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Build Hope Fund Tops $10 Million

Build Hope, a multi-million dollar fund raising program to support capital, endowment and academic programs of Hope College, has concluded a most successful fund drive in the college's history.

When the books of Build Hope were closed Dec. 31, gifts and pledges had totaled $10,407,660, according to President Gordon J. Van Wylen.

"The final total is truly a remarkable development in the life of Hope College," said President Van Wylen. "We again extend our deepest appreciation to Dr. James M. Veltmeulen, who served as our associate chairman of the Build Hope Committee, to the members of the Campaign Cabinet, to each person who assisted, and to the thousands of alumni and friends whose generous gifts made Build Hope a success."

An appreciation dinner honoring those persons who made the campaign a success was held Homecoming weekend.

Several major projects of the Build Hope Fund have been completed. These include a new computer center and the renovation of the former science building into a center for the humanities and social sciences. Three million dollars has been pledged toward construction of the 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.

Community Semester Offers Enrichment

As a service to the greater Holland area, Hope College will be offering a five-week community semester for personal enrichment and growth, beginning on Feb. 28.

Seven courses will be offered on a non-credit basis. Classes will meet weekly for 2-hour, evening sessions.

Commenting on the community semester, President Gordon J. Van Wylen said: "There are no prerequisites. There will be no examinations. Everyone is welcome to enroll. We will do our best to make this a rewarding experience. We choose this period because it is a time when weather is extremely good all year round."

Courses were chosen with the intention of an intellectual stimulation in mind. These included courses in "Writing," taught by Dr. Paul Van Faassen, associate professor of English; "American History," taught by Dr. J. V. VerMeiilen, associate professor of history; "History of Art," taught by Dr. George Ralph, associate professor of art; and "Philosophy," taught by Dr. John Wilson, associate professor of art.

The cost per course is $25. Scholarship aid is available for those with financial need.

Fred Yonkman Honored by NCAA

A former two-sport Hope star has been named a National Collegiate Athletic Association Silver Anniversary Award winner. Frederick A. Yonkman '82 accepted the award on Jan. 11 at the NCAA's 1977 Honors Luncheon in Miami Beach, Fla.

Each year the NCAA recognizes five former letter winners who participated in intercollegiate athletics 25 years previous and have gone on to distinguished careers. These Silver Anniversary Award winners join five outstanding student athletes to compose the College Student Athlete Top Ten. Yonkman is the second Hope alumnus to be named a Silver Anniversary Award winner. Dr. Donald G. Mulder '48 received the honor in 1973.

Yonkman is executive vice president and general counsel of the American Express Company with offices in New York City. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, he was a partner in the firm of Sullivan & Worcester of Boston from 1968-72, secretary and general counsel for Dunn & Bradstreet in New York City from 1964-68, and with the New York City firm of Wharton, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts from 1957-64.

Dr. Gordon Brewer '49, director of athletics, who represented Hope as Yonkman's host at the NCAA Honors Luncheon, says: "There was a remarkable turnout of former Hope student-athletes. There were at least 15 Hope men and women in attendance who still play their respective sports in the NCAA today."

Contracts Awarded for Physical Education Center

Contracts have been awarded for the construction of the college's new physical education and health fitness center.

The center, to be located on the southeast corner of the campus, is expected to be ready for the 1978-79 school year.

General contractor will be the Northway Construction company of Grand Rapids, Mich. The electrical contract was awarded to the Forkway Electric company of Holland, and the mechanical contract to Heerema Plumbing and Heating of Grand Rapids.

Pioneer Construction was also the general contractor for the Poley Science Center which was completed in 1974.

Preparation of the site has been completed and, depending on the weather, construction should be underway in March.

The projected overall cost for the center including site acquisition, equipment and adjacent parking facilities is $3,568,000, according to President Gordon J. Van Wylen.

The college has received nearly $3 million in private gifts and pledges for the center. Fund raising efforts for the remaining funds are continuing.

When completed, Hope College 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.

The center, which has approximately 87,000 square feet, will be activity-oriented with an emphasis on flexibility, economy and the multiple use of space.

The center will include gymnasium space that can be divided into three areas for such activities as basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, gymnastics and archery. An aerobics track will circle the gymnasium at the second floor level.

There will be an L-shaped pool designed to facilitate competition in either yards or meters.

The center will also include a conditioning and exercise room, a dance studio, handball courts, wrestling and gymnastics room and classrooms.

In order to achieve effective coordination of activities in physical fitness, health care and nutrition, the college's health clinic will be located in the new center.

A health fitness center will be located near the clinic to offer therapy and testing opportunities.
A silk screen print, "Michigan Dunescape," by Debert Michel, associate professor of art, has been selected for the National Small Print Exhibition at Purdue University. Entries were invited from the United States and Canada, and each print was limited in size to 60 square inches for the purpose of focusing on printmaking as an intimate medium.

NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS

The appointment of two departmental chairman has been announced by Provost David Marker. Dr. Elton J. Bruins is the new chairman of the department of religion and President. R. Dirx Jellema is the new chairman of the department of English.

Dr. Bruins has served as professor of religion since 1966. He is also chairman of the college's archives council and has served as an elected faculty member to the Hope College Board of Trustees since 1971. Dr. Bruins succeeds Dr. Henry C. Voogt, who has served as chairman of the department for the past 30 years.

Dr. Bruins is a member of the Reformed Church Historical Commission and is a consultant in archives for the Netherlands Institute of Modern History and Western Theological Seminary.

He is a graduate of Hope College (1960) and Western Theological Seminary (1959). He earned a S.M. degree in Union Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in church history from New York University.


The rector of the college, Dr. Bruins, will immediately follow his completion of the Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Oregon. He is also a graduate of Calvin College.

Professor Jellama has served as assistant editor of the Northwest Review and had his poetry published in the Christian Century and The Reformed Journal. His book reviews have been published in the Church Herald and The Reformed Review, and his movie reviews in The Reformed Journal.

Prof. Jellama was responsible for introducing the Hope College curriculum courses in advanced creative writing and modern poetry. He has also been a score recipient of a grant from the Great Lakes College Association which enabled him to study with Prof. George Ralph at the college's theatre department to encourage student writing, production, and performance of plays.

Prof. Jellama succeeded Dr. Charles Hattar as chairman. Dr. Hattar had served as chairman for six years.

HONORED FOR SERVICE

A distinguished achievement award on behalf of the Hope College Board of Trustees was recently presented to Robert E. Barber. Mich. Hope College Board of Trustees chairman Hugh DePree (right) is pictured presenting award to Barber. The award recognizes Barber's "distinctive and effective" contributions to the life of the community through his business and civic activities. A citation recognized him as being a person whom students do not ask others to do what they are willing to do themselves. Barber was chairman of the college's 1975 Holland community campaign and has been a generous supporter of the institution.

1977 Symphonette Itinerary

Dr. Michael B. Petrovich, associate professor of history, has been appointed by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) to the review panel to evaluate proposals submitted to the National Foundation for the Arts, Sciences and Humanities Fellowship Program. The program provides opportunities for training in foreign languages and area studies in selected programs at U.S. institutions of higher education. In the 1976-77 academic year, the program supported approximately 80 graduate academic year fellowships.

The review panel is composed of 24 American scholars and specialists in area studies of the world. Dr. Petrovich will evaluate all proposals relating to East European studies, including the Soviet Union. In the last several years, Dr. Petrovich served on several federal panels of scholars, including the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation and Faculty Research Abroad programs, in 1974 and 1975.

A native of Yugoslavia and a naturalized resident of the United States, Dr. Petrovich was with the U.S. Department of State five years before joining the Hope faculty in 1966.
Enrollment Levels Challenge of '80's

Maintaining Hope's present level of enrollment will be the major concern and goal for the next decade, said President Gordon J. Van Wylen in an opening speech at the recent Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Van Wylen said he considers the current academic year as a time of transition for three reasons. First, the Build Hope Campaign closed successfully in December. Second, the Physical Education Center is underway, thus marking the first major building project for the immediate future of Hope. Third, 1977 signals the beginning of the era of fewer high school graduates.

He noted that this drop could be caused by rising costs, a purported declining interest in liberal arts among the general population, and the lack of a distinctive mission in many liberal arts institutions.

The President said that Hope's commitment is to provide a four-year, liberal arts education in a setting replete with the context of the Christian faith. He said that recent trends indicate that schools with similarly strong and well-defined commitments have done better than -average in attracting students.

Dr. Van Wylen indicated that he believes that Hope's commitment and sense of purpose will continue to make Hope attractive to students. However, he emphasized that hard work and careful planning are vital.

He concluded that the College's basic strategy for 1977 and the years that follow is to continually keep Hope's mission clearly in mind and to attempt to fulfill that mission with excellence, imagination and creativity, and efficiency.

According to Tom Lalaugh, director of admissions, it is predicted that in Michigan there will be a 0.2 percent drop in the number of high school seniors over the next 15 years. This is greater than the comparable national estimate, which runs from 22-28 percent.

"My guess is that there won't be a major drop here at Hope," he said. LaBough estimates that Hope will lose 15-20 students per year until the trend begins reversing and the number of high school seniors again begins to rise around 1991.

Too Much Trivia Dominates News Coverage: Nessen

"My stint as press secretary made me a better journalist and a better citizen," Ron Nessen told Hope students during his Jan. 27 campus address. Nessen served as press secretary to former President Gerald Ford for 2½ years and was an NBC television correspondent for 22 years previous.

Nessen said that the most valuable thing he learned during his White House days was that reporters should see the complexity of the world and guard against giving oversimplified reports. As an example, he cited the now-famous New York Daily News "Ford to New York: Drop Dead" headline and its accompanying story.

Nessen also claimed that there is an excessive concentration on trivia in today's news.

"Feature stories are fine, except when they draw out serious, substantive news," he maintained. He said he thought journalists were being irresponsible in the amount of space and time currently being allotted to trivia.

Because TV news has a tremendous influence on the American public, TV networks have developed a certain enmity for the former press secretary said. He pointed in particular to the recycle-and-discussion sessions which follow every televised Presidential address and news conference.

"Why do you need a commentator to tell you what you've just heard?" Nessen asked.

Nessen said that the image of Ford as clumsy and bumbling was "simply not true." He said that the image was created and perpetuated and was in the end very damaging to Ford.

Nessen said that he believes that history will be kind to Ford.

"Ford left the White House a better place than he found it," he added.

Nessen said that he was proud of his own part in restating relations between the White House and the press. He pointed out that although all Presidents initially promise to be open, Ford followed through by holding 39 news conferences and granting 200 interviews during his 28 months in office.

Nessen said that he was grateful to have had the opportunity to work for a man he admired, adding:

"All the things that I asked for before agreeing to take on the job—access, attending substantive meetings, and having input into making decisions—were fulfilled."

While at Hope, Nessen was the guest at an informal luncheon for communication and political science students. He was introduced to the group for a question-answer session by senior Rachel Hesselink from Grandville, Mich., who interned in the White House press office last year through Hope's Washington Semester program.

Nessen said that although some people catch Potomac fever, he plans to lecture and write this year and then return to his profession as a television journalist.

When asked whether or not Ford would run again in a Presidential campaign, Nessen replied that the former President's decision-making is to keep his options open as long as possible.

Sunday, March 20
First Reformed Church
South Holland, Ill.

Wednesday, March 23
First Reformed Church
Ossining, N.Y.

Sunday, March 27
Peace Reformed Church
Eagan, Minn.

Wednesday, March 30
First Reformed Church
Sully, Iowa

First Reformed Church
Sterling, Ill.

First Reformed Church
DeMotte, Ind.

1977 Chapel Choir Itinerary

Ed Ryan, a junior from Schenectady, N.Y., is vice president of the Student Congress, accompanies Ron Nessen during visit to campus.
They’re laying eggs now
Just like they used to
Ever since that rooster
Came into our yard! — from an old Belafonte tune

Bronze plumes blazing
Like muscle cuts
Gleaming in sun
And sweat, you strut
Your yard cluck and
Kick grit like a
Sumo wrestler
Tossing salt.

Preening groupies
Pout while waiting.
Mean for you from
Henhouse tiers; they
Cuddle their eggs
Beneath them and
Harbor hennish
Daydreams of
Hot August Nights.

Richard Thayer
a junior from
Birmingham, Mich.

At just—
dawn the son is bonfire orange the fat
waddling milkman chuckles loud and deep
and harryandtom leave
their fried eggs and bacon
to spoil and it’s dawn
when the sun is neon-marvelous
the gay
senile milkman chuckles loud and deep
and sallyandmary abandon
their grape-fruit and oat-meal and
it’s dawn and the
pigeon-toed
milkman chuckles loud and deep
(parody on e.e. cummings’ In Just—spring)
Peggy Johnson, a junior from Holland, Mich.

You came in March,
Invaded my private green place.
Your humped stitches hung
Like rows of knitting.
Tonight I cast you off.
An irritant from the Hardware Store
Has moved you on to
More fertile, grub laden green.

You, too, came in March.
My fingers wove tangles
In your dark places.
Yet, it all seemed good.
Now you struggle to untie knots.
When you are loose
It will cost more dear than
Venom from the Hardware.

Eileen Nordstrom
a senior from Zeeland, Mich.

Luna
The pearly faced
clown laughs over the
moldy cheese earth
spinning around, sending
off flashing insects
that tickle his reflecting chin.

Jane Visser

Orion strides across the sky,
His every step a frost, a falling of leaves.
A fish of north wind and a handful
Of icicles - he comes prepared
For this long walk; He does not stop
For idle talk on silver evenings;
He is a taciturn giant, uneasy with words.
His cold form never dances. He walks heavy.
We do not know him; when he steps
Across the horizon, we have lost
A constant stranger.

Kate Solms
a senior from Grosse Ile, Mich.

Overture
A blustery day introduced us.
We tottered and talked,
And my scarf slapped your face
Right on the grin.
I giggled
and our host whipped
Tears to my eyes.
You took my hand
(So we wouldn’t blow way)
And the traffic lights reeled
Yellow
Then Green.

Jane Visser
a sophomore from Plymouth, Mich.
When electric guitars hit the music world, things got louder.
When electric pianos hit Hope College, things got quieter.
An electric piano laboratory was installed at Hope over the Christmas holidays. Since the beginning of the semester, the 16 pianos in the lab have had almost constant use. Don't expect your ears to lead you to the lab, however. The only sound these pianos emit is a dull plunk-plunk, unless you sit down at one and put on a set of headphones. Then the sounds that fill your ears will be the familiar ones your hands always make when they hit a keyboard.
But what's that voice?
It's probably Joan Conway, assistant professor of music, or Eleanor Palma, teaching associate. They too can hear your piano. Talk back to them through the little round microphone on the left side of middle C; they only have ears for you.
Flick a switch and you can hear your own piano playing in ensemble with all the others. Use a cassette recorder and play a duet with yourself.
The lab helps concentration, Miss Conway says. "There's a something about putting on those headphones..."
Also, the professor is able to give more individual attention to each student in the class and students feel less pressure about making mistakes because the rest of the class can't hear them.
But the main advantage of the lab is the obvious one— it's fun. Even scales become interesting when the professor turns on the tempomatic (a glorified metronome) and you play them as a solo to the accompaniment of a rhumba beat.
Miniscule World Enlarged

A microscope which allows one to view the world of the miniscule with the ease of watching TV has recently been acquired by Hope College. The new scanning electron microscope (SEM) reveals surface detail with an amazing clarity and depth of field. For these reasons, the SEM is playing a significant role in many scientific fields, especially those involving the characterization of chemical and physical properties of surfaces.

The scanning electron microscope was funded in part with a National Science Foundation Instructional Scientific Equipment Program grant of $15,800. Dr. Meredith Blackwell, assistant professor of biology, serves as director of the grant project. The SEM will allow the department of biology to teach modern techniques in electron microscopy and will be used to augment existing courses that require detailed examination of both plants and animals. The instrument will also be used extensively for research projects.

According to Dr. Harvey Blankespoor, associate professor of biology, the SEM magnifies "any topographical feature." This includes external characteristics of Dr. Allen Brady's spiders, small fungi that occur on insects and are of research interest to Dr. Meredith Blackwell, pollen grains studied by Dr. Paul Van Fassen, as well as Dr. Blankespoor's own research "pets," blood parasites that cause a serious disease in man.

Electrons allow for visualization of an image at greater magnifications than does light. The transmission electron microscope (TEM), which Hope has made use of for several years, passes an electron beam through a specimen. This allows the viewer to see fine details of internal structures. However, with the SEM electrons strike the surface of the specimen and rebound. Most specimens are coated with a thin layer of gold before viewing. This process assures that the electrons will bounce off the surface evenly, resulting in a clearer image. Once the sample has been fixed in the viewing chamber, a focused beam "scans" quickly across the specimen, building the image line by line on a screen.

According to Blankespoor, few schools of Hope's size have scanning electron microscopes; most are located in research laboratories of large universities, hospitals or industry. As a result, very few undergraduate students are exposed to these high resolution instruments. In contrast, interested Hope students have the unique opportunity to receive firsthand experience with the SEM and TEM, either in the classroom or as a participant in a research project.
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underscores the success of a system, the church-related liberal arts system of which Hope is a part, Fred has alluded to the fact that he was able to achieve great satisfaction in athletics without jeopardizing his academic pursuits. Obviously he prepared well in both areas.

In 25 years Fred has become one of society's survivors in terms of all-around service and contribution. His record adds validity to the liberal arts, plays sport in proper perspective, and strikes a blow at sports extremists.

"As one would expect, the other four silver anniversary award winners are also high caliber persons. Bill Wade, Dick Kamm, (in absentia) Don Coleman, and George Rhodes are men of national reputation. They may be proud to walk with Fred Yonkman."

Yonkman was a four-year letterman in both football and track and field. His impressive undergraduate athletic career included being named All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association offensive tackle on a co-champion team in his senior year. He was also named MIAA conference high jump champion during his junior year. He was a medal winner in the high jump, 880-yard run, and discus. He served as captain of the track team during his junior and senior years and was football co-captain during his senior year.

Yonkman's campus activities included membership in the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, as president of his class during the junior year, and receiving the Otto van der Velden All-Campus Award for academic achievement, athletic excellence, and campus involvement. He was selected as Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in his senior year.

Alvin W. Vanderbusch, professor emeritus of political science and former Hope football coach and director of athletics, comments on Yonkman's athletic achievements:

"Fred was a fine athlete, no question about that, but his success in track and field was the result of a tremendous determination, rather than of great natural ability. In the veritable sports of the world, he believed what he did. His predilection for running continued as a lifetime habit. He was a good follower and a good leader, and always knew what he was about. He was a fine athlete, no doubt he was the finest athlete of his generation in Hope history."

As his present sports interests, Yonkman lists mountain climbing, scuba diving, skiing, tennis and jogging.

In Mexico, his activities include serving as adjunct professor of international law at Georgetown law Center, Georgetown University, and as a guest lecturer at Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary. He is a member of the American Society of International Law and the American: New York State, New York City, Massachusetts, and Boston Bar Associations. From 1966-68 he served as secretary of the Committee on International Law of the Bar Association of the City of New York.

Active in civic affairs, Yonkman is chairman of the Committee for Fund Raising for the 150th Anniversary of the Richmond Academy and a past youth advisor at Scarsdale Congregational Church. He also helped found a family-oriented psychiatric treatment in Massachusetts in the early 1970s.

He is an American Express Foundation trustee, a national trustee of Young Audiences, Inc. and a national director of Outward Bound.

He has been listed in Who's Who in America annually since 1966.

Yonkman is married to the former Kathleen VerMeulen '53, an antique dealer in Connecticut. They have three daughters: Sara, a junior at Smith College; Margriet, a freshman at Colby-Sawyer College, and Nina, a high school junior.

Students Aid Mexican Mission

Nearly 100 degrees worth of temperature change within a few hours

Although everyone on Hope's campus was hit hard by the January cold wave, nine students went through a particularly difficult adjustment. These students had spent their Christmas vacation doing volunteer work at a Mexican mission where temperatures registered between 95 and 105 degrees in the middle sun. When they returned to the States on Jan. 15, they found they had been transported into a veritable deep freeze, with the mercury at Chicago's O'Hare Airport hovering at the 6 degree mark.

While these students may not have been prepared for the cold weather, they were in excellent shape for snow shoveling, having spent over two weeks in Mexico shoveling—not snow, but swamp.

These students provided the volunteer labor necessary to begin transforming a natural swamp into a swimming pool on the site of the Chapias Conference Center, located near Tapatia. The Conference Center is under the direction of Hope graduates Chuck Tucker and Jean Taylor '70 Van Engen. Presently the Conference Center is used for youth conferences. It is also the site of the Tapatia Bible School, an extension program for Mexican Christians. The Van Engens are planning to expand the services of the Conference Center by establishing a youth camp. There are no recreational facilities at the Conference Center and, therefore, the swimming pool project is an important one.

The nine students were selected through individual interviews and were sponsored by the Chaplain's office and the Reformed Church in America's Adult Voluntary Service program, under the direction of Dr. Beth Marcus '42.


Volunteer physical labor was needed to get the swimming pool project underway because the hilly terrain and dense forests of Tapatia presented the use of earth-moving machinery. Soon after arrival, the Hope volunteers found themselves in some mud, muck, armed with shovels and hoes, with three objectives set before them: to determine where the natural springs were located, what kind of fluid the swamp had, and how much labor, time and money would be necessary to finish the project.

Although they considered themselves novices at digging, the volunteers found and trenched the springs to drain the swamp and dig a corner area down to the solid bottom. Because of this good start, the volunteers report that Chuck Van Engen will now be able to receive the funds necessary to complete the pool from the Chapias Mission. The balance of the Hope 1976 Christmas Tree Fund is also going toward this project.

Although there were a few bisters and a few cases of heat-sickness, daily siestas provided respite. Students also partook in other Mexican customs, including bartering at the local market.

One especially unique experience involved an hour's walk through the Tapatia woods to attend a New Year's Eve church service. The service was conducted entirely in Spanish and lasted three hours.

"In Mexico, things are slower paced," explained one volunteer. "The people are event, not time, oriented. It was wonderful to see a Christian community that was free enough to sit and praise God for three hours straight."

The volunteers were also impressed with the warmth and spirit of the Mexican Christians.

"They have nothing in terms of materialistic gain yet they're so happy," said one. "To see what we have, in comparison, makes me feel ashamed of the waste in the U.S."
"Imagine! Little Hope College on TV!" That was the reaction of one Holland citizen when she turned on her television and found she had tuned in to "Mosaic," a weekly cable TV program produced by Hope students and presented, in a feature format, some of the faces and stories of the College.

"Cable is the way we're going in this country, one way or another," says Dr. Ted Nielsen, professor of communication, who teaches the Media Production class that produces "Mosaic.

Dr. Nielsen sees "Mosaic" as "a way to get the college into the community," while at the same time giving students actual experience in formatting, directing and producing cable programs.

Continental Cablevision, Holland's cable headquarters, has been in operation for approximately one year. "Mosaic" is produced in the College's video studio in Lubbers Hall and is broadcast on Continental's educational channel.

"Mosaic" was launched last semester. Programs have covered a wide range of topics, including Prof. Russ DeVette discussing Hope football history and Prof. Jack Hild impersonating Walt Whitman.

"Mosaic" is being joined this semester by other Hope College-sponsored programs, including videotaped home basketball games and a children's reading program, both developed by students who have taken the Media Production class. Dr. Nielsen says he has begun producing a news program as a function of best news and public affairs" class.

According to Dr. Nielsen, the majority of Hope students involved in cable production don't plan on a professional career in this field. Instead, their aim is to learn to use the medium to communicate, as an individual or on behalf of an organization, with a local community. Class members display a cross-section of interests. Most are not communication majors and many are Holland citizens.

Dr. Nielsen contends that on a nationwide basis too few people know how to use cable. This accounts for inactivity in local origination programming.

"People are afraid of cable. They think everything has to be like Walter Cronkite, that cable is like network broadcasting. But the purpose of cable is to serve the local community," he concludes.

And every time the "Stand by" sounds in Lubbers Hall, Hope students are learning to do just that.

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**HOPE COLLEGE THEATRE**
Two Gentlemen of Verona Feb. 24-26 & March 2-5
Woyzeck April 21-23 & 27-30

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DAY**
March 18 & April 15
For high school seniors interested in visiting Hope College. Contact Office of Admissions 616-392-5111, ext. 2241

**SPRING VACATION**
March 26-April 4

**CHAPEL CHOIR**
Annual Home Concert
April 26
Dimnent Chapel, 8:30 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR DAY**
April 30
For high school juniors interested in visiting Hope College. Contact Office of Admissions 616-392-5111, ext. 2241

**ALUMNI DAY**
May 7
Fifty Year Circle
Annual Alumni Association Dinner

**BACCALAUREATE-COMMENCEMENT**
May 8

**MAY TERM**
May 9-27

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**TULIP TIME**
May 12-14
Holland's internationally famous festival

**JUNE TERM**
June 6-24

**SUMMER SESSION**
June 27-August 5

**SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE**
July 8 to Sept. 3
The Man of LaMancha
I Do, I Do
Death of a Salesman
The Importance of Being Earnest

**1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR**
August 27, Residence Halls Open and Freshman Orientation Begins
August 30, Registration
August 31, Classes Begin

**1977 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**
Sept. 3, DePauw
Sept. 10, Wabash
Sept. 24, at Indiana Central
Oct. 1, at Wheaton, Ill.
Oct. 8, at Albion
Oct. 15, Olivet (Homecoming)
Oct. 22, at Adrian
Oct. 29, Alma (Parent's Day)
Nov. 5, at Kalamazoo
Spring Sports Action

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Lofty Decor

There are lofty trends in dorm decor this year. While there's still no place like home, students have been getting ingenious in their methods of transforming a dorm room into a more pleasant place for living.

Those who want to make the most of their rooms use two-by-fours to construct a frame loft which spans the width of a room and puts the two mattresses up within a few feet of the ceiling. The unobstructed floor space beneath becomes a mini parlor.

The lofts cost $30-$40 and take a Saturday to construct. The higher priced models are stained and boast "extras," such as carpeted ladder rungs. The economy line lofts have no ladder and the owner literally hops into bed, from a desktop. Lofts can be dismantled with a screwdriver and moved from dorm to dorm. This portability feature makes them a good resale item upon graduation.

A small area rug, one or two attic-style overstuffed chairs, and a variety of hanging plants complete "the loft look."

Dean of Students Michael Gerrie says lofts are perfectly "legal" because they are self-supporting structures that demand no screws or nails in the walls or floors.
Alumni Fund Reaches 83% of $220,000 Goal

Contributions to the 1976-77 Alumni Annual Fund have reached 83% of the $220,000 goal, according to national chairman Jack H. Hansup '53.

Gifts totaling $183,995 had been received from 3,312 alumni through Jan. 31. This compares to $150,761 from 2,798 alumni for the same period a year ago.

The $220,000 target is the most ambitious alumni fund goal in Hope College history. The most successful alumni fund was in 1967-68 when $214,833 was contributed.

The Alumni Association board of directors has also established a goal of 4,000 alumni donors to the current campaign. Last year, $3,885 alumni contributed to the annual fund drive. So far this year the drive has received gifts from 405 first-time alumni donors.

The results by class to date are as follows:
ALUMNI DAY '77
SATURDAY, MAY 7

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Coffee and Registration
Alumni House

1—3 p.m. Class Reunions and Buffets

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(The reunions for the classes of 1967 and 1972 will be held next fall during Homecoming weekend.)

3—4:30 p.m. Class reunion pictures and visiting with the other reunion classes on the DeWitt terrace

All-campus open house and campus tours leaving from the music building terrace.

4 p.m.—FIFTY YEAR CIRCLE RECEPTION and induction of the Class of 1927 at the Phelps Conference Room.

5—6 p.m. Punch Bowl
Phelps Terrace

6 p.m. ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER
Phelps Hall

—State of the College Report—President Gordon J. Van Wylen

—Announcement of Distinguished Alumni Awards for 1977
improve professionalism in smaller markets. Professionalism, he says, to change the attitude of the “general manager who thinks news is a laugh. It’s a problem in the TV world and then FCC requirements.” To these broadcasters, Vriesman takes a different approach. These people have to understand that one station in this country can make money on news,” he says. And beyond that, he asserts, “A station’s image has to do with what it offers.”

Another priority is maintaining a visible presence in Washington, a task made much easier this winter with the establishment of a full-time office there. Strong support for the Washington office comes from the courts.

On the legal front, Vriesman says a top concern will be the broadcast coverage of courtroom proceedings. That subject already has its prime topic as he addressed RTNDA audiences as vice president. “The doors are slowly opening,” he says, noting that certain states allow cameras in the courtroom, including his own state of Colorado.

Amid all this, Vriesman also finds time to serve as president of the board of a small church-run nursing home in Denver and sing second tenor in his church’s men’s choir, which he refers to as his “avocation.”

Vriesman says, “I’m that gym four nights a week.” Vriesman’s future goal, after his RTNDA term, is to find a position as a general manager of a station. Administratively, he says, “my appetite has been whetted.” When and where, however, he doesn’t know.

Vriesman’s simple philosophy is that “my newsroom can suffer.”

He stresses that “the best of worlds” is not possible. “The incoming administration must be able to make hard choices,” he says. “No easy answers.”
The Rev. Mathias J. Duven 34, oldest living student of the Western Theological Seminary and oldest graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary, has given a special chapel message at Western Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. David Van Strien 69 of the South China (China) Community Church.

Dr. Maurice Vischer 22, requests professor emeritus at the Univ. of Minnesota in Minneapolis, has retired from his presidency of the American Reformed Church in North America where he has held this position for the past 10 years. He will continue to participate in church councils.

Jay A. Babbie of 20 and 20 earned a C'Libertarian of the Year Award last December by the Western Semi-Association of Rules.

Dr. Thomas Bidwell 45, Research director at Western Semi-Association of Rules.

Dr. Charles H. Olin 45, president of the Western Semi-Association of Rules.

Dr. Henry L. VanPutten 45, president of the Western Semi-Association of Rules.

Dr. John H. Seabury 46 is a member of the American Reformed Church in North America, a community church in Zeeland, Mich.

Dr. George Heber 32 recently retired from the staff at the Reformed Church in America, a community church in Conklin, Mich.

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Dr. Barbara Buseman 74, a research associate at the National Science Foundation, has been working on the pastorate of the Reformed Church in America, a community church in New York City.

Marriages

Paul Bach 74 and Betty Wickes 74, Dec. 21, 1976.


Jeffrey Conley and Joyce Gilbert 76, Aug. 16, 1976.

Daniel Getz 76 and Judy Katzen 75, Aug. 17, 1976.

Arthur C. Conkey 76 and Terri J. Diehl 75, June 7, 1976.

Clayton W. Sisson 76 and Linda Sevi 76, June 7, 1976.

Robert Rayne 76 and Nancy VanDyke 76, June 6, 1976.


Joyce C. Conley 76 and Joyce Gilbert 76, Aug. 16, 1976.

Vincent Peale's 74 and Janice 74, Dec. 21, 1976.

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

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moral handbook, are sins for which the
inner man must take responsibility.

Now language, I heard Aldous Huxley say: "language is that weapon which
publishes the truth." Yes. To distort it: Wit-
ness this job description by the State De-
partment (1973, National Merit 96 Dou-
bleplusaward): A Consumer affairs coordi-
nator would be appointed whose
function would be to review existing
mechanisms of consumer affairs in-
put, output, and seek ways of improve-
ing those linkages via the "consumer com-
munication network." Is it then the State
Department: but that prosea is the
kind of gobbledygook with which
one might be better not to

I remember George Romney, quoted in
Time, saying something similar—"he was
going to take a long hard look at the thing
I'm going to look at." In both cases, I
suppose the only literal response is: "Well,
what does it say?" Each statement, however,
is being to believe that there is no
issue—wither jargon, without.

Neither reveals with any clarity what the
statement means, but in defense of
Romney it must be added that the piece
was in fact only an opinion piece written
during an interview, while the
State Department was preoccupied.

Both reveal the manner in which
obscure words, where simple words
would do the job. Jargon frequently
obscures, more or less calculatedly,
the usual tool of semi-professionals
who have risen above their capacities,
and who suffer from the imbalance between an
excess of words and an inadequate
stuff. Pretentious, it is the case of
Romney's unthinking, it is the case of
language and in logic to avoid
obscure words, to think clearly, to
be able to express oneself, is the mark of a true
illiterate.

Two questions remain for me at least.
First, are college students less literate than they
used to be? Second, should we expect a higher degree
of literacy from our graduates, than from other
citizens? And to put it more bluntly, why do we expect
from the public schools?

Yes, without argument, I believe that
college students are less literate than they
used to be. All, the good old days. But I don't
agree that we should expect "plastic" students
to be better writers or speakers—I only
mean that they thought better, and that they
were more ready to write. That is, we won't press. I have no evidence to com-
pare, only this week's issues, and a few
memories, leveled to no doubt over the years.

How they got this way is easier to figure.
They don't read much any more. They don't
read the newspapers, they watch regularly for
an astonishing number of their formative years. Not that
television is always with them, but they don't think,
not speaking, not writing, they don't think.

ter, education in secondary schools has
changed. Many students are less or nothing
are reading. Many schools carry
enrollment in high schools today. What do you
in English class, I asked one lady, what
class she had when she was a

Thirdly, they learn from example. Their
goals and the means by which they
achieve them are not as

Finally, I believe that a level of literacy
higher than that illustrated by the example at
the beginning of the essay should be
expected of college graduates. They
should be made to realize that a responsibility
comes with them, that they have the
responsibility for the proper

If we have become numb to the
impunity, vacuity, pervasiveness, pomposity,
and must be thought of as a precautionary
measure for the secure conveyance of informa-
tion, but for what Robert Graves called "the
decent, or graceful" communication of

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Clear Thought or Babble?

by R. Dirk Jellema

In my office I just found seven articles on various aspects of literacy, and I can remember half a dozen more I've read and discarded in the past few months, plus some I haven't read, plus half a dozen books, including two by Edwin Newman which have achieved national popularity. Obviously somebody's worried about the language. I've been worried about it myself for 20 or more years. What's new is that so many people are worried, in print, at one time.

Exactly what they're worried about is harder to figure. Some of them worry about spelling, some about grammar, some about punctuation, some about dialectal usage, some about jargon, some about misuse of words and some about logic and others about obfuscation. And there must be more. So the question becomes, what do we mean by literacy? Every dictionary lists degrees of literacy in its definitions, from simple ability to read and write—which may beg the question—to "educated," "cultured," "polished," "lucid," which may also beg questions. I define literacy the kind I think necessary to a liberal education—by which I mean "the ability to think clearly and to write clearly." The ability to make oneself understood.

But there you have it. One man's clear thought is another man's babble, and we agree on grammar, because for the goose, etc. What is the least any human being can legitimatly demand of another's writing? His speech? Simply this:

"I think that it makes sense, that it is reasonable. And that rule brings me to solid ground, something to which I can appeal. Logic. I think that's the root of it. Something like truth." For examples, try these: (1) "You man somewhere, galahiddinnin?" (2) "Both Miss Jenkins and myself have enjoyed serving you." (3) "Hit can't be did." (4) "I wouldn't consider it dishonorable to leave this post and run for office." And finally (5), "#%$%(! To sound this one out, you must imagine Alan Bundy discovering the class duck fast asleep during an exorcist of party organization at the precinct level."

The first of those happened to me last week, and the question was one to which I couldn't at first respond. I didn't know what it meant. But after a couple more trials, the bleary-eyed chimp who posed it convinced me that I was invited to "get it on," which left me perplexed but at the base level, I was awed. Hey, man, do you want to get it on? I knew what he said, but I didn't know what he said meant. Next step was to seek translation, which I did, which I gave. Then I understood. Perfectly logically, if you know the dialect, and what I was doing in a place like that, anyone.

The second is, I understand, a standard farewell of airline stewardesses. Perfectly understandable at first, unexplanation—what she's saying is goodbye, and her smile is as memorized as the like. The line is grammatical, one that keeps old Miss Havergal rolling in her grave with rules for the reflexive. But it works, like the hearty "How are you?"

Number three is one I heard frequently from one of the better instructors I've met in a lifetime of instruction. He taught by negative example, somewhere in Occupied Germany, the Army's forms and regulations. His chorus was ever in answer to the rhetorical question: "This man can get past the eagle scout major?" And his answer was ever and always, "Miss, it can't be did." I give him my pronunciation, however incorrect, for verbatim. Ungrammatical the sentence was, and is. But no one misunderstood.

The fourth sentence is not only clear and logical, it even has a rhetorical flourish to it. But it suffers in context: Patrick Moynihan spoke it as he left the N. U., and just before he began his campaign to "run for office." In short, nothing wrong except that it is a lie, whether calculated or not.

Finally, we have the spluttered expressive, Untranslatable, Barbara Yaw. But Kluckums, asleep near the window, knew it for the clear and logical articulation of anger, indignation, disappointment, passion that it was. And Kluckums could translate it into a grade as well.

So what am I saying? That at one level at least you can tell the illiterate by his verbal scorecard; that the language is a vital and colorful and miraculous thing, and that it changes from one person to another, from one place to another, from one time to another. It's like an ocean—we can't keep it pure, it must be dirty. We can only try to stop the supercans from bottling it too much and too often.

Should we worry about spelling? I do. I guess, but rarely do I find the spellers who mean it can't figure quickly. And the spelling of words does indeed change. The writers of Chaucer's and Shakespeare's day—and George Washington's too. I expect—were notoriously careless about spelling. Misplaced words bug me but it's because I wrongly assume that misspellings are indicative of a lack of respect for words, a carelessness—the same attitude I show towards my automobile's anatomy (to the dismay of a certain enthusiastic mechanic) and my own (to the dismay of one of my school-sire's). No; bad spelling is not necessarily illiterate, not necessarily bad, not even necessarily a symptom. Grammar? That too. I doubt it. I must confess that "Miss Jenkins and myself" offers me far more than "It can't be did." I cannot for the life of me justify my offense. The reflection is upon the reader, it seems to me, more than upon the speaker. But I still lament the infelicity of Miss Jenkins' co-worker to use the personal pronoun "I," and her equal inability to use "me," in a phrase like, "between you and..."

Punctuation? Most of the error here is again forgiveable, however crude. TIME magazine has eliminated lots of commas, most notably those before "and" in a series. Example: The report was sent to Haldeman, Erlichman and McGurker. "The Elements of Style rattles on my shrill, but what of it? Conventions change along, if the history of a language is accurate, and we get used to it.

Similarly dialectal usages. The get it on boy was practicing a dialect unnatural to him, but it was one that maintained his status in his bailiwick. His survival there does not depend upon a higher literacy. These four errors I think are caused by innocent ignorance, or harmless wrong choice. They do not prove, and only sometimes illustrate, an inability to think clearly and write clearly.

The last four are—jargon, flawed logic, misused words, obfuscation—might result from unintended ignorance, but it's more likely they result from less innocent causes—a desire on the part of the speaker to seem better or wiser than he is, or worse a desire to deceive. And these, it says in my continued on page nineteen.

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