

Fried Cottage no longer on E. 12th St.

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Fried Cottage, built in 1898 and located just off of Hope's campus, is a historic house, and this summer it was approved to be moved from 112 E. 12th St. to 337 Columbia Ave., a vacant lot owned by the college. This move places it across the street from the Hope's new Men of Color Cottage, which is part of Hope's vision for more diversity and inclusion in its off-campus residences.

Structurally speaking, this move was risky in that the house is built from entirely brick, and with the house's brick and mortar having aged over time, the house itself very easily could have crumbled during the moving process. Because of these facts, there was valid concern by many Hope students who were aware of the move and concerned that the house would not survive the quarter mile journey across campus. Despite this, the plans were forged and the move was set to go.

The movers' navigational

plan required that the structure parlay through the concrete area between Kollen Hall and the DeWitt Center, which required the removal of many trees in the area, many of which were bulldozed to make room for the hulking structure. The process began weeks in advance when the foundation was dug out, exposing the underbelly of the house. The house was then raised up off its foundation and wheels were fastened in place, similar to training wheels on a bicycle. At this point, the house would remain, ready to be moved, until the time came.

Fast forward to moving day and Fried Cottage slowly but surely began to move, leaving its old home behind and moving towards its new resting place. Once the house made it to the street, the journey's most difficult part was still to come: navigating the narrow street, past the Dow and on towards Columbia Ave. Once this was accomplished, the house had to first rest in the lawn of the Men of Color Cottage to allow



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FRIED COTTAGE ON THE MOVE— House just before moving starts.

the structure to re-settle. Finally it was moved into place with the understructure already dug. The wheels will remain on until the foundation is built, and hopefully, by this winter or early 2019, the house will be cemented into the ground.

A statement issued by the

college via Facebook, read: "All 230 tons of Fried Cottage made its first moves toward the Columbia Avenue curb. The house travelled south on Columbia on August 16th to its new location facing 14th Street at Columbia Avenue."

It has been said that the

cottage, now at its permanent new location, will not be in use for at least another year; until then, it will serve simply as a placeholder for what is to come. Go to see the house on wheels. It is a unique site on Hope's campus.

Campus Safety Clery report offers peace of mind

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On the night of September 3, at approximately 10 P.M., there was a HOPE Alert, which is the notification system used by Hope College and its Campus Safety department to quickly relay pertinent information to its students and staff.

The Hope Alert stated that there was a suspect in a deadly crime near campus. This crime occurred at 16th street and college avenue and involved the use of a deadly weapon. This necessitated a lockdown of campus. The lockdown lasted from 9:55 P.M., to 10:48 P.M. During this time, the process of locking all buildings with electronic and manual locks began. Students that were inside campus buildings took the proper precautions. Those that were either walking on-campus or off-campus were alerted and were told to find shelter.

Locking down all of the campus buildings took approximately one hour. An hour later, the all-clear was announced, but it also told



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CAMPUS SAFETY UP CLOSE — A Hope College Campus Safety Vehicle preparing to go on its regular rounds.

students to proceed with caution.

As the events unfolded, the campus held its collective breath. As of today, the suspect has not been apprehended but fortunately, no Hope students were involved.

This incident falls under the statute, which is listed on

Campus Safety's website, of "the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or Clery Act, which is a federal statute that requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their

respective campuses."

This exists in the form of stats, which include the number of incidents reported on campus, other incidents such as fires, sexual assaults, etc.

This is provided to the public so that they can gauge the risk and rewards on

campus and to be more aware of the environment in which schools, such as Hope College, exist in.

With the prevalence of mass shootings and assaults firmly in center field, having the important and correct information is important to understanding what to do and where to go in case of an emergency. This incident underscores the need for continued cooperation between campus safety and Hope students. Being a responsible person not only involves taking your own precautions but also relaying information to the proper channels and the proper people.

If a dangerous situation arises, you should not attempt to handle it on your own. First find shelter and then alert the authorities, or if you cannot find shelter immediately, run as far from the danger as you can.

Since there is always the possibility of future crime on or near Hope's campus, make sure you know your stats. And also, know your surroundings so that you can help stop future crimes.

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