Pledging revamp nears final vote

JODI MCFARLAND
campusbeat editor

The results of over 400 hours of interviews and extensive evaluation of the Greek pledging process will come to a vote before the Campus Life Board next Tuesday, with the fate of Greek organizations hanging in the balance.

The finished product of hours of deliberation by the board's Ad-Hoc Committee, the Restructured Pledging Program is now under deliberation by the full board, and under scrutiny by all involved.

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staff reporter

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When students are unhappy with their learning environment, they have a couple of options they can choose from: staying where they are or transferring. But be forewarned. It seems for some transfers, it's hard to break the pattern, so they just keep on transferring.

Angie Kaakonen ('97) just transferred to Hope this past semester from Western Michigan University. Prior to Western, she attended a community college for a year. She plans to return to WMU after Christmas break.

“I decided to transfer because I wanted to try something different,” Kaakonen said. "If possible, we try to get them to Student Development or Career Placement to try to make contact and talk to them. But by the time students have filled out the forms, they have pretty much made up their minds to leave and it becomes difficult to reach them." 

"It was easier to transfer into Hope that it is to transfer back to Western because Hope is a lot smaller," Kaakonen said.

All in all, it takes two to three weeks to complete the entire transfer process into Hope.

"Transferring is a pretty easy process," said Jim Bekkering, vice-president of admissions. "The students have to submit the same materials as regular incoming freshman, with one exception; they also have to submit their college transcript.

Once the transcript is sent to the college, it goes to the Registrar. There, the transcript is reviewed to tell what courses will be accepted towards core and major credits.

"Most students coming in have transcripts where we accept virtually everything," said Shay. Since most credits do transfer, the students transferring in are not set back too far academically.

"Hope accepted most of the classes that I took," said Jonathan Fly ('96), who just transferred to Hope this semester. "So I did not need to make up much core when I got here.

Hope is the fifth college that Fly has attended. He started out attending a community college, "but no one plans on staying at a junior college," he said.

From there he went on to attend three other four year colleges.

"I transferred from the other schools because I did not see anything there that I wanted to do. I didn't want to go to school just to earn a degree; I wanted to learn something.

So Fly is here to stay.

"Most students who transfer to Hope, stick with Hope," Bekkering said. "A lot of the students look at Hope when they are in high school and then choose to go elsewhere. Then they discover that it is a different experience than what they expected and realize that Hope is where they should be."
The Newt Before Christmas
Jim Riekse

I haven't had the good fortune of late to be able to attack the character of our beloved Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. Since I am headed to Washington, D.C. next semester, so back in his grasp on a more intimate level, I thought I would use my last column to enhance the myths of this great Georgian. Since Christmas is quickly approaching, I thought I would express my sentiments in holiday verse.

Twas the night before Christmas and Congress was gone, not a creature was stirring, except for a Newt.

Everyone was sent home, the government closed. Did that torture Newt's dreams? No, he happily dozed.

Newt's dreams? No, he thought the nation had dubbed him the "King of the Land," he pulled pranks on the birds and the trees suffered. He dressed up like Santa, a gift those nice, restful bombing people had built.

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Off he flew, the old Grinchinger, through the cold winter air, to take things from those who had little from spare.

"Down the chimney he'd slide and then think to the tree, stealing the toys so the rich could buy brie.

The dolls and puppets, into his bag were tossed, he stole some suspenders that were wrapped for Dean Frost.

He drank all the egg nog, which made him quite silly, but found that his cheeks did not get as chilly.

From roof top to roof top, Newt went quicker and quicker—though Kennedy's took pause within his bag full with liquor.

The "King of the Land," he thought the nation had dubbed him, but on Air Force One he thought Clinton had awoken him, but Newt was happy as a lark.

He returned to his house, slipped into his night shirt silently as a mouse, and crept to his bed to get whose next, and perhaps Newt's sensitive ego.

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Money is already being spent to improve the situation for next semester. An e-mail message from Tom Renner, director of public relations, details how the College will be "replacing Hope's VAX's with a single, faster system on December 16." The College will also be installing file servers with more capacity to prevent crashes.

Crashing computers leave students wired
Jim Riekse

Heideman blames this year's influx of problems on a number of variables. "We've had hardware and software problems, but the main factor is that computing usage is double the rate from last year." Heideman said. "We try to buy enough performance to keep up with the demand, but usage has increased at a nonlinear rate. We knew it would go up, but not this much."

New computers that were supposed to unburden computer stress have actually added to the dilemma. "We replaced 662 PCs with Pentiums, but they arrived in late August, so we've been backlogged." Heideman said.

Already buried in requests, CIT is also operating short-staffed, with a student trying to get things done, when the only thing holding you back is a computer that is down.

"I've had real problems, especially because I commute. It is a real pain in the neck if I come in and the computers don't work, which seems like all the time."—Lisa Bos (’97)
A pledge to reform

All the pleasures, none of the pain.

That’s what the Ad-Hoc Committee’s Restructured Pledging Program proposal portends to enforce if passed by the Campus Life Board Tuesday.

For the good of both independents and Greeks alike, let’s hope the Board takes their advice.

Six years ago, the Hope College pledging program was reimagined. The theme in the discussion was the need to eliminate hazing and liability to the College. The Greek Judicial Board was instructed to crack down on organizations who violated hazing rules. Organizations said they’d comply with the new set of rules.

Personnel thought that would solve the problem. Not so. Reform was slow in coming. No matter how well-intentioned individuals were within the organization, it was a belief in tradition often persuaded Greeks to continue their practices.

The Hope community was still so disturbed by the impact of pledging, the Ad-Hoc Committee stepped in this year, at a big brother helping to guide fraternities and sororities. They mean working with unintended individuals were within the organizations, groups that might do us harm.

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[Name]

Student requests weekend hours for Kletz

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Goverment loan quote questions

Dear Editor,

Can Man thanks Hope for fundraising help

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the Hope College development office for their generous support of my fundraising efforts. They were instrumental in matching my contributions to various projects, and I am grateful for their assistance.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Poet gives admissions advice

Dear Editor,

I have been working on a new poem that I believe could be effective in promoting the importance of education to our students. I am hoping that you will consider publishing it in our next edition.

Sincerely,

[Name]

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

Staffers say goodbye

The political junior, the bilingual chief, and the sandbag artist.

Together they have created one of the most successful, well-respected newspaper organizations at Hope College.

One cranked up a story about dis- appointing the mayor, another investigated the medical risks of participa- tion in Pull, the third crafted a retrona- tion that was as good as any made catalogu- es at J.C. Penney.

All in a week’s work, thank you.

For Editor, Julie Riekse.

Jodi McFarlan, CampusBeat editor and Sufjan Stevens, InFocus editor, col- lege journalism isn’t a hobby. It’s a way of life.

For the past year and a half editing for The Anchor, the best job I’ve ever had, and stories every day, every minute, cancel- ling plans at the panicked call of a staff rep. That’s what made it worth it.

On working with the Hope College students have limited space to socialize, because the Kletz closes early or does not open at all on Saturdays. I believe that this situation was built basically for students and is not acceptable to all at students. For in- stance, if one wants to buy a pop even one slice of pizza on a Saturday, one has to go off campus. This leads me to wonder why is it that we have a cafe- teria within our school boundaries at all, if it’s open when we need it?

Could you please try to negotiate with the Kletz management to extend the hours to midnight everyday? I don’t think midnight closure everyday will cause any harm to any one, instead both the company and the students at large will benefit. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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A.K.A The Can Man

Dear Editor,

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Thank you for your vision and dedi- cation to quality college journalism. We wish you all the best.

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Scott Voth ('98)
**Pledging proposal revamps the system**

**Dear Editor,**

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I am the President of the Campus Life Board regarding the nearly complete restructuring of pledging has simplified our organization, as a group and as individuals, to seriously reconsider the goals of our pledging program. We have discovered that our current policies are inadequate and that the process needs to be changed. The nature of our brotherhood does not rest on materialism; thus, we feel that our revised program will be the result of our combined efforts. We fully support the ad-hoc committee’s proposal, and thank everyone involved for the work they have done.

**Sincerely,**

**Matthew Fouts ’96**

The Emersonian Fraternity

**Dear Editor,**

As representatives of the Greek organizations, Pan Hellicell and IFC and Pan Hellenic Council wish to express our strong support of the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation for the restructuring of the pledging process. If approved, we believe that the recommended changes will make pledging a more enjoyable and positive experience for everyone involved. The suggested changes would make it possible for our organizations to implement the finest pledging program that we have ever had.

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The list goes on

Just write it

cost: $5 to $10
supplies: blank books, fabric, ribbon, and hot glue gun

visit: Big Lots, 8th Street Bookstore, and Jo-Ann Fabrics

99 Bottles of Love on the Wall

cost $5
supplies: various glass bottles in all shapes and sizes, paints, paint pens, and ribbons
creation: Cover bottles with paint creating intricate scenes or an artistic creation. Tie ribbons around neck of bottle to add more personality.

visit: Big Lots, Dollar Store

Can't contain the Joy

cost: $3.50
supplies: clay pot, acrylic paints, paint brushes, stickers, paint pens, ribbons
creation: Paint clay pots acrylic paints, creating a treat that reflects true character. Wait for paint to dry. Use sticker, ribbons, and paint pens to add character to the pots.
visit: Franks Nursery and Crafts

Burning for you

cost $5 to $10
supplies: candles, silk flowers, ribbons, and glue gun
creation: Glue silk flowers and ribbons on candles. Decorate to match room decor or parallel certain personalities.
visit: Big Lots, Dollar Store
Year-round Yuletide giving

making Christmas last 365 days a year

by Amy-Lynn Halverson & Kim Powell
Spotlight Editor & Staff Reporter

A time to give

Christmas is a time of giving and taking. And taking. And taking.

When I was a child presents seemed endless. Huge boxes with shiny gold paper and bright red bows flooded the living room. Santa treated me very well.

But somewhere among the torn paper and ripped boxes I lost the true meaning of Christmas.

At the young age of ten Christmas was taking. Taking money. Taking candies. Taking toys. Taking anything giving to me. Each Christmas millions of Americans take gifts and forget to give.

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Now, nine years later, the Christmas season means so much more to me. After the hustle of exams and the wrapping up of the semester, Christmas is a time for me to go home and visit with my family and friends. Entering a warm house after a long drive and being greeted by hugging dogs and loving hugs reminds me what Christmas is all about.

It's a time to share. To love. And to give.

In a society where Christmas is extremely commercialized and the more you spend the more you love, people forget to give from the heart.

Giving starts with the simplest things. Longs hugs, warm kisses, bright smiles, and from there it grows.

Instead of giving a gift. Give your time. Make someone's day or take a walk with them. Enjoy just being with them.

At a time of year when families come together and friends unite, there are people who don't have the comfort of a warm house or a hearty dinner.

Give to people outside your family and friends. Right here in Holland there are dozens of missions and organizations that you can support. Rummage through your closet and donate those worn out clothes you're not wearing in years. Box up cat food and drop them off at the local church.

At Christmas, my mother visits Sam's Club, buys a case of toilet paper and dozens of packs of socks, and ships them off to a shelter. Give practical things. Toothpaste. Shampoo. Soap. Things like these might be part of your everyday life, but the simplest things make the biggest difference.

There are twenty more days till Christmas and before you get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, remember to step back and remember the magic of Christmas. Remember to give.

As Christmas quickly approaches, the staff at the Holland Mission is calling on the community members to lend a helping hand not only during the season of giving but year-round.

"It's great that people focus on the Holiday season but we are a 365 day operation," Bartlett said.

"We try to encourage people to think about the mission and volunteer their time throughout the year."

Editor's note: Names in this article have been changed to protect the identity of those featured.

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Friday, Dec. 8  
Hope College Orchestra's 21st annual Madelun Christmas concert, DeWitt Center @ Kletz 11:30 a.m.

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 8 & 9  
Christmas Madrigal Dinner featuring the College Museum Maas, 7 p.m.

Friday, December 8th  
Magician & Mind Reader Philips Dining Area starts 9 p.m.

Rush cheer for what's up and happenin'on campus this week next week before break.
Check out the A&E writer line-up:

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Hoopsters hit century mark in rout

by Jeff Brown

The latest opponent to confront the Dutchmen with an optimistic outlook was Concordia College last weekend at the Civic Center. The Dutchmen defeated Concordia with ease, 107-53, making the record 4-1 with just seven games left to play until the MIAA season opens on January 6. The game was the second time Hope has scored over 100 points this season.

With a halftime score of 50-28, coach Glenn Van Wieren and his corps of hoopsters always felt in control of the game. "At no point did I really think that Concordia would come out with the win," Van Wieren said. "I think part of that comes with playing at home and in front of the home crowd. That gives you a sort of confidence unmatched by anything."

Starting point guard Kevin Brintnell ('96) and off-guard Joel Holstege ('98) did an outstanding job on defense, motivating the Cougar guards, and not allowing a single kudo. Brintnell limited his opponents to one point and forced six turnovers, while Holstege shut-downs at the Cougar off-guard, allowing him to make five points, no assists, and five turnovers. "Our defense as a whole is getting stronger and that is leading to a better and more confident offense and vice-versa," Van Wieren said. "I am pleased with our defense and the effort we are putting out."

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The swim teams piled on buses and took their nationally ranked member show on the road to the Wheaton Invitational. The competition was still with eight teams competing on both sides.

Both the men’s and women’s swim teams finished strong at last Saturday’s Wheaton Invitational in Wheaton, Ill. The team finished first place while the men took second place. The swim teams piled on buses to Wheaton, where the field was very strong. The swim teams included swimmers from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin at this invitational. Not as much emphasis was placed on point totals for this event, and instead, both the men’s and women’s teams concentrated on making good times and creating a sense of team unity. This invitation helps us to gauge where we are and see what we need to work on for the rest of the season. It is also a really fun meet that lets us bond as a team,” said Aaron Hoffman (’96). If the Wheaton Invitational was a good gauge of the upcoming season, the Hope College teams can look forward to a lot of success in the MIAA race. The swimmers move on to face Grand Valley State University this Friday at 5 p.m. at Grand Valley.

Streak continues with fourth defeat

Perhaps the Dutch are uncomfortable at home in front of their own crowd. Maybe they don’t play well outside of the MIAA. Or it could be the absence of star forward Shelly Kuyers (’96) who is out until possibly early February. For whatever reason, the defending MIAA champion Hope College women’s basketball team has not been able to win a game yet this season, and it only gets tougher from here on out. The team has yet to play a game away from the comfort of the Dow Center.

The 0-4 Dutch have only seven games left to play before the MIAA season starts on January 6 at home against Alma College. This past weekend Hope hosted their annual Tipoff Tournament in the Dow and failed to come away with single victory. As the Dutch were smoked by Trinity Christian 57-48 on Friday night, and then lost to Wittenberg 82-75 in the consolation game. To open the tournament the Dutch demonstrated their ability to win with an amazing first half against Trinity Christian that showed Hope hitting everything but the lights. The Dutch were ahead at halftime for the first time this season, 32-28. The second half was a shadow of the first, as the Dutch could not connect on anything, whether it be an easy layup, or an outside jumper. Hope made four out of 22 field goals, and seven free throws to down by only four with a minute to go. The Dutch cleaned up the boards 51-29.

That was a good thing,” Gugino said. “We got a lot of second and third chances, and if we keep that up we will win.” The final score does not reveal the triumph of the game, as Hope was down by only four with a minute to play, and the Dutch was forced to foul.

“When you get to that point all you can do is hope for the best,” Gugino said. At halftime Hope trailed 38-31. The weekend tournament marked the return of Tara Porter (’98), Dori Freeland (’98), and Danielle Hop (’97) and they made their presence felt. While starting guard Porter and backup forward Hop made their presence felt non-statistically, Freeland had a marvelous game off the bench on Saturday, scoring 11 points for the Dutch in 24 minutes of play time. Hope provided us with quality bench leadership and showed great defensive skills out there,” said Gugino. “She played awesome in those little categories that really don’t show up in the box score.”

Lisa Timmer (’97) came back strong after being in foul trouble on Friday night and scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. Kari Nyssse (’96) had 20 points and four rebounds against Wittenberg.

Next up for the hapless Hope women’s basketball team will be a trip to Aquinas College on Thursday, December 7, where the Dutch will face an extremely mean team. “They are aggressive,” said Gugino. “Very physical team in Aquinas. Their best players have the inside moves. Very strong, rough, and aggressive. We will have our hands full with their inside game.”

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