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Campus Facilities at Capacity; Enrollment Up

Enrollment is again at the full capacity of the college's physical facilities. There is a small increase in the total enrollment with a headcount of 2,290, an all-time high. The enrollment includes 2,056 full-time and 234 part-time students. Enrollment last year, which was the college's previous high, was 2,274.

"In our long-range planning we have projected a stable enrollment at the present level," said President Van Wylen. "At this point we are small enough to maintain close personal ties and interactions between faculty members and students, yet large enough to offer a degree of diversity in our programs. At our present enrollment our physical plant is utilized at full capacity. Further growth would require considerable capital for expansion of our facilities. There are many higher priorities for these resources which will contribute significantly to the strength of the College."

There are 328 freshmen, 551 sophomores, 355 (328) juniors, 551 (532) seniors, and 194 (193) graduate students enrolled for the first time compared to 579 a year ago.

The breakdown by classes with last year's total in parentheses are: freshmen (620 (618), sophomores (570 (619), juniors 551 (532), seniors 391 (328) and special students 194 (193)). Included among the special students are 43 high school students who are taking college-credit courses.

Thirty-nine percent of the new students are participating in off-campus study programs during the fall semester.

There are 51 students from 20 foreign countries including Canada, Chile, Columbia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Peru, Malaysia, Mexico, Qatar, Rhodesia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Venezuela and Vietnam. The freshman class consists of 285 men and 275 women from 23 states. Sixty-four percent of the class are from Michigan with 10 percent from New Jersey, 8 percent from New York and 6 percent from Illinois. Approximately 33 percent of the new freshmen have some previous college experience while 39 percent stated that their church preference is the Reformed Church in America.

The average high school grade point average was 3.1 from a four-point scale and 50 percent of the class ranked in the top fifth of their class. The average College Entrance Examination Board scholastic aptitude test (S.A.T.) verbal score was 490 and the math was 457. The average American College Testing (A.C.T.) composite was 23.1.

The Admissions staff will visit approximately 800 high schools during the fall and winter months. Alumni and friends who wish to recommend potential Hope students are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions.

P.E. Center A Reality!

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Hope College Physical Education and Health Center will be held Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. as part of Homecoming Weekend.

The building, estimated to cost $3.2 million, has approximately 80,000 square feet. The Center will be an activity-oriented facility with an emphasis on the multiple use of space, flexibility and economy.

Architects of the Center are Alden B. Dow Associates of Midland, Mich. Contracts will be awarded late this fall and construction is expected to begin before the end of the year. The Center will be located on the southeast perimeter of the campus. It will be bounded by 13th and 14th streets between Columbia avenue and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad tracks.

P.E. Center Closeup: See page 6

When the new physical Education Center is completed in early 1978, Hope will have, for the first time in several decades, a facility which is adequate for the comprehensive program in physical education, recreation, and athletics which has evolved over the years. This program includes:

• Intramural sports for men and women
• Interscholastic athletic competition for men and women
• Recreational and physical fitness activities for students & staff

"At Hope College we seek to enable each student to develop to the greatest extent possible, the whole person—body, soul, and mind," said President Van Wylen. In order to achieve effective coordination of activities in physical fitness, health care, and nutrition, the Health Clinic has been located in the Physical Education Center.

Build Hope Surpasses Its Goal

Build Hope, a multi-million dollar fund-raising program to support endowed and academic programs at Hope College, has surpassed its $8,850,000 goal. James M. VerMeulen of Grand Rapids, Mich., national chairman of the Build Hope Fund, announced that $8,334,627 has been contributed or pledged.

An appreciation dinner honoring those persons who made the campaign a success will be held Friday, Oct. 15.

Several major projects of the Build Hope Fund will continue. These include a new computer center and the renovation of the former science building into a center for the humanities and social sciences. Nearly $3 million has been pledged toward construction of a new Physical Education and Health Center. There has also been a significant number of gifts for the college's endowment fund including several endowed scholarships, according to President Van Wylen.

Commitments to Build Hope already represent the largest amount of money ever contributed to a Hope College fund drive. The "Looking Ahead with Hope" campaign in the 1950s, under the leadership of President Emeritus Irwin J. Lubbers, raised funds toward construction of the Van Zoeren Library, the Nykerk Hall of Music, the Physics-Mathematics Building and several residence halls.

On its 100th birthday in 1966 the College launched the Centennial Century Master Plan under former President Calvin A. Vander Vel. The campus realized construction of the DeVitt Student and Cultural Center, the Wynand Wickers addition to the Nykerk Hall of Music, two residence halls, and the start of funding for the Peale Science Center.
Environmental Economics Studied at High School Summer Program

What do non-returnable bottles and factory by-products have in common? Obviously, they both pose potential environmental pollution problems. However, high school seniors involved in the study of environmental issues at Hope College this summer learned to define these and other environmental problems in a broader way.

"We view a pollution problem as being essentially the problem of a misplaced resource. Virtually all our studies attempted to measure the benefits and costs involved in changing an existing situation," said Dr. Barrie Richardson, chairman of Hope’s department of economics and environmental problems, a program for high-ability high school seniors.

Hope was one of only two colleges to receive a National Science Foundation grant for environmental studies, and the only college to receive a grant for study of the economy and the environment.

Seven high school seniors participated in the program, which featured an innovative approach to learning. The project director, who trained students in economics, spent six weeks teaching students the methods of calculating costs and benefits of pollution prevention. The students learned to use the computer to simulate an operating factory located on river. The simulation allowed students to take on the responsibilities of plant manager, controlling both the cost and the quality of the water system.

Independent-study projects focused on various areas, including a study of how to control waste, with a professor from Hope’s Lake Macatawa and who would pay for the cost involved. Others looked at a new form of sewage disposal that would result in pollution in a new style of pollution control. The students were asked to generate new ideas for environmental problems in a recently proposed clean-up system in Holland.

Said one, "The class turned us into economic thinkers. I came to see environmental problems as being more complicated than I thought before I was introduced to many different aspects of each issue."

The Campus Scene

REORGANIZE STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION

A reorganization of personnel within the student affairs division has been announced by Michael Corte, dean of students. David Vanderwell has been named associate dean of students with supervisory responsibilities for the college’s health clinic and food service, placement, counseling, and campus activities division. Vanderwell has been serving as director of career services. He joined the Hope staff in 1971.

Carroll DeBrest, III, has been named coordinator of student life and training with responsibilities for the college’s residence hall personnel. DeBrest has been a member of the Hope staff since 1971, serving as director of the center for Counseling, Career Planning, and Placement.

Mrs. Elaine Van Liere will assume overall responsibility for the housing program in addition to remaining in charge of cottage staff training and co-op housing. A member of the student personnel staff since 1973, Mrs. Van Liere will also continue as head resident at Dykstra Hall.

Miss Sarah Schrader has been promoted to director of counseling services. Miss Schrader has been a counselor and head resident at Cummins Hall since 1971. She will continue to assist in the career-planning program.

Mrs. Sharon Blankenship, III, has been named director of health services, replacing Miss Marian Blake, who recently retired. Mrs. Blankenship has been a clinic assistant for the college since 1973.

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Star Gazing
Student Initiates Astronomical Project

While many people ask nothing more than to see with the naked eye the last bright star of the evening, Jim Riggs looks for a bit more in the night sky. A student of astronomy since the age of 12, Jim has been in charge of astronomy labs at Hope for two years, guiding and instructing other students in the science of observing the stars and planets.

Although the astronomical observatory at Hope bears the imposing name of "The Penthouse," it is in fact simply a room at the top of the Physics Math building, which is used to store the College's telescopes. The roof of the building comprises the actual observatory facilities.

"There are so many objects in the night sky which are so beautiful in color, shape, and form that just can't be seen in our present facilities," he notes. "There are so many more features that can be apparent if it weren't for all the lights of the city." Also, because of the high magnification of a telescope, any vibrations of the telescope mount are highly amplified. One was complaining and then he got on the roof and the presence of wind interfered with the viewing. Without a closeable overhead dome, the telescope would not be permanently aligned and mounted, making any photographic work with the telescope difficult.

Faced with these problems, Jim decided in the fall of 1975 to action an idea he had been toying with for several years—designing and building an observatory on his own. He then turned to the idea of building a dome on the roof of the building.

"Idealistically, an observatory should be located as far as possible from any artificial light sources," he explains. "However, a completely light-tight spot was impossible to get and have the observatory still be accessible to students."

Jim scouted around Hope's Van Raalte athletic field, located several blocks from the downtown area, and there he found a spot which had a good horizon, was away from lights, and yet close enough to campus to be readily available. Jim then approached his advisor, Dr. Richard Brockmeier, professor of physics and computer science. Dr. Brockmeier recalls the interview:

"I thought Jim was suggesting that the telescope he transported back and forth to the Van Raalte Field location. His sights were on something more. I explained that the funds in the budget were quite limited. Not being discouraged, he said if he could get cement from the Maintenance Department he could put a cement pad and pier. When the next construction project needed concrete poured, Jim asked if some could also be used to form the pad. Jim had his observatory started!"

The Maintenance Department also donated some surplus concrete blocks and enough additional blocks were purchased, using a light physics budget, to complete the walls. Jim enlisted the help of other physics students in this construction phase, campus and the outskirts of Holland, Mich. By October of last year the walls were up and the roof was faced with the problem of a dome.

"The problem with an observatory," he says, "is that you need to be able to block out the light in. The best thing is a Hemisphere with a slit opening running down the surface."

Most transitions could be best met with a commercially constructed observatory dome, which costs about $3,000. That would not fit in the budget, but Jim had a question: "If you could make the dome slit opening so that it is only 1/8 of the dome, how much would it cost if you could just get it up?"

So he started looking for what his ingeniosity told him was the next best thing—a used silo top. After a number of fruitless attempts, a small ad was placed in the "Flashes," an area weekly tabloid shop.

As a result, a silo top in "like new" condition was purchased in August from a farmer for $10 and subsequently framed in to form the dome of the observatory.

"It looks like an observatory at this point," says Jim. "By the end of September I should have the dome slits covered so that the rain won't get in and the telescope will then be mounted. It will be functional, although not finished, at about that time."

The dome will be rotatable with slits that open, enabling the telescope to be aimed at any portion of the sky. It will be weather tight so that a telescope can be permanently installed.

All factors taken into consideration, the observatory should be pronounced "Complete" at just about the time Jim graduates in December. However, the entire project was carried out with the future in mind, rather than how much use Jim himself would get out of it. He was even foresighted enough to build the observatory in such a way that a larger instrument could be easily installed.

"What we have is a Celestron 8" telescope isn't bad, but it could be better," he notes. It is Jim's dream that the College might be able to acquire a 12 or 14 inch telescope to complete the ambitious and lasting project which he began.

The observatory measures approximately 12" by 12" at the base. The dome is 10" in diameter and 5' high. The entire structure stands about 13' high.

Jim's father is an architectural engineering technician in Lawton, Mich. "I've had what you might call a carpentry background," Jim modestly notes. "And I've thought about doing this for many years." Dr. Brockmeier is a bit more ready to give credit where credit is due.

"Jim Riggs has literally conceived, designed, and then implemented the construction of the Hope College Observatory completely under his own initiative. Jim's project will have lasting impact on our program for years to come. At last we have a suitable base of operations for astronomical observing at Hope College. The astronomy course at Hope has been very popular, consistently attracting 50 to 60 students each year. By being enclosed, the observatory will extend the viewing season farther into the cold months of the year. Because the telescope can be permanently aligned, students will be able to do photographic work. It will be a resource for our students desiring to do research such as obtaining variable stars data on light curves from variable stars.

Now if we could only get a larger telescope . . ."
A Mission for Hope

With an eye toward the future, Hope College formally began its 121st academic year on Aug. 24 when President Gordon J. Van Wylen delivered the convocation address, "A Mission for Hope."

Enrollment to Remain at Present Level

Citing the 1976-77 enrollment figures (2,056 full-time and 224 part-time students), Dr. Van Wylen said: "It is my conviction that Hope College should remain at its present size. We are large enough to have diversity in our academic programs, strong cultural programs, and a physical and athletic program of excellence for both men and women, and many opportunities for research and personal development. Yet we are small enough to retain strong personal relationships."

The President also made note that the College's present enrollment matches the capacity of existing campus facilities. According to the President, existing facilities on campus are adequate for the expansion of the new Physical Education Center expected to occur in the spring of 1978; the renovation of Voorhees Hall and Carnegie Gymnasium; the development of some additional green areas on campus for informal recreation; and the upgrading of facilities in residence halls.

Need for Private Financial Support

Regarding long-range financial planning, Dr. Van Wylen said that Hope's goal is two-fold: "To have excellence in every aspect of the College and to make this education available within the financial resources of our students."

He added that in his estimation: "The basic approach to our long-range financial needs must be from private sources rather than government sources. As many individuals as possible must catch a vision of what Hope College is all about and then share in this vision."

Hope's Larger Goals

Moving from a discussion of finances and facilities, Dr. Van Wylen focused the audience's attention on what he termed "our larger goals." He defined the vision of Hope College as: "Excellence in undergraduate, residential liberal arts education within the context of the Christian faith."

"I hope to recognize that we live in a time of great worldwide problems..." he said. "Very significant intellectual questions are being raised about the nature of man, and of ultimate reality; questions which deal directly with our understanding of who we are and the meaning and purpose of life. In the belief that there is really very little optimism for our long-range future. At best there seems to be an attitude of waiting for the end, or perhaps of a hope that in the long run things will get better.

Dr. Van Wylen said that nonetheless he has optimism for Hope College and the members of its community, both in the life of the College and in the larger world.

"Why do I believe this? This is because I believe that each person is a child of God and that God has richly endowed us with the gifts of body, mind, and spirit, the capacity to love and be loved, the ability to think, to reason, to judge and to create. He has given us the gifts of love and marriage and sex and children and homes. He has given us the capacity to work, and study, and learn so that we can unravel some of the secrets and more fully understand the creations of God around us. He has given us the gifts of music, art, and drama. He has given us all these gifts to enrich our lives and to enable us to reach the personal freedoms of life and serve God as we recognize Him as the giver of everything and of perfect gift."

"As this understanding of God and ourselves that gives the real dynamic to liberal arts education, for in this view every subject and every aspect of life has significance and is worthy of study because it has something to do with God. Further, in our studies we do not start from scratch but appropriate and build upon the cumulative wisdom of man down through the ages. We are the recipients of a great treasure."

Dr. Van Wylen pinpointed three thoughts which emerge from this view of life and reality which he believes to be particularly relevant to the mission of Hope College. First, he said that the world is open for study and enjoyment. Second, there remains no real distinction between the sacred and the secular. "Every thing has been created by God, and all of this is open to us... We are called to care for and preserve wisely and carefully all its resources. But we exercise this responsibility not simply to preserve the human species or to improve the quality of life, but to fulfill the purpose which God has given us in the world."

Third, the President said that one exercise these responsibilities as part of the human community, rather than in isolation. He described Hope College as "a community of mutual concern and compassion, where we can join together in developing our creative and artistic skills in our study and research, as well as in recreation and sports, and above all in worship."

Concert Calendar

Fall Semester, 1976

**OCTOBER**

7 Music Department Student Recital: Wickers Auditorium, 7:00 P.M.
9 Children's Concert: Hope College Orchestra and "Bozo the Clown"; Holland Christian School, 7:00 and 9:30 P.M.
* 17, 8, 9, "Alice in Wonderland": DeWitt Cultural Center M.T., 8:00 P.M.
10 Faculty Chamber Music Concert: Wickers Auditorium, 3:00 P.M.
12 ELLY AMELING, soprano; Wickers Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
14 Workshop: Ari Kavafian, violinist; Wickers Auditorium, 3:30 P.M.
14 Recital: Ari Kavafian, violinist; Wickers Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
19, 14, 15, 16, "Alice in Wonderland": DeWitt Cultural Center M.T., 8:00 P.M.
29 Faculty Recital: Charles Aschbrenner, pianist; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
29 Senior Recital: Dawn Ingall, clarinetist and Melissa Gutwein, flutist; Wickers Auditorium, 8:45 P.M.

**NOVEMBER**

2 DAVID CRAIGHED, organist; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
3 Organ Master Class: David Craighead; Diment Chapel, 3:30-5:00 P.M.
6 Music Department Student Recital: Diment Chapel, 7:00 P.M.
7 Concert: Hope College Jazz Band; Kletz, 9:30 P.M.
11 Senior Recital: Michael Bayus, organist; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
12 Concert: Hope College Orchestra, with Charles Aschbrenner, pianist, in "Requiem in Blue"; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
14 Faculty Chamber Music Concert: Wickers Auditorium, 3:00 P.M.
17 Workshop: Elly Ameling, voice workshop; Diment Chapel, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
19 ELLY AMELING, soprano; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
21 Senior Recital: Thomas Seel, pianist; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
21 Faculty Recital: Terry Moore, violinist and Joan Conway, pianist; Wickers Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
22 Collegium Musicum Concert: Wickers Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER**

2 Concert: Hope College Band with Robert Whaley, tubist; Diment Chapel, 8:00 P.M.
3 Senior Recital: Robert Ambrose, trombonist and Kathryn Cornell, soprano; Wickers Auditorium, 3:30 P.M.
13, 4, "I, Elizabeth Otis"; DeWitt Cultural Center M.T., 8:00 P.M.
5 Christmas Vespers; Diment Chapel, 2:00, 4:30, 8:00 P.M.
(Complimentary tickets will be honored until 20 minutes before each performance)

**HOLIDAY CONCERTS**

18, 19, 20, 21, 22, "I, Elizabeth Otis"; DeWitt Cultural Center M.T., 8:00 P.M.

*Hope College/Holland College Concert Association—Great Performace Series*

**Hope College Theatre Department Production**

**coming attractions**

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DAY**
November 5 & 6, 1976
High school seniors interested in visiting Hope College.
Contact Office of Admissions, 616-392-5111, ext. 251

**LAMPEN MATHEMATICS CONTEST**
October 30
Math competition for high school juniors and seniors plus a program for their teachers.
Contact John Van Wijlanden, 616-392-5111, ext. 226

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**
Oct. 7–9, 13–16
Hope theatre department presents contemporary version designed for entire family.
Call 616-392-8220 for reservations.

**BLACK AWARENESS DAY**
November 19
For Black high school students interested in visiting Hope College.
Contact Office of Admissions, 616-392-5111, ext. 251

**LATINO DAY**
October 29
For Latino high school students interested in visiting Hope College.
Contact Office of Admissions, 616-392-5111, ext. 251

**NYWERK CUP**
November 6, Holland Civic Center
Competition in music, drama and oratory between women of freshmen and sophomore classes.

**CHRISTMAS VESPERS**
December 5
Therese Services in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Admission by complimentary ticket.

**MODEL UNITED NATIONS**
March 11
For high school students.
Contact Renée Hoekema, 616-392-5111, ext. 228

**PARENTS' WEEKEND**
Parents' Weekend will be November 5–7 with a variety of activities. The weekend will begin at 8 p.m. Friday with a formal reception featuring Dr. Margaret Mead, internationally known anthropologist, in Dimnent Chapel. Afterwards, the Hope Jazz Band will present a concert in the DeWitt Center Kletz. On Saturday morning from 9:30-11 there will be a coffee for parents in the DeWitt Center.

Saturday afternoon the Flying Dutchmen will meet Valparaiso University in football. Afterwards there will be a reception at the President's home.

Saturday night at 8:00 the freshman and sophomore women will compete in the Nywerk Cup at the Civic Center. Admission is free, but get there early because there is always a full house. Afterwards there will be a snack in the DeWitt Center.

It will be a great weekend.

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Homecoming Calendar of Events for Sororities and Fraternities

**Sororities:**
- **Alpha Phi**
  - Saturday, 11:15 a.m. — Alumni Luncheon, Warm Friend Hotel — Blue Room
- **Delta Phi**
  - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. — Alumni Luncheon, Warm Friend Hotel
- **Sigma Sigma**
  - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. — Alumni Luncheon, Holiday Inn
- **Kappa Delta Chi**
  - Saturday, 12:00 noon — Desert, Sorority Room, Gilmore Hall

**Fraternities:**
- **Arcadian**
  - Saturday, After the Game — Buffet, Arcadian House Basement
  - Evening — Dance at the Holiday Inn North, Grand Rapids
- **Centurian**
  - Saturday, After the Game — Open House, Centurian House Fraternity Room
- **Cosmopolitan**
  - Friday, 9:00-11:00 p.m. — Alumni Reception in the newly redecorated Cosmopolitan House Basement
  - Saturday, 6:30 p.m. — Banquet and Dance in honor of alumni at the Holiday Inn
  - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — A before Chapel get-together with coffee and cake
- **Emersonian**
  - Saturday, After the Game — Hors d'oeuvres and punch, Emersonian House Basement
- **Fraternal**
  - Saturday, After the Game — Coffee and doughnuts, Fraternal House Basement
  - Evening — Dance at the Elks Club

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**I'll Be There for Homecoming**

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Name and Class

Street and Number

City, State, and Zip

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Alumni Office
Holland, MI 49423

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The facility includes provisions for the following activities:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Gymnastics
- Wrestling
- Tennis
- Handball
- Baseball (indoor practice)
- Swimming
- Archery

The building has approximately 80,000 square feet which will be utilized as follows:

GYMNASIUM-TYPE SPACE: This space, designed so that it can be divided into three smaller areas, will have flexibility to accommodate basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, gymnastics, and archery. An aerobic track circles the gymnasium at the second floor level.

SWIMMING POOL: This L-shaped pool, which will be used for instructional swimming, lifesaving, water polo, aquatic ballet, and intramural and intercollegiate competitive swimming and diving, has been designed to facilitate competition in either yards or meters.

CONDITIONING AND EXERCISE ROOM: Available to all students for leisure-time conditioning, this room will also be used by conditioning classes, varsity athletes, and persons who need rehabilitative exercise.

DANCE STUDIO: This facility has been designed with certain special features to accommodate a growing program in modern and interpretive dance. It will be available for other recreational uses.

HANDBALL COURTS: Handball and paddleball are among the most popular instructional recreational activities at the College. A balcony will overlook the courts to enhance instructional opportunities.

WRESTLING AND GYMNASICS ROOM: This space will be used for instructional, intramural, and intercollegiate programs in wrestling, and designed for certain gymnastics activities.

CLASSROOMS: Three classrooms, which will also be used for club meetings, varsity and squad meetings, an audio-visual room, a conference room, and a lounge are located on the second floor.

HEALTH CLINIC: The coordination of the health care service with the physical education program is expected to provide an imaginative program of health fitness for the campus community.

HEALTH-FITNESS CENTER: A well-rounded program of physical fitness is proposed for every student, regardless of his/her physical condition. The Health-Fitness Center, located near the Health Clinic, will offer therapy and testing opportunities.

OTHER FACILITIES: The building will include a training room, faculty and staff offices, locker room facilities, and sauna.
that the text is countercultural vis-a-vis liberal democracies. It suggests, though it never explicitly states, an antithetical democratic thrust. Many political democracies share Jimmy Carter’s view of political power: all governmental authority derives from ‘the people.’ At the Democratic Convention, Carter received thunderous applause when he said: “Each time our nation has made a serious mistake, our people have been excluded from the process. The tragedy of Vietnam and Cambodia, the disgrace of Watergate, and the embarrassment of the CIA revelations could have been avoided if our government had reflected the sound judgment, good common sense and high moral character of the American people.

In the familiar circular logic of democratic theory, we obey government ultimately because government obeys us. When it doesn’t, we recognize as right to resist and change it. This conception of government might be called the populist or descending theory of political authority and power. Here original power is located in a Supreme Being who, when the theory is influenced by Christianity, becomes identified with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thus in the fifth St. Augustine wrote that God distributed the laws to humankind through the medium of kings. Again the metaphorical pyramid principle, but now all original power is located at the apex rather than its base. The people “below” have no power at all except what is delegated to them “from above.” All officeholders are appointed ‘from above,’ not elected by popular assembly. The supreme officer is responsible only to God.

The descending thesis was dominant in Europe in the Middle Ages, and has been avoided in modern times by conservative governments.

The temptation is strong, therefore, to make too little of Romans 13, which would not be wise. But neither is it wise to make too much of it. The mistake made by pacifists who abuse the controversial verses is often repeated by political leaders who use the text to legitimate their policies. The classic error of Christian pacifists does not lie in their policies. Their political insights into the definitive political life are somewhat stronger (as Yoder’s The Politics of Jesus amply confirms), and they are being increasingly appreciated outside the camp. Even before the Democratic nomination was captured by Mr. Outside, there was enough natural Christianity about political institutions in America to make this pacifist vision real. If not instantly plausible, at least difficult to dismiss as paranoiac or wildly misconceived.

But as Stephen Mott implied earlier this year (Religious Right, February 1976), the typical weakness in Christian pacifism is its biblicalism: the assumption that the New Testament contains a philosophy adequate to the task of “following Jesus” in politics. The Old Testament (not a favorite of pacifists) is much more concerned with politics than the New, but even there a faithful reader with political interests needs ethical and philosophical considerations to complement his views. Pragmatic faith in God is the real agenda of biblical texts, and it is probably wrong to assume that the meaning of all of them is directly political.

This is true even of Romans 13. It contributes controlling ideals to Christian thought, to be sure, but perhaps the center of the passage is not so much a civic obligation and political power as faith and divine providence. It is Paul’s theological assessment of his experience of Roman citizenship: namely, that the God who raised Jesus is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, continuing to rule history not only above and in spite of governments, but also mysteriously—through them.
Van Vleck Hall an Historic Site

Hope's Van Vleck Hall has been approved by the Michigan Historical Commission as a registered historic site. An official ceremony is presently being planned, and unveiling and dedication are scheduled to occur on Homecoming Saturday Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. according to William C. Wickers '32, a member of the Commission.

Van Vleck Hall was built in 1857, as the first permanent facility of the Holland Academy, chartered in 1866 as Hope College. The building was named after the Rev. John Van Vleck, principal of the institution at the time of construction.

Van Vleck Hall was erected on the highest point of the campus. It originally housed a residence for the principal, classrooms, and a variety of study and assembly rooms. A room also served as the school's first chapel and was used as such until 1862, when a new auditorium was built.

From 1880-1884, the College's library collection was housed in two rooms on the first floor of the facility. Van Vleck Hall was converted into a dormitory for women in the early 1920s and it is still used for this purpose today.

The Hope College Archives Council and the Bicentennial Committee were both instrumental in achieving this recognition for Van Vleck Hall. The approval of the building as a historic site will result in the second Michigan Historical Commission marker to be placed on Hope's campus. The first marker, located on the west lawn of Graves Hall, was dedicated on May 24, 1963 and recognizes the founding of the Pioneer School, the Holland Academy, and Hope College.

Oral History Probes China

What's like for a single woman in an upcountry village in China in 1947? Or a doctor or nurse newly arrived and confronted by the dirt, the disease, the strangeness of culture and language? For that matter, was Amoy really the largest city in the world as a Danish encyclopedia claimed in the 1920s? What effect did the tremendous missionary effort in China have? What was it like for the Chinese and the missionaries under the Communists, and what do the former missionaries think today of recent American moves toward defense and talk of the incredible progress of the "new China"? These are few of the questions that Hope College's Old China Hand Oral History Project tried to explore this summer through the use of Oral History.

The answers were often quite interesting, according to the three students involved in the project. Participants included: Greg Carlson, a junior from Columbus, Ohio; Nancy Swynden, a senior from Northbrook, N.Y.; and Dave VanderHaa, a 1976 graduate from Orange City, Iowa. These students quickly learned that "Old China Handy" have more than their share of stories to tell. A China missionary's experiences were often quite dramatic. But Oral History is more than simply storytelling. Essentially, Oral History is pertinent questions asked by prepared individuals and answers given by experienced individuals, individuals who have witnessed or been involved in important, interesting or unusual events. A great deal of research goes into the period, the area of study and what is already known before any questions are asked. Oral History attempts to get at facts, feelings, prejudices and impressions that will help future historians better understand the past. The interviews are recorded, transcribed, finally typed and deposited in an archive for use by future historians as invaluable source material.

The project at Hope focused on the Reformed Church mission experience in Amoy. Fukuin China was unique because of its lack of denominationalism and early union work with the English Presbyterians and London Missionary Society. As far as is known, this is the first oral history of a particular denomination's mission efforts. While under the direction of professor of religion Dr. Elton Bruins, and assistant professor of history Dr. C. Larry Penrose, the project was very much student oriented. The three students formulated and researched the questions, interviewed the former missionaries, transcribed the interviews and generally administered the project. During the course of 10 weeks, 13 interviews were held with 10 different missionaries in the Holland/Grand Rapids area.

Among the interviewees were many Hope graduates, including Miss Ruth Brokken '23, Miss Jane Watwood '30, and Miss Janet Voldman '20. Dr. Harold Voldman '23 and his wife, the former Pearl Peet '24, and Dr. J. Dale Van Ruiten '23 were also interviewed. Almost 400 pages of transcripts resulted from the interviews. Dr. Bruins hopes these will be the first of many in an expanding Oral History collection for the Hope College Archives.

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Kresge Foundation Goes
P.E. Challenge Grant

The Trustees of The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., have awarded a $300,000 challenge grant to Hope College toward the construction of a new physical education and health center.

The grant was announced by William H. Baldwin, president of The Kresge Foundation, to President Gordon J. Van Wylen.

The grant brings construction of the $1.2 million center closer to reality. The College has received nearly $3 million in gifts and pledges for the building.

The Kresge Foundation, one of the largest in the United States in size of assets and appropriations, was created in 1924 solely through the gifts of the late S. Lyman Kresge, founder of the S. Lyman Kresge Company. However, the Company and the Foundation are not related in any way.

As a young man, Kresge had been taught to serve his church, to work hard, and to save a good share of what he earned and to help his fellow men. He never doubted the helplessness of the simple, abiding rules of conduct and they were observed by him with the same devotion at the end of his days as they had been in his youth. For him, gathering of money was a means to the end of giving it away since he deeply believed that helping his fellow men was a natural response to his material success.

The Foundation strives to perpetuate Mr. Kresge’s deep concern for the betterment of human conditions.

The purpose on which The Kresge Foundation was founded and continues to serve parallels the challenge which Hope College is seeking to meet, said President Van Wylen. "Our basic purpose is to offer programs of excellence in liberal arts education at the undergraduate level. Of utmost importance in fulfilling the mission is the establishment of a learning environment in which students will develop their full potential and abilities. The new physical education and health center will enable us to provide quality programs already in existence and give us the opportunity to develop new programs."

The Kresge Foundation has made three previous major gifts to Hope College. In 1960 the Foundation awarded a $50,000 gift toward the construction of the college’s physics mathematics building. In 1966 it presented a $25,000 gift to the DeWitt Student and Cultural Center. A $50,000 challenge grant in 1970 spearheaded a campaign to raise funds to build the Poole Science Center.

Contributions to Hope College for all purposes during the 1975-76 fiscal year increased 21% from the previous year according to President Van Wylen.

Gifts to all funds for the year ending June 30 totaled $2,013,535 as compared to $1,655,490 during the previous year.

We are appreciative of every person, business, foundation and church who supported the College this past year, said President Van Wylen. "One of the most exciting and rewarding aspects of the year has been the great increase in the participation of alumni and friends in the Annual Fund and other support of the College."

In 1975-76, 2,645 alumni shared in the work of the College through their gifts: in 1974-75, the number increased to 3,895 which represents 33% of all living alumni. This past year the total alumni giving to the Annual Fund was $163,362 as compared to $140,454 in 1974-75. Total giving from alumni for all purposes was $618,116. Gifts received with the purpose of the previous year’s income were operations $685,378 ($585,078), capital $984,169 ($995,139), endowment $126,786 ($119,262), program $66,925 ($94,418), bequests $627,332 ($101,953) and annuity agreements and trusts $179,343 ($459,591).

"We are proud of the external support we received from our friends and we know that the financial stability of Hope College is dependent upon the sustained interest of our many constituencies for the College," said William K. Anderson, vice president for business and planning. "The year ahead will again be very challenging financially and we are actively pursuing the means of meeting the needs of the campus and the College."
Appointment Affirms Commitment to Women's Sports

As a woman who claims that "at one time or another every sport has been my favorite," Dr. Anne Irwin seems the ideal choice for Hope's first director of athletics for women.

Dr. Irwin, who was appointed this summer, states two main goals she hopes to work toward at Hope: "to have the courage to upgrade the women's program and get it comparable to the men's program. I don't see this happening immediately because of finances, but rather gradually over a period of time."

She notes that she would like to add physical educators at Hope as exceptionally supportive of women's sports programs.

She also hopes to develop a recruiting system which would "actively try to find women who can make a contribution to Hope in athletics as well as in other areas."

Dr. Irwin holds the academic rank of assistant professor of physical education at Hope and in addition to teaching duties is responsible for coordinating the programs of the College's six varsity women's athletic teams (softball, volleyball, basketball, archery, field hockey, and tennis). Dr. Irwin brings to the post an extensive background in both coaching and academic participation in athletics. She received the Ph. D. degree from Michigan State University. She holds the M.A. degree in physical education from Western Reserve University and the B.S. degree in physical education from the University of Michigan.

Since 1974 she has taught bio-mechanics and coached the volleyball team at Queen College, Flushing, N. Y. From 1969-74 she was a graduate assistant at M.S.U. with coaching responsibilities in women's gymnastics, field hockey and softball. She was a teacher and coach at the Ridgeview Junior High School in Grand Rapids, Mich. from 1966-69.

In addition, Dr. Irwin says, "I have always been really active in sports. Through training, I mustn't have been involved in anything very organized until high school. Then I was anxious to get into a situation where I would be coaching. Up until then, I had been playing with neighbors and brothers."

Dr. Irwin has had the variety in sports except basketball as a high school freshman. She has participated in national AAU basketball and A.A. tennis, softball tournaments and as a junior high school student she finished second in a national archery tournament. Her athletic endeavors have included the challenge of Hope College's women's varsity teams in field hockey, women's basketball and tennis.

Dr. Irwin believes that one of the greatest strides women's athletics has made in the last 25 years is the fact that physical educators and coaches today see "good competition" as an integral part of their programs.

"When I was in school, we faced the other women who were entirely against competition," she says.

Competition is vital for the athlete, Dr. Irwin maintains. "The values are to some extent personal to each individual. You get the feeling of belonging to something as an athlete, you learn about goal setting, how to communicate with your peers to accomplish goals, and how to socially get along with others and remain on your teammates, both in and out of competition."

"But I think the most important value of competition is that it's an opportunity to learn to the maximum—doing something the best you can possibly do it, sometimes winning and sometimes losing but feeling good about it either way."

Dr. Irwin's appointment is the result of increased media coverage the public is starting to realize that "women can compete at a level of competence that is interesting to the spectator." Dr. Irwin has been responsible for expanding the women's physical education program at Hope College to include opportunities for women to compete in an organized program of sports. Women's programs have been coordinated by women, and directed at the top by women.

The new Physical Education Center will reflect our philosophy of sport for all students, both men and women. We look forward to the participation of the P.E. Center and know that the future for both men's and women's athletics at Hope is indeed bright."

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**SOCCER Schedule**

- Penn: Sept. 11, 130 P.M.
- MIAA Meet: Oct. 22, 1200 Noon
- Calvin: Oct. 19, 1000 P.M.
- Olivet: Oct. 5, 1000 P.M.
- Alma: Oct. 11, 1000 P.M.
- Kalamazoo: Oct. 15, 1000 P.M.
- Olivet: Nov. 2, 1000 P.M.
- Kalamazoo: Nov. 5, 1000 P.M.
- Hope Invitational: Dec. 7, 1:00 A.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 10, 1:00 A.M.
- Olivet: Feb. 17, 1:00 A.M.
- MIAA Meet: March 3-5, 1:00 A.M.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL Schedule**

- Wheaton Tourney: Nov. 29, 8:00 P.M.
- Trinity Christian: Dec. 1, 8:00 P.M.
- Concordia: Dec. 4, 8:00 P.M.
- Augus: Dec. 8, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Jan. 11, 8:00 P.M.
- Lake Forest: Jan. 18, 8:00 P.M.
- Olivet: Feb. 2, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Feb. 16, 8:00 P.M.
- Adrian: Feb. 26, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: March 2, 8:00 P.M.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Schedule**

- Grace: Jan. 14, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Jan. 11, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 2, 8:00 P.M.
- Saginaw Valley: Feb. 24, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Feb. 19, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 17, 8:00 P.M.
- Saginaw Valley: Feb. 2, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 19, 8:00 P.M.
- State Tournament: March 3-5, 8:00 P.M.

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**GRACIAS Center**

- Women's Invitational: Feb. 19, 8:00 P.M.

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**Golf Schedule**

- Purdue Invitational: Sept. 17, 11:00 A.M.
- MIAA Meet: Oct. 22, 1200 Noon
- MIAA Meet: Oct. 23, 1000 A.M.

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**Cross Country Schedule**

- Hope Invitational: Sept. 21, 4:00 P.M.
- MIAA Meet: Oct. 22, 1:30 P.M.
- Calvin: Oct. 27, 1:30 P.M.
- Olivet: Nov. 5, 1:30 P.M.
- NCAA Division III Championship Meet: Nov. 13, 11:00 A.M.

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**Women's Volleyball Schedule**

- Grace: Dec. 4, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Dec. 7, 8:00 P.M.
- Ferris State: Jan. 14, 8:00 P.M.
- GRCC: Jan. 14, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Jan. 22, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Jan. 22, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 12, 8:00 P.M.
- Findlay: Feb. 12, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 15, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: Feb. 21, 8:00 P.M.
- Calvin: March 12, 8:00 P.M.
Participates in Scot Bicentennial Tribute


Princeton University chose the 200th anniversary of American independence to seek to place a plaque at Witherspoon’s memory in Paisley Abbey, the church of the Laih Kirk where he ministered from 1727-28.

According to the service’s program, “The Kirk Session of Paisley Abbey are happy to accede to this request and give expression in this notable year to the historic links between Scotland and the United States of America.”

Rev. Kaufman says, “The service was a real ‘kick back’ to the medieval church: a federal setting, a congregation with mass and formal regalia, concluding with a participants’ reception. Incredible—thought it only happened in the Late Show.”

Rev. Kaufman is pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Perry, N.Y. He served for eight weeks over the summer church calendar in change preacher at Martyr’s Kirk in Paisley. He and his wife Mary also spent some time traveling before returning to America.

Big Sisters Honor Alumna for Service

Arthid Brower ’60 DeFoe, executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Lansing (Mich.), was given the Award for Distinguished Service 1970-1976 by Big Sisters International at its recent annual meeting in Indianapolis.

DeFoe was on the steering committee that helped form Big Sisters International in 1970. She has been on the board of directors, and is now a professional advisor to the board. She started the Big Sister program in Lansing and was instrumental in the creation of Big Sisters of Michigan in 1964.

A member of the Michigan Chapter of the National Crime and Delinquency Council, she is chairman of its Juvenile Justice Committee. Mrs. DeFoe was named an Outstanding Young Woman in America in 1970. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Family Ecology at Michigan State University.

Big Sisters International is an organization that works through over 100 local agencies to match a young girl from a single-parent home with a mature woman who provides care, guidance and friendship on a one-to-one basis.

HOPE’S NEW THIRD GENERATION STUDENTS—Pictured are:


TerMolen Heads Art Institute Development

Larry R. TerMolen '68 has been named vice president for development of the Art Institute of Chicago. He resigned in late Autumn from his position as director of development, a post he was appointed to in 1979. He will oversee the Institute's continuing development and fundraising efforts.

TerMolen, an alumnus of the University of Michigan, was appointed to his current position in 1979. He has served on the Institute's Board of Directors since 1981.

TerMolen worked with the university's chancellor in spearheading one of the largest fundraising programs in the history of higher education.

During his undergraduate years, TerMolen was a member of Hope's football team and a second team little American in 1968. He received his B.S. in psychology from the University of Michigan in 1973.

TerMolen returned to Hope in 1974 to become assistant director of admissions, following employment with the Central Intelligence Agency. After becoming involved in Hope's development work in 1975, he assumed his current position in June 1987.

He is married to TerMolen and has three children.

Class Notes

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The Rev. William Zoerner '22 and his wife, Magdalene DeYoung '23, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in June. Their home is now located in Holland, Michigan.

Roger W. Haynes '40 has announced his resignation in late August as president of the American Council on Education. He has been appointed as president of the Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Rev. Chester Postma '40 has been appointed as director of admissions at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The Rev. Oliver Page '41 and his wife, Evelyn, were married in May at a ceremony attended by friends and relatives. Mr. Page has served as registrar at the University of Michigan since 1945.

The Rev. Richard Hine '41 has been named as associate pastor at the Rosewood Reformed Church, Detroit, Michigan.

The Rev. William Vandenberg '45 has accepted a call to the Valley Springs (S.D.) Reformed Church.

Martha Felton '47 was recently listed by Who's Who in the Midwest. She is now working toward her Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

Dr. James J. McEwen '48 has been appointed as president of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Renze Hookes '56 has been appointed as assistant professor of political science at Indiana University.

Dr. Donald E. DeWitt '50 is educational coordinator of the new program in Kalamazoo, Michigan, which will provide residency training for doctors specializing in family practice. The program is operated by the Western Michigan University.

The Rev. Abraham DeWitt '50 has accepted a call to the First Reformed Church of Muskegon, Michigan.

Alumni College 1976

The Alumni College is a two-week program designed to bring together alumni from different classes and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences.

The program features lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and social events. It is open to all alumni, regardless of class year.

Please reserve your place in the Alumni College by sending a check for $200 for each person. Enclosed checks are payable to Hope College Alumni College Program.

Deadline: October 1, 1976

Name

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City, State, Zip

Send to: Alumni Office, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423
The Rev. James R. Estes '63 has accepted a call to the Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N.J.
Barbara Walvoord '63 is returning to her home in Westmoreland, Pa., where she will continue her work as a chemist.
Edward Prince '58 is a professor of biochemistry at the University of California, San Francisco.
The Rev. Lynn Gooden '63 is serving as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Mich.
Dr. Donald Vanasse '63 and his family recently returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. He is teaching at the University of Michigan.
Alice VanKuveling '59 is an attorney for Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dr. R. Gordon Webster '63 has accepted a call to the First Reformed Church of Austin, Tex.
Dr. Stanley Young '63 has been appointed associate professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.
Leif Weidman '63 has been appointed associate professor of physics at the University of Michigan.
Marcia DeSoto '64 has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry at Miami University, Ohio.
Dr. David Waddell '66 has been appointed assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon.

marriages

Steven Berger '76 and Kathy Kitcherman '75, July 17, 1979, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Dr. Jack Reedy and Helen Zeel '74, June 18, 1979, Skagway, Alaska.
Jeff Good '74 and Mary Good '75, July 18, 1979, Lake Oswego, Ore.
Philip Rose '73 and Barbara Schulman '72, June 12, 1979, Holland, Mich.
Roger Ryanko and Janet Koop '75, Sept. 31, 1979, Hamilton, Ohio.
David Bus '76 and Pamela Shaddy '75, July 10, 1979, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Barbara Swartz '76 and James Evers '75, June 26, 1979, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Dan Rumaws '73 and Barbara Smith '76, July 10, 1979, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Margaret Brumley '73 and Cynthia Elder '72, July 2, 1979, Jenison, Mich.
Susan Blythe '73 and Helen Smith '76, July 10, 1979, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Robert Carter and Judith Rome '71, Jan. 27, 1979, New York City.
Dan Clift '66 and Nancy Oliver '73, July 15, 1979, Royal Oak, Mich.
Peter Dejong '75 and Mary Jane Myers '76, June 19, 1979, Buffalo, N.Y.
Phillip Halsma '75 and Mary Chadwick '73, June 19, 1979, Minneapolis, Minn.
Keith Derrick '76 and Rebech Norden '76, Aug. 20, 1979, Holland, Mich.
David DeVos '73 and Mary Mendel '74, Aug. 15, 1979, Holland, Mich.
Robert Douglas '75 and Terry Steen '75, May 22, 1979, Chicago, Ill.
Arden Eberly and Geraldine Terson '75, June 26, 1979, Muskegon, Mich.
Ference Long '76 and Jan Laman '76, May 9, 1979, Holland, Mich.
Timothy Hartman '76 and Teresa Bottoms, May 29, 1979, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Andrew Hofer '75 and Jane VanderMeulen '70, July 12, 1979, Tyler, Tex.

Walter Bronitsius '66 is a professor of biology at the University of Michigan.

be our guest

The Alumni House provides convenient lodging for alumni and friends visiting Hope College. The proximity of the house to all college buildings enables guests to make the most of their time on campus, whether their visit be for business or pleasure.

Rates per night for Alumni House lodging are as follows:
- Master Bedroom: $10.00 single
- Double Room: $8.00 single, $16.00 double
- Blue Room: $10.00 single, $20.00 double
- Green Room: $7.00 single

For reservations call the Alumni Office, (616) 392-5111, ext. 2261.

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Nancy Johnson '65 completed her fourth year of teaching in Commercial Township, N.J. last May. She also serves as librarian for the district and two of its schools.

John '64 and Jenny Otten '71 Brouwer, Scott '71, were married in May 1975. Dick '67 and January '75, 1975.

Dr. Bruce Droegue '71 M.Div., Western Theological Seminary, May, 1975. Dr. John Sittser '71, was ordained as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.


Dr. Jerry Blank '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Rev. M. D. '71, for the federal prison in Englewood, Colo.


Dorothy S. Brown '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Claverkite (N.Y.) Community Church, May 1975.

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The Rev. John B. Smith '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lynda '61 and Jerry '69 Paulson, Grand Rapids, Mich. Mary Schmidt '73 was ordained as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert Bruce '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert J. Smith '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

John Schmidt '73 is the youth director for the Park Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert VanHouten '71 M.A., Central Michigan University, May 1975.

Richard '71 and Lynne Musnick '71, Scarsdale, N.Y. May 29, 1975, North Palm Beach, Fla.

Madeline S. Miller '71 and Warren D. Johnson '71, was ordained and installed as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Richard '71 and Lynne Musnick '71, Scarsdale, N.Y. May 29, 1975, North Palm Beach, Fla.

Carolyn Ringsmith 73 Ottemess '73, was ordained and installed as pastor of the VanAndel Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert Shankel '73 is employed by the C.P.A. firm of Taxe, Ross Co.

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Jimmy Carter and the Riddle of Romans 13

By Wayne Boulton

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed. And they who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. (Rom. 13:1-4)

It is always states to be marching in fresh from the Middle Ages. No biblical passage continues to provoke quite as much controversy in Christian political thought as those verses from the 13th chapter of Paul's letter to the church at Rome. Exactly why this is so is illustrated nicely in the spectacular rise of Jimmy Carter in American political life.

Carter has successfully projected into the presidential campaign the traditional Christian "beyond politics" position, the essential framework for Romans 13. Second, the master stroke of Carter's ascendency to date has been his capacity to exploit a widespread disaffection for established politicians and political institutions in American culture—a mood, quite similar to that attitude of early Christians to which Paul was responding in Romans 13. Finally, Carter's democratic view of political power contradicts another theory implied in Romans 13—and that disparity suggests why the texts is likely to remain a riddle in democratic countries.

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I.

There is no single factor that accounts for Carter's triumph in the Democratic party. Even he admits that he has been lucky, such Democratic heavyweights as Ted Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey either refused to run or remained an ally about running until it was too late. Carter has been at it a while, running for President full-time for close to two years. His staff has proved to be disciplined and competent, predicting correctly that intense media coverage of early primaries could be used to transform an essentially regional candidate into a national one.

But above all, what has launched Jimmy Carter's success story this year is what most infuriates life critics: his ability to present himself as above politics, as somehow outside the machinery that gave us Watergate, Vietnam and the welfare mess. No special interest groups, he claims, have forced him to compromise. Speech after speech is laced with apolitical themes—"love," "compas-

sion," "unity," "the simple decency of our people."

Now there is nothing necessarily devious about such a posture in a political campaign, and Carter's success shows that the time is surely right for it. Weary of war and scandal, Americans are looking for a President who not only can speak of compassion and high moral purpose, but can embody them and elect them. The trouble is, as Congressman Morris Udall pointed out during the primaries, that Carter's moral rhetoric can be a source of confusion and fuzziness in the polls—a contentious word of conflicting aims and ambitions—and that it may be a sign of inflexible self-righteousness.

What gives coherence and shape to Carter's above-it-all morality is his religion. He is an evangelical Christian, a Southern Baptist, "born again" ten years ago, and probably the first presidential candidate in U.S. history to assert publicly that Jesus is the main influence in his life. "Jesus Christ is first in my life," he has said, "even before politics."

Those puzzled by Carter's morality are usually mystified and vaguely disturbed by this sort of statement. Yet the words nicely summarize his position, at the same time suggesting two necessary marks of the Christian movement in political life. First, authentic Christianity drives beyond politics; there is an eschatological, apocalyptic thrust in the Christian common which was most evident in the anti-institutional, pacifist posture of the early church. Second, Christians do have a role to play in politics, and that is neither to withdraw from politics nor to transform it into something completely new. The first point is made indirectly in the New Testament. The second was eloquently stated by St. Augustine when he set forth his two-volume thesis in The City of God. In Scripture it is the peculiar burden of Paul's argument in the first part of Romans 13.

II.

The political implications of biblical Christianity have certainly not been ignored in contemporary scholarship. The question is too complex to treat fully here. But some definition must be given to the word "political."

Politics is a special kind of activity which has existed since the time of the first human communities. The doing of politics defines a distinct region, the public realm. Its essence is always plurality, conflict, difference of opinion. To be sure, some sort of agreement is the goal of many political processes (the 76 Democratic Convention for example), but the reconciliation is by definition temporary. For the political realm is populated by individuals with hopes, fears and ambitions. Thus politics is forever the delicate art of compromise and conciliation. British journalist Henry Fairlie has written that political decisions involve "interests which conflict, and are hard to reconcile, wills which cannot be commanded or at best only persuaded, resources which are limited but on which the claims are many; support which must be weighed and re-weighted and may at any time slip away."

When we define politics in this way, is there a distinctively Christian assessment of political life? When we put this question to the New Testament, we find the answer moving in two different directions. On the one hand, all of Scripture is firm in its resistance to polytheism, which in this case would mean marking off the public realm as a particularly demonic (or salutary) sphere. One of the most frequent claims in the Bible is that "the Lord your God is one, sovereign in and over all spheres of life, including politics, and demanding obedience there as well as elsewhere."

At the same time there are strong antipathetical themes in the New Testament, most clearly in the doctrine and apocalyptic literature. The situation could hardly be otherwise, since the complicity of Roman and Jewish political establishments in the annihilation of Jesus was a decisive experience in the memory of early Christians. "The light shines in the darkness. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not" (John 1:9). There are even suggestions that the state is demonic (Rev. 13), that police is "of this world" and to be hated (I John), and that politicians will never understand Christianity because it is otherwise (John 10).

The separatism of Carter's Southern Baptist is an influential doctrine emphasizing precisely this antithesis between Christianity and politics, insisting that the best political order is one in which a "wall" exists between church and state. But the group that has most fully grasped the ethical sig-