Knicks face 4-year charter suspension  

by Scott Kaukonen

The Knickerbocker fraternity’s charter has been suspended for four years following hearings by both the Greek Judicial Board and the Student Judicial Board.

The penalty, the harshest ever dealt to a Hope College Greek organization, is the result of allegations of hazing, a violation of a college pledging policy, during pledging last spring.

Dean of Students Richard Frost said he was approached by at least one student last spring and told of certain events which occurred during pledging. Frost then filed a formal complaint with the Greek Judicial Board.

Frost would only provide limited information and Nancy Maitles (’91), chairperson of the Greek Judicial Board, Kevin Burke (’92), member of the Greek Judicial Board and Jim Adams (’91), vice-president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, all refused to comment.

Geoff Penrose ’91, a member of the Knickerbocker fraternity, made it clear that he thought the punishment was unfair.

Penrose maintained that “the charges were never proven. It was a typical Hope College Kangaroo Court.”

Various rumors which spread across campus, which Penrose said made “a bad situation because a few people who didn’t know screamed a lot until the college (administration) had to do something.”

Penrose believes the action taken against the fraternity was more deeply rooted than the charges of hazing.

“It was not an attempt at a fair judgment. We were fully prepared to go through reorganization (a procedure in which all current officers are replaced). But they just wanted to get rid of the Knicks,” he said.

In recent years, Greek societies on campus found guilty of rush and pledging violations have received shorter suspensions while agreeing to reorganize.

The Fraternity Society’s charter was suspended for one year (1987-88) and the Arcadian fraternity had its charter suspended for one semester (spring of 1986), both because of hazing violations.

The Knickerbocker fraternity is appealing the judicial boards’ rulings. According to Greek Judicial Board procedure, the appeal must be filed with the Student Standing and Appeals Committee. Appeals are not necessarily granted on the basis of the letter submitted by the organization (in this case, the Knicks).

In the meantime, Penrose wishes “to reassure everybody that the Knicks are not a bunch of ogres.”

Drawing from Teilhard de Chardin’s book “Building the Earth,” Guardo explained that faith in the future is characteristic of liberal arts education and is the passion for the future; a passion for the universal and a passion for the individual. She also noted that today’s hopes suggest the world is entering a new era of peace.

“Now we may approach the end of an era, an era which was the 20th century. We may approach the end of the 20th century, an era which has been the most destructive in the history of mankind,” Guardo said.

As students in the context of this challenging, complex world environment, yours will be the task of educating yourselves, so that the knowledge you acquire can be used to make the future fulfill all that today’s hopes suggest,” Guardo said. She also noted that it is important to look beyond negative events such as the Iraq invasion of Kuwait “and not lose sight of the world-shaping movement toward freedom and democracy taking place elsewhere.”

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Concerning the first of the three passions, Guardo said, “Now it may sound strange to talk about a passion for the future. We tend to associate the word passion with baser human emotions, but I believe that it will take a passionate dedication to the possible, to the potential, and even to the improbable in order to achieve all that anticipation and aspiration now hold open to us—”

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Multi-cultural life will continue to be key

Gonzales promoted to assistant provost

(Hope) - Alfredo Gonzales had been appointed assistant provost at Hope College, according to an announcement made by Provost Jacob Nyenhuis.

Formerly assistant dean of multicultural life, in his new position he is continuing his emphasis on multicultural matters. His responsibilities include assisting the provost and faculty in the development of strategies for recruitment of multi-cultural faculty, the construction of curricular models of multi-cultural learning, and the development of faculty and staff training programs that encourage responsiveness to multi-cultural students, staff and faculty.

"The appointment of Alfredo Gonzales as assistant provost represents a significant promotion for him, but more importantly it represents an important development for Hope College," Nyenhuis said. "He will assist me in translating President Jacobson's vision for a multi-cultural campus into reality."

"From 1979, when I recommended Alfredo's appointment as director of Upward Bound, until 1984, I had the privilege of working closely with him on various projects," Nyenhuis said. "I therefore am especially pleased to have him working directly with me once again. I am confident that he will do an outstanding job in his new position."

Gonzales' other responsibilities as assistant provost include serving as co-chair and executive secretary of the college's annual Critical Issues Symposium, a position he also held as assistant dean, serving as a liaison between the Office of the Provost and the Office of Student Development, assisting the provost in the organization of faculty conferences and workshops, and identifying programs and funding sources to foster cultural diversity at Hope.

"I am humbled by the appointment and by the confidence expressed both by President Jacobson and Provost Nyenhuis, but at the same time I am challenged by the opportunity to work with the faculty and staff in realizing the president's vision for a multi-cultural campus," Gonzales said. "I am very eager to continue working at Hope College. While not working directly in student-related issues, I will continue to work indirectly with students and certainly directly with faculty and staff."

Gonzales joined the Hope staff in 1975 as the director of the Upward Bound program, a position that continued with his appointment as director of minority student affairs in 1984. In 1986 he was named assistant dean of multicultural life, working in the Office of Student Development to strengthen the multicultural life at the college, assisting the admissions office in recruiting minority students and developing contacts with area high school and other organizations.

Gonzales will continue to work with the Student Development office until a replacement is found for his position as assistant dean. He assumed his duties as assistant provost at the beginning of the month.

Active in the community, Gonzales is chairman of the Holland Community Hospital board of directors. He is also on the board of directors, Housing, and a member of the Holland Area Foundation board of directors. He is also a member of the Holland Area Foundation board of directors.

College installs automatic safety doors on dorms to improve student security

by Jon O'Brien

Hope College will be the recipient of a new campus security system, which will be installed on all of the residence halls by mid-November.

"The security system will allow us to make the campus more secure," said Derek Emerson, housing director.

Emerson explained that the new system, computer controlled, would automatically lock and unlock the doors. A magnetic contact on the doors will allow Public Safety to receive a signal whenever a door is popped or propped open. The system will consist of a card reader and a campus phone box. The card reader is similar to the money machine card readers. A magnetic strip on the back of a credit sized card is read by the machine. The resident then enters a four digit code number which will break the magnetic contact and unlock the door. The four digit code is picked by the student and programmed into the system.

"Since the doors will automatically be locked at 10 p.m. non-residents will be able to use the phone box to call friends within the dorm to open the door. The phone box will also contain an emergency button that will send a signal alerting Public Safety.

More importantly, Emerson stressed that the new system would totally replace the outdoor key. In the past, the college has had a problem with students returning early 'from extended breaks (Christmas and Spring)'

Even-year Pull team loses practice field

by Carrie Maples

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Hope to require multi-cultural class

by Pam Schmidt
staff writer

The Core Curriculum, which presently dictates 57 of the 126 credits required for graduation, has been reviewed for the first time since it was established in 1978.

"Sometimes the academic wheels turn slowly" said Registrar Jon Huiskens in reference to the fact that the review process began during the winter of the 1986-87 academic year. The review, which was expected to take only one year, was completed this past April.

The Academic Affairs Board was in charge of evaluating the core program. The Board is composed of the provost, eight divisional deans representing the four academic divisions, and four students selected by Student Congress.

The Academic Affairs Board refined the "Philosophy of Education" and developed a set of "Objectives for the Curriculum" before consulting the faculty for changes.

For the most part, the faculty felt that the objectives and purposes of the Core Curriculum were currently being met but made several suggestions for change.

The proposed changes in the Core Curriculum have all been approved by the Board. Last week the review was published for the faculty. The proposed changes will be implemented next fall unless they are met with substantial opposition by faculty members.

The potentially most controversial change in the Core Curriculum is the introduction of a "Sophomore Colloquium," which is designed to increase multicultural enrichment. The Humanities Division proposed a change in this area (a flag that the cultural history block focuses on Western culture, thus limiting exposure to non-Western and minority issues.

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A three-year pilot program would be implemented. Planning for the course would begin this year and the first colloquium classes would be offered next fall.

During a two-year test period, after a one-year start-up year, students would be permitted to substitute the colloquium for the "fourth course in the cultural history requirement, the second course in fine arts, or for any course satisfying the religion or social science requirements."

The Academic Affairs Board also approved several other changes in the Core Curriculum.

The introduction of Dance 101 was approved to fulfill the first component of the fine art requirement.

Students with an ACT English score of twenty-seven or higher will be required to take either English 213, 214, or 215 instead of English 113. These students previously had been exempt from taking anything in place of English 113.

Changes in campus housing affect residence life

by Carrie Maples
campus editor

Campus housing has undergone a few changes since students left for the summer four months ago. In order to help accommodate a very large class of incoming students the college purchased five new houses to renovate for cottage housing.

According to Derek Emerson, Director of Resident Life, two of the new cottages were ready for student housing this fall. Ten upperclass women were moved out of residence halls and into the cottages to make room for the incoming students.

Some students were housed in temporarily converted study rooms in Kollen while adjustments were made to fit them into dorm rooms. Two students are still being housed in the Durlee guest room.

Changes have also occurred in the resident assistant numbers in Dykstra. Former Director of Resident Life Bruce Johnston had decided that since the RA student ratio was much higher in Dykstra than in most other college residences and as such was unnecessarily high.

Phyllis Patnott, Resident Director of Dykstra, said she felt she had "some excellent RAs who could easily handle more than one cluster." The current breakdown is as follows: eight clusters share four RAs; and six clusters share four RAs (three clusters between two RAs). A similar system has been used before in Dykstra. Patnott said, "It's my expectation that it (will) work out wonderfully."

Hope students organize for homeless

by Joe Kuiper
managing editor

To raise money and awareness for homelessness, Hope students will spend a night in a homemade shelter in the Pine Grove on Sept. 19.

Organized by juniors Tim Grotenhuis and Todd Abbott, the event will draw upon the support of campus volunteers who will erect cardboard boxes and similar shelters for their stay in the Pine Grove.

For their efforts volunteers will seek pledges which in turn will be donated to Hearthside Ministries, a Grand Rapids organization that runs a clinic, kitchen, and shelter for the homeless.

Grotenhuis said that the event is an important step "to make us understand that we are not living in a world where people are homeless to the point of death."

He added, "The people in our society who are this far down are literally living on the streets."

The speaker will address the Christian responsibility to help alleviate the pain and fill the needs of the homeless.

Beginning Sept. 14, interested students may sign up in Phelps at lunch and dinner. Students may also volunteer by contacting the Chaplains office the week prior to the event.

Students flock to the dance hosted by the Emersonian fraternity held in Maas Auditorium Friday, August 31.

(Photos by Richard Blair)
Crisis in Gulf spurs rising oil prices which affect colleges' finances

(CPS) The face-off with Iraq in the Middle East may hurt colleges in the United States in a very vulnerable place: their finances.

Higher energy prices and the nationwide recession they might bring would increase most campuses' costs, rob them of much-needed state and federal money and potentially drive up tuition even more rapidly, some observers say.

In 1973 and 1979, when previous "oil shocks" rocked the U.S., government funding of education nosedived while schools' expenses skyrocketed. As a result, strapped colleges began deferring maintenance on their buildings. Faculty members' raises became so meager that many teachers left the profession and, in the late seventies and early eighties, tuition rose about 10 percent a year.

Now years later, many colleges are just beginning to emerge from the financial rubble of that period.

Colleges spend an average of less than 1 percent of their budgets on fuel and heating oil, said, Research Associates of Washington, D.C.

"At some institutions," Kent Halstead of Research Associates said, "it may be more serious, but on average, it's not going to have much of an effect because it's such a small share."

Most colleges will feel the brunt of the crisis in other ways. "Indirectly, he admitted, "I'll have a serious effect on everybody."

"Goods that colleges and universities buy will be affected immediately," Halstead added. Some of that, especially in the private sector, will be passed on to students.

"The first thing that has to be covered are higher energy prices....Other things, such as campus improvements 'will be the last to be considered.'

William Burford

If the crisis worsens dramatically - through, for instance, the bombing of Saudi Arabian oilfields - world oil prices could jump to well above $50 a barrel, economists fear.

Many experts predict prices will stay in the $22 to $28 range over the next few months, assuming that other nations produce more oil to make up for the Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil not making it to market.

Higher oil prices have a drastic, far-reaching effect on the entire economy. For instance, farmers have to pay more for fuels and chemicals. It is made worse by reports of "petro-ate-ahs" - aircraft that could be financed with petro-dollars.

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Student wins international award

by Sunni Tenhor
staff writer

Hope college junior Amber Christman received the Distinguished Youth Award from PRIDE on April 26 during the organization's international conference.

The letters for PRIDE originally stood for "Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education," although now it is known as a movement run by the youth of America. This year's conference lasted a weekend in August with approximately 6,000 youth present.

Christman, president of the Hope college chapter of PRIDE, received the award for her "outstanding contributions to the youth of America." This year's Hope chapter of PRIDE was a student there. Having spent my valuable time (on), Christman wants students to realize that they have to have confidence in themselves.

PRIDE also reaches students through entertainment. Many of the skits are humorous but contain vital information about the dangers of drugs. One skit featured a beauty pageant which featured "Miss Drug-Free," "Miss Marijuana," and "Miss Cocaine."

PRIDE also reaches students during tempting times of their lives regarding alcohol abuse. During prom time in high school, PRIDE members distributed cards to tux and flower "boys."

The cards, which were tucked in pockets or corsages said, "Live for the memories."

The group also had a Red Ribbon day to promote alcohol awareness. Thousands of the ribbons were cut and distributed to students in all of the schools in the town of Alma to create positive peer pressure.

PRIDE's national headquarters has already notified the Hope chapter that they would like the group to present a workshop at next year's conference in Nashville, Tenn.

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Knick ruling provokes questions on judicial secrecy

Amidst a cloak of secrecy under the guise of greek autonomy, the Greek and Student Judicial Boards handed down the stiffest penalty in recent memory to a Hope fraternity or sorority. While for lack of facts the anchor cannot necessarily agree or disagree with the ruling, there is concern that the Knickerbocker fraternity was the victim of subjective treatment.

Last spring the two judicial boards banned the Knicks from Hope's campus for four years because of charges of hazing during pledging of that year.

Since all the members of the fraternity will probably have graduated by then, this is in effect the death sentence to a greek organization. The only way the Knicks could be resurrected would be by a new group of people restarting the group like the Dorian Society was in 1986.

Questions and rumors still exist among the Hope population regarding the basis of the ruling and the severity of the violations. Both the Greek and Student Judicial Boards have “carte blanche” in terms of the degree of punishment according to the Student Handbook.

In the past five years, two other Hope fraternities have been found guilty of pledging violations, specifically hazing. The Fraternal Order received a one-year suspension in 1987 and the Arcadian fraternity received one semester (6 months) in 1989.

Was the Knickerbocker fraternity treated unfairly in the harshness of the penalty? Were the actions of the Knicks that much more severe than those of the Fraters or the Arkies? Who can answer these questions? The Judicial Boards can, but won't.

The Judicial Boards handed down the ruling, determined in the context of a subjective set of guidelines. The Judicial Boards also will not publicly address the issue, thereby avoiding or limiting a review by anyone of their decision.

While the need to protect the privacy of those involved is understandable, the secrecy of the action does not seem in accordance with the supposed open information policy of Hope College.

Students have a right to know at least the general facts of this ruling. Otherwise, how are new students going to become knowledgeable about the system?

Another concern is why the greek system at Hope seems to operate outside the confines of normal community law. If the actions were severe enough to warrant a four year suspension, were the actions severe enough to warrant legal action?

What if an independent had been found guilty of the same college policies? Laws? Would their shirts and meetings be banned too?

For a college with an open information policy on sexual assault, it is strange that hazing is not considered severe enough to warrant warning future possible victims.

The amount of questions that remain for the general student body after the death of the Knicks is disturbing and needs to be addressed rather than buried under a string of knowledgeable nods and “no comments.”
Letters to the Editor

Students surged to run for Congress

Dear Editor,

We, as the Student Congress Cabinet, would like to take this opportunity to inform your readers about the exciting year ahead for Student Congress. It is our hope that this letter will aid us in alerting some ambitious Hope students in making one of the best decisions of their college career — to run for Student Congress.

Student Congress is the governing body of the students. It serves as the unifying voice of the students of Hope College. Student Congress consists of three officers and twenty-four representatives. The officers designated as the Cabinet are elected by the student body each spring.

Serving in this year's Cabinet are Brad Votava as President, Joe Mikiol as Vice President, and James O'Neal as Controller.

The 24 representatives are elected every September to represent their district of residence. Check the advertisement in the back of this paper to see what district you are residing in and how many seats are available in your district. This year's representative elections will be held on Friday, September 14.

Serving on Student Congress may very well be one of the best things you will do at Hope College. Not only will you be acquiring valuable skills and making important contacts (as well as friends), but you will be serving your fellow students as you go to make Hope College even better.

And this is a great year to get involved in Student Congress. We will be voting under a new constitution and Appropriations Committee Charter, and will be building on the momentum of the past two years. This is an important year for the College, as we are faced with some critical decisions as we seek to initiate a strategic plan for Hope's future.

The procedure of running for Student Congress is simple. Pick up a petition in front of the Student Congress office by Friday, September 7. You are then an official candidate — campaign in your district for the elections on Monday, September 10.

We would like to encourage all students who are interested in taking an active role in Hope College affairs to run for the 1990-91 Student Congress. There is no better time to get involved than this year. This is a great opportunity to make Hope College (and yourself) even better.

Thank you,

The 1990-91 Student Congress Cabinet

Dear Editor,

Although this matter may seem trivial to some people, I feel the need to state my opinion regarding an incident that occurred while I was in Phelps.

I was standing near the entrance of the dining hall, off to the side, when a guy bumped into me. He said nothing and continued walking past me. I excused myself for being so purposely and rudely in his way. My response was sarcastic, obscene, and rude. However, the fact that he bumped into me is not what is so irritating; it's the attitude.

The attitude that he is superior to those around him so he didn't feel it was necessary to apologize for being, what is in my mind, rude.

It is not difficult to make small gestures of courtesy or kindness, and it is those small good actions that make the world a little more pleasant.

All I ask is that this guy, or anyone else who is so oblivious to those around them, give your fellow human beings a break and learn some manners.

Jodi Nienhuis '93

Poster destruction senseless

Dear Editor,

Although classes just began, the overall tone for the semester feels grim. Due to inconsideration on behalf of Hope Theatre, as well as the entire student body, it is saddening to witness the mindless defacing and destruction of informative promotional posters.

To whomever felt compelled to remove the audion-open house announcements placed on Maas Center doors, you have directly wasted your own tuition dollars, as well as your fellow students'.

A great deal of time and effort was invested in order to keep the campus community informed. If this person(s) chooses to continue this destructive behavior, I suggest they consider alternate outlets for venting their childish frustrations, as it is quite unjustified to infringe on our tuition funds and our rights to be informed.

Sincerely,

Caty Kehs '93
Theatre publicity coordinator

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**Arts**

**WTHS supports free speech with lobby group**

by Kris Olenik

ass. news editor

Hope's radio station, WTHS, joined CALL (Coalition Against Lyrics Legislation), an anti-censorship group lobbying Congress.

CALL is sponsored by Billboard magazine and includes celebrity members, such as Dick Clark and Ray Charles. It was formed in order to insure musicians the same First Amendment rights that they feel other artists and writers have and should continue to have.

The WTHS staff decided to join and take a stand against the censorship of lyrics. Chris Allman, '92, general manager of WTHS, said, "Congress doesn't have the right to say what we should or shouldn't listen to."

Allman also said many record companies disagree with federal censorship as well. Some companies hoping to prevent further federal involvement have placed labels on certain records stating that the lyrics may be offensive, in order to inform the listener. In addition, some companies have put another label on their records expressing their opposition to censorship which says that musicians should have the right to express themselves and listeners should have the right to choose.

The argument over the censorship of lyrics has intensified this summer with the uproar concerning the 2 Live Crew album "Nasty As They Wanna Be." The album has been ruled "obscene" in several parts of the country and legal action has been taken against both the group and those who sold the album.

Allman thought the uproar in the media and Congress over 2 Live Crew might be doing more harm than good to the cause of those who find 2 Live Crew's lyrics obscene by providing the rap group with more attention. Since the debate began, sales of their album have passed the two million mark.

Also, 2 Live Crew has released a new single called "Banned in the U.S.A." The band sent copies of the single to members of CALL for airplay.

As Allman said, WTHS and other stations may not agree with all of the lyrics in 2 Live Crew's songs, or the lyrics in anyone else's songs, but they respect their right to express themselves.

**SAC schedules busy semester**

by Pamela Gunther

staff writer

The Social Activities Committee (SAC), chaired by Michelle Imhoff, is following through on a goal for more student involvement by planning a full spectrum of events for this semester.

There will, of course, be a variety of movies shown every Friday and Saturday night in Winnat's Auditorium in Graves Hall. Admission is $2.00.

On September 11, Dave Wopat will entertain students at the grand opening of the renovated Klets. Wopat has entertained at Hope two other times.

Homecoming is October 13 and SAC is encouraging everyone to attend both the football game against the Olivet Fighting Comets and the Homecoming dance that evening.

The SAC event will be the suqerade video dance party, which is planned for October 27.

Hugh Fink will be the comic M.C. of the All-College Sing on November 17. SAC is planning on using higher levels of entertainment this semester. SAC is spending additional money to bring guest artists who are more well-known, including some who have been seen on MTV and shows such as Johnny Carson.

The Klets will be the center of more SAC activities this year and student organizers believe the renovations should make for a more lively gathering place. It is hoped that the showing of televised sporting events, open mike nights and study breaks will bring more people together there.

The staff this year has many new people and an abundance of creative ideas, according to Imhoff.

A primary goal of SAC this year is to have a larger turnout at events. Imhoff hopes that people will trust SAC's entertainment choices and will come to the events.

**Asia album lacks new material.**

by Pamela Gunther

arts editor

It's been five years since we have heard any new music from Asia. Their 1985 album "Astra" was a commercial disaster, and appeared to be the catalyst that broke the band up.

Now in 1990, Asia returns with a new album to the delight of many rock fans. This latest album entitled "Then and Now" consists of six songs from previous albums, and four new songs.

The album lists five old and five new songs, but I'll explain later what's wrong with this count.

The songs on the "Then" side include all the Asia classics. "Only Time Will Tell", and "Heat of the Moment" represents the first album along with the obscure "Wildest Dreams" also from the "Asia" debut album. "Don't Cry", and "The Smile Has Left Your Eyes" from the "Alpha" lp round out the "Then" side. These songs are mostly for "Wildest Dreams" and are rock and roll classics, and deserve to be included on this album.

One problem is that there is no song from "Astra" included on the "Now" side. Though this album was a commercial failure, it had it's moments musically. This is where the band's counting problems start.

A listen to the supposedly all-new "Now" side of the album turns up the song "Voice of America". If this song sounds somewhat familiar, it should. It was getting airplay in 1985 as a single off "Astra". A quick check of the copyright dates in the liner notes will confirm this.

Every song on the "Now" side is listed 1990 except "Voice of America" which is listed as 1985. Apparently the band figures "Astra" did so poorly that they can rehash material from it and pass it off as new.

Other than that, the new material is quite strong. Steve Howe is no longer with the band, and his talent is missed, but the guitarists that fill in are capable, and the Asia sound still remains.

John Wetton's voice is as good as ever. Wetton possesses one of the smoothest tenor voices in rock music. And the songs on the "Now" side are able to stand up well with the best work this group ever did. In fact, the first single "Days Like These" is probably as good as a rock and roll song as you'll here in these days of rap and dance music.

The only complaint I have is that in five years, Asia is only able to give us four truly new songs. It's nice that they rerelease "Astra"... but more new material is what they need, not greatest hits.
Pledging ban at national frat increases membership

(Cha) One year later... Beta Tau became the first fraternity to ban pledging, officials report that the ban has slowed hazing at its chapters nationwide, and that it hasn't hurt membership efforts at all.

In fact, ZBT recruited 17.3 percent more students last year - the first period in which it dropped pledging activities - than in 1988-1989, ZBT national Vice President Ronald Taylor reported at the fraternity's national convention in early August.

"We did the right thing," Taylor declared.

Just days after ZBT announced in August, 1989, that it was abandoning pledging, Tau Kappa Epsilon said its chapters would adopt gradual steps to end pledging by fall, 1991.

Both announcements were made in hopes of ending hazing rituals that often occur during the pledging period.

Last February, eight more Greek organizations - Omega Psi Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities, and the Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, and Alpha Kappa Phi - announced bans on all pledging activities except initiation ceremonies.

ZBT's abandonment of pledging hasn't been easy. "In theory it's good, but it's really hard to switch over like this," complained a ZBT who didn't want his name or school revealed.

"It hasn't hurt our rush one bit," he continued, "but it's not something we advertise during rush. We don't publicize that we're different from the rest."

Despite the move to end pledging, hazing incidents continue to be reported. More than 40 students have died in the past decade due to hazing.
Athletic fields improved

by Rochelle Anderson

The Hope football team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. The Ekdal J. Buys athletic complex, located between 10th and 13th streets on Fairbanks Avenue, will benefit many of the athletic programs.

The restoration includes resurfacing the track and converting it to the metric system. The Atlas Company of Iowa will do the resurfacing by laying a 3/8 inch polyurethane surface over the existing track.

Along with this, the football practice field will be enlarged and additional space will be available for practice fields for field hockey, soccer, and softball.

Smith begins his third decade as head coach for the Flying Dutchmen. He has guided nine Hope teams to MIAA championships in the last twenty years and has a first place ranking in the pre-season coaches' poll.

The renovation plans include a new fieldhouse in which locker rooms for Hope and visiting teams will be available. This was necessary because the soccer fields required the extra room and the old fieldhouse had to be removed.

The fieldhouse will alleviate the crowding in the Dow Center facilities by providing room for the football, soccer, and cross country teams. In the spring, baseball, softball, and men's and women's track will be able to use these facilities.

According to William K. Anderson, Vice President of Business and Finance, the estimated cost of the work is $450,000. This money is not from tuition, but rather from donations to the college. There are six primary donors, but they wish to remain anonymous.

While discussing the short and long term effects, Athletic Director Ray Smith commented, "The coaches and the teams will be inconvenienced in the short run, but if you look at it in the long run it's going to be great."

Football keys on defense

by Rochelle Anderson

The Hope football team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Practice began in August in preparation for the College's 79th season of competition.

Under coach Ray Smith, the Flying Dutchmen return 28 lettermen. They hope to improve upon the team's third place finish in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) last year as well as the third place ranking in the pre-season coaches' poll.

Co-captains Mike Balkema (91) and Jayson Stuckey (91) will lead an experienced team onto the field. Smith begins his third decade as head coach for the Flying Dutchmen. He has guided nine Hope teams to MIAA championships in the last twenty years and has an overall record of 101-54-6.

"We have solid players at the skilled positions," said Smith. "The return of over twenty seniors should help us to be strong contenders for the league title."

To do this, Hope has to defeat number one ranked Albion and number two ranked Adrian. Smith also thought the team will have to readjust after losing two defensive men in Tim Lamie and Kurt Friedrichsen.

Smith said, "Those were our two best (defensive) players. We hope that the nine that are returning are better than they were last year."

Even with the loss of Lamie and Friedrichsen, Smith believes that the team's strength is on defense. "If you can stop them, you can be in every game," he added.

Of the nine returning defensive players, two linebackers, Stuckey and Scott Jones (92) will lead the team. Stuckey earned first team All-MIAA honors last fall while Jones made the second team.

Contributions on defense are also expected from Jim Myers (91) who has been a defensive starter since his first year. He spent two years in the backfield and switched to end last year.

On offense, Smith is looking to Stefan Swartzmiller (92) to lead at quarterback. Swartzmiller has run the Delaware Wing-T offense before which should help as Smith puts it into effect again this year.

"I'd say Stefan is good and confident just because he's run the offense before," Smith said. "There is a certain continuity this year because we're running the same offense as last year."

This is the second year that Smith is using this offense after running the I formation for many years.

"Both the coaches and players were in a learning mode (last year)," Smith said. "I know we are feeling more comfortable with this new offense now that we've had a year's experience with it."

Hope has eight returning offensive players, including Mike Balkema (91), who is a three year starter at offensive tackle, and Brian Etzel (91) who was a second team All-MIAA honoree last year.

Kicker Duy Dang (91) has received first team All-MIAA honors twice and already holds the Hope career record for field goals.

Also adding experience to the kicking team is Chris Howe (91) who brings three years of experience to punting.

The season starts Saturday when Hope hosts DePauw University of Greencastle, Ind., for the annual Community Day game at Holland Municipal Stadium.

DePauw is a non-league game. Smith feels that their non-league games are tougher than most of their conference opponents. He thinks this will prepare them better for their regular season.

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