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Honor Alumni For Service

Three Hope alumni will receive the 1976 Distinguished Alumni/Alumnae Awards on Alumni Day, Saturday, May 8, during the annual Alumni Dinner in Phelps Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Smith ’31 Becker, Dr. Everett Kleinjans ’43, and Dr. Harold F. Leestma ’39 will receive the awards from Jack Hasecup ’33, on behalf of the Alumni Association.

The executive committee of the Alumni Board initiated the Distinguished Alumni/Alumnae Awards in 1976, as a method of recognizing alumni who bring honor to their alma mater through their contributions to society, or through their service to or support of Hope College which radiates in a special way their interest in their alma mater.

This year’s recipients make a total of 26 alumni who have received the award.

Mrs. Becker will be honored for her significant contributions to the Holland (Mich.) community and for her enthusiastic devotion to Hope College.

Mrs. Becker received the B.E. degree from the National College of Education in 1922 and taught 2nd grade at Holland’s Washington School from 1934-35 and at New Groingen Kindergarten from 1941-42.

She was one of three charter members of the Holland Junior Welfare League, and served as its president from 1932-34. Her donations of time and energy to this group were recognized by her members in 1962, when a special program was presented in her honor.

She has been a member of Holland’s Women’s Literary Club for 43 years, during which time she held various offices, including president. She was a member of the organization committee of the Holland Hospital Auxiliary, and has also served as president of the Auxiliary.

She is secretary and president of the Holland Century Club and is a D.A.R. regent and chaplain.

Mrs. Becker was Cancer Drive Captain for five years, a member of the Community Ambassadors Board for 12 years, and was one of the first members of the Holland chapter of the American Association of University Women.

She has been active in P.T.A., having served as secretary and vice president. She helped organize the Band Boosters, is a member of the Parents Athletic Boosters, and worked for several years on school annexation and millage committees.

Mrs. Becker has also provided leadership for Cub Scouts, Blue Birds, and Camp Fire. She serves as elder at Holland’s Hope Church, where she has been involved in the Christian education and women’s work programs for many years.

She is married to Clarence Becker ’31, a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees since 1967. They have four children—George ’52, Barbara Myers, Betty Roseman, and Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. Becker serve as co-president of Hope’s Second Century Club, of which they are charter members.

Mrs. Becker is chairman of the Patron Ticket Program for the Hope College Theatre, and she is active in the Sorosis sorority alumni committee.

Dr. Kleinjans will be honored for his distinguished career as a linguist and for his dedication to helping people from various nations to cooperate across the barriers that separate them toward the solution of human problems.

Dr. Kleinjans is chancellor of the East-West Center in Honolulu, an educational institution established and funded by the Congress of the United States and the nations of Asia and the Pacific. The purpose of the East-West Center is to promote understanding and good relations through professional exchange.

Graduates Number 435; Honor Judson VanWyk

Degrees will be awarded to 435 Hope College seniors Sunday, May 9 during the 114th annual Commencement exercises in the Holland Civic Center.

The traditional Baccalaureate service will be held at 11 a.m. on May 9 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel and Commencement will begin at 3 p.m. Graduating seniors and their parents will be guests of President Van Wyk at a noon luncheon.

The college will confer an honorary Doctor of Science degree upon Dr. Judson Van Wyk, a 1943 Hope College graduate who has distinguished himself as a pediatric endocrinologist, researcher and teacher at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill.

Since 1967, much of Dr. Van Wyk’s research effort has been directed toward the isolation of a new peptide hormone, somatomedin, from human plasma and on determining its role in human growth. This hormone is low or missing from the blood of children with dwarfism.

In the past few years, Dr. Van Wyk’s laboratory has been successful in isolating several milligrams of pure somatomedin-C from many tons of outdated human plasma. Isolation of the newly purified hormone is considered a major milestone in the research of human growth.

Dr. Van Wyk received his M.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University. His research work is funded by a Career Research Award which he received in 1963 from the National Institutes of Health. This award provides lifetime support of research for established scientists.

The Rev. John R. W. Stott of England will deliver the sermon at the Baccalaureate service.

Rev. Stott is an internationally known pastor, lecturer and writer. He is Rector of St. John’s College, Cambridge, England, and has been the pastor of St. John’s Church in London since 1950.
Marian Blake, J. Norman Timmer Plan Retirement

Two members of the Hope College staff have announced their retirements, effective with the close of the current academic year. Marian E. Blake, head nurse of the Health Clinic, is completing 14 years of service to Hope. J. Norman Timmer, development office manager, is completing nearly six years of service to the college.

Blake

Marian Blake graduated from Holland High School in 1927 and received her B.N. degree from Butler Hospital School of Nursing in 1930. She was a staff nurse at Holland City Hospital from 1931-38, and surgery supervisor at Hope from 1938-61. From 1961-64 she was a nurse for the office practice of Dr. M. H. Hamelek, a Holland physician. She joined the Hope College Health Clinic in 1964.

"When I first came, the Health Clinic was a sort of orphan," she says. "We didn't have much connection with the college and very little communication except through students, who looked on us as a place to get a pink pill—or a brown one—and that was it.

"In comparison, the Health Clinic is now a full-fledged adult," she says. "It has done such a good job that the college has recognized it by setting up of such a clinic's council, made up of seven physicians. Together, this council provides 24-hour service via a week medical care for Hope students.

"We have become a model for other college clinics," Miss Blake states. "Two years ago the Health Clinic had to submit an article to the American Health Association in order that other small colleges might set up similar health care systems for students.

"There has been a real improvement in our students' attitudes," she adds. "Now, we see that they're getting excellent medical care."

Timmer

Marian Blake anticipates becoming involved in more church work and perfecting her cooking and baking skills. She plans to continue her grooming. She enjoys travel and hopes to visit friends across the country.

"I'm sure I won't be bored," she says. "I read all the books for Christmas and still haven't had time to read one of them!"

Mr. Timmer, a 1938 graduate of Hope, taught in Muskegon, Mich., after his graduation. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942 at Scott AFB, Illinois, in the Communications Cadet Program. After World War II he became a discharge officer for the U.S. Air Force in 1948. He attended Michigan State University and received his master's degree in economics and education. He was recalled to service in the Korean Conflict in 1951. During his years in the Air Force, Mr. Timmer enjoyed two European tours in Germany and France.

At the time of his retirement from the Air Force in 1966, he held the rank of colonel in the Command General and Communications Directorate, the Pentagon. He was the Air Force Communications Medal in 1966 and the Department of Defense in 1966.

He is married to the former Barbara Dee Folkeorf '60. They have three children, John, an Air Force Academy graduate, Barbara '69, and Paul '70.

Mr. Timmer joined the Hope administrative staff in 1971 as director of Alumni and Community Relations. He was director of Alumni and Community Relations at Hope College in 1971. Since 1971 he has served as a development officer.

"When I began at Hope, we had a very small development staff, with very little to work with," he says. "Since then, we've raised millions of dollars for the college.

"I'm pleased that it's going to be the kind of building that can be used by the whole student body. I think that the P.E. staff has done an excellent job of working with the students, and that the P.E. staff has worked under very difficult conditions over the years, but they've done a great job!"

Mr. Timmer says that Hope is a family tradition in his household, and that he plans to remain in Muskegon in the fall as much as possible after his retirement. The Timmers are planning to visit family and friends and will be traveling in Europe this fall.
Survey Reveals Emerging Women's Movement

The women's movement emerged this year as a strong influence on undergraduate education, according to the results of a national survey of this year's freshman class conducted by Alexander W. Astin, professor of higher education at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The annual survey, sponsored by U.C.A.L. and the American Council on Education, asks the traditionally masculine careers of business, engineering, law and medicine being pursued by more women. The survey also shows that women are swelling the ranks of freshmen who plan to go to graduate school, and that some of the traditional views of women's roles have begun to change, according to Astin.

Another noteworthy result is that the first time in seven years, high service in interpreting the results of this inventory. First, the data are reported in percentage form. It is, therefore, important to consider the total number of respondents in assessing what the percentage really might imply. Secondly, this is reported data and thus is subject to a variety of category errors resulting from everything from misinterpretation to horseplay on the part of the respondent.

The social composition of entering freshmen at Hope College, and has continued to drop for the past two years. The proportion of minorities at Hope College (2%) is therefore considerably lower than the proportion at all institutions (11.2%). The proportion of freshmen entering Hope College on 4-year colleges (14.8%) is also considerably lower than the proportion of freshmen entering 4-year colleges (17.6%).

Table 1 would suggest that the quality of the entering freshmen at Hope College has improved in terms of high school grade point average from 1973 to 1974, although dropping slightly in 1975. The trend at all institutions and the trend for Protestant, 4-year colleges, although doing the same, are lower. Inspection of Table 1 would suggest that, in general, for all three years, Hope has had a more select group of entering freshmen (in terms of high school grade point average) than either of the other two groups. In conjunction with this fact, it is interesting to note that 78.7% of Hope College entering freshmen considered the excellent academic reputation of the college very important in selecting Hope. The national figure was far below this.
The Future of the Economy

by Dr. Douglas L. Heerema

In spite of all the adverse remarks and negative criticisms, it is my contention that the U.S. economy has performed remarkably well over the last 10 years. In spite of our concern over inflation, unemployment, and recession, we forget the GNP since 1965 has more than doubled, the average American family spends in (percentage of the income) less for the basic necessities of food, clothing, and housing than in any other economy in the world, and the economy is generating more jobs than ever before.

Food is an excellent example. The average American family spends under 20 percent of their income on food. I know of no other society which approaches this level. Unemployment statistics are abysmally misleading. In terms of the health of the economy, joblessness is less significant than actual employment. In January the percentage of working-age Americans holding jobs stood at 56.7%, an employment-to-population ratio higher than usual. This rate exceeds the level attained during the boom of the 60s and the historical average of the U.S. economy since World War II of 56.4%.

The remarkable aspect of this performance is that it occurred over a decade in which our society experienced a tragic and fantastically expensive war in Vietnam. The imposition of very expensive pollution and safety standards (diverting resources from increasing the productivity of the economy), an ill-advised suspension of the basic mechanism of the free market economy through Nixon's imposition of wage-price controls, crop failures, the oil cartel, etc.

At present an economic recovery has been underway since last April which promises a booming economy for the next two years. Real GNP (the GNP - price increases) is predicted to increase between 5.5 to 6.5% this year, and closer to 5% next year (much better than the 2.5% average rate in the U.S. economy). Inflation should fall to around 6% over this period, virtually every statistic reveals a strong recovery. Orders for manufactured goods have increased, consumer spending is up, and after selling off inventory stocks at a furious pace for over a year, business is starting to sell more goods from production and inventory stocks are beginning to get in line with sales.

Thus, for the first time since the beginning of the escalation of the Vietnam conflict, no threats exist on the horizon for the immediate economic health of the U.S.

Unfortunately while the years 1976-1977 appear to be good ones economically, threats do exist to a long run economic recovery. The major problem is the persistent inflationary pressures in our society. An important factor in why business will increase its spending on new plant and equipment over the next year. If business does increase its investments, then the supply of goods and services will increase, dampening the inflationary pressures and improving everyone's standard of living. If not, then the increased demands for goods and services from consumers and government will merely drive up prices and throw the economy back into a tailspin.

So far capital spending is decreasing, down 15.1% of GNP in 1974 to 12.2% of GNP in 1975. If the rest of this year does not see a sharp upturn in capital spending (an increase in the productive capacity of the economy), then the projected increase in spending this year (from the continuation of the tax cut, increased social security payments, etc.) will trigger an increase in the rate of inflation.

To increase their investment businesses will have to experience two changes in the economy, a readily supply of financial capital, at reasonable interest rates, and a favorable environment for business expansion. The first is a heavy weight on businesses and the future is not so encouraging for the development of these changes. What is encouraging is that the present trends do not portray any of these conditions. First, all the capital markets are going to be hard pressed to provide sufficient capital for business expansion.

The second is the reluctance of the American Government to increase its spending, which is always a reason to increase its popularity, so by attempting to provide more services to people. To pay for these programs by increasing taxes hardly enhances popularity. Thus governments attempt to spend more than they can generate in tax revenue, and as a result the Federal Government is no better. Their expected deficit for next year is $40 billion — more if the same accounting practices applied to businesses would be applied to governments. Furthermore the actual deficit of the Social Security System (the excess of projected benefits over payments) remains intact, equal to 8.2% of GNP. To finance these expenditures the government must borrow, either from the capital markets or by expanding the supply of money. Both are disastrous. The first-soaks up funds which would otherwise be available for business expansion (thus reducing the amount the American economy can produce in the future and thus reducing the number of goods in relation to the money supply), the latter by increasing the money supply relative to the number of goods produced. Either way, increased inflationary pressures in the economy will be experienced. Clearly to achieve strong and decisive measures to cut unessential government expenditure are required if sufficient capital, at reasonable interest rates, are to be made available.

The second area, the climate for investment, also requires a significant alteration in governmental policies. The area of consumer protection, pollution requirements, etc. must be rethought in a way that will reduce the cost of production, drives prices upward on the goods, reduces (in- creased wage demands) and drives the rate of return to business firms down (dampening investment prospects).

These trends, driving up the rate of interest through excessive government deficits and driving down the rate of return of investment to businesses by government regulation and controls, threaten the long run economic health of our society.

The future of the American economy rests upon the recognition of one simple fact. No society, no matter how strong, can subsidize everything. There must be some margin of self-sufficiency. It cannot be self-sustaining, but to provide the surplus to support what society chooses to subsidize. It ought to be equally obvious that every society there is a point where the burden of subsidizing too much becomes too great for the productive part of society.

The path to economic health for our society lies open. It is to prune the tree of the public sector. By cutting back on welfare, pension, and federal civil servants, teachers, students, etc., the tax surpluses and put back the people of every society there is a point where the burden of subsidizing too much becomes too great for the productive part of society.

If we recognize the most important factor in any economy is the generation, not the distribution of income, the future is bright. But, if we cannot see that the basic strength and vitality of the American economy can somehow manage to overcome the tremendous obstacles in the next 10 years as it has done over the past 10 years.

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Emeritus of All Souls with St. Peter's Church in London.

He continued preaching missions in a number of universities in Britain, North America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa. Since 1970 he has been traveling extensively, mainly to speak at seminars for pastors and at student conferences in Asia and Latin America.

He also served as chairman of the Board of the Inter-Varsity for Evangelism since 1967 and Joint Honorary Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion since its formation in 1962. He will be serving as chairman of the National Evangelical Anglican Congress in the United Kingdom in 1977.

Among his best known books are Basic Christianity (1968), The Epistles of John (1975), Christ the Controversialist (1978), Balanced Christianity (1977) and Mission in the Modern World (1975).

Addressing the graduating seniors at Commencement will be Dr. James Malcolm.

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Dance II

Capacity audiences attended the annual recital of the dance department on April 9-10.

The recital featured modern, jazz, folk and tap dance, as well as ballet.

Dance is becoming an increasingly popular academic department on Hope’s campus. The Michigan Board of Education recently approved a minor in dance for both elementary and secondary teacher candidates. Hope is the only college in Michigan to have a certified dance program.

Photos by Philip De Jong
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The 1975-76 Alumni Fund drive is on its way toward exceeding its $170,000 goal, according to National Chairman Jack Hascup '53.

Giving by alumni through March totaled $163,192, and with the April Match period the final total should rank as one of the best in the college's history.

Only twice has the annual fund giving in a single year surpassed $200,000. The most ever contributed to the annual fund was $214,433 in 1966-67. Last year giving totaled $143,153.

The current campaign closes June 30.

Already there are more alumni donors to this year's campaign than all of last year. Through March 3,092 alumni had made contributions compared to 2,860 in all of 74-75.

Hascup credited the work of the Class Representatives and the alumni volunteers who conducted 26 phonons across the country this year.

"Their hard work has resulted in generating new gifts from nearly 400 alumni who had never before contributed to the college's annual fund," noted Hascup.

The average gift is up from last year. So far this year, the average is $34.58 as compared to $32.45 in '74-75.

"The Phonons are gratifying and tell us that many people have a great interest in maintaining the high quality of education at our Alma Mater," said Hascup. "However, we cannot stop where we are—we must press on to reach our goals and, hopefully, to surpass them."

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## The Leaders

Five classes have already doubled the size of their gifts to the 1975-76 campaign for all of 1974-75. Thank you!

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1929 Dirk Mouw, $2,082.50 to $3,435.00
1935 Arnold Van Zanen, $802.50 to $1,726.00
1971 Gerdi and Laura (Rycenga) Boscher, $397.50 to $1,347.50
1974 Barbara (Keop) Folkert, $228.50 to $664.50

## MOST NEW DONORS

- 1950 Donald DeWitt
- 1964 Sandra Daviou Bie
- 1963 Susan Atkinson Clark
- 1971 Gerald and Laura (Rycenga) Boscher
- 1976 Julie Postmus Berens

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- 1950: 100%
- 1920: 62%
- 1929: 58%
- 1927: 58%
- 1939: 54%

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## INCREASED GIVING OVER LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

- 1950: 125 donors
- 1920: 74 donors
- 1929: 56 donors
- 1927: 56 donors
- 1939: 49 donors

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- 1950 Donald DeWitt
- 1964 Sandra Daviou Bie
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- 1929 Dirk Mouw
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- 1938 Esther Hinkamp
- 1929 Frank Moser
- $2,263
- $2,159
- $1,850
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