Blankenspoor named National Professor of the Year

by Carrie Maples

co-editor

One of the nations top honors for a college professor has gone to a member of the Hope faculty this year. Dr. Harvey Blankenspoor, professor of biology has been named 1991 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Blankenspoor from 439 instructors nominated by institutions across the country. The Carnegie Foundation provides a cash award of $10,000 to the top professor.

"CASE is pleased to recognize Harvey Blankenspoor for his tremendous commitment to teaching, and his efforts to involve undergraduate students in the United States and abroad in important scientific research," said Peter M. Buchanan, president of CASE.

"As we begin a second decade of honoring outstanding teaching, CASE is privileged to celebrate the achievements of Harvey Blankenspoor."

Blankenspoor's research takes him all over the world. In his work in researching deadly parasites involves students in all the countries he has worked in. Closest to home Blankenspoor's research centers around "swimmer's itch," a parasite that is prevalent in 30 states.

"Harvey Blankenspoor is a master teacher, not only of the knowledge and skill needed for research in biology, but also of the practical importance of that research in addressing the problems that afflict mankind. To his students he is an example of caring as well as competence," commented President John Jacobson.

Students reflect the same attitude toward Blankenspoor. "He's been an inspiration, and he seems to know everything about," said Melissa Vander Jagt ('92). "I think we've all learned a lot from him."

Jason Evert ('93) worked with Blankenspoor this summer on the "swimmer's itch" research. He said "He was always interested in teaching us other things about biology, besides the research we were doing. And he was always willing to talk about anything--whether it had to do with research, careers or just our personal lives, even."

According to colleagues, while Blankenspoor cares a great deal for his research, his students are his prime concern.

"Dr. Donald Cronkite, chairperson of the biology department, said, "He told me that there comes a time when a teacher becomes more interested in the students than in the subject matter, that he cares more about helping the student succeed than in preserving a body of information in the discipline...if you know how much Harvey cares about his discipline, you begin to understand the deep significance of his philosophy."

"I think teaching through research is a wonderful approach because it breaks down the barriers between professor and student. You interact, and you talk, and you laugh and you play, and you talk about attitudes—it's really the student getting to know the prof in addition to the subject matter he or she presents.

"In addition, I think Hope students are far in advance of the average undergraduate that graduates because they have had that research experience," said Blankenspoor. "Our students choose a problem, analyze data, make improvements, present findings, and talk to the media and public. Those are all things that researchers are really all about, and that's what Hope College is.

Blankenspoor also puts emphasis on helping people through his research. Much of the work he has done on parasitological diseases has increased proper diagnosis and treatment. "He has very deep social and spiritual concerns," said Jacobson. "His research is of a kind that is of immediate benefit to people who suffer, and I know that wherever he goes he also links up with missionaries and involves himself in missions."

"I think that he exemplifies in an especially fine way all of the best characteristics that we find among members of the Hope faculty," he said.

Blankenspoor notes that it always comes back to his deep faith and Christian convictions. "The heart of the whole matter of why I like to do things that help people, the core, is my faith. The Christian commitment that I have to be concerned about other people and to be of service to them."

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Blankenspoor earned his B.A. from Westminster College (Ia.) in 1963, and both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He was an assistant professor of zoology at the University of Michigan from 1972-1976. Blankenspoor joined the Hope faculty in 1976 and currently spends alternating summers teaching zoology at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston.

CASE began the annual Professor of the Year competition in 1981 to recognize undergraduate faculty members for extraordinary commitment to undergraduate teaching, for their contributions to the lives and careers of students, and their service to their institutions and the teaching profession. CASE began state competitions in 1985.

"Torre d'amore" by Robert Vickers

An exhibition of the work of the late Robert Vickers, who was a professor of art at Hope until his death in 1988, is presently showing in the DePre Gallery. This work, Torre d'amore, is part of the show which lasts until Sept. 27. P.R. Photo (See story Pg. 3)
Second annual Homeless-athon to be held in Pine Grove

**News**

by Theresa L. Hamilton
staff writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1991, the second annual Homeless-athon will be held in the Pine Grove from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following morning.

Last year, Todd E. Abbott (92) and Timothy Grotenhuis (92) felt they needed to become involved in helping the large number of homeless people in the U.S. They created the idea of having Hope College students sleep in cardboard boxes in the Pine Grove. Last year, only 20 people were expected to attend the event, so it came as a big surprise when over 220 students showed up to help raise money for the homeless. This year, an even larger attendance is expected.

To take part in this event, you must acquire a sponsor sheet from Phelps Hall or Maas lobby during lunch and dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 11, Thursday, Sept. 12, and Friday, Sept. 13. In addition, these forms can be obtained in the chapel the entire week before the Homeless-athon.

Once you have received the necessary forms, you must find people to sponsor you. The money collected must be taken to the Chaplain's office before the actual event occurs.

These are two items which the Homeless-athon hopes to accomplish. "One is to make people more aware of the homeless problem...the second thing is to raise money."

Last year, Hope College raised over $2200 to donate to Heartside Ministry in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

When asked what needs to be done in the future, Grotenhuis replied, "There has to be some organization that will recognize relief efforts and then education must follow...and you've got to give people incentives to work, to not be homeless, but until then...you just got to deal with your conscience."

A number of Hope students got involved with the Homeless-athon last year. Here several gather together in shelters made of cardboard or in blankets to keep warm.

Photo by Tim Grotenhuis

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**Police crack down on parties**

by Cami Reiter
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As Hope College students celebrated the first weekend back at school, Holland police were paroling the area and responding to complaints by local residents.

Several off-campus parties were underway on the weekend of August 30, and more than a few of those parties were broken up by Holland police.

As a result, several students were taken down to the station for questioning.

According to Sgt. Robert DeVries of the Holland Police Community Relations Department, they received telephone complaints to several of the parties.

At a few of the houses undercover police were used in an attempt to prevent any illegal sale of alcohol which is a felony charge under the law. Some students were questioned on this, however no official charges were made and the students were not arrested.

Sandy Alsipach, a professor in Hope College's Communications Department, lives in the campus area and has only had to deal with a few problems of off-campus parties.

According to Alsipach, it has been difficult for her to register a complaint the few times when she has done so.

"I am sympathetic with the students and the police have been taking.

DeVries also said the police have met with the students themselves through groups such as IFC to give them ideas for controlling parties.

The police are not concentrating only on the problems the campus area has had with gangs and crime in the past few months. Parties are a magnet for trouble," said Alsipach, "the students could become targets.

This is also one of Sgt. DeVries concerns. There are many things the police would rather be doing, said DeVries, however they also must deal with the complaints and parties.

"Large parties get out of hand and cause problems," stated DeVries.

According to DeVries, this is not a major change from previous years, and students should not be surprised at the actions the police have been taking.

"We did send a letter addressed to all students, put out by the chief of police," said DeVries.

The purpose of the letter was to make students aware of the consequences of large parties and why the actions would be taken.

DeVries also said the police have met with the students themselves through groups such as IFC to give them ideas for controlling parties.

The police are not concentrating only on the college students, said DeVries, "We enforce throughout the city not just Hope College."

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**SAC kicks off new year with concert in Kletz**

by Steve Kaukonen
co-editor

The 1991 Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year, Carl Rosen will be coming to Hope's Campus as the Student Activity Committee (SAC) kicks off their entertainment year this Friday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Kletz.

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In addition to the entertainment, there will be a raffle sponsored by SAC with $500 worth of prizes to be given away from over 30 downtown businesses. Gifts range from gift certificates to clothing, compact discs to t-shirts, and hair cuts to season passes.

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**Dr. Harvey Blankenspoor and research assistants work in Lake Leelanau**

P.R. photo
Soviet Union faces major reorganization

by Reynolds Brinserden

staff writer

Within the past few weeks many changes have taken place, at least in the American university campus but also on the other side of the globe. The Soviet Union experienced an attempted coup by Communist Party hard-liners. Although President Reagan has a great deal of experience with the Soviet situation, Penrose was involved in military intelligence in 1960 where he attended the United States Language School. During his graduate work he studied the Middle East along with Russian. For his graduate work Penrose specialized in studying the Turks of Soviet Central Asia. In 1973, he took a vacation in the Soviet Union where he did his doctoral research. He returned to the Soviet Union in the fall of 1990 and again in the spring of 1991. Penrose has become an authority on Soviet affairs.

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March to Hope is a student community service project that started 18 years ago as a program of outreach to inner-city youth. Smith said the object of the march is to build self-esteem in the children, but that the best benefit is the impact on the college students.

Out of 40 students who applied for the march, 28 were accepted pm a first-come, first-serve basis. Their partners were chosen by social workers in the Muskegon area. Jun Matsumuro ('92) said he decided to participate in the march because, “I like hiking and camping. Also I like playing with kids.”

Preparation for the march consisted in buying a mess kit and supplies, packing clothing, and establishing contact with one’s partner through a letter or phone call. Matsumuro said his preparation included a review of star constellations and CPR as well.

A typical day’s activities on the march began with eating breakfast, putting away the lent, and then hiking with breaks for lunch and rest. The marchers reached an agreed campsite in the afternoon, where they set up tents, ate dinner, and were then free to play with kids and generally have fun.

Matsumuro named a wide variety of activities in which he learned many simple things from the march, like pulling up poison ivy and how to wash dishes with sand. He also tried to teach his partner practical outdoor living tips, such as how to identify poison ivy and how to wash dishes with sand. "I liked it very much. I wish I could join next year too," Matsumuro said.

Ayako Kuroda ('94) a Japanese Hope student who participated in the march, said she was glad she went and that the experience turned out better than she expected. "I thought the kids would be really difficult to handle. But... they are kids. I mean, they're simple. If I approach more and more, they approach back more and more," she said, explaining how she established relationships with the children.

Kuroda said that dealing with the kids was often a frustrating experience, especially trying to get them to help out when they would rather be “grooming around.” In addition, most of the kids hated hiking and claimed they did not want to repeat the experience. But Kuroda turned out better than she expected.

“She strongly recommends March to Hope as a way of taking a break from work, having fun, and gaining credit for school." Kuroda said that the learned many simple things from the march, like putting up a tent and being creative with cooking. "The food they provide is always the same, so you have to make changes," she said.

In addition, Kuroda learned that, “Kids are kids, no matter where they’re from, no matter what language they speak.”

Stacey Broersma ('92), a business major, said that although the march was difficult, she is glad she went. "It was difficult, challenging. But overall you felt like you really help the kids." Broersma said that dealing with the kids was frustrating at first, but things got easier as the march went on. She said the best part of the experience was watching the kids open up and develop friendships with their partners and each other. "Once they got there and had time to interact with each other, I think they really enjoyed it.”

She also said that the march helped the kids feel they had accomplished something. "We walked around this island with backpacks which were very heavy over rocks and sand, and that gave them a feeling of accomplishment. It reinforced a good feeling in them, which is one of the reasons they want to come back." Broersma said she learned a lot from the experience and it helped open her eyes to some of the problems inner-city kids face.

"It was a challenge to help them. That was definitely something that was really rewarding. I’m glad that I did it... I had a really good time.”

The students returned from the march August 20. Each student will receive three credits in either education or physical education for the seven-day experience.

March to Hope was made possible through a grant of $2500 from Michigan Campus Compact.
Many more recycled products have been made available for students

Bookstore brings products with a conscience

by Heather Mumby
staff writer

If you've been at Hope-Geneva Bookstore lately, you've probably noticed those little green signs hanging around. If you took a closer look, you'd see that they indicate recycled products are nothing new to the bookstore; last year students had access to a variety of what's been made available. These are not just your typical paper notebooks and folders; there are also ring binders, post-it notes, envelopes, and greeting cards. All of these items are also available in non-recycled form. However, the bookstore has made a conscious choice to carry plastic disk holders and note card boxes made from only recycled plastic. Aside from your recycled products there are other environmentally safe items such as biodegradable transparent tape, scissors which offer a free tree with each purchase, reusable cloth shopping bags to use in place of the paper and plastic ones in current stock, and the ever-popular Rain Forest Crunch.

When asked how they were doing, bookstore employee Sarah Anderson replied, "Response has been only lukewarm." It seems that many of the recycled items are a little more expensive than the old products and the most students come in looking for bargains. These higher prices shouldn't be a problem for very long. Once the demand for this recycled merchandise grows and people start buying more, the prices should go down. Before you start feeling great about that "recycled" product you bought, you should know something; not all companies are being completely honest when they label their merchandise "recycled." The only way you can be completely sure you're really helping the cause is if you purchase an item labeled "100 percent post-consumer recycled." This means that it is made from only those materials that have been turned in by other people for recycling. Not a single new tree has been destroyed to make it. Many companies which label their merchandise "recycled" actually use scraps left over from other products. While this is good too, it doesn't really help because the same amount of trees are being cut down as before.

The bookstore is taking a step in the right direction, but to make a larger difference people actually start buying these post-consumer recycled products. This semester 11 bins for collection of recyclable office paper and newspapers have been placed in the lounges of dorms. For most students living in college apartments, recycling still has to be done as an individual effort.

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Editorial

Professor's award reflects Hope's excellence

Congratulations to Dr. Blankenspoor. His award as Professor of the Year not only honors him, and his activities, but also the entire Hope community. His commitment to education and to helping students further themselves in pursuit of a goal, this award reflects the atmosphere at Hope and the willingness of the faculty to become involved in research that will benefit humankind and also the individual student.

In a day and age where all the news seems to be bad, it's good to be able to report something very positive for a change. Blankenspoor has more than earned this award and the time has come to recognize a role model for today's college students. He is someone who sees a problem and strives daily to find a solution to that problem.

The Hope community is lucky to have Blankenspoor as an active member and should take pride in both his work and the acknowledgement of that work. He is an example of all that a liberal arts education can provide.

This is an honor that has never before been awarded to a member of the Hope faculty and puts Hope on the same level as top universities across the nation. In looking at this accomplishment, it is easy to see that hard work and dedication do pay off in the end. This should serve as an inspiration to all who pursue personal excellence.

Blankenspoor's dedication to students reflects the element of personal involvement that can be found in Hope faculty. He is willing to be involved in the individual lives of his students and in helping them discover what they want out of life. This same commitment can be found in all the disciplines at Hope.

This award also reflects the excellence shown at Hope in pursuing undergraduate science research. Hope has one of the best equipped undergrad science programs in the country, especially in a school of this size.
Most of the critical things in life, which become the starting points of human destiny, are little things.
— R. Smith

Being of small stature and always having been the shortest kid in my class, my parents and friends would always console me with sayings like, "Good things come in small packages" or "It's the little things that matter in life."

That was all pretty keen, but now that I have grown to a mighty five-feet-seven inches, what do these sayings mean to me today as a senior in college?

I found out this weekend at Cranhill Ranch where we have cross country camp. Although the main reason we go up is to run our tanks off, it is the little things — the little extras — that make the weekend a special one.

Like making friends with the new runners and getting to know them and welcoming the fresh faces to the team.

Playing Eachall until 1:30 a.m., trouncing all opposition who dared come within the parameter of my game for the fourth consecutive year and not having a care in the world.

R. Smith

Winning the annual football game for the fourth consecutive year and keeping you going. So many times when I wish everyone would understand, I said Barry Manilow. I confess, I do like Barry and there are times when I wish everyone would get back home and leave me here with the squirrels and an empty library.

More than anything else, though, I find myself searching the hidden things which make the difference. When I watch the flow of traffic from Lubbers to Graves, I can't help but think that there are times when I wish everyone would approach me as a normal student. And I start feeling like there is no love in the world. Which can so often be true in relation to the big picture.

That is when those small things, although they may seem insignificant in relation to the big picture, gives you an extra incentive to keep going.

A kind word from a classmate about an outfit you wore to class.

Receiving a phone call from a friend that you just wanted to say "hi" and ask you how your weekend went.

Being given a pat on the back and a hearty "Good job, Cocaine" from a teammate after a long, hot run.

Or getting a card in the mail from your grandparents who write, telling you they are thinking of you and praying for you.

All these things seem small, but they give that special lift you need to get through the day, and make it worth getting up every morning to face another day of classes, homework, exams and the regular drudgery of life.

And if you concentrate more on these little events and less on the big picture — which can so often be very depressing — then life will seem less taxing and will make life more enjoyable.

That was all peachy keen, but I've also gotten used to doing my laundry whenever I please, and not sharing the Durfee laundry room with anyone but my housemates. It's great to use every single washer and not feel guilty! The other night I threw a load (yes, that's one single load) into the last open washer and couldn't wait to share with anyone but the squirrels.

I've also gotten used to doing the dishes on my own and being able to cook a simple meal for myself.

Now, every day on my way to work I walk past the cottage where my boyfriend lived last year and I think, I should see him coming out the front door. But he's in Boston going to Harvard.

I guess I'm slipping into my melancholically mode here—which usually sends me running for chocolate and Barry Manilow. Yes, I said Barry Manilow. I confess, I do like Barry and there are times when he says it better than anyone else can. And never underestimate the power of chocolate. But you've got to keep this quiet because Marla said she'd never forgive me if I admitted it in public. She's funny about that sort of thing.
 FEATURES

 Provost Nyenhuis takes new strides

by Mimi Black

Hope College Provost Jacob E. Nyenhuis was elected to a two-year term as chairperson of the Dean’s Council of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), an assembly of the chief academic officers from twelve liberal arts colleges in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

The council meets three times a year: once at the GLCA Headquarters in Ann Arbor, once at one of the off-campus program sites, and once at one of the schools’ campuses. The GLCA Dean’s Council discusses a variety of issues, including the off-campus programs each sponsors. The officers bring reports on their programs to the meetings, and the council evaluates them.

The council also discusses on-campus issues, discovering what different approaches are taken on points such as tenure, faculty development, and curriculum. “We compare notes to learn to do things better on our own campuses,” says Nyenhuis.

As the chairperson of the council, Nyenhuis will have numerous responsibilities. He will be working with the president of the consortium, scheduling the council’s agenda, and guiding the discussions at the meetings.

He will also be a member of the Governing Board of GLCA, which is comprised of the presidents of the colleges, the president of GLCA, and several selected faculty members from the schools.

Nyenhuis also will have a liaison with the Dean’s Council of the Association of Colleges of the Midwest (ACM), meeting with them at least once during the year, letting them know what is going on here in the Great Lakes region. The ACM consists of schools in and west of Illinois, including Colorado, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Sure, there will be changes with his new position; still, Nyenhuis feels it will only enhance his position as provost at Hope. As provost, he would be attending the GLCA meetings anyway, so his absences for these meetings will remain constant. However, he will be more involved with other projects, such as evaluating the GLCA Scott-land program in November, so these will cause him to be gone a bit more than usual.

Nyenhuis hopes his involvement with the ACM, along with his position as chairperson of the GLCA, will contribute to his own professional role, helping him gain new ideas, knowledge, and experience.

Nyenhuis is the faculty advisor for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and he also teaches the IDS Golden Age of Greece course. “I had a student come in for help the other day,” he said. “That was fun.”

He meets regularly with Presidential and Merit Scholars, and he sees student members of various boards, such as the Board of Academic Affairs.

The title “Provost” did not originate until 1974. The position used to be called “Vice-President of Academic Affairs” or “Dean of Faculty,” which better explains what the provost actually does.

Nyenhuis became the provost here at Hope in 1984, serving as the second highest officer of the college. He takes over when the president is away, yet his job usually does not change in the sense that he is always kept quite busy. He takes over when the president is away, yet his job usually does not change in the sense that he is always kept quite busy.

He is in charge of the entire academic curriculum plus the recruitment of faculty, ensuring that Hope is providing the excellent academic program that it stands for.

by Lisa J. Hofman

New students were not the only people facing a lot of adjustments during the first week of college. Laura Meyer, the new Assistant Chaplain, was also becoming familiar with her new job and surroundings.

Chaplain Jerry Van Heest is very excited about this coming year and the prospect of having a full-time Assistant Chaplain who will be “pro-active: going to the students instead of having them come in.”

While he commends the work of many interns who have done a fine job for him in over the past years, Van Heest feels a full-time Assistant Chaplain will bring a continuity to the program, which is very important.

Even though not directly involved in the selection process, Van Heest is confident of Laura Meyer’s qualifications, enthusiasm and general rapport with the students.

Said Van Heest, “She knows who she is and likes who she is and she genuinely enjoys being with students, not just as part of her job.”

Laura Meyer’s education and wide variety of experiences have certainly prepared her for the new Assistant Chaplain.

She considers her college years at Seattle Pacific University were the best of her life so far—it was there that she made her “friends for life.”

She continued on to Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, where her final year there was an M.A. in Theology with a concentration on Christian Formation and Discipleship. Her years at Fuller included highlights such as being a member of a summer mission team in 1987 for 11 weeks in Europe.

She has been involved in youth ministry for the past twelve years, and spent the last three years as a youth director for a Presbyterian church in San Luis Obispo, California.

Some of her hobbies and interests include hiking, biking, singing, dancing and once even singing with friends, travelling, the theatre, C.S. Lewis, tennis and French.

As the new Assistant Chaplain, Laura Meyer will coordinate and oversee all of the student-led Christian groups and organizations.

She will be speaking in and leading chapel as well as Student Church on Sundays. She plans to lead workshops for Bible Study leaders and be involved in Leadership Development.

One of Meyer’s goals is to “see a larger percentage of the student body take more ownership in Hope College being a Christian college.” She also wants to “reach as many students as I can, be as big a help as I can and remember as many names as I can.”

Assistant Chaplain Meyer is extremely excited to be in a college setting again and feels this job is “a dream come true.”

Said Meyer, “From the beginning, I sensed that Hope was a special place—exceptionally friendly, a college based on pursuing excellence.”

Because she’s Dutch, Meyer also looks forward to connecting with her roots in this Dutch community.

However, Meyer anticipates missing the warm California reunion for all those who miss the “five foot swells, golden rays and smell of their Coppertone.”

by Enrika Brebner

Last May, Hope chemistry professor William F. Polk received the Presidential Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation.

The NSF is a government agency based in Washington D.C. that oversees teaching and research in science in the United States.

The award is for $50,000 over a period of five years. That includes a base grant of $123,000, plus a matching grant of up to $37,500 per year. That means that if sources from businesses and industry can be generated, the NSF will match the amount that they give.

Dr. Polk said that “a lot of work goes into getting industry support. It is important to establish ties between Hope and industry.”

In fact, last year’s first year’s worth of funding has already been provided. The Wyckoff Company is supporting the PVI program, and giving funds for three years. That means that the president of Wyckoff was a Hope College chemistry major.

That is one of the ties that will work in Hope’s favor.

According to Dr. Polk, the money “will be used for teaching and research for students at Hope, for things such as laser equipment, student summer stipends, chemical supplies.”

“Each department at a school can nominate a young faculty member for the award. Hope’s chemistry department nominated me. If it’s a big honor, and I think the factors that went into receiving the award are the strength of traditional good chemistry majors that started long ago in the 30s with Van Zynke and Kleinheksel.”

Polk also praised the students, stating, “It’s a way to get the hard work of the students here. That’s a very important factor. There’s no doubt that without the students, I wouldn’t have got the award.”

The equipment that we buy for this doesn’t come out of students’ tuition. It comes out of the faculty members receiving grants, but all of the students can use a chemical research lab, so this would be a lot less for the students to use.”

In his "State of the College Address," given on August 22, 1991, President John B. Prill指出 that "This is a highly prestigious award. It was the only one of its kind given in Michigan and the only one of its kind given to a faculty member at an undergraduate institution.”

In 1991, there were 16 awards, which were granted to schools such as Yale, Penn State, the University of Chicago, and Washington University. The 16 awards were chosen out of a total 110 applicants.

Irwin Brink, professor of chemistry and chairperson of the department, praised Dr. Polk as well. "This is undoubtedly the most prestigious award that a young scientist can get in the United States. It Obvi- ously says that he is a very outstanding young teacher-scholar, one in whom the scientific community has a great deal of confidence for the future.”

Dr. Polk is a physical chemist, spe- cializing in laser spectroscopy. His research involves studying the basic process of how a chemical reaction occurs, the role of the chemical systems respond to the presence of high amounts of energy. The method
Polik explained that "In this way we can get a very detailed understanding of the processes involved in a chemical reaction. If we understand how a chemical reaction occurs, then we can enhance current chemical reactions to make them more efficient and predict new types of reactivity."

Polik stated that "there is a wide variety of research in many areas of chemistry at Hope. There are many chances for students to get involved, from the freshman level on up."

As far as his own area of specialty goes, he said that "Lasers are quite common at graduate institutions but not at undergraduate institutions.

"I'm demonstrating that we can do laser research here and also teach undergraduates about lasers."

About half of the department is involved in organic and inorganic research. Dr. Seymour is an analytical chemist, Don Williams students how nuclear waste should be handled, and Dr. Seymour investigates how to measure trace contaminants in the environment.
Exhibition showcases Nazi history, ‘degenerate’ art, and censorship

by Matt Byus

Hitler labelled a vast sum of modern art “Entarte Kunst” (degenerate art). In 1937, wishing the German public to see what he wished, disgusting and not to be imitated, he had an exhibit of confiscated art; afterwards the works were toured on a European tour. In Switzerland where they were sold to support the Nazi cause, in conjunction with other “degenerate” art, some of which were the works of Picasso and Van Gogh, Works that didn’t sell were burned. Whether the masses liked it or not, the show is still recognized today as having the largest attendance ever for an art exhibition. Much of the works have been assembled once again; the display currently is at the Chicago Art Institute.

Hope College Professors Sander DeHaan, John Wilson and Nick Perovich led a group of students — two from I.D.S. Two Souls of Germany, along with a handful who went for personal interests — through the exhibition last Tuesday. “We wanted to give the students some real experience to feed into the classroom,” said DeHaan.

The show included works from such notable artists as Kandinsky, Kirchner, and Chagall. Accompanying the exhibit is a plethora of fascist propaganda music, literature, films, There’s memorable, and specifying real footage of Goebbels in the night, standing like a specter over a massive audience, while declaring that the new German “will not be a man of learning but a man of character.” The films, by themselves, make the exhibit a grim and rare spectacle.

Ironically enough, much of the propaganda on display is not allowed to be exhibited in Germany today, because of anti-semitic sentiments, raising an entirely different issue regarding censorship. Now the censors have become censoring. As for the art, it is some of the most powerful and baring in existence. For example, Kirchner’s “Self Portrait at Solider,” displays himself in uniform, with a bloody stump for a hand, as a naked woman hovers in the background. The Nazis found this so offensive that they renamed it “Self with Where,” distorting the work for their own moral purposes.

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For the students, this exhibition is an example of Platonic ideals in modern art, and labelling artists out of the country is an entirely new brand of censorship in America, and that can be dangerous, said DeHaan. “There seems to be a trend towards more censorship in America, and that can be dangerous,” said DeHaan.

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Walsh brings the power of solid music and poignant assembly to a manner of art as an anthem for the next generation. “Children, this is your song. In case someday you need one King had this words conciseness and—"Walsh concluded. "I have made many sacrifices in order to save one thing which was denied me in Germany: freedom of thought and expression."

Walsh’s tongue-in-cheek style has been called "incredible," by Keith Engwall, the writer of a piece on Walsh’s "Ordinary Average Guy." Walsh’s "Ordinary Average Guy" points out that the sincerity of the message makes this song an intense outcry for people to come to their senses regarding the planet’s preservation.

Walsh’s lyrics challenge our indifference towards the Earth’s welfare. "People, open your eyes! How can you close your eyes to this? It’s so obvious!" Walsh sings in a voice edged with frustration and urgency, as he tries to convey the importance of the issue to his listeners. "You’re so lucky to live in a time when there’s nothing to be afraid of," he says. "Look at us! We’re the one, the only, the first people to realize that the Earth is ours, and that it’s time to take care of it."

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Women's soccer team starts season with new coach

by Kris Olenik
staff writer

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Allsup has coached many other sports, including track, swimming and tennis but says that soccer is one of his favorite to coach and play. "I love coaching and I'd love to keep coaching until I'm seventy or eighty," Allsup says. In the past he has coached or assisted in at least ten other soccer programs including one he started and ran for four years in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the Soonier State Game in Oklahoma, Phillips University and Lakeshore United Soccer Club.

Obviously a very active and intensive person, Allsup hopes to share his knowledge and experience as coach with the women's soccer team here. If possible, he would like to bring continuity to the program, something the team has been lacking in its three years of existence. I'd love to stay for three to five years because this year is primarily an adapting year, next year will be an establishing year, and then we can move on from there," says Allsup.

Women's soccer file photo

Sports

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by Dan Combs
staff writer

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As someone who has lived in ten different cities and been involved in many activities, Allsup is a strong believer in the importance of adaptability and also putting academics first and hopes to encourage his players in those two areas. He's excited about this opportunity to coach not only because of the team he's building but also because of the community of Holland and Hope College. "There's so much here and much potential in the community, its taste for education and culture, and its friendliness and hospitality." When he's no coaching, Allsup works part-time for Zondervan Corporation Grand Rapids and is looking to work as a youth or music director at a church in the area. This winter he will also be working with the Holland Area Arts Council teaching a theater course. He's looking for jobs that will allow him to continue to coach. Allsup is married to Hope alumna Ann Urschhein.

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Cross country plans rebuilding year

by Scott Banyon
staff writer

The men's and women's cross country teams took off their first weekend after returning to Hope for a rustic camp experience where they trained together and became what is known as a "team."

The thirty-five runners camped out in the beautiful woods of Cran Hill Ranch just north of Big Rapids and began to develop relationships that will become important as the season moves on.

"We want to make it back to Nationals this year," said co-captain Steve Kaukenon, concerning some goals the team set at Cran Hill. "We also want to maintain and improve the team's cohesiveness, to keep healthy, to build a strong team, and to have fun."

Coach Mark Northuis added that the Cran Hill experience serves a double purpose. It not only helps the teams gel in the current season but also helps the runners develop strong enough ties with each other that they want to be with the team for the rest of their time at Hope.

The rustic atmosphere is one of the great things about Cran Hill which caused the new and old runners to get together. This included horseshoe riding, canoeing, and even cooking some of their meals on a grill outside. In addition, night saw them in sleeping bags and on hard wood floors in plain timber cabins.

"This is a rebuilding year," commented Kaukenon. The men's team is rebuilding after losing four key varsity runners who were seniors, including Bill Roberts and Bruce Fletter, who held the number 1 and 2 spots last year.

"The rebuilding process took a giant leap forward for both teams at Cran Hill when so many close relationships began," Cheryl Becker (92) tied together when she stated that these relationships help to motivate and encourage the runners and as a result, individuals will perform better.

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Besides coaching at Hope, Wolters has also coached at Calvin where she took a team I have coached." The tournament, which was played in Willimantic, Connecticut, was the first ever post-season for the Flying Dutch. Their fourth place finish was a result of going 2-2 in the tournament. The two losses came to Trenton, who is a powerhouse, and to Eastern Connecticut. "In the Trenton Game, we got the best out of Hope, who committed four errors. The loss to Eastern Connecticut was by the score of 3-2."

Halfway through the season, the post-season did not seem very likely. The Flying Dutch were 11-11. They then won 18 games in a row before losing to Trenton.

Coach Wolters said, "Midway through the season I did not know if we would (make the playoffs), because we were not playing as well as we felt we had the potential for."

Wolters explained the turn around, "Actually what happened was that we got a little more spark inside us. We got more determined as a team. Then things started going right for us, balls started falling in and we were more aggressive on the base paths. We got excellent pitching and our defense got a lot tighter, and we were more aggressive on the base paths. We got excellent pitching and our defense got a lot tighter, and our confidence that we could beat anybody," said Wolters.

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Karla Wolters explained, "Definitely want to go back and I'm sure that it is going to be a goal of ours this season."
Flying Dutch loose opening game in football

by Dan Combs
staff writer

The Hope College football team opened its season last Saturday with a disappointing 17-14 loss. The loss was to nationally ranked Findlay of Ohio. The game was played at Holland Municipal Stadium.

Ben Cochran (94) kicked a 28 yard field goal that hit the bottom of the cross bar and flipped over the top. The field goal was made with only 1:21 left in the game.

Hope head coach Ray Smith said, "I think that that (the kick) tells you how close the game was."

Findlay head coach Dick Strahm said, "I've never seen a field goal like that. It wasn't a clean kick. I didn't think it would go through."

Hope went into the fourth quarter leading 14-7, but Findlay scored the final 10 points of the game. After the interesting field goal, however, Hope had one more chance to either tie or win the game.

Quarterback Stefan Swartzmiller (92) led the Flying Dutchmen down the field, but because Hope used all of its time outs earlier in the second half, the clock ran out before they could score.

"I don't know what the statistics were, but I think we played them head to head," said coach Smith.

The final statistics verified coach Smith's statement. Hope ran the ball 46 times for 222 yards. Findlay ran up 219 yards on 49 carries. Each team passed the ball 12 times with Findlay completing eight passes and Hope completing six.

The one difference in the passing statistics is one intercepted pass thrown by Findlay. The interception was made by Mike Byam (93) and returned 50 yards to the Findlay 8 yard line. It led to a touchdown and gave Hope a 6-0 lead.

Running the ball, Hope was led by Scott Frederick (92) who had 97 yards on 22 carries. Ric Blesch (92) ran for 84 yards for the Dutchmen. Findlay was led on the ground by Nate Sprunger (93) who carried the ball 23 times and gained 112 yards.

"In the second half (the running game) was better," said coach Smith. "We had a caucus at halftime and we improved greatly."

Findlay coach Strahm said, "They controlled the ball pretty well in the second half. They are a good, young football team. They can run the football. I wouldn't want to play them later in the year."

One area that could be a problem for Hope this season is the kicking game. At one point in the game, Hope chose to forego their fourth down option to kick and opted to run the ball instead.

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Coach Smith also said, "I think that our guys gave a very good account of themselves. I'm sorry that we lost, but when we analyze the film, we'll find that many of our guys played a great football game."

Hope's next game will be this Saturday when they take on Depauw, in Indiana. Their next home game will be Saturday, September 28 against Aurora University.
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