Poppema closed in with nine points each.

The Flying Dutch bid goodbye to graduating seniors Jodi Boom, Amy Brewer, Laura Poppema and Becky Sutton. Along with being part of the record breaking 2001-2002 season, the seniors compiled a 99-3 record over their four season's of service to the team. Hope returns many letter winners, and hopes to exceed this years season.

Winter Season Awards Roundup

Men’s B-ball

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

Women’s B-ball

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

Swimming (M&W)

National Qualifiers: Joshua Boss ('02), Daniel Bowens ('03), Tim DeHaan ('03), Chris Hamstra ('04), Jeffrey Heydlauf ('05), Ian Kubes ('03), Brian Slagg ('03), Jeff Vroegindeweey ('05), Beth Fredrickers ('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.

For example, I made the trek to Wisconsin for the NCAA tournament game against Carthage. Due to the game, my friends and I battled white out, sleet, snow, 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.

In addition to the attitude of the players and coaches, the fan support here at Hope is unsurpassed. Playing in the Civic Center or the Dow is something that no visiting team enjoys. The only true way to know what I’m talking about is to go to a game. I encourage everyone who has not been to come next year and see what Hope College Basketball is all about.