A spectacular year in sports

1986-87 was a vintage year for the Hope College athletic program. In fact, the Flying Dutchmen and Flying Dutch were so impressive this year, that it would be nice to bottle and reuse some of that success for the coming seasons.

A league-record eight championships led Hope to its eighth straight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports Award, the longest string of All-Sports titles by one of the seven MIAA schools since the award was initiated in 1934-35. The Orange-and-Blue were MIAA champs in football, men’s and women’s cross country, golf, men’s basketball, men’s and women’s swimming, and women’s tennis.

Hope captured the all-league trophy virtually after the winter sports season ended. By then, Hope teams had won seven of 11 possible team titles. The final All-Sports standings ended as follows: Hope, 146 pts.; Calvin, 128; Alma, 103; Albion, 94; Kalamazoo, 75; Adrian, 66; and Olivet, 36.

But hold on. Here’s another impressive all-time league mark. Five of those eight Hope champs — football, basketball, tennis, women’s cross country, and golf — were invited to compete with the NCAA’s elite in post-season Division III tournament play. That’s another most-ever for a MIAA school.

On top of those five team qualifier, Hope boasted many other individual competitors who coped honors with flying orange-and-blue colors. Senior Rob Peel and sophomore Shelly Russell won national championships in swimming; plus several other Hope athletes also competed in NCAA national events in cross country, swimming, and track.

Also, Hope had five Academic All-Americans this year, highlighted, of course, by Dan Stid’s Rhodes Scholarship. The 1987 graduate was a defensive tackle on the football team.

So, after eight firsts, four seconds, four thirds, and one sixth place in 17 league sports, how can Hope athletics ever improve on 1986-87, the most successful year in Hope sports?

Well, as that old hopeful sporting adage goes:

There’s always next year.

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About the author
Bill Moreau, the author of our story about experiencing the life of a one-year professor on page 19, is a 1976 Hope graduate and, usually a full-time English teacher at Hamilton (Mich.) Community School. Moreau took a leave of absence from his position to teach full-time at Hope after nine and one-half years to be a visiting professor of education at Hope in 1986-87. He is the stranger to the Hope campus as a professor, though. For the past four years, he has been a part-time lecturer at the English Department.
The holder of a master's degree in education from Grand Valley State College, Moreau is a delightful humorist. Regular news from Hope readers might remember his story about attempting to be the first teacher in space, entitled "The Wrong Stuff," which appeared in our June 1985 issue.

NEW CHAIR: Max O. DePree, charging the board of trustees of Herman Miller, Inc. in Zeeland, Mich., has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hope College. DePree succeeds Dr. Victor Einicke of Bronxville, N.Y., whose term on the Board has concluded after eight years.
DePree has served on the Board of Trustees since 1982 as an Alumni Association representative. A Hope graduate, he recently served as chairman of the college's President's Search Committee which recommended the appointment of Dr. John H. Jacobson as the 10th president of Hope College.

TOP PROF: Dr. Boyd Wilson was voted this year's recipient of the Hope's outstanding professor-and-educator award which annually cites Hope's outstanding professor and educator.
The award, instituted in 1965, is generally presented by the graduating class to the professor who feels epitomizes the qualities of the Hope College educator.
An assistant professor of religion, Wilson joined the faculty in 1982. A graduate of Wheaton College, he received his master's degree from Wheaton College and a doctorate from the University of Iowa.
Wilson is a specialist in world religions, teaching several courses on the topic. In 1984, as a Fulbright Scholar, Wilson traveled to India to study its religious temples and people. While there, he had small-group encounters with the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Nobel Prize-winning Roman Catholic missionary, Mother Teresa. This summer, Wilson will travel abroad again; this time to Yemen on a grant from the National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations. At a place like Hope College, this honor is indeed something special, Wilson said, accepting the award. "Teaching is often taken for granted. At many institutions, it's low on the priority list. One of my advisors in graduate school said, 'Teaching is a breeze. Because there are so many terrible teachers out there, it doesn't take much to stand out.' After one semester at Hope, I wrote him back, and I said, 'Not here, not here. I have to give 110 percent just to stay with the pack.' As I say, it's indeed an honor to be recognized as a teacher among teachers."

PROMPIING GRAD: Denise Brown, a 1987 graduate, has been named one of 100 Women of Promise of the Class of 1987 by Good Housekeeping magazine and The Washington Center, the nation's largest independent student internship program.
A health psychology major, Brown was chosen from nominations submitted by the 1,200-member institutions of the American Council of Education. The criteria for nomination required each nominee to have a minimum grade point average above 3.0, but emphasis was placed more largely on the nominee's distinction as a campus leader and her contributions to society and the community beyond the campus.

Brown fulfilled those requirements of versatility with flying colors. The owner of a 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale and a member of Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa, national honor societies, she was also active in the Women's Issues Organization, psychology department research, as a member of the Alcohol and Drug Education and Concern Committee, a tutor for the Academic Support Program, and Upward Bound, a lead actress in theatre department musicals, an instructor of aerobics, a volunteer for Special Education Ministries and an area nursing home, a singer for the Collegian Musicum, and a reader for the blind.
The 100 Women of Promise will appear in the July issue of Good Housekeeping. The list is the magazine's salute to the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial.
Brown is the daughter of the Reverends Richard and Jacqueline Brown of Houston, Tex.

NEW MUSIC SOCIETY: The music department recently installed a chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society, for students who excel in music study. The new chapter now makes the college's list of honor societies total 10.
"The Hope faculty recognized the need for an honor society offering recognition to students who attain high levels of scholarship and achievement in the field of music," said Charles Aschebrner, professor of music and faculty president of the new society.
Pi Kappa Lambda was founded at Northwestern University in 1918.

MEMORIAL GIFT: Vesna Cjimanski-Petrovich, wife of the late Dr. Michael Petrovich — a long-time history professor at Hope, recently donated Michael's personal library to Hope College. The collection consists of approximately 800 books focusing on Russian and general history.

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things being said at or about Hope.
"The reason why we're going to continue to have problems with Soviet espionage is because the Soviet economy today is in a very, very disastrous state. It's not going to collapse, mind you, but it is an economy which is just muddling through, not producing the high-tech equipment and products a real superpower should be producing. And I'm convinced that Mr. Gorbachev sees that by the year 2000 the Soviet Union will be hopelessly behind unless he does something radical and important today. One of the things he is certainly going to continue is industrial espionage in the United States. And I would imagine he will try to increase industrial espionage in Japan and western Europe as well."
"Now, that's the down side of the picture. But it's going to be a continuing problem for us. The recent incident with the Marines in Moscow only goes to show how determined and persistent the KGB is in pursuing its subversive and secretive goals.
"But improving the economy is Mr. Gorbachev's number-one goal. Unless you have visited the Soviet Union, it is difficult to give you a convincing picture of how poorly the Soviet economy is doing today. Some people I know compare it to Europe after the Second World War when there just wasn't enough of everything to go around. It is an economy of scarcity. You have to know that 40 years after the war, there are a dozen or more Soviet provincial towns that are rationing because food is scarce. The poverty in which people are living in the Russian countryside is appalling.
"I mention these things because I want you to understand that I believe Mr. Gorbachev is very serious about wanting to strike some kind of bargain with the United States in the area of controlling armaments. He would love to divert scarce resources from the military sector into the civilian sector. So he is deadly serious (about arms control) in my view. And he has put us on the spot. The real question now is: are we deadly serious? Are we prepared to try to negotiate a deal which takes into account all the various concerns that we have, too?"
"It seems to me that rational men on both sides of the Iron Curtain should be able to limit the unabated production of new weapons."
— Nicholas Daniloff, the diplomatic editor of U.S. News and World Report who was arrested and held in the Soviet Union on charges of espionage last August, Daniloff visited campus for a day through the generosity of a Treadway Corp. grant.
The Class of 1987 graduates in May sunshine on Mother's Day

Warm May sunshine on Mother's Day was a welcome ceremonial participant when Hope College graduated 468 seniors and retiring president, Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, made his final college address during commencement exercises on Sunday, May 10 at Holland's Municipal Stadium.

The 122nd graduating class received their diplomas during the ceremony with approximately 3,500 family members and friends in attendance. Parents from as far away as Peru and Japan were among those in the crowd.

In addition to the bachelor's degrees awarded to the seniors, honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were presented to Dr. Blaine LeVal, Ed.D., the organizing pastor of Community Reformed Church in Fort Myers, Fl., and Dr. Marion Korteling, M.D., a child psychiatrist. Both also long-time missionaries in South India. Also receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree was Dr. Margaret D. Van Wylen, M.D., a psychologist.

Registrar Jon Huiskens was honored with a Distinguished Service Award, which was presented to him by the class of 1987 "to express their appreciation for his dedicated service to the students and staff during his academic development at Hope." Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, selected by the graduating class to deliver the commencement address, entitled his speech, "Commencement—Yours and Mine." He said he feels very close to the class of 1987 "because we are leaving Hope together...Today is a transition point in your lives and mine."

Van Wylen added that there are relatively few major transitions in our lives, though. As those transitions arrive and change person's responsibilities and relationships, it's good to know there are some things that remain the same—things like knowledge, the capacity to develop relationships, values, and the spiritual issues of life, he added.

"As I thought about these four things, though, it dawned on me that there is a summary to all of this. It is simply that what we are as people is what we take into the transitions of life. Those four things are embodied in each of us as a person...This is why we say so often that the fundamental question as you graduate is not what you can do with your education, but what your education can do for you!"

"When the future may be filled with the known and unknown, with disappointments and discouragements, the college president told the audience to still give one's self wholeheartedly to the task with a purpose and goal to find great fulfillment in the years ahead."

"Those occasions can be used for some of the greatest growth in our lives and prepare us for the future," he added.

"In closing, I want to thank you again for all you have meant to me. My final words are those that St. Paul gave the leaders of the Church at Ephesus in his farewell address to them. 'I commend you to God and to the word of His grace.'"

Van Wylen also announced, earlier in his address, that he and his wife, Margaret, are establishing an endowed scholarship at Hope in the name of the Class of 1987 "as an expression of our love and affection for you."

Earlier in the day, baccalaureate was held in Dimnent Memorial Chapel. Dr. Allen Verhey, a professor of religion on Hope's faculty, delivered his sermon entitled, "A Dream of Dwellers," using Joel 2:28-29 as his Old Testament text. (And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.)"

"I have a dream. I dream of dreamers—young men and young women so taken by the spirit of God that they share a vision of all things made new by God's power. It's an old dream, of course. It's the Joel's dream back when the locusts had destroyed the harvest," began Verhey.

But Christian dreams are not pipe-dreams, he continued, because Christian dreams have a basis ("the basis is the power of God which raised Jesus from the dead, enabled him to God's right hand, and poured out the spirit as the first fruits of a new age"); they are realistic, have content, and cause effect.

"Pipe-dreams are airy and nebulous and irrelevant. But Christian dreams are not like that. Christian dreaming is the stuff prayers are made of...Christian dreams are the stuff the Christian life is made of. The dreams keep us from setting in and merely wandering; they set us on a pilgrimage."

But Christian dreams aren't easy or cheap. Verhey added. Jesus' dreams cost him his life. And while Jesus can't promise easy or cheap dreams, "he does promise an adventure—enlivened and enlightened by good dreams."

"If we've taught you anything, I hope we've taught you to dream— and to learn and work and pray toward the dream."
EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1987-88

Fall Semester (1987)
Saturday, Aug. 29 - Residence Halls Open, 8 a.m.
Sat.-Mon., Aug. 29-31 - Freshman Orientation
Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Late Registration 10 a.m.-Noon, Maas Aud., Classes Begin, 8 a.m.; Formal Convocation (evening)
Monday, Sept. 7 - Labor Day, Classes in Session
Friday, Oct. 9 - Presidential Inauguration
Saturday, Oct. 10 - Homecoming
Wednesday, Oct. 14 - Fall Recess Begins, 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 19 - Fall Recess Ends, 8 a.m.
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 23-25 - Parents' Weekend
Thursday, Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Recess Begins, 8 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 30 - Thanksgiving Recess Ends, 8 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 11 - Last Day of Classes
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 14-18 - Semester Examinations
Friday, Dec. 18 - Residence Halls Close, 7 p.m.

Spring Semester (1988)
Sunday, Jan. 10 - Residence Halls Open, Noon
Monday, Jan. 11 - Registration for New Students, 3-5 p.m., Maas Aud.
Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Classes Begin, 8 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 12 - Winter Recess Begins, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Winter Recess Ends, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, March 2 - Critical Issues Symposium
Thursday, March 17 - Spring Recess Begins, 6 p.m.
Sunday, March 28 - Spring Recess Ends, 8 a.m.
Thursday, April 21 - Van Wylen Library Dedication
Friday, April 29 - May Day, Classes Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., May 2-6 - Semester Examinations
Friday, May 6 - Residence Halls close for those not participating in commencement, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 - Alumni Day
Sunday, May 8 - Baccalaureate and Commencement

May Term (1988)
Monday, May 9 - Registration & Payment of Fees, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. DeWitt Lobby
Monday, May 23 - Classes Begin in Session — Memorial Day Holiday
Friday, May 27 - May Term Ends

June Term (1988)
Tuesday, May 31 - Registration & Payment of Fees, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. DeWitt Lobby
Tuesday, May 31 - Classes Begin in Session — Memorial Day Holiday
Friday, June 17 - June Term Ends

Summer Session (1988)
Monday, June 20 - Registration & Payment of Fees, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. DeWitt Lobby
Monday, June 20 - Classes Begin (abbreviated schedule)
Friday, July 4 - Classes Not in Session — 4th of July Holiday
Friday, July 29 - Summer Session Ends

DEPREE ART CENTER EXHIBITS

The Michigan Experience — through June 14
This show, on loan from Michigan State University, commemorates Michigan's 130th anniversary with paintings about Michigan by Michigan artists.

Recent Acquisitions — June 19-Aug. 8
A show of works recently acquired for Hope's permanent collection.

Gallery summer hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Hope College Village Square, Friday, June 26, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Hand-crafted items, food and entertainment available at this annual campus-wide bazaar.
Hope College Annual Golf Outing, Tuesday, Aug. 25
Shoqgan start at 1 p.m.
Contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 392-5111 for more information or to make reservations.

VILLAGE SQUARE
FRIDAY, JUNE 26

A fun-filled country fair featuring handmade goods, delicious foods, art specials, children's entertainment, and a silent auction.
Breakfast begins at 7 a.m.; Booths open at 9 a.m.

ADMISSIONS

For details about any admissions event, contact the Admissions Office, Hope College, Holland, MI 49423, or call 616-392-5111.

EXPLORATION '87 — July 12-18 and July 26-Aug. 1
A "mini-college" experience for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school for the fall of 1987. The July 12-18 program will be for those students who have an interest in the sciences. The July 26-Aug. 1 program is open for all academic areas. For those students who are undecided, either Exploration would be valuable.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Sports Camps
For more information, phone (616) 392-5111. (Ask for Joyce)

Boys Basketball School — June 22-July 3, two hours per day, 5th-12th grades.
Girls Basketball Camp — June 15-19 all day, 7th-12th grades.
Swimming Instruction — June 8-18 & June 22-July 2.
Diving Instruction — July 13-17. One hour per day. 1st-6th grade.
Econostate — June 14-19, for high school students interested in economics and business. Phone (616) 392-5111. Herb Martin has details.

1987 AUGUST SEMINARS
- Aug. 3-7. A total of four courses are available for one-hour audit, one-hour undergraduate credit, two hours undergraduate credit or one-hour graduate credit. The courses include: "Ethnic Wisdom and Power: Three Women Writers," taught by Dr. Jane Bach; "The Way of the Heart," taught by Dr. Wayne Boulton; "Writing the Personal Essay," taught by David James; "Shakespeare: Early and Later," taught by Dr. Henry ten Hoor. For more information, contact the Registrar's office at (616) 392-5111.
When former President Gerald R. Ford accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Hope College on Friday, April 24, he called it the most meaningful degree he had ever received.

"Because of my very, very high regard for Hope College, no degree — earned or honorary — will mean more to me than the one I received from this outstanding institution," said Ford to students, faculty and community members who filled Dimnent Chapel beyond capacity for the convocation ceremony.

Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, Hope's ninth president who will retire on June 30, presented the degree to the 38th U.S. president.

Van Wylen commented that the special convocation was an event that would surely become a "memorable day in the life of Hope College."

Before the presentation of the degree, Hope trustee and Grand Rapids businessman Peter Cook praised Ford's many accomplishments. Cook, who graduated from Grand Rapids (Mich.) South High School a year after Ford, said the college's honorary Doctor of Laws degree recognized the former president's integrity, his honesty and his success at healing the nation after the Watergate scandal.

"President Ford is a part of history," Cook started. "He's national and international history in the flesh. We are having a little window on current history today."

Ford said his return to West Michigan brought back memories of growing up in Grand Rapids. He also recalled his campaigning days in Holland, particularly the times he stood and spoke in front of Dimnent Memorial Chapel when the Holland area was part of his district.

In his acceptance speech, Ford used the occasion to appeal for bipartisan cooperation to solve the nation's national and international challenges. He said that during his first 12 years in office (he was elected for a total of 13 terms) as a Congressman from Michigan's 5th District, the United States was experiencing one of its besteras. At that time, the economy was good, the federal deficit was under control, and the United States held a position of global leadership.

"This successful era in our nation's history was achieved for two very basic important reasons," he said. "First, there was a very high degree of cooperation between the White House and the Congress. Secondly, there was an equally high degree of bipartisanship between Democrats and Republicans, not only in the Congress, but also between the Congress and the White House."

"Today, to be very honest, I'm worried," he added. "I see our federal budget deficits and I say without hesitation, our fiscal management is out of control. I believe very strongly the experience of $200 billion annual deficits are an economic timebomb that could, at some point if not corrected, bring about serious economic ramifications to us in America and on a global basis. I'm also worried when I see serious foreign policy differences among our respective leaders in the nation's capitol."

The United States cannot serve as a global leader without a higher degree of unanimity among leaders of both parties, Ford said. But he also added that he remained optimistic about the future of the United States.

"I have faith in our people. I have faith in our form of government. I strongly believe we in this country have the governmental tools to do the job at home as well as abroad," Ford concluded.

Prior to the convocation, Ford was honored at a special breakfast attended by faculty chairpersons, honor students, Board of Trustee members, administrators and the press. He was addressed by members of the Hope community — 1987 graduates Kim Baxter and Dan Stol, biology professor Dr. James Gentile and psychology professor Dr. David Myers — who acquainted him with Hope's academic goals and mission.

"What they have said," he commented after the group's remarks, "allows me to make some observations in reference to Hope College. Since leaving the White House in January 1977, I have lectured and taught at 151 colleges and universities around the country — and in the process have taught more than 600 classes and responded to more than 6,000 questions. From those grassroots experiences, I happen to believe that this generation of young people is first class. We in this country should be very pleased that this group will meet the challenges of the days ahead."

In continuing his remarks, Ford praised America's pluralistic educational system. He said he subscribes to the view that competition in education between public and private schools gives the United States better students, better faculty, and a finer educational system across the board.

A University of Michigan graduate, Ford admitted that he was obviously prejudiced about the U of M, but he added that "the University of Michigan has to be better because it must compete with schools like Hope..."
Spring teams cap year with more success

Continued success on Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) sporting fields marked the end of this year's spring competition and Hope's most successful year ever in MIAA athletics. All six Hope spring teams finished the season by placing third or better.

It hardly came as a surprise when Hope captured its eighth consecutive MIAA All-Sports championship, which is a testimonial to the college with the best cumulative sports program in the nation's oldest college athletic conference. Next year, the MIAA will celebrate its 100-year anniversary.

The eight straight all-sports award also marks the longest string of titles by an MIAA school since the award was initiated in 1934-35. Hope has now won the award an unprecedented 16 times. But the spring sports season culminated with several other pleasant surprises—first Hope no-hitter in softball, a record-setting single-season batting crown in baseball, a national team invitation to the NCAA Division III tournament in women's tennis, and All-America honors in four events for three Hope tracksters.

BASEBALL: Outfielder Cops Kudos
Junior outfielder Jim Klunder of Grand Rapids, Mich., made MIAA baseball history when he captured the league batting crown in record fashion. Klunder erated a third-year-old MIAA record-battin .533 (16 hits in 30 at-bats) against league opponents this spring. The old record was .529 held by Ed Rust of Adrian College in 1956.

Coach Bob Johnston's two-time defending league champions finished their season tied for second in the MIAA standings (7-5) and were 14-10 overall. Alma College earned this year's championship status.

Klunder, the team's co-captain, also set a Hope College single-season record, batting .471 in all games. He had an .814 slugging average, belting a school-record seven home runs over 24 games. He already owns the Hope record for career home runs (13), and his .399 career batting average also exceeds the current record of .363 set by Tom Bylsma from 1983-86.

The only Hope player to earn all-MIAA first team honors, Klunder was voted the most valuable player by his teammates while junior pitcher Daren Fairchild of Muskegon, Mich., was named the most improved. Fairchild posted a 4-3 record, completing five of the nine games he started.

Earning all-MIAA second team honors were senior pitcher Mike Tietz of Grand Rapids, Mich., junior catcher Wally King of Ada, Mich.; and freshman designated hitter Steve Dieteler of Wyoming, Mich.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: League Champs and National Contenders
The MIAA champion Flying Dutch tennis team was selected as one of eight teams from the entire nation to compete in the NCAA Division III national tournament held at Kalamazoo College in May. It was the first time in Hope's history that the entire tennis team advanced to NCAA post-season play.

In addition, senior Kim Baxter of Hastings, Mich., and sophomore Colleen Sandro of Grand Rapids, Mich., were also invited to compete in the tournament's individual singles and doubles competitions.

The tennis squad was defeated after the first round of team competition, though in singles, Baxter advanced to the second round before being eliminated while Sandro, who advanced to the semi-finals of last year's Division III tournament as a freshman, was beaten for the second time this year in the first round.

Combining their talents, Baxter and Sandro then teamed up for tournament play in doubles competition. Achieving a 15-5 record during the regular season, Baxter-Sandro advanced as far as the semi-final round before losing to the eventual doubles champions.

Hope enjoyed one of its most successful women's tennis seasons in history this spring, posting a 13-2 dual meet record while winning the MIAA crown with a 6-0 mark and finishing second in the 12-team Great Lakes Colleges Athletic Association tournament. The team was under the tutelage of second-year coach Andrea Dahl.

Baxter, a four-year tennis veteran and captain of the team, was voted the league's most valuable player this year by winning the first singles and doubles crowns. She was joined on the all-MIAA first team by Sandro and Dani Zurchauer, a freshman from Okemos, Mich. Baxter was also voted the most valuable player by her teammates and freshman Rita DeWitt of Zeeland, Mich., and was named the most improved.

This year's women's tennis title was the fourth MIAA championship since 1980.

MEN'S TRACK:
Decathlon, Javelin All-American
Coach Gordon Brewer, in his 31st season at the helm of men's track, guided the Dutchmen, the two-time defending league champions, to a third-place MIAA finish this year. Calvin College took top league honors.

For one Hope athlete, though, two All-America honors were in store after regular-season competition.

Junior Todd Rose of Osego, Mich., placed in two events at the NCAA Division III national meet held in Naperville, Ill. Rose finished fourth in the decathlon and fifth in the javelin.

His first attempt in the ten-event competition and Hope's first decathlon competitor at a national meet, Rose finished with a Hope-record 5,657 points — first in the javelin (95 ft, 9 inches), third in the discus (129-1) and shot put (40-5.3/4), fourth in the 400-meter dash (52.23), fifth in the 110-meter hurdles (15.45), seventh in the long jump (20-7.1/4), 100-meter dash (11.91) and 1,500-meter run (4:47.61), and eighth in the pole vault (11-10) and high jump (6-1).

Rose's fifth-place finish in the javelin came on a throw of 195 feet, 8 inches.

In MIAA competition, the Flying Dutchmen earned a 3-2 record in the league and concluded with a third place on Field Day. All-conference honors went to junior Kevin Cole of Jenison, Mich.; senior Lincoln Dood of East Lansing, Mich.; and junior Randy Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dood culminated a brilliant college career as an outstanding long distance runner, earning all-MIAA honors six times in four years, on three occasions in both cross country and track. This spring Dood was the MIAA champion in the 10,000-meter run for the third straight year and finished second in the 5,000-meter run at Field Day.

Cole, who set a league and school record in winning the 800-meter run (1:52.4), for the second year in-a-row at Field Day, is a two-time repeater on the all-MIAA team. He qualified for the NCAA Division III national meet in the 800-meter run but did not place.

Johnson was second to Dood in the league's 10,000-meter run and third in the 5,000-meter run. He and Cole were also selected as all-MIAA cross country team last fall.

Also setting a new school record was the 1,000-meter relay team of senior Scott Voet of Grandville, Mich.; Cole, sophomore Hans Hiemstra of North Greenbush, N.Y.; and sophomore Dave Kingma of Grand Rapids, Mich. with a time of 2:31.81.

The team's most valuable tracker was Cole while senior John McElwee of Reed City, Mich., was voted the most improved. McElwee competed in the middle distances for the Dutchmen.

TENNIS:
Kudos and New Record
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Cole, who set a league and school record in winning the 800-meter run (1:52.4), for the second year in-a-row at Field Day, is a two-time repeater on the all-MIAA team. He qualified for the NCAA Division III national meet in the 800-meter run but did not place.

Johnson was second to Dood in the league's 10,000-meter run and third in the 5,000-meter run. He and Cole were also selected as all-MIAA cross country team last fall.

Also setting a new school record was the 1,000-meter relay team of senior Scott Voet of Grandville, Mich.; Cole, sophomore Hans Hiemstra of North Greenbush, N.Y.; and sophomore Dave Kingma of Grand Rapids, Mich. with a time of 2:31.81.

The team's most valuable tracker was Cole while senior John McElwee of Reed City, Mich., was voted the most improved. McElwee competed in the middle distances for the Dutchmen.

Coach Russ DeVette's Flying Dutch were solid second place finishers in the MIAA women's track standings, ending the season with a 3-1 dual meet record and narrowly losing to the all-MIAA championships.

Senior Colleen Sandro of Grand Rapids, Mich., and sophomore Colleen Sandro of Grand Rapids, Mich., were also invited to compete in the tournament's individual singles and doubles competitions.

The tennis squad was defeated after the first round of team competition, though in singles, Baxter advanced to the second round before being eliminated while Sandro, who advanced to the semi-finals of last year's Division III tournament as a freshman, was beaten for the second time this year in the first round.

Combining their talents, Baxter and Sandro then teamed up for tournament play in doubles competition. Achieving a 15-5 record during the regular season, Baxter-Sandro advanced as far as the semi-final round before losing to the eventual doubles champions.

Hope enjoyed one of its most successful women's tennis seasons in history this spring, posting a 13-2 dual meet record while winning the MIAA crown with a 6-0 mark and finishing second in the 12-team Great Lakes Colleges Athletic Association tournament. The team was under the tutelage of second-year coach Andrea Dahl.

Baxter, a four-year tennis veteran and captain of the team, was voted the league's most valuable player this year by winning the first singles and doubles crowns. She was joined on the all-MIAA first team by Sandro and Dani Zurchauer, a freshman from Okemos, Mich. Baxter was also voted the most valuable player by her teammates and freshman Rita DeWitt of Zeeland, Mich., and was named the most improved.

This year's women's tennis title was the fourth MIAA championship since 1980.
as she set a new league record in the javelin and qualified for nationals. A former basketball standout, achieving all-league honors in that sport three times, Hoekstra gave an all-American performance at the NCAA national meet, throwing the javelin to another school record — 137 feet, 10 inches — for a fifth place finish.

Freshman Julie Darling from Sodus, N.Y., was a double Field Day winner in the 400-meter dash and 400-meter hurdles, setting league records and qualifying for nationals in both. Darling ran a sixth place time in the 400-meter hurdles with a 1:04.3 clocking. In the NCAA meet preliminaries, she set a school record in the hurdles at 1:03.9. In the 400-meter dash, Darling failed to qualify for the finals.

Junior Sandra Lake of Holland, Mich., was a two-time league champion in the 5000-meter and 3,000-meter runs. She also set a record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:35.38.

Sophomore Mary Bauscher of Hamilton, Mich., a double league winner in the shot put and discus, qualified for nationals, too, but opted to take a May Term in London this year and did not compete. Bauscher set a school record, shot putting 42-7 1/2 during the regular season.

Also joining Hoekstra, Darling, Lake, and Bauscher on the all-league team was sophomore Glennie Kriekard, who placed second at the league meet in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Voted co-most valuable tracksters by their teammates were Lake and Kriekard.

SOFTBALL: No-Hitter Highlight

The Flying Dutch improved a notch in the MIAA standings by finishing third in the conference (6-4) and 13-11 overall. Calvin College was this year's softball title-holder.

Senior pitcher Barb Gras of Zeeland, Mich., became the first Hope performer to hurl a no-hitter. The pitching victory for Gras came over Albion College by a 13-0 score.

Five of coach Anne Irwin's softball players were voted to all league teams this year. Voted to the first team were outfieldder sophomore Dianne Brown from Byron Center, Mich.; pitcherinfelder junior Rhonda Buchanan of Charlevoix, Mich.; and freshman outfieldder Holly Vandenberg of Grand Rapids.

Junior DeeAnn Knoll of Grand Rapids, Mich., set a new career MIAA record for stolen bases with 15. An all-league second team choice, Knoll received all-MIAA commendations in two other sports this year, earning first team honors in volleyball and basketball.

She also became Hope's first woman athlete to earn a varsity letter in four sports in one year. On top of her softball, volleyball, and basketball prowess, Knoll competed on the women's track team.

Joining Knoll on the all-MIAA second team was freshman infielder Amy Riemersma of Zeeland, Mich.

Brown was voted the team's most valuable player by her teammates while freshman Sue Robbert of Portage, Mich., was selected the most improved.

MEN'S TENNIS: Still Improving

Coach Bill Japinga's Flying Dutchmen bettered their league standing over last year with a third place finish (3-3) behind perennial league champ Kalamazoo College.

Senior Todd Stewart of Grand Rapids, Mich., was voted to the all-MIAA team, playing first flight singles and doubles. Stewart was also elected the team's MVP while sophomore David Conley, a sophomore from Fremont, Mich., was the most improved player.

Golf earned national bid

The Hope College golf team received its first-ever invitation to compete in the NCAA Division III national championship tournament during May in Mansfield, Ohio.

The Flying Dutchmen, who are coached by Doug Peterson, captured the MIAA championship last fall. The NCAA tournament, however, is held in the spring. In order to gain consideration, the Hope team competed in several spring invitational tournaments.

The Flying Dutchmen golfers finished 17th in a 21-team field during the four-day, 72-hole tournament. Among the five teams invited to compete from the Great Lakes Region, Hope finished fourth. Ohio Wesleyan University was ninth while Wooster, Ohio, finished 10th. Muskingum, Ohio 15th, Hope 17th, and Wisconsin-Whitewater 19th. The difference between Hope and Ohio Wesleyan was only seven strokes per round.

The tournament was won by fourth-time defending national champion Cal State at Stanselas.

Leading Hope were freshman Todd Barkholtz of St. Charles, Mich., and junior Brian Westveer of Grand Rapids, Mich., who each averaged 78.3 strokes per round. Next was senior Quinn Smith of Grand Haven, Mich., at 80.3, sophomore Steve Knott of Niles, Mich., at 81.3, and sophomore Rolfe Timmerman of Middleville, Mich., at 82.8.

The tournament medalist was Pat Weisman from Cal State at San Diego who averaged 72.3 strokes per round.

Last fall Hope captured the MIAA golf championship for the first time since 1947, outdistancing the seven-school field by 64 strokes over a series of six tournaments.

The Hope golfers become only the second MIAA team in history to receive an NCAA bid. The other was Olivet College which finished 19th in the 1980 tournament.
Laps of labor and learning

Demanding sport with a blue-collar coach

by Eva D. Folkert

Whether Andy Rooney-esque inquisitiveness, have you ever noticed how coaches dress not only for the environment, but mostly for the temperament of their sports?

Basketball coaches are the snazziest, usually dressed in a suit coat and loosened tie. (Bobby Knight's tight red Adidas sweater is a sad exception.) Basketball is pretty classy, though. It's not polo, but it is civilized.

Most football coaches wear heavy sweaters and insignia caps. (Mike D'Antoni and Tom Landry's business attire is a needed exception.) Usually there's nothing fancy here for a gutsy, tough sport played in an arena for gladiators.

Baseball managers, on the other hand, aren't too original. They wear the team uniform. If an earthy look for America's simplest game.

What about swimming coaches? Well, because of the ubiquitous humility that hovers at poolside, most are donned in matching shorts and a short-sleeve shirt — a trademark walrus mustache.

Patnott might be more about that. He's comfortable because Patnott is as unassuming as his sport's coaching attire. He's always approachable; his kindly, toothy smile will always greet a greeting underling his trademark walrus mustache.

And he is not the Bobby Knight of swimming coaches, either — not in his dress and definitely not in his emotions. A calm, collected force at poolside, Patnott is the founder and builder of Hope's men's and women's swimming program which this year produced two Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) titles — the second-in-a-row for the men and eighth consecutive for the women and two individual national champions.

Like at poolside, Patnott is best suited for the atmosphere and philosophy of Hope. Hard work begets success, the coach urges, whether in the pool or the classroom or in life. He is a preacher of good work ethic; which is not too surprising from this coach who calls morning practices three days a week on top of the normal afternoon sessions.

And Patnott is no slouch himself. During the swim season, the stocky, muscular man maintains a taxing work schedule as a coach — usually arriving at 6 a.m., and not leaving the pool until 7:30 in the evening; as a professor — the co-director of the Health Education Program and the creator of two physical education courses in physiology; and as the head resident at Hope's largest all-male dormitories, Durfee Hall.

"My wife takes over most of the dorm duties during swim season, though," Patnott admits. "But I really enjoy the contact with students there. If we, as professors, don't get to know the students as people away from the classroom, then we're missing a valuable part of the education process."
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were presented by President Gordon J. Van Wylen, far left, to, from left to right, Dr. Margaret D. Van Wylen, Dr. Marian Korteling '47 Leval, and Dr. Blaise Leval '42. Blaise was the organizing pastor of Community Reformed Church in Fort Myers, Fla., while Marian is a child psychiatrist. Both were also long-time missionaries in South India. Margaret is a practicing psychologist in the Holland area.

Commencement Day and Alumni Weekend

Shindigs

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE: Two soon-to-be graduates celebrate their exuberant joy before baccalaureate by Hope's anchor.

SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN: Two alumni became reacquainted during Alumni Day festivities.

New outdoor registration, with the accompaniment of Bob Thompson's Jazz Quartet, marked one of the shining successes of this year's Alumni Day.
Reunions remember

Mother Nature was a very cooperative soul when she blessed this year’s Alumni Weekend festivities with perfect weather conditions on Friday and Saturday, May 8-9. As a result, alumni attendance was even better, Alumni Director David Van Dyke reported.


Over forty members of the Class of 1937, numbering 96 at graduation, were inducted into the 50-Year Circle in a ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

Five Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented at the Alumni Day Dinner on Saturday evening. Honored were: Phyllis Brink ’58 Bursma of Sudbury, Mass., for her long-time contributions to the National Alumni Association as a past president, vice president and New England representative; Dr. Eugene Jekel ’52 of Holland, Mich., for his brilliant 30-year career as a chemistry professor at Hope; the Rev. James Neovel ’56 of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., for his dedicated service to the Reformed Church in America as the pastor of New Hackensack Reformed Church and the president of the RCA General Synod, the highest elected office; Jerrald Redeker ’56 of Holland, Mich., and Randall Dekker ’47 of Zeeland, Mich., for their outstanding careers as business and community leaders. Though competitors in the marketplace (Redeker is the president and chairman of Old Kent Bank of Holland while Dekker is the chairman of First Michigan Bank), the two businessmen teamed up as co-chairpersons of the Holland/Zeeland community drive for The Campaign for Hope.

Class of 1937
Row 1: Marie Dalman VanEerden, Alice Hesselink, Phoebe Sargent VanDragt, Dot Parker Layendyk, Jane Eldridge Breen, Marian Mulder MacDermott;
Row 2: Hildegarde Bos Scheerhorn, Marjorie Nevenzel Alberts, Lila Salisbury Wiersma, Kaye Rotschafer Cook, Gordon Cook, Millie VandenBos DeBoer;
Row 3: Les McBride, Clare DeDee, Ruth Allen Jones, Lillian Van Roosie Lampen, Angelyn Van Lente Jalving;
Row 4: EK Buys, Henry Vermeer, Andy Lampen, Cal VanderWerf, Sidney Hamburg;
Row 5: Bernard DeWitt, Bill Poppink, Leon Hopkins, Ralph DeRoo, John Wynaarden.

Class of 1927
Row 1: Joseph Hyink, Eg. Felt, Fred Steketee, Dan Ten Cate, Jay Wabeke, Hurtger Winter, Melvin Lubbers, Ralph Muller, Silas Wiersma;
Row 2: Mary Crouch Zwemer, Cecilia ver Hage, Mae Hadden Hukill, Ruth Van Kersen Hoffmyer, Alice Plasman Kolean, Henry Burggraaff, Elsi Peets Cook, Mabel Coburn Kuit, Alice Ihrman, Cornelia Nettinga Nevel, Sue Dragt VanderBorgh.
Class of 1942
Row 2: Dorothy Curtis Dykema, Morris Tardiff, Dolly Kamps Kromeneyer, Lora Timmer Bertsch, Bob Fopma, Donald Van Ark.
Row 4: Bud Morgan, James Baar, Anne DeYoung, Jeannette VanBeek Frissel, Harry Frissel.

Class of 1952
Row 1: Eunice Schipper Northuis, James Harvey, Ezra Gearhart, Elain Bolthouse, JoAnn VandenBerg Dobben, Carol Crist Fern, Betty Cook, Julia Berntius Spitzler, Caryl Curtis Ewart, Betty Cross, Elain Groustra Boers, Marjorie DeNeut Boon, Irwin Brink.
Row 3: Dave Hager, Frances Schollen Rinkus, John Tien, Yvon DeLoof Tien, Duane Peeksok, Donald Hoffman, Cornelius Van Heest, Roy Adelberg, Roy Lipsden, Randald VandeWater, Jacqueline Van Heest DeYoung, Donald DeYoung, Doris Adams DeYoung, Delbert DeYoung, Margaret Feldman Krutzenga, Richard Krutzenga, Elisabeth Schmidt Dennison, Bob Dennison, John Beuker, Gene Jekel.

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The Van Wylen years

by Doug Holm '86

October 13, 1972 — a Friday. Clouds dominated the early morning skies as the college prepared for the inauguration of Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen as the ninth president of Hope College. The mood of many in the college community was similarly cloudy. Hesitation persisted. Who was this guy Van Wylen?

The student newspaper anchor asked: Is he conservative? We don't know. Is he liberal? We can't tell. What is his position? We'll have to wait and see. Personally, I think we're taking quite a chance.

Oh it's always that way when there's a new anchor editor.

The faculty was a bit skeptical, too. As far as some were concerned, Van Wylen had two strikes against him before walking into his office in Van Raalte Hall. As the former dean of the engineering school at the University of Michigan, what would be his commitment to the liberal arts tradition of Hope College? Was it his vision for the college to become H.I.T.E. (Hope Institute of Technology)? And what of his Christian Reformed background?

Having graduated from Calvin, wouldn't he want to convert Hope into something similar? One person wrote a letter to Hugh DePree '38, chairman of the Hope College Board of Trustees, asking: "Why did you have to select a graduate of Calvin College, and a member of the Christian Reformed Church? Were there no Hope alumni who qualified?"

What about this guy Van Wylen? He had pulled up roots in Ann Arbor, where he had been for 21 years and brought his wife Margaret and five children to Holland. Not only did he leave behind a two-year-old house for this risky step as college president, but also his reputation, built steadily over two decades of hard work. A bit apprehensive, he was probably saying "What about this Hope College?"

The search for a new president had begun over a year-and-a-half earlier in January 1971. Since Dr. Calvin Vander Weit's resignation in July 1970, presidential duties had been divided among several people. Five administrators took charge during the 1970-71 school year. The following fall, Chancellor Dr. William Vander Lugt and Treasurer Clarence Handregen exercised joint responsibility.

Originally, the list of candidates was long. In their first meeting, the nine-person Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Ruth Stafford Peale, looked at over 100 recommendations and reduced the number to 14. Within the first two months, that number was narrowed to eight, but by June, no decision had been made — the search would continue into the next academic year. "It will be January or February at the earliest before the job will be filled," Chancellor Vander Lugt told the anchor in September 1971.

Two candidates visited campus unan-

bounced a month later, but again, no decision was made. The following January, however, the scenario shifted. On January 17, 1972, the anchor reported that Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, dean of the engineering school at the University of Michigan, would be coming to Holland to meet with the Hope College Board of Trustees. His plans were to be secret, but the story had broken a few days earlier when the university's student newspaper, the Michigan Daily, printed a story telling Van Wylen had decided to resign his deanship to accept the presidency at Hope.

But of U-M's aggressive student journalists had jumped the gun. Van Wylen had not yet made a decision; neither had the Board of Trustees. As one of the two candidates to visit the campus, Van Wylen told DePree and William C. Wichers, secretary of the Board of Trustees, that he would seriously consider an offer from Hope, and the January meeting was arranged.

It seemed to be now or never for the board. Van Wylen was said to be considering other presidential offers. There were rumors that he was under pressure to remain at Michigan. And, apparently, there were no other options for the trustees: either choose Van Wylen or go back to the drawing board. On January 21, 1972, the board called Van Wylen was their man. He would assume the office on the first of July.

But still there was hesitancy about Van Wylen. After listening to him speak to a group of students in January, a freshman told the anchor, "I don't know if he sounds too conservative. Others were more cautious. "I've never met the man before," said Robert Vickers, professor of art. "I really can't say anything." The anchor described the campus attitude as one of "wait and see." Wichers perhaps hit upon it best. "People really don't know him very well; that's the problem."

Fifteen years later, the Hope College community has gotten to know him very well. Over the years, the doubts and hesitancy slowly dissolved into the cloudy skies of the day Van Wylen's inauguration. By the time of the ceremony that afternoon, the summer home brightly as the crowds in Dimnent Memorial Chapel watched this guy Van Wylen become President Van Wylen.

Hope College had ushered in a new era — an era that would indelibly mark its long history. The Van Wylen years would cause an improving academic reputation, remarkable campus development, an increased awareness about the importance of fund-raising and a further definition of Hope College's role in higher education. As the years passed, the college found, as Jon Fuller, president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), says, "a sense of confidence in itself that it really can retain its distinctive Christian commitment and a first-rate place academically."

Although he may downplay the contributions he has made in his role, it has been Gordon Van Wylen's "strong hand on the rudder," in the words of Dr. Elton J. Brubaker '50, dean for arts and humanities, that guided Hope to this present state of confidence.

"President" is his title, perhaps "Leader" would be more fitting. Van Wylen has repeatedly sacrificed the time he sets aside for himself, driven the extra mile on campaign trips, taken that risk of which others were afraid, to push Hope College towards his goal of excellence.

"As a college president, you have to love the college and make sure you have some vision as to what the college should be," says Dr. Frank T. Rhodes, president of Cornell University and a friend of Van Wylen since their days on the faculty at the University of Michigan. "Without that you will be just a manager, not a leader."

In his strong commitment to his vision for Hope College — what he calls the college's "mission" — Van Wylen finds his catalyst. "He has a sense of the mission of the college and his own personal commitment to that," says Margaret, his wife of 35 years. "Going out fund raising is one of the responsibilities to fulfill the mission of the college as well as the mission of God's purpose in his own life."

To administrators around him, Van Wylen is a leader by example. Walking sprightly from his home on campus to the DeWitt Center, day in and day out, he brings his personal discipline and work ethic to the office like the sack lunch he often carries. He sets the tone, and it filters down through the administration.

"He gives so much of himself emotionally, physically, that he's like a Marine leader," says Robert DeYoung, vice president for advancement and public relations. "He doesn't ask us to go anywhere or do anything that he wouldn't do himself."

"You have to keep up if you're going to survive," says William Anderson, vice president for business and finance. "You know you're going to have to work hard and put in a lot of hours, because he has so many things in the air all the time."

In fact, after 15 years of going the extra mile to bring national recognition to Hope College, Van Wylen recently received due credit himself. Last October, he was named one of 100 college presidents who were considered by their peers to be the most effective leaders in higher education in the country. As one of the nation's 100 top college presidents, representing approximately three percent of the administrative officers of U.S. colleges and universities, President Van Wylen's selection was the result of a study conducted by James L. Fisher, president-emeritus of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and author of The Power of the Presidency, and Dr. Martha Tack, professor of educational administration and supervision at Bowling Green State University.

Then, on an international scale, Van Wylen was recognized again as an outstanding leader. On May 20, the Hope president received the first-ever honorary degree awarded by Tokyo's Meji Gakuin University in its 100-year history. Meji Gakuin and Hope have been sister schools for over 20 years, both engaged in joint exchange programs.

At the age where many people have retired or are considering retirement, Van Wylen has kept a schedule that might make a younger person cringe. Two years ago he agreed to postpone his retirement to work on the latest capital campaign, The Campaign for Hope, and in doing so, ensured that he wouldn't go to coast into retirement.

Besides the daily job of "steering" the college, he is also in touch with students, attending functions such as concerts and athletic events or inviting students into his home for dessert. Alumni events beckon his presence. On top of all that, there are community-related activities in which he
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must participate. A normal, book-toting student probably does not realize the scope of his responsibilities.

"He has put in countless hours interacting with our constituents — entertaining, traveling," says DeYoung. "He has just gone beyond what is really called for by any president."

"I'd wipe it out," adds Charlotte Mulder, his long-time secretary, shaking her head. "He and Margaret might have two or three functions a night, and then they might have a group over to the house."

One of the qualities that has aided Gordon Van Wylen's role as Hope College Leader is who people refer to again and again as his integrity. It permeates all aspects of his life —from calling on foundations for support to personally answering letters from parents and alumni.

"Integrity is something you can learn," says DeYoung, who served as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1966 to 1978. "Schools can't teach you how to have integrity. You have it or you don't have it."

And rather quickly after Dr. van Wylen arrived, people began to see that here was a man who was deeply sincere and had this high degree of integrity.

"If Gordon Van Wylen were out in the middle of a low corn field, and there was a four-wheel stop, he would stop, simply because he has respect for the law," says Jerald Redeker, 56, of the Holland Community Church. "He's that kind of image you get of him."

That integrity has a great deal to do with his success at fund raising, and explains why a relative "country bumpkin," as one faculty member put it, can walk away from wealthy East Coast foundations with their support. Far from a smooth-talking salesman, Van Wylen doesn't attempt to act like one. He presents himself as he is.

"When you meet Gordon for the first time, he is unassuming, but you listen to him and you want to hear more of what he says," says his son, 26-year-old van Wylen. "You're going to end up saying, 'That Hope College. I've never heard of that before, but I'm really excited about that place.'"

In addition to earning the respect of the campus community, Van Wylen has made his mark in the Holland area. In December 1982, he agreed to chair a committee that would study a proposed city airport. In recommending the $5.8 million project, he entered local politics on a controversial issue. In July 1983, he led a campaign committee that promoted the airport construction, and in August the plan was narrowly approved by Holland voters.

Because of his personal integrity, Gordon was probably the only person in this community who could raise that issue above all the

innuendo," Redeker notes. "I had felt it was a bit out of context for him. It was something where he could have gotten politically tainted. He became more vulnerable in the community. He could have been misunderstood and criticized. He had nothing to gain and everything to lose."

But he went ahead and did it, and his leadership helped the project succeed. Later that year he became the first recipient of the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce Disting
guished Service Award for his involvement.

"He's got courage and guts to carry out what he thinks is best," says John Hollenbach, professor-emeritus of English who taught at Hope from 1945 to 1978. "He doesn't worry too much about what is going to be the impact of this. Too many of us in this community are concerned about 'To what extent will I still remain a good guy?'

Under Van Wylen's leadership, Hope College transformed the tragic setback of the Van Raalte Hall fire of April 1980 into an opportunity to open up campus and create a grassy "commons." Exactly one week after a fire had damaged historic Van Vleck Hall, the college awoke on a misty Monday to find the 78-year-old Van Raalte Hall — the administrative center and former classroom building — engulfed in flames. The fire had been spotted around 5:15 that morning and by the beginning of the normal work day had done irreparable damage.

As the story goes, Van Wylen had trouble sleeping the night before. About 2:30 in the morning he went down to the kitchen to fix Ovaline — his own special sleeping potion. He awoke several hours later to hear the Holland Fire Department noise trying to cope with the blaze that had been raging practically in his own backyard.

By mid-morning, with devastation so severe that a wrecking crane had been called to knock down the walls of housing offices but charred remains, Van Wylen and his senior administrators were already designing temporary office locations. "Carry On" was their theme.

"When I went there, Dr. Van Wylen was very distressed," remembers Wichers, who resides a short block from campus. "But once the fire was under control, and he was assured the College and surrounding buildings were okay, I was amazed. He said to Barry Werkman (business manager) and Bill Anderson (vice president of finance), 'Look, the college has to go on. What do we do?' He was already directing, and he was already in charge."

With the entire college community pulling itself from the rubble, Van Wylen seized an opportunity to once again lead the college towards excellence, this time in the area of campus development.

Seven years previous, in his first President's Report, he had publicly stated his hopes that Van Raalte Hall be razed and a pedestrian mall constructed where 12th Street divided campus as a way of "opening up" that part of campus. In early 1980, the City approved the closing of 12th Street, and that project was underway when Van Raalte burned. The fire, then, may have been a blessing in disguise. It saved the college an expensive removal or renovation.

And when the Board of Trustees decided not to rebuild on the old site, Gordon Van Wylen's plans for a new open campus were on the verge of completion.

One faculty member joked that in a tribute to Van Wylen, all that was needed were two photos — an aerial shot from 1972 and one from today, so great have been the changes during his tenure. If freshmen from the late 1980s wished to return to the campus as Van Wylen saw it upon becoming president, they would witness a remarkable transformation. As they travel back in time, the campus developments disappear one by one. First to go is the nearly-completed Gordon J. and Margaret D. Van Wylen Library. On its site are three buildings now occupied by a new campus — the Albers Guest House, Van Schaack Cottage on 13th Street and the Nursing Department. Next is the Mass Student and Conference Center. Mandeville Cottage returns to its function next to Kollen Hall. The DeWitt Center reverts to its original form before its 1983 renovation, with Carnegie Schouten Gymnasium looming behind it.

Now are the College East Apartments and the DePree Art Center and Gallery. The Slight Factory Building now houses the department of economics and administration.

"What he has done here at Hope — with finances, in the classroom, in the administration, in the general planning — is that he has brought this campus to literally a level where the students have been the winners of a very special sort of achievement."

"He and Margaret might have two kids out of his long-time secretary, Van Wylen's wife, published a book on the history of Hope College. It became the Slight factory offices. The computer center no longer occupies Durfee Hall; an old cafeteria takes its place. Van Raalte Hall again casts a shadow on the Pine Grove, and 12th Street divides campus with a view of blacktop. Students once again crowd into a small cafeteria in Phelps Hall. The corner of 13th Street and Columbia Avenue stands empty without the Dow Health and Physical Education Center. The Peale Science Center is just being completed on the other end of campus, and the sciences boost the humanitises from Lubbers Hall.

Within a few moments, they have watched a complete campus conversion. And that doesn't even include the substantial renovations of Voorhees Hall (1972 it was used for faculty offices since it did not meet building code requirements for residential halls), Van Vleck Hall, the Presidents Home and Durfee Hall. Quite a change.

"Certainly no other of the 12 colleges in the GLCA has changed so dramatically in the last 10 years in its appearance," says Fuller. "When I first saw the college, my own sense was it was a kind of dowdy place, very utilitarian with not much attention to design or appearance or physical beauty. And I guess at this point it's one of the most beautiful campuses I know."

Anderson points to the construction of the Dow Health and Physical Education Center as another critical decision in the transformation of the Hope College campus. The Carnegie Schouten Gymnasium, built in 1916 when enrollment in the college was 110, had been inadequate by the early 1970s, and it hampered the physical education program. Financing of the $3.6 million center was made possible by the Build Hope Fund, the capital campaign launched just prior to Gordon Van Wylen's arrival in 1972. Although it was sorely needed, its construction did not begin until all funds had been raised; when it was dedicated in October 1978, it became Hope College's first building to open debt-free.

"The College Center is an example of the new campus."
Trophy each year. Before the construction of the Dow Center, they had most recently won the award in the 1966-67 year.

"Student-athletes looking at Hope have got to be impressed with our facilities, and I think we are equal or better than other (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division III schools," says head football coach Ray Smith, professor of physical education and director of athletics for men. "That helps with recruitment and retention of our student-athletes — and maybe the rest of our students."

Another important development for the athletic program was the construction of the Holland Municipal Stadium by the City of Holland in 1979. Replacing outdated Riverview Park, the new facility sparked as the new home for the Hope College football team and with no small effort by Gordon Van Wylen. He played a major role in bringing Hope College support to the project as well as helping the City choose the site at Smallenberg Park, a few short blocks from campus.

"Gordon really came through with the college's support," says Terry Hofmeyer, Holland city manager since 1975. "We didn't have that quality of facility, and it could not have happened if the college didn't support it."

Another physical development that has had a big impact on the academic curriculum is the DePree Art Center and Gallery. Open since the fall of 1982, the center consolidated what had been a fragmented art program. Most of the studios had been located in the Van Noy Building several blocks off campus, but Graves Hall and the basement of Phelps Hall were also used for some courses. The DeWitt Center housed the art gallery. The $1.8 million renovation of the former Sligh factory on the corner of 12th Street and College Avenue, named in honor of Hugh DePree, changed all of that.

According to Del Michel, professor of art and chairperson of the department, the faculty benefited as they began working on campus rather than in home studios, making themselves more available for students and in touch with each other. And of course, the students were direct beneficiaries as well. "It's the best facility that I know of for this type of college in terms of the type and quality of space," he says. "We have a better environment for students to work in, and it's sort of fostered an atmosphere of seriousness and put a premium on creativity."

Michel mentions Gordon Van Wylen as a source for the quality that he now finds in the DePree Art Center.

"We started out with a modest budget, but as we planned and saw the needs, it expanded. Typically, his response was, 'We've wasted a lot of money on this project,' he says. "We were very instrumental in stabilizing the kind of quality that would do credit to Hope's name."

"Dr. Van Wylen had the foresight to say that students aren't going to come here if we don't have the package," says Anderson. "We could have the greatest faculty in the world, but if we don't have it wrapped in a nice package, students just aren't going to come. It's more important to have a nice campus and nice facilities. You have to have a Dow Center and those types of things, or they're not going to be interested."

Anderson also credits the Board of Trustees and former President Vander Wert for initiating campus planning — a foundation upon which Van Wylen has built. He notes, however, that without Van Wylen's persistence, the campus would not have transformed itself so radically in the last decade. The outside media often explain Hope College's success by talking about Dutch conservatism, but Anderson classifies Van Wylen as a risk-taker. "He's willing to take the risk sometimes when the rest of us aren't. He just says, 'Look, we're going to do it. We're going to raise the money. This project is that important to the campus and we're going to make it happen.' And he'll take a major responsibility for doing that. If he's made a commitment to the project, he's going to see it through."

"Seeing it through" translates into "raising funds" for college administrators, and not many have had the talent to make it happen. Gordon Van Wylen has had it in his 15 years. During his term as president, Hope College has raised more than $10 million. "The last time in its history through yearly Annual Fund drives and two major capital campaigns, The Build Hope Fund and The Campaign for Hope, its efforts have been avidly supported by alumni," and in 1984, the alumni giving program was nationally noted for its percentage of participation.

Starting just prior to Van Wylen's term, Build Hope was the college's largest campaign with a goal of $8.85 million. Upon arrival, Van Wylen plunged headfirst into the campaign maestro. In charge of the foundation grants committee, he found himself calling on large foundations for support — an unfamiliar role. He quickly developed his own style, however, learning his limitations and utilizing his talents.

"I can remember going with him on our first call together for a gift," says DeYoung, "and neither one of us knew much about it. But, boy, his integrity! He just walked in and asked for the gift. And we learned along the way."

"He would later tease Hugh DePree and me about fund raising," Wichers adds. "He'd say, 'You never told me about this,' and he would admonish us good-naturedly, saying our job description was incorrect. We'd always say, 'We didn't want to scare you away.'"

Build Hope had four major projects: the construction of a physical education center, renovation of the former science building into a center for humanities, renovation of Voorhees Hall, and increasing the college's endowment for scholarships. Beginning with a Board of Trustees' contribution of $2.2 million, it became the most successful campaign in the college's history at the time, easily exceeding its goal. When it closed in December 1976, the amount of money raised totaled $10,407,690.

"One of the things I thought we were going to be weak on was fund raising," says DePree. "But he's turned out to be just superb over the years. That was a real plus for all of us on the Board."

Nine years after Build Hope ended on such a high note, the college announced a much more ambitious fund drive, The Campaign for Hope. With a goal of $26 million, it dwarfed the amount raised by the earlier effort. At the public opening of the campaign, Van Wylen announced he would postpone his retirement for two years to work more fully on the campaign. His expertise and experience in fund raising were vital, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Victor Eimerle said at the time. Indeed, people working on the campaign called him the "key individual."

"We had the single most important part he plays is the image that he provides to the constituency — an image of quality, integrity and good leadership," says DeYoung. "When you go to an individual who might be willing to contribute a lot of money, they don't necessarily want to talk with just anybody, but they want to talk in many cases with the president," adds Anderson.

Eimerle, who succeeded DePree as Board chairman in 1978, remembers a director of a large foundation who told him that "almost the total motivation for his recommendation that his foundation become interested in Hope College was because of the person leading Hope College."

"That's the kind of impression Gordon makes," he says.

The Campaign for Hope raced quickly to its goal, reaching it by the fall of 1984. Twelve million dollars was earmarked for campus development, including the construction of a new $8.5 million library, with the remaining funds going to increase the college's endowment. A low $2.3 million when Van Wylen became president in 1972, the endowment had increased six-fold by 1984. The Campaign for Hope would double that.

While attention-getting capital campaigns have marked the beginning and end of Van Wylen's presidency, Hope College has continuously raised money for operating expenses through its Annual Fund. Perhaps the most remarkable financial feat during his years has been the use of college resources to radically transform the campus while at the same time maintaining a balanced budget and keeping student tuition relatively low. A college president spends 15 to 20 percent of his time raising funds, estimates Rhodes, and Van Wylen has certainly maximized his time. Through hard work and extra hours, he has helped lead Hope to a solid financial ground.

"We've always been a relatively poor college," says Bruts, who has been on the faculty since 1966. "Now, we're not a rich college by any means, but Gordon Van Wylen has raised money, he has reconditioned the college, and he's given us new facilities that we never had before."

The fund-raising and extensive campus development have helped Hope College in the building of another area — its academic reputation. Since the late 1970s, Hope has been recognized as one of the leading colleges in the country for its outstanding and affordable liberal arts education in such publications as Money magazine, U.S. News and World Report, Peterson's Competitive Colleges, and in both The New York Times Selective Guide to Colleges and Best Buys in College Education.

"That is something I think no one would have thought would happen to Hope 15 years ago," Fuller says.
Van Wylen has had a leading role in this as well. He is not an aloof administrator barricaded in his office signing papers, but rather, he is interested and involved in the academic program. He remains in touch with the students, discovering their concerns and listening to their complaints. He has input with the highest levels of the academic administration, the Dean's Council.

"I didn't realize a president had so much to say about the academic life of a college," says Bruins. "I often say to people, 'He knows all and sees all and makes all decisions.' You know Gordon Van Wylen is running this place."

From 1974, Van Wylen initiated a reorganization of the administration to strengthen the academic program. Upon the resignations of Dr. Merton Rider, dean for academic affairs, Van Wylen and a committee under the direction of Dr. David Marker, professor of physics, began restructuring the upper levels of the academic administration. Their efforts resulted in the establishment of the provost-dean structure prior to the 1975-76 school year. Four divisional deans — arts and humanities, natural sciences, social sciences; would now report to the provost, the top academic administration post. The move enabled the administration to give more attention to individual departments. Over the years the structure has been modified somewhat. Today there are three deans — arts and humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

"There were areas that had strong reputations," says Provost Jacob Nynhuys, who came to Hope as the first dean for humanities in 1975, "but the president's goal was to bring about improvement all across the college. Everywhere the organizational structure was a factor in helping to create significant improvements in the academic program."

Another factor in strengthening academics was the expansion of the faculty development grant program. With an impetus from a $150,000 Mellon Foundation grant in 1974, these grants enabled faculty members to pursue research interests during the summer. That first summer, 34 faculty members received summer grants, and since then, Van Wylen has worked on continuing the program using college resources. Hope College now has endowment funds to back up most of the grants.

"That summer grant program really does something to the academic integrity of this place," says Dr. Dennis Vosskuil, professor of religion, who has received funding for his research for each summer since coming to Hope in 1977. "It keeps people here. You want people who are scholar-teachers, and it's a very enhancing thing. It says this college makes scholarship a priority."

The program is just one of the ways Hope College has continued to encourage faculty professional activity under Van Wylen. Sabbatical leaves offer faculty an extended period for research during the academic year. College resources such as the computer system — which includes computer terminals in many faculty offices — also help. And, according to many of the faculty, Van Wylen personally has created an environment where scholarship and research thrive.

"He is a very good scholar himself and was at a university where that activity was a part of an academic career," says Peter Schakel, professor of English and chairperson of the department, who has published four books since coming to Hope in 1969. "It is true that I came here with a model in mind and has supported it as a part of an academic environment. Just as I stay in touch with students, Van Wylen works on keeping channels open for faculty. Many of his memos include copies of articles he found interesting and would like to share with the faculty. He pumps them with new ideas and thoughtful study. He seems to make all faculty members strive for excellence which I think is important," says Nynhuys. "You can get stuck in a rut if you don't have somebody encouraging you to improve what you're doing."

"After a Board of Trustees meeting, he immediately tells you what happened," says Dr. David Myers, professor of psychology, who has taught at Hope since 1967. "He communicates with the faculty very openly. And he's open just personally in one-to-one conversations, sharing information and his own personal experience that he has."

During recent years, an atmosphere of trust has pervaded campus, fostering a high morale. And that, people say, is a credit to Van Wylen.

"Generally, the climate is the best that I can recall — ever!" adds Roger Rietberg, professor of music, a faculty member since 1954.

In the early 1970s, Hope College was at a crossroads. It needed a sense of direction, an identity, a vision of what its purpose should be in the decades of the 1970s and 1980s. Like the vast majority of private colleges in the country, it lay in the Christian faith. It had begun and developed as a church-related college, but how was it going to respond to an ever-changing culture and society? Which way would it go? Would it turn inward to become a doctrinaire college, or would it turn away its historical heritage and become a secular institution? In 1972, Gordon Van Wylen arrived and threw in the anchor. In effect, he reminded the college community how Hope had remained an outstanding liberal arts college over the years without sacrificing its commitment to the Christian faith. It didn't suddenly have to abandon that to continue offering an outstanding education. In fact, continuing the spiritual dimension was beneficial, not a distraction. Faith enhanced learning and learning enhanced faith, he stated. And as a result, the relationship between the college and the Reformed Church in America was given new strength.

"Gordon has been aware that the historical ties between Hope College and the Reformed Church are important," says the Rev. James E. Needel, president of the Reformed Church General Synod and a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees. "There had not been as much emphasis on that relationship, but he has brought a strength to it."

"I think we were somewhat apologetic about being a church-related college," Rietberg says. "Somehow, students who were looking for a challenging study in the liberal arts would see this as less exciting, somewhat confining. For a few years, we went in that direction, but under Gordon, we've come back."

"One can have an intellectual openness and pursue learning in the limits without having to say from that you have to abandon faith," Nynhuys adds. "We say that it is possible to have openness and commitment, and we're going to make our contribution there."

But more was needed than just a sense of history. Van Wylen contended. Hope College needed to clarify its identity. An institution must have a vision to provide direction in its every endeavor, he said, and at the request of DePree, he set about the task of putting his vision for Hope College into one sentence. And that has become the central theme for his work — his "mission."

"The college has had many philosophical threads during its history," notes Einemick, "and I think during Gordon's tenure those threads were re-woven into a new fabric. Behind that mission statement is the rewoven of all of this history and philosophy that has gone on through the years Hope College has existed."

"The mission of Hope College is to offer, with recognized excellence, academic programs in liberal arts, in the setting of an undergraduate, residential co-educational college and in the context of the Christian faith."

Van Wylen has taken that simple statement to heart, repeating it to audiences again and again like a drill instructor. In fulfilling that vision, he has led Hope to become, in the words of Dr. Ellen Rietberg, "intellectually Christian" — meaning the majority of people hired by the college share in its beliefs. Although some details that follow from that are hazy and stir debate on campus, Bruns sees the success of the Van Wylen years as a result of this attention to the college's Christian heritage.

"That intentionality, that sense of vision and direction is something that he's framed," he says. "Everything we do, all the decision-making that goes on, we examine. We ask 'How do we enhance Hope College as a Christian liberal arts college?' And it's worked."

"There were times," adds Van Wylen, "when we've had to do things not an aloof administrator. We've been able to make changes and keep our goals."

"It's been a period of changed and growth," says Rietberg. "We're here because of the insights of the past, and we're here because of the vision of the future."

Retrospective of the "Golden Age"

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Retrospective
Class of 1962
Row 1: Jane Heerema Perry, Marilyn VanderWilt Bynbrandt, Sharon Norris Flynn, June Veldheer Palas, Jean Schregardus Beyer, Doris Taylor Brunels, Betty Whitaker Jackson, Judy Wells Meeuwisen, Donna Fisher Post, Beverly Joekel Van Gendert.
Row 3: Tom Torga, Nancy Sonneveldt Miller, Shirley Harmeink Ringham, Sara VanDePoel VanHekken, Sophia Bremner, Bev Zeedyk Swanson, Jim Anderson, Sherwin Werner, Tom Plewes.
Row 4: Paul Hesseltine, Thomas Rieke, Sayers Lutz, Bruce Beimers, Paul Dalman.

Class of 1972
Row 1: Sandy Goossen Bruischat, Kathy Hoger Mulder, Suzanne Rutledge Viel, Susan Joelson Brameau, Joyce Droven Budge, Martha Corbin Whiteman, Glenn Pride, Lou Bologard Karrel, LaVerne Bocanelli.
Row 4: Janet Winkens DeBong, Joanne Enigtenburg Stam, George Bennett, Bob Layendyk, Craig Schreiter, Mark Ohlhoff, Eileen Winter Esmark, Neil Becker, Jerry Keizer.
Tim Hillgonds, Jerry Stisser, Clarke Borgeson, Phil Van Lente, Jeff Aldrich, Lynne Castetter Hall, Nancy Sterk, Shelli Midavaine Cook, Doug Iverson. Missing: Barbara Paul Sadler.
Return of the Yugoslav

by Eva D. Folkert

"My name is Nick Koljevic. You would probably pronounce it Kool-yevitch," the man on the phone chuckles, obviously well aware of the usual verbal slaughter of foreign names. (Koljevic is speaking to a representative from Yugoslav USA — a division of that eastern European car company that brought back the popularity of the cheap subcompact with the matchbox-sized Yugo-mobile.)

"And by the way, I'm a Yugoslav myself so I know it takes them forever to get anything ready." He laughs again, a laugh that bursts suddenly from his chest. He does that a lot.

The European gentleman continues to leisurely chat with the Yugoslav representative. Nikola Koljevic (really pronounced Cool-yevitch) is working out a deal that would afford him and two Hope colleagues the use of a Yugoslav, rent-free of course, while making a video program this summer which introduces Americans to the history and people of Yugoslavia.

Listening longer, it's easy to see that Koljevic is a wheeler-dealer of sorts. But not a shrewd. Good entrepreneurs don't take people for a ride; they just get things done with a good measure of emphasis. Those were the same profuse extroverted qualities the late Michael Petrovich, a fellow Yugoslav, possessed.

Petrovich, a long-time Hope history prof and originator of the Yugoslav May Term, had encouraged his old friend Koljevic to travel to the United States, to Hope on a Fulbright-Hays fellowship for each of the past three years. Finally, Koljevic could come during the 1986-87 school year to be a visiting professor of comparative literature and a foreign curriculum consultant on eastern European studies. It was to be the type of job he had had before. In 1970-71, the Yugoslav was at Hope as a foreign curriculum consultant for the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA).

But shortly before Koljevic was to arrive at the college for the first time in 16 years last August, Petrovich suddenly died.

"I must admit I considered not coming (to Hope) after Michael's death," Koljevic says. "But John Jarmi (professor of theatre and a close mutual friend of the two Yugoslavs) called and said 'that doesn't mean you still can't come. We are here waiting for you. You come not to replace Mike but to help us learn more about Yugoslavia.' So here I am again."

Koljevic, a Shakespearean expert in the department of comparative literature at the University of Sarajevo, returned to Hope after a decade-and-a-half partially with a mission to keep Petrovich's Yugoslavian May Term dream alive. He, like Petrovich, feels useful when he helps Americans touch that soil.

So, Hope's Yugoslav-Mediterranean May Term will continue to sail with Koljevic's help as the European liaison while Nancy Taylor, professor of English, will be the Hope director. And the usual van-romping through 40-odd cities in as many days will still be the norm. Petrovich's trademark.

The cultural video the two Yugoslav educators had often discussed and decided to concoct together has not remained the same, though. The modest $500 program Petrovich had originally planned has now grown into a major media production worth $25,000 partially due to Koljevic's gusto. That Yugo-mobile he was trying to finagle will also be used by Tammi and communication professor Ted Nielsen as the threesome travel the Yugoslavian countryside shooting footage. The Michigan Council of the Humanities, the Association of Colleges in the Midwest, Hope College, the GLCA, and IAT (the Yugoslavian national airlines) have all agreed to provide support for the endeavor. The airplanes even indicated an interest in showing the film on several international flights.

Now think, not that Nikola Koljevic isn't a wheeler-dealer.

"This is a timely project, though, because it will help open windows and promote the understanding of an important, interesting 'bridge country' between the two superpowers — the U.S. and U.S.S.R. Yugoslavia's culture, achievement and ways of life can help Americans understand the values, achievements and problems of both of these great antagonists as well as those in Yugoslavia itself," he says while sitting in Petrovich's old office — his office now. Possessing it for only one year, though, Koljevic didn't bother going through the motions of being an interior decorator. Uncluttered and barren in some spots, the room's only messy scene is in the corner by his desk.

It would be hard to believe there is a man more animated, more engaging, more jovial, more philosophical than Nick Koljevic. He, quite truthfully, is the epitome of the "charming European" — always polite, ever hospitable and able to talk a blue streak on any topic. The man even rolls his own cigarettes and tickles a mean keyboard as a cafe pianist.

And despite all of the cultural differences between his native land and the United States, despite the differences in the people, the politics, the societies, despite the fact that he's only been to this country twice, Koljevic still considers America to be his "second country."

"Everyone should have one, you know," he said in his baritone accent. "This country really stuck me the first time I came here. I have been to England a number of times, but I couldn't relate to the English like I could to Americans. Yugoslavs and Americans have something temperamentally in common. You might call it a sense of openness. Plus Yugoslavs also believe that they can do anything, can change anything. That is, of course, a common American feeling, too.

"But, you know, there is one way that Americans and Yugoslavs are different. Yugoslavs are often very negative. They have a negative attitude about anything that comes from the outside. There is a readiness to oppose. You could say Americans are more willing to accept new and different things. But in Yugoslavia there is that resistance," he says, Koljevic pauses for a moment, then adds, "In Yugoslavia, to live means being prepared to die."

(Considering history here, Yugoslavia was politically unsettled from 1914-1945. It is, after all, the country where World War I began. Plus, geographically, seven countries surround its borders and the Adriatic Sea lines its western coast. It does seem vulnerable.)

Now, that was Yugoslavia's down-side; here is its up-side.

"But because of that readiness to oppose, Yugoslavs have always found fulfillment in relationships within their own country, their own towns. That is the redeeming virtue in that preliminary negative opposing attitude. And that attitude is especially obvious in Yugoslavian literature. It's always their saving grace in literature; that the people who oppose and struggle for their own personal integrity and identity can only find fulfillment in establishing some kind of relationship outside of themselves."

In his "Yugoslav Literature in Translation," course, Koljevic makes it clear that literature, for any country, is a reflection of national lifestyles and attitudes. The class also gives him a chance to tell his students first-hand tales of situations he has experienced as a native Yugoslav, situations that give the literature more life and realism.

When his students read "When Pumpkins Blossom," a story partially about the author's youth in post-World War II Europe, Koljevic reminisced about his own childhood growing up in a literally ruined from Curtain land.

"Life was wild after World War II," he told his class. "Kids never went to school. Everything was a mess, so parents would never know if you were in school or not. We would play hookey and run around. It was like a modern-day, urban version of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn in 1946."

Talk about Yugoslavia today and most American minds automatically click into thoughts of the 1984 Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo or that Yugo. Of course, American minds are also often directed toward political interests — "that obscure Communist bloc country" — but Koljevic says political U.S.-Yugoslavia comparisons might not entirely be what we'd expect.

"Yes, life is tough right now in Yugoslavia, but mainly for economic reasons. (Inflation has increased 250 percent over the past three years, unemployment is upwards of 13 percent, and the national debt for the small continued on page 24
Professor for a year

by Bill Moreau '76

Conversation with a Hamilton High School student, May, 1986:
Student: "Mr. Moreau, I hear you will be leaving Hamilton High School next year. Is that right?"
Me: "Yes, it is."
Student: "Where are you going?"
Me: "I'm going to Hope College."
Pause
Student: "You mean you've taught here all these years, and you haven't finished college yet?"
Me: "No, I've finished college. I'm going to teach at Hope."
Pause
Student: "You?"
Pause
Me: "Me."

With this champagne chortling, I was on my way to Hope College for a one-year appointment as a visiting assistant professor of education. No, I don't have a Ph.D., and, I can't grow a beard. I won't smoke a pipe, and I haven't written any books. I have never been to Europe, don't know what a sabbatical is, and haven't read my Church Herald as faithfully as I should. My only claim to any educational expertise is ten years of lesson plans, report cards, spit wads, locker rooms, attendance books, and parent-teacher conferences while teaching for the Hamilton, Mich. Community School System.

During my year at Hope, I learned lots. What is it like to be part of the Hope College community? The following are some of my observations.

Twelve hours of teaching per week. What a lark! That's what I thought before I started. Those twelve hours are only the beginning. With preparation, evaluation, departmental duties, committee work, helping students, advising students, and much more, most professors work 40, 50, 60, or more hours a week. Personal scholarship and research hours extend beyond that.

New faculty members are welcomed warmly: receptions, introductions, encouraging words, teaching tips, luncheons, and dinners were all part of the August pre-college conference. A classy start.

I did experience a personal low point during the pre-college conference, though. I was introduced to the entire faculty right after Nikola Koljevic (the Fulbright-Hays visiting professor of comparative literature and foreign curriculum consultant—a scholarly, articulate, knowledgeable, confident, and entertaining gentleman). It was like being the guy who batted immediately after Henry Aaron hit his 715th home run. Anyone remember him?

Weekly faculty luncheons are wonderful. For just $2 faculty members feast on an all-you-care-to-eat buffet. The food is excellent, but sharing and laughing with fellow workers is the highlight. We even get cloth napkins.

Jack Nyenhuis, the Provost, claps to people's attention when starting meetings (clap, pause, clap-clap, pause, clap). It works. I've tried it at home to get my wife, kids, and dog to listen to one of my great ideas (clap, pause, clap-clap, pause, clap).

It doesn't work.

Lots of people work at Hope. There is no reason why Gordon Van Wylen should remember who I am, but he always calls me by name: "Hello, Bill." "Hi, President Van Wylen."

The education Department will be moving to soon-to-be-renovated Van Zoren Hall. One reason this is necessary is because of the limited office space available in its current structure (the former Alumni house). My office was in the basement. It was cozy, off the beaten trail, and freshly painted. It seemed, however, to be the meeting point for all the toilet plumbing from the three upstairs bathrooms. For the first few weeks, every time a toilet flushed, I ducked. As the year progressed, I sat tall and knew I would stay dry. The noise kept me awake as I read the textbooks I had ordered for my classes.

Lamont Dirkse, a Hope faculty member for 24 years and dean of students for three, knows most of the people on the earth, waves a let, and enjoys a good meal.

My home is less than a mile from Hope's campus. One personal goal I had at the onset of the school year was to ride my bike or walk to my office every day. It went well—except during one of our fall rainstorms. Balancing umbrella, knapsack, lunch bag, bike, and riding on a wet road didn't work. I ended up spread-eagle in the middle of 12th Street at 6:45 a.m. I watched my sandwich and apple ride a curbside crest into a storm sewer.

I'd vote for reinstating required daily chapel services. Not just for the potential spiritual growth, although that might be a positive result, but in order to get some students out of bed and to their early morning classes on time (or at all). I've also begun writing a proposal to obtain grant money to find a cure for the broken alarm clock.

The faculty and administration don't make Hope College hum—the word processing center and the secretaries do.

Part of my job with the education department was to coordinate several of Hope's secondary level student teachers. I supervised 25 student teachers in 11 buildings of 8 different school districts. I observed 75 separate classroom situations and spent over 200 hours watching student teachers and discussing their progress with their veteran supervising teachers. My conclusion? The education profession has been chewed up and spewed out over the last several years, but there are a great many more excellent, caring, intelligent, and hard-working teachers than there are mediocre ones.

Although the funds aren't currently available, when they are Hope's faculty members deserve to be paid better. In a recent 36-momentum to faculty personnel, the Professional Interests Committee stated that out of 25 GLCA-ACM institutions, the average salary for a Hope College full professor ranked down at the 22nd slot.

What are some of the differences between college and high school students? College students bring pencils, pens, paper, and textbooks to class. They don't wear winter coats all class hour, and they don't tell me my ties are ugly (even if they are). Classroom discipline problems don't exist, and I wasn't asked even once, "Are we going to do anything important today?"

I didn't miss bells ringing, intercom announcements or cheerleaders selling homecoming merchandise during class time.

One of the classes I taught required me to research the development of the educational system in America. I found an interesting tidbit of news: in 1674, a Harvard student was convicted of speaking blasphemous words. He "was publicly whipped in the library before all the scholars." The punishment was inflicted under the supervision of the president who preceded the chastisement with prayer. (Secondary Education, Daniel Tannor, p. 126). When I shared this with my students, many urged me to contact the architect of Hope's new Van Wylen Library. I called and hesitantly asked if the drawing indicated any plans for a basement room with arena seating—possibly named the "Presidential Whipping Chamber." The architect assured me there would be no such room. I have enjoyed my one year stay at Hope. Although at times I've felt like a cherry tomato among the beefsteaks, I'd like to thank the Hope community for allowing me to share in its work. I've learned, I've gained, I've grown, and hopefully, I've contributed.
Senior awards bestowed at convocation

Awards for scholastic achievement and
service were presented to graduating Hope College seniors.

The Southland Medal, which is awarded
to the outstanding woman of the senior class,
and the American Association of University Women Award were presented
to Beth Druffin of South Haven, Mich., while the winner of the
Otto VanderVondele All-Campus Award was
Lindsey Dood of Okemos, Mich. The John Schouten award for the outstanding woman
student-athlete was presented to Kim Baxter of
John McDivet of Redford, Mich., was
awarded the Allan C. Kinney Memorial Award, in economics and business administra-
John Gardner of Cincinnati, Ohio received the
Sloan Stoeckman award for promotion of science
in the field of Christian world mis-
ions, while Lisa Simone of River Forest, Ill., was
presented the Pletschel prize as the
senior student showing the most promise as a
pre-secondary student.

Todd Garth of Rochester, N.Y. and Mary Ellen McDannell of
Detroit were presented the John Richard
VanderWitt award in religion. Simone and
Scott VandenBraak of Grandville, Mich., were
awarded senior biblical prizes while the

Van Wylen first to be
honored by Meiji Gakuin

President Gordon J. Van Wylen became
the first honorary doctoral degree recipient
to be honored by Meiji Gakuin University,
Japan. Dr. Van Wylen received the degree on
Wednesday, May 20 at Meiji Gakuin
University's new Yohokama campus.

Since 1963, Meiji Gakuin and Hope have
maintained a sister school relationship
when the Japanese school started sending
students to Hope. In 1986, Hope students
became part of the two-way exchange
program, sending students to the Japanese
university for a May Term seminar on
contemporary Japan. In fact, 15 Hope
students and two faculty members were
among those in the audience when
Van Wylen received his honorary degree from
Meiji Gakuin University President Makoto Morii.

This academic year marks the 100th
anniversary of Meiji Gakuin University. In
1886, a language school under Dr. J. C. Hephair of the Presbyterian Church
and Tokyo Union Seminary under Dr. S. R.
Brown of the Reformed Church merged to
form Meiji Gakuin. Today, the two churches
continue to support the campus which has
approximately 10,500 students.

In accepting his honor, Van Wylen stated that
"I received this honor not only personally,
but also as a representative of Hope College.
In doing so, I perceive this recognition as an important affirmation of the
very significant ties between Meiji
Gakuin University and Hope College."

Over 500 Meiji Gakuin students have
studied at Hope over the past 23 years.

Van Wylen continued to address the
audience, giving his speech entitled
"Science, Technology, and Religion."
He spoke about the role these three human endeavors play in individual and societal lives, nationally and internationally.

"We need to think about the impact of science
and technology on the human spirit and our

American Bible Society book award was
delivered to Diane Van Noord of Holland, Mich. Several students were honored
for achievement in the study of a foreign
language. Scott Gibson of Kalamazoo,
Mich., was presented with the Martin N. Ralph
award in Spanish; Amy Dokas of Lansing,
III., was awarded the Laura Alice Boyd
Memorial Award in German while the
Barbara E. Geeting Memorial Award in German was
given to Gregory Olgers of
Holland, Mich. The Margarette Prins French Award
was presented to Sandra Decker of
Spring Lake, Mich. The Charles E. Lake
Memorial Award in Philosophy was presented to
Elizabeth Hutter of Holland, Mich. Janice
Day of Mason, Mich., and Gibson were
presented the Patterson Memorial prize in
biology and Matthew Jen Huisen of
Clymer, N.Y. received the Albert E. Lampen
Mathematics prize.

The Almond T. Godfrey prize in chemistry
was presented to Paul Dickert of Decatur,
Mich. The E.I. du Pont award for research in
chemistry was presented to Michael Kort of
Wyoming, Mich. and Erlund Larson of
Dearborn, Mich. The Michigan Institute of
Chemists Scholarship award was presented to
Ruth Ettinger of Plymouth, Mich., and
Steven Monck of Calumet City, Ill.
Baxter and Jeffrey Moore of Muskegon,
Mich., were winners of the Elbert Winter
education award, while the winner of the
Marguerite E. Kinkema Special Education
Award was Amy Hathaway of Muskegon,
Mich.

Daniel Stid of Mason, Mich., was presented the
James Deveer Putten Political Science
Prize and the Ray DeYoung History Prize.
Whitley Leigh of Chicago, Ill., received the
Miles Award in Law.

This year the Schott Prize for proficiency
in literature was presented to Kirk Kraezer
of West Sodena, Ariz., while the Herman
Miller, Inc. of Zeeland art award went to
Charlotte Braun of Evanston, Ill.

Winners of the Jeannette Gustafson and
two other psychology-sociology prizes were
Sandra Judson of Winnetka, Ill., and
Margery Voos of Chicago, Ill.

Winner of the Robert Cavanagh Senior
Music Award was Lori Canfield of Midland,
Mich.

The Robert Hofmann of McBain, Mich. and Eric
Morst of South Bend, Ind. were awarded the
Douwe B. Yntema Prize in physics while
Barbara J. Anderson of Holland, Mich., was

A few iambic pentameter (or maybe accentual
rhyme couplets (mostly) for Gordon J. Van Wylen

by Dr. Henry ten Hoor
Professor Emeritus of English

When famous folk come to retire
It's time to tune the Muse's lyre,
To raise the shout and sing the lay
And celebrate the festal day!
It's time for us here to recall
What benefits accrued to us.
When Gordon came to head this school
And put in place a brand new rule.
What benefits? Why, first of all
He gave us our eye back on the ball
He taught us of path and knowledge.
The only way to make a college
Worth its academic salt,
And this without the likely fault
Of excellence drowned by petty
— No sense nor society.
No, human head and human soul
According well — that was his goal,
And he succeeded, as all can see,
By his standing as academy.
What's more, regained the church's confidence,
Erased by past negligence.
And then the campus — how it changed
As everything was rearranged:
DeWitt made useful and efficient,
Streets closed to make green space sufficient,
Dow exchanged for old Carnegie,
Van Vleck and Voorhees saved from aging,
Houses demolished or moved
(Ah, there's a fine Miltonic touch)
To get the campus so improved
That there would be a place to set
A library named Gordon and Margaret,
D'you think he burned Van Raalte up
And modeled it after started up
Administrative changes too:
Provoost; four deans. When this came through
I thought that he had gone berserk:
(As Hinge would have said — berserk)
But I'll admit, he made it work.
The only trouble is, these guys
Get so much training, get so wise
They're always finding better jobs,
And this process always robs
Us of the best we've got.
Remember that before he came
To this school to achieve his fame
He was a dean at U of M.
Where money didn't buy him,
Where budget problems weren't great.
He got his money from the state.
When he considered coming here
The thought that almost went to queer
His coming was the fear that he
Had not the skill to raise money.
A college president's obligation
In this competitive generation.
But, lo, a minor miracle
I need a word to rhyme with "I".
The inexperienced man proved out
To be the best fundraiser.
And every time he launched a drive
You could bet that it would thrive.
And one should not fail to mention
An occasional rise in pension
Which for old folks in declension
Is worth more than a mere mention.
And as a man — a man of vision
With programs programmed to precision
A man who has a long-range plan
And knows exactly how he
Can get it worked out, and right on time.
(Here I am at loss to find a rhyme.)
Churchman true, of deep compassion,
Model proxy, man of action,
Model husband to model wife
A pattern for the happy life.
In retirement may be
Happy and useful as can be,
Active in service done in love.
To his men and God above,
And may your years be long and good
In the Hope College brotherhood.
So now we've tuned our Muse's lyre
Struck from it strings some chords of fire,
We've sung our lay as you retire,
We've raised the shout, and now we say
"God bless you on this festal day!"
alumni alert

by David Van Dyke
Alumni Director

With our students gone for the summer, busy working at the Heinz Pickle Factory, the Hope campus is quieter but hardly calm. Several conferences and other events fill our facilities, and the alumni office is just now winding down from a busy Alumni Weekend held in May. We’re also starting to gear up for other summer alumni events.

Alumni Weekend ’87 was held on Friday and Saturday, May 8-9 as we welcomed many members of the classes of 1927, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, and 1972 back to campus. The weather couldn’t have been better, and over 500 Hope people returned to renew old acquaintances. My thanks to Jay Wabke ’77, William Poppink ’77, Harry Frissel ’42, Edna (Eddie) Haworth ’47, Marjorie Bunn ’52, Carol Hoffman ’57, Beverly Swanson ’62, Stephen Larkin ’67 and Bob Donia ’67, and Tim and Lynn Hillelgeson ’72 who worked diligently to organize the class reunions.

The National Alumni Association also honored Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen for their 15 outstanding years of service to Hope. They were presented with a set of luggage at the annual Alumni Dinner on Saturday, May 9 on behalf of the members of the Hope College Alumni Association. This was a beautiful evening, and I would encourage all those not having reunions to attend next year.

Recently, Alumni Association regional events were held in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Dallas, Houston, Washington, D.C., Denver, and St. Louis. I enjoyed travelling to these different locations across the country, meeting and seeing enthusiastic alumni at each of these events.

On Saturday, June 20, the New Jersey alumni are invited to spend a day at Monmouth Park. The event will include a buffet lunch. However, due to the size of the restaurant, we are limited to accommodate the first 80 people who respond. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 616-327-5111.

There will also be an alumni dinner every Tuesday, June 3 at the Berrien Hills Country Club on the beautiful St. Joe River for all those Hope people in southwest Michigan. The Van Wylen’s will be our hosts and those in that area should plan to attend. Please call the alumni office if you haven’t received an invitation yet.

Attention golfers! Tuesday, August 25 is the date for the tenth annual Hope College Golf Outing at the Holland Country Club. Shot gun start is at 1 p.m. and a steak fry will follow when everyone is off the links. All Hope alumni, parents, and friends—duffers to semi-pro—are invited to spend the afternoon with us in the beautiful outdoors. Hope to see you there. Call our office for information.

Five distinguished Alumni Awards highlighted the Alumni Day Dinner on Saturday, May 9. Alumni Association President Steve Norden ’74, third from left, presented the awards to, from left to right, Dr. Eugene Jekel ’52, Phyllis Brink Busma ’58, the Rev. James Nevel ’56, Randall Dekker ’47 and Jerald Redeker ’65.

class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees, deaths are compiled for you from Hope College by Eva D. Fiskert of the Office of Public Relations.

The deadline for the next issue is July 15.

10’s

Amelia Menning ’17 VanWyk was featured in a recent issue of the Rockford (Ill.) Register Star for her volunteer work with the United Methodist Church of Savior Community in Rockford, Illinois. As she enters her senior year at Hope, she will continue her involvement with the church and community.

15’s

Gerrit Bevender ’26 was the winner of the 1987 Basic Research in Biological Mineralization Award given by the International Association for Dental Research. Gerrit is professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan.

Mac Hadden ’21 Haddix is the director of the Michigan Room at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Joseph Hulse ’25 is a member of the National Retired Teachers Associations.

Barret Hencelveld ’25 Kemper has written and published many poems and composed several songs over the past five years. With his partner, Philip Smith, he performs with the band "The Yellow Brick Road." He is also working on a book about his experiences as a musician.

30’s

Clarence DeDe ’37 wrote a book entitled ‘The Life of Christ.’ He has also written a book which explores the teachings of Jesus in terms of his disciples, John, Acts, Galatians, and Hebrews.

Leon Hopkins ’37 is currently working for four years of volunteer work at the Chicago branch of the National Archives.

Angela VanLente ’37 Haralg was recently recognized for her four years of volunteer work at the Dorland Home of Human Services—Correctional Division in Portland, Ore.

Marian Mulder ’37 MacDermott is a volunteer for the Performing Arts Center in Clearwater, Fla. She also teaches dance in her spare time.

Eugene Oosterheer ’37 is teaching systematic theology at the Western Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He recently completed his second year at the seminary.


Charles Stelken ’37 has been a member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at Hope since 1926 and is a member of the Alumni Association.

Hillegonds ’37 ’47 ’67 ’77 ’87 is a member of the Alumni Association.

40’s

Joseph B. Roodman ’42 ’43 is the executive vice-president of the Court of the Grand Rapids Art Museum as well as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Raymond Box ’43 owns the Holland, Mich. Coin Shop.

Alice Pascall ’42 ’43 is a self-employed occupational health nurse in a rural community in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Robert Fopma ’42 and his wife, Leigh, are active in volunteer projects in the areas of education, health, and social issues. Robert is a retired professor of English and has worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John Hiebrink ’43 is the treasurer for the Black Lion Yacht Club in Port Huron, Mich.

H. Leavell ’43 has been invited to the Netherlands as a professor of the Royal Institute of Technology.

Donald Lavender ’43 is the president of the Life Insurance Agency in Holland, Mich.

Myra Fesper ’43 ’44 is a retired professor of English and has worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mary Fesper ’43 ’44 is a retired professor of English and has worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Marian Korteling ’47 ’48 has been a member of the Alumni Association since 1927.

Ralph Tuller ’47 ’48 has been invited to an event in Holland, Mich.

Vladimir Vos ’47 ’48 is the director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Ira DeDe ’47 ’48 is the president of the Alumni Association.

45’s

Juanita Hookwood-Colby ’47 ’48 ’49 is the president of the Alumni Association.

Raymond Box ’47 ’48 is the president of the Alumni Association.

46’s

William Tappan ’47 is a semi-retired surgeon in Reno, Nev.

Harry Staal ’48 is president of the Alumni Association.

50’s

Charles Steeber ’50 is a member of the Alumni Association.

55’s

Harold Vanderkooy ’51 is a member of the Alumni Association.

60’s

Alfred Osterheer ’60 is a member of the Alumni Association.

65’s

James B. Roodman ’65 is a member of the Alumni Association.

70’s

William VanVleit ’70 is a member of the Alumni Association.

80’s

Morris Hart ’80 is a member of the Alumni Association.
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Robert Pocka '77 has been named vice president at Nordstrom/Cox Marketing in Grand Rapids, Mich. Prior to joining Nordstrom/Cox as an area manager for the firm's Fargo, N.D., office, Pocka was an actuarial assistant at General Electric's Life Insurance Company in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mark Weisheit '72 is the director of small group ministries at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Ill. He has been involved in the church's spiritual care ministry since 1979.

Randall Zoraatman '72 is the vice president of the North American Finance Group for Citibank/Citigroup in New York City. He has been with the bank since 1973.

David Basset '73 has been named the first nonresident preacher in Western Theological Seminary's Henry J. van Dyke Service Program. Basset was the pastor of First Reformed Church in South Holland, Ill., for 13 weeks during the 1987-88 academic year.

Bob Niedel '73 is a professional writer and editor for the Syracuse (N.Y.) American-Herald Journal. Some of Bob's articles have appeared nationally via the Associated Press.

Deb Nitch '78 is working as an outdoor wildlife and Canoe Ministry in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota. In the winter, she does outreach through cross-country skiing.

Ron Vanderbeck '78 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Madison, Wis. He specializes in treating children, adolescents, and adults with a variety of emotional and behavioral problems.

Mary Papaery '78 was appointed assistant vice president for enrollment management and admission at the University of Chicago.

Ericka Peterson '79 is a research assistant at the University of Colorado in Boulder. She has been working on a project related to the psychological well-being of older adults.

80's

Amy Baker '80 is the assistant director of programming at Magnificent Films, a Chicago-based independent film company. She is currently producing a film called "Anna," which will be released nationally in mid-summer.

Louis Crambo '80 is the group vice president of the Detroit division of the V.A. Medical Center. He is responsible for the administration of the hospital's day-to-day operations.

Kristen Brush '80 is a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota. She is currently conducting fieldwork in the Amazon rainforest.

Tim Griffis '80 is the chief resident of Children's Hospital in Chicago and plans to pursue a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology.

Kevin Gilmore '80 is an assistant attorney general for the State of New York. He has been appointed to the office of assistant attorney general for the State of New York.

Patrick O'Sullivan '80 has recently completed his military service in the U.S. Army. He is currently serving as a captain in the field artillery.

Marianne Dykens '81 is a member of the American Psychological Association and a junior member of the American Psychological Society. She is currently conducting research on the psychology of aging.

Jeri Wisniski '81 is an attorney with the law firm of Hirtzel, Schmitt, and Co. She has been appointed to the office of legal assistant for the City of Toledo.
Return of the Yugoslav
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country is running over $20 billion. But one development which was great for Yugoslavia for the past three or four years was freedom of speech, freedom of the press. When you read Yugoslavia Week at a USA Today today, you wouldn't find much difference in the way their writers are outspoken compared to those who write for Newsweek and Time. There are very serious criticisms of the government's economic policies in the media, even to the point of taking examples from American practices relevant to the monetary policies in a communist country.

To avenue which sells ger to an insightful opinion in an instant on almost any topic, the Economic then thinks how 16 years ago made a big difference in the outspokenness among college students in this country. Students aren't nearly as politically or socially active as they were in 1970, he observes. "And in a way, because of that, it was like being on a totally different planet when I returned," he says.

Goten, too, since he was there last, is the "Little Theatre" on the Lubbers Hall fourth floor. Then in its last year of use, the "Little Theatre" was the American premiere stage for "Hallelujah," a Yugoslav play translated by Kolos & directed by Tammi. A story of prison camp inmates becoming reacquainted with freedom, "Hallelujah" was the first Hope production to be selected by the American College Theatre Festival for regional competition.

"But you know, in all the different things I did with theatre and for the GLCA, there was one thing I discovered during the first time I was here. You are given so much when you go to a foreign country, that you have to make friends, that you have to go out and explore."
marriages

Grand Rapids, Mich.


Kenneth Feit '68 and Katherine Lyman, June 14, 1986.
Riverside, Calif.

Kurt Freeman and Libby Van Tubbergen '85, March 27, 1986.
Holland, Mich.

Roger Furnham and Kathleen Hildebrand '81, Aug. 31, 1986.
Park Ridge, Ill.


Lakeville, Mass.

Steven Langford and Laura Nicholson '84, Sept. 20, 1986.
Niles, Mich.

San Francisco, Calif.

Columbus, Ga.

Robert Menendez and Pam Byke '84, Feb. 8, 1987.
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Blair Murphy and Lisa Reid '84, March 21, 1987.
Holland, Mich.

Joan & Renee Allarac '86, July 26, 1986.
Santa Re Spring, Calif.

David Preszler and Irene Smith Martin '52, April 26, 1986.

Keith Sauter and Julie Blancken '85, March 9, 1986.
Holland, Mich.

Holland, Mich.

Zeehan, Mich.

births

John '76 and Stacey Abe, John William Jr., April 3.
Naperville, Ill.

Robert '83 and Robin Bakker '83 Holzinger, Peter
Racine, Wisc.

Randall and Karina Pica '80 Boedecker, Kevin
Fl. Wayne, Ind.

George and Elaine Nichols '73 Christiansen, Joy
Elaine, Nov. 27, 1986.

Richard and Karen Evans '76 Gould, Andrew Robert,

Tim '80 and Marianne Dyken '81 Griffin, Matthew
Cameron, March 27, 1987.
Chicago, Ill.

Mark and Kristina Bush '80 Hartman, Adam Charles,
April 1, 1987.
Hollywood, Fla.

Andrew and Terry Graham '77 Holzner, Amanda
Portsmouth, Va.

Arlington, Va.

John and Marilyn Kahn '76 Koediker, Mary Jo
March 27, 1987.
South Holland, Ill.

Richard '78 and Mary Ann Oltman '82 Krueger,
Detroit, Mich.

Roger and Jill Mororne '75 Lewis, Christopher

William and Karen Nyenhuis '80 Lowensohn, Jenny
Naples, Fla.

Andrew '78 and Cynthia Hartman '78 Nybro, Molly
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gary '78 and Deb Cleason '78 Oegema, Benjamin
Kalamazoo, Mich.

R.J. and Susan Markmire '78 Peterson, Matthew
James, Feb. 27, 1987.

Ken and Laura Earle '79 Peyz, Megan Elizabeth,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

David and Martha Tellier '77 Rehage, Anne Elizabeth,

David and Jennie Alton Brown '80 Rollins, Brooks
Tallahassee, Fla.

Rob '63 and Camilla Karlton '69 Sermon, Karsten
Andrew, April 14, 1986.

Roger '73 and Gretchen Kleis '72 Straw, Brian, March
Arlington, Va.

William and Suzanne Ham '79 Zwick, Austin Lewis,
April 6, 1987.

LaAna Abbey '77, master of business administration
degree, University of Michigan, Dec. 1986.

Deborah Cox '76, doctor of veterinary medicine
degree, University of Minnesota, June 1986.

William Hubavsky '74, Ph.D. in chemistry, Emory
University, June 1986.

Jane Clark '72 Marasco, master of social work degree,

Marriana Mauer '75, master of arts degree in

Cindy Blight McCollough '85, master of science
degree in medical physics, University of Wisconsin,

Carol Powers '73, J.D., Vermont Law School, May
1987.

Rob Nott '78, master's degree in journalism,
Newhouse School of Public Communications,
Syracuse University.

Phyllis Rager '77 Rich, M.D., University of

Rosa Sweetman '85, master of business administration
degree, University of Denver, June 1987.

John Tom '52, doctor of ministry degree, Western
Theological Seminary, March 1987.

Mark Van Meerten '83, master of arts degree in

advanced degrees

Marcia Heyns '67 Bowers earned the Master of Social
Work (M.S.W.) degree from Western Michigan
University in 1971. Her advanced degree was incorrectly
listed in the class reunion booklet distributed to members
of the class of 1967 this spring. The Alumni Office regrets
this error.

Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

EVENINGS: MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 8 P.M.
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Holland, Michigan 49423

Thank you for your support!
lost alumni

over the years the alumni office has lost track of some graduates and former students. keeping track of a mobile alumni is a full-time job; we currently have 17,579 people on our rolls. your help in locating 'lost' classmates is appreciated. please check the list of 'lost' alumni and contact us if you know their whereabouts. complete information is always appreciated, but even a tip will assist our staff as we are publishing a new alumni directory this summer.

20's

25's

30's

40's

50's

60's

food

the address of

class of

is as follows:

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news from hope college, june 1987
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matched dollar-for-dollar.

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gift. Your new or increased gift will also be matched dollar-for-dollar. Help
put your class over the top with 100% participation!

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