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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 1954-55. 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. There'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 qualifiers, Hope boasted many other individual competitors who captured 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 Stull'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 athletes 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 Morreau, the author of our story about experiencing the life of a one-year professor at age 19, is a 1976 Hope graduate and, usually a full-time English teacher at Hamilton (Mich.) Community School. Morreau took a leave of absence from his teaching duties last spring after nine-and-a-half years of being a visiting professor of English at Hope in 1986-87. He is a strange to the Hope campus as a professor, though. For the past four years, he has been a part-time lecturer for the English department.

The holder of a master's degree in education from Grand Valley State College, Morreau 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.

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 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 must have realized 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."

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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 548 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 3,900 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 LeVai '42, Ed.D., the organizing pastor of Community Reformed Church in Fort Myers, Fla., and Dr. Marian Korteling '47, M.D., a child psychiatrist. Both were 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 and personal service during their 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. But as those transitions arrive and change people'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 has your education done to you?"

"I think that 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 of St. Paul give 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 Dreamers," 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 old Joël'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, exalted him to God's right hand, and poured out the spirit as the first fruits of a new age), 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 dreams are made of...Christian dreams are the stuff the Christian life is made of. The dreams keep us from settling 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 anything, I hope we've taught you to dream and to learn and work and pray toward the dream..."
A fun-filled country fair featuring handmade goods, delicious foods, attic specials, children’s entertainment, and a silent auction.

Breakfast begins at 7 a.m.; Booths open at 9 a.m.
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 best years. 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 bipartisan cooperation between Republicans and Democrats, 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 that a continuation 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 capital."

The United States cannot serve as a global leader without a higher degree of unity 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 Trustees members, administrators and the press. He was addressed by members of the Hope community — 1987 graduates Kim Baxter and Dan Stid, 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 predisposed 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."

**NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1987**

*BY THE WAY, MR. PRESIDENT.* Rhodes Scholar Dan Stid, a 1987 Hope graduate, added a hearty chuckle to the special breakfast event held for former President Gerald Ford on Friday, April 24. While acquainting the 38th U.S. President with the academic excellences of the college, Stid told how his beliefs and values had been molded by a Hope education. "Don't get me wrong, though," he added. "Despite the persistence of the history department, I'm still a card-carrying Republican." Hope Trustee Peter Cook is seated next to President Ford.
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 eighth 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 concluded with several other pleasant surprises: the 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 for four events for three Hope tracksters.

BASEBALL: Outfielder Cops Kudos
Junior outfielder Jim Kullender of Grand Rapids, Mich., made MIAA baseball history when he captured the league batting crown in record fashion. Kullender earned a 31-year-old MIAA record: batting .533 (16 for 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. Altona College earned this year's championship.

Kullender, 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 homers over 24 games. He already owns the Hope record for career homers (13), and his .359 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, Kullender was voted the most valuable player by his teammates while junior pitcher Daren Fairfield of Muskegon, Mich., was named the most improved.

Fairfield 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 out only 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 College 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 titles and doubles crown.

She was joined on the all-MIAA first team by Sandro and Dana Zurchauer, a freshman from Okemos, Mich. Baxter was also voted the most valuable player by her teammates and freshman Rita DeWitt of Zeeland, Mich., was named the most improved.

This year's women's tennis title was Hope's 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 league honors.

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

Junior Todd Rose of Osseo, 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 6,587 points — first in the javelin (95 ft, 9 inches), third in the discus (129-1) and shot put (40-3 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 (11-6) 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 Cote of 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 to the all-MIAA cross country team last fall.

Also setting a new school record was the 1,600-meter relay team of senior Scott Voel of Grandville, Mich.; Cole, sophomore Hans Hiemstra of North Greenbush, N.Y.; and sophomore Dave Kingma of Grand Rapids, Mich., with a time of 3:21.81.

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

EYE ON THE BALL: 1987 graduate Kim Baxter watches the ball hit her racket in MIAA women's tennis competition. Baxter was named this year's Most Valuable Player in the league. She also was selected as a singles competitor in the NCAA Division III national tournament.
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 team consisted of Doug Peterson, who was selected as the team's most valuable player; senior Rhonda Buchanan; sophomore Mary Lake; and freshman Amy Riemersma of Zeeland, Mich.

The Hope team's performance was highlighted by the efforts of Lake and Buchanan, who each averaged 73.5 strokes per round. Buchanan, a four-time selection to the all-league team, earned a varsity letter in only her second year of collegiate golf. Lake, a co-most valuable player, led the team with a 72.2 average and also set a school record for the 100-yard dash.

The Hope College golf team finished in 13th place in the tournament, which was held at the Sears Country Club in Mansfield, Ohio. The team's best finish was a 13-0 score against Olivet College, which placed 10th, while Hope finished 19th overall.

The Hope College golf team's performance was notable not only for its competitive success but also for its growth as a program. The team's recent improvements in the classroom and on the course have contributed to its national recognition and success. The team's practices and tournaments are held at the St. Joseph Country Club, and the team's coaches are Robert Conley and Pat Weishan.

The Hope College golf team is currently preparing for the next season, with plans to improve further and compete at even higher levels. The team's success to date is a testament to the dedication and hard work of its members, as well as the support of the Hope College community.
Laps of labor and learning

Demanding sport with a blue-collar coach

by Eva D. Folkert

With some typical Andy Rooneyesque 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 necktie. (Bobby Knight's tight red Adidas sweater is a sorry exception.) Basketball is pretty classy, though. It's not polo, but it is civilized.

Most football coaches wear heavy sweaters and insignia caps. (Mike Ditka and Tom Landry's businessman appearance is a needed exception.) Usually there's nothing fancy here for a gutty, tough sport played in an arena for gladiators.

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

What about swimming coaches? Well, because of the ubiquitous humidity that hovers at poolside, most are donned in nothing but shorts and a short-sleeve shirt—a leisurely dresser code, not only for the environment, but also for the elemental characteristics of the sport. Swimming is blue-collarish, demanding; it lacks the glitter and hype that the so-called “revenue sports” get in abundance.

Hope College swimming coach John Patnott is a shorts-and-shirt type of guy. And that's appropriate because Patnott is as unassuming as his sport's coaching attire. He's always approachable; his kindly, toothy smile will always create a Geneva underneath 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 consecutively 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 a 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 swimming 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 Dynamics 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."

And swimming, of course, isn't without its own educational benefits either. Patnott says, "I learned more about life, about how to treat people while on a swim team than in any class I've ever taken and that includes graduate work. It just took me awhile to learn to apply it. I learned facts in classes, I learned life in competitive swimming. I consistently say that athletes aren't just compliments to education, they're supplements to education. My swimmers should be learning something besides strokes cut out here, and if they're not, then I'm not doing my job." Patnott has been involved in competitive swimming since 1960—11 years as a long-distance swimmer, the rest of those years as a coach. He was a star performer at the University of California at Fresno, a Division I school where 11 practices a week were the norm. He clearly understood that, at Hope, the frequency of workouts would have to change.

But Patnott has not always been compatible with Division II waters. He'll openly admit that himself. In 1982, he left Hope for the University of Utah to work on his doctoral degree. He left with the intention of never coming back.

"I felt it was very important for me to get away from the pool," he says introspectively. "I felt I had a bad attitude towards coaching and what I was expecting out of my athletes. I wasn't really enjoying it anymore, and it was really important to me to re-evaluate what we were trying to accomplish. I felt I needed to learn some more about what my priorities in life were."

Patnott spent two-and-a-half years in Utah working on a Ph.D. in physiology, the only two years since 1960 when he hasn't been near or in a pool. He and his wife were happy to be back West, back at a larger university, places where they wanted to stay.

"But it took six months to realize that wasn't the case. I decided I didn't like the large university environment. The relationships with students, with faculty, with the athletes, was much closer at Hope. He offered me a lot of opportunities I was blinded to until I got back at a big school." When Patnott returned in 1984, the quality and viability of the swimming program he started in 1978, with the opening of the Dow Center, was still intact. Since returning, Hope's Krieges Natatorium master has tallied a 20-7 record with the men and a 22-1 mark with the women. This year, coaching two divergent swimmers—one a sprinter, the other a long-distance—national championships can be added to his impressive list of coaching accomplishments.

1987 graduate Rob Peel had been under Patnott's tutelage since his sophomore year. During his freshman year, the coach was finishing his doctorate in Utah. But for the last three years, Patnott says he has enjoyed watching the Spring Lake, Mich. native grow to become a team leader, an outstanding sprinter, and a 50-yard freestyle worthy of a NCAA Division III national championship.

"Coach Patnott can get the most out of his swimmers just because of his attitude and his knowledge of the physiological aspects of swimming," says the six-foot-five Peel, who didn't begin competitive swimming until his junior year in high school after missing the cut for the basketball team. "He's not real emotional about it either. He's the kind of coach who knows what has to be done then tells you what you have to do. And if you just get it done. He's not going to beat you over the head and make you do it, but he makes you know that's what you have to do."

Now, after four years of intercollegiate competition, Peel knows what has to be done. He has qualified for the Pan-American Games trials and all dreams of qualifying to try out for the Olympics. So this summer, the speedy sprinter will workout with the NCAA Division III national champion Kenyon College team in Ohio. If he improves his stroke kicks this summer, he will continue to work toward the Olympic tryout scheduled for next July.

"But I do want to do real good or not, because I don't want to be borderline," he admits. "I'd like to say I tried out for the Olympics."

Penn-Ohio junior Shelly Russell is a marathoner, an endurance of long-distance pain. Her specialty is the 1,650-yard freestyle, a monotonous 66 lengths of a 25-yard pool.

This year at nationals, she shattered two national records enroute to capturing twin titles. In the 500-yard freestyle, Russell became the first woman in Division III history to swim the event under five minutes, shaving three seconds off the old record. Then the petite distance was even more impressive in winning that treacherous 1,650-yard freestyle, taking 16 seconds off the old national mark.

Russell echoes the same sentiments about her coach as Peel, feeling comforted about his physiological knowledge and calm and coaching style.

"Coach just expresses himself within himself," Russell says. "I won't forget this, though. At nationals, we were singing the national anthem and I looked over at him. He had his hand in front of his face, rest his fingertips on his forehead, and he was saying a prayer for us. It was just so nice. So you can see that excitement within him. It's hardly ever on the outside, but we know it's there."

Swimming is a mental sport, a sport that, to an extent, depends on an individual's belief to accomplish what he believes he can do. Personal belief is a control limit of achievement, Patnott says.

In 1985, the coach had his men's team believing in themselves. The Flying Dutchmen dethroned Kalamazoo College's status of "perennial favorite" by taking first place from the Hornets for the first time in 14 years. Hope captured their crown again this year and silenced all MIAA naysayers.

Now, it would be fair to say that, after eight consecutive women's crowns and two successive men's titles, both Hope swimming teams believed that they, like their coach, are dressed for continued MIAA swimming success.
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 Levai, and Dr. Blaise Levai '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.
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 Neveol '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 market place (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 1927
Row 1: Joseph Hyink, Eg. Fell, Fred Steketee, Don Ten Cate, Jay Wabeke, Hurtger Winter, Melvin Lubbers, Ralph Moller, Silas Wiersma.
Row 2: Mary Crouch Zwemer, Cecilia VerHage, Mae Khollem, Kathleen Hamblin, Ruth Van Kersen Hoffmeier, Alice Plasman Kole, Henry Burggraaff, Elsi Peets Cook, Mabel Coburn Kuit, Alice Ihman, Cornella Nettinga Neef, Sue Dragt VanderBorgh.
Class of 1942
Row 2: Dorothy Curtis Dykema, Morris Tardiff, Dolly Kamps Kronemeyer, Larry 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, Era Gearhart, Elain Bolthouse, JoAnn Vonderwerp Dobben, Carol Crist Fern, Betty Cook, Julia Bernius Spitzler, Caryl Curtis Ewart, Betty Cross, Elain Grostra Boers, Marjorie DeNeut Boon, Irwin Brink.
Row 3: Dave Hoeger, Frances Schollen Rinkas, John Tien, Yvonne DeLoof Tien, Duane Peesker, Donald Hoffman, Cornelius Van Heest, Roy Adelberg, Roy Lammers, Randell VanAndewater, Jacqueline Van Heest DeYoung, Donald DeYoung, Doris Adams DeYoung, Delbert DeYoung, Margaret Feldman Kruytenga, Richard Kruytenga, Elizabeth Schmidt Dennison, Bob Dennison, John Beuker, Gene Jekel.
Class of 1947
Row 1: Kathryn Kornoelje Lock, Phyllis Voss Bruggers, Marian Korteling Leval, Laila Meulendyke Sweet, Anne VanDerveer McCormack.
Row 2: Marian Dame Hoekstra, Trudy Maassen VanderHaar, Don Ingham, Eddie Van Tatenhove Haworth, Vada Efrid Hartje.
Row 3: Edith Herlein Maassen, Martha Van Saun Lam, Harriet Myskens Maassen, Elain Meeusen DePree, Louise TerBeek Claver.
Row 4: Paul VanDort, Robert Danhof, Edwin Ratering, Bob Van Dis.
Row 5: Russ DeVene, Alf VanWaa

Class of 1957
Row 1: Carol Franz Johnson, Warren Kane, Kay Rynbrand III Timmer, Richard Defrees.
Row 2: John Soeter, Betty Burnett Jeltes, Elise VandeZande Bylenga, Don Stoltz.
Row 3: James Baker, Mary Alice Ferguson Ritsema, Alyce Weener Maurie Loomans, Carol DeVries Hoffman.
Row 4: Allan Valkema, Larry Lap, Harold Ritsema, Robert Ritsen.

Class of 1967
Row 4: Chuck Postma, Tom Draft, Donna Droppers Oudersluijs, Mark Oudersluijs, Beth Ousting Van Lente, Fred Van Lente, Lynn Krueger Mace, Jim Mace, Jim Klein, Jeff Powell, Rich Kuiper, Mike Barendse.
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. (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 to Judge 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 Weede resigned in July 1970, presidential duties had been divided among several people. Five administrations took charge during the 1970-71 school year. The following fall, Chancellor Dr. William Vander Lugt and Treasurer Clarence Handlegren 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 Peake, 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 unanounced 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 he had decided to resign his deanship to accept the presidency at Hope.

But of U of 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. Vickers, 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 voted to hire Van Wylen. 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 see the man at all. 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.” Wylen, 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 of Van Wylen’s inauguration. By the time of the ceremony that afternoon, the sun shone brightly as the crowd 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, in Jon Fuller, president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), “a sense of confidence in itself that it really can retain its distinctive Christian commitment and be 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. Bruins ’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 campus 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’s 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 that this is what God wants him to do,” 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 Meiji Gakuin University in its 100-year history. Meiji 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 wasn’t going 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
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 constituencies — entertaining, traveling," says DeYoung. "He has just gone beyond what is really called for by any president."

"I'd like to be out of this," 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 in his role as Hope College president is his personal 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't learn," says DeYoung, who serves 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 an Iowa cornfield, and there was a four-way stop, he would stop, simply because he has respect for the law," says Jerrald Redecker '56, president of Old Kent Bank of Holland. "That's the kind of image you get of him."

That integrity has a great deal to do with his success at fund raising, and explains why the role of "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 W. S. "Sandy" Fischer, professor emeritus of English. "He is a remarkable man." And he was amazed.

Under Van Wylen's leadership, Hope College transformed the tragic back side 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 awarded a $1.6 million renovation of 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.

"If you look at him, Dr. Van Wylen was very distraught," remembers W. S. "Sandy" Fischer, who lives near the campus. "He was worried about it, but he was assured. The Chapel and surrounding buildings were okay."

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 Distinctive 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 how it's going to be done."

"I think he has a lot of integrity," says John Hollenbach, professor emeritus of English who taught at Hope from 1945 to 1978. "He's a very good guy."
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're equal or better than most schools," says former football coach Ray Smith, professor of physical education and director of athletics for men. "It 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 River View Park, the new facility Sparkled as the home for the Hope College football team and with no small effort by Victor 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 blocks from campus.

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

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other physical development that has had a big impact on the academic curriculum is the DePree Art Center and Gallery. Open since the fall of 1992, the center consolidated what had been a fragmented art program. Most of the studios had been scattered around the campus, but the gallery was in the basement of Phelps Hall, which was also used for classes. 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 homes studios, making themselves more accessible to students and in touch with each other. And, of course, the students were direct benefactors 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 need, it expanded. Typically, his response was: 'We've waited a long time to do this, so let's do it right.' He was very instrumental in establishing the kind of quality that would do credit to Hugh DePree's name.

"Dr. Van Wylen has 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 facility in the world, but if we don't have it wrapped in a nice package, students just aren't going to come. We need 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 Weter 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 claim 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 take this chance.' 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 success that Gordon Van Wylen has had in his 15 years. During his term as president, Hope College has raised more money than at any other time in its history through yearly Annual Fund drives and two major capital campaigns, the Build Hope Fund and the Campaign for Hope.

Van Wylen's efforts have been heavily 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 plunges 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 on my first call together for a gift," says DeYoung, "and neither of us knew much about the guy. But, by 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," Wickers adds. "He'd say 'You never told me about this,' and he would admonish us good naturally, saying our job description was incorrect. We'd always say 'We didn't want to scare you away.'"

Build Hope had four major projects: construction of a physical education center, renovation of the old science building into a center for humanities, renovation of Van Voolen Hall, and increasing the college's endowment for scholarships. Beginning with a Board of Trustees contribution of $2.3 million, it became the most successful capital 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 he was 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."

Nineteen 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 Emnike said at the time. Indeed, people working on the Campaign called him "the key individual."

"Probably the single most important part he plays is the image that he presents 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.

Emnike, 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."

The Campaign for Hope raced quickly to its goal, reaching it by the fall of 1986. 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 Brinns, 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 campus, and he's given us new facilities that we never had before."

The fund-raising and extensive campus development have helped Hope College to 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."

In 1974, Van Wylen initiated a reorganization of the administration to strengthen the academic program. Upon the resignation of Dr. Mornette Rider, dean for academic affairs, Van Wylen and a committee under the direction of Dr. David Marker, professor of physics, began retooling 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, 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, social sciences and natural sciences.

"There were areas that had strong reputations," says Provost Jacob Nynhuis, 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. Every divisional structural change 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 program. With an impetus from a $150,000 Million 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 Voskuil, professor of religion, who has received funding 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 of 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. "I think he came here with that model in mind and has supported it as a part of the university's mission. Just as he stays in touch with students, Van Wylen works on keeping channels open for faculty. Many of his memoranda include copies of articles he found interesting and would like to share with the faculty. He pushes them with new ideas and thoughtful study. It is highly indicative of excellence for which I think it is important," says Nynhuis. "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 concerns the same that I have.

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," says Roger Rietberg, professor of music and a faculty member since 1954.

From the early 1970s, Hope College was 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, its roots 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 away to become a purely academic college, or would it toss 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 hadn'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 Neveu, 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. "Show students who were looking for a challenging study in the liberal arts would see this as less exciting, somewhat confusing. For a few years, we went in that direction, but under Gordon, we're back."

One can have an intellectual openness and pursue learning to the limits without having to say from that you have to abandon faith," Nynhuis 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 DeFoe, 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 Eimicke, "and I think during Gordon's tenure those threads were re-woven into a new fabric."

Behind that mission statement is the reweaving 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. Elton Elton, "intentionally Christian" -- meaning the majority of people hired by the college share in its goals.

Although some details that follow from that are hazy and stir debate on campus, Van Wylen 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, 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 very, very well."

The sun has never shone as brightly on Hope College as it has during recent times. On the eve of Van Wylen's 10th year as Hope College President, Bruins paid tribute to him and his wife Margaret, calling their years at Hope the "Golden Age." That same night, the faculty staff and friends of the college established a scholarship fund in the Van Wylen's names. Three years later, the Board of Trustees showed their appreciation by naming the new library in their honor, ensuring that the name "Van Wylen" would live not only in the annals of Hope College history, but also in the everyday lives of students.

It might sound strange at the present time to hear a sophomore say, "I'm going over to Van Wylen to study -- be back around 10:30," but just wait 10 years. "Van Wylen" will join the Phelpses, the Van Vlecks, the Kollens, the Dimmots, the Lubberses as living reminders of past leaders on the college campus.

Although deeply moved by the dedications, honors and memorials, Gordon Van Wylen is probably more concerned about the college's continued drive for excellence. In recent years he has been working to keep the sun that shone brightly during his presidency from setting calmly over Lake Michigan.

Two summers ago he was a driving force behind a retreat that began preparing a report identifying Hope College's strengths and its needs for the future. Van Wylen finished the report within a couple months and presented it to the Board of Trustees in October 1985. Rather than putting himself on the back for Hope College's accomplishments in the past year, the report focused on his future goals for the college. "What should Hope be doing in the future?" "How can it best serve students?" He wasn't leaning back in his chair, heels on desk, contemplating his term as president.

And that is indicative of his presidency: always going forward; always planning ahead; moving, moving, moving. The greatest tribute, then, that Hope College could give Gordon Van Wylen is not a building or a scholarship fund, but a recognition of his presidency, but to keep that momentum going -- to continue to strive for excellence. Once he is sure of that, then perhaps there will be time for reflection.
Class of 1962
Row 3: Tom Tornga, Nancy Sonneveld Miller, Shirley Harmeink Bingham, Sara VandePoel VanHeek, Sophia Bremner, Bev Zeedyk Swanson, Jim Anderson, Sherwin Werner, Tom Plewes.
Row 4: Paul Hesselink, Thomas Riekse, Sayers Lutz, Bruce Beimers, Paul Dalman.

Class of 1972
Row 1: Sandy Goossen Bruischat, Kathy Hoger Mulder, Suzanne Ruledge Viel, Susan Joelson Brancheau, Joyce Drolen Budge, Martha Corbin Whitman, Glenn Pride, Lou Bogard Karrell, LaVerne Boscannelli.
Row 2: Debbie Kari DeFouw, Craig Faletti, Thom Gouwens, Lavonne VanDeWege, Jane Michmerhuizen, Mary Jo Kiefer, Debby Lang Limoncelli, Laurel Dekker VanHuisma, Nancy Rayner Borgeson, Kevin Holleman, Doris Smith Getty, Sue Hop Gras, Jan Moore Outelette, Ann Lemmer Brugger.
Row 3: Rich DeFouw, Jean Marika Layendyk, Russ Kiefer, Mary Mouw, Jane Moored, Jan DeWitt Formosa, Julie Sweers, Margo Bossenbroek Taylor, John Heinsius, Martha Johnsen Heinisius, Randy Zomermaand, Dorothy Tyse Breen, Dorinda Kelsey VanKempen, Dean Barnett Fowler, Laurie Schlangen Hollendorner, Carol DeLong Hondorp, Lynn Klaasen Hillegonds.
Return of the Yugoslav

by Eva D. Folkert

"My name is Nick Koljevic. You would probably pronounce it 
Ko-lyevich," the man on the phone chuckles, obviously well aware of the usual 
verbal slaughter of foreign names. (Koljevic is speaking to a representative 
from Yugoslavia 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 Ko-lyevich) is working out a deal that would 
afford him and two Hope colleagues the use of a Yugoslav 
rent-free for 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 
wheel-dealer of sorts. But not a barker. 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 professor 
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 job of him that he had 
had before. In 1976-77, 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, is a grand believer that 
international understanding is fostered when Americans 
can touch the soil where history was made. He, like 

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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 christening, 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 Sabba 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 wimp job. That's what I thought before I started. Those twelve hours are only the beginning. With preparation, evaluation,
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 Van Olen of South Haven, Mich., while the winner of the Otto VanderVeldt All-Campus Award was Lindsey Dood of Okemos, Mich. The John Schotten award for the outstanding woman student-athlete was presented to Kim Baxter of Hope College.

John Mcllwie of Redford, Mich., was awarded the Allan C. Kinney Memorial Award, in economics and business administration.

John Gardner of Cincinnati, Ohio, received the Sloan Stengeman award for promise of success in the field of Christian missions, while Lisa Simone of River Forest, Ill., was presented the Piestholn prize as the senior student showing the most promise as a pre-seminary student. Todd Garth of Rochester, N.Y., and Mary Ellen McDannel of Detroit were presented the John Richard VanderWitt award in religion. Simone and Scott VanderStoep of Grandville, Mich., were awarded senior bibilical prizes while the American Bible Society book award was presented to Diane Van Noordt of Holland, Mich. Several students were honored for achievement in the study of a foreign language. Scott Gibson of Kalamazoo, Mich., was the winner of the Robert B. Scholten Award. The Marguerite P. Stetson Memorial Award was presented to Sandra Decker of Spring Lake, Mich. The Charles E. Lake Memorial Award in Philosophy was presented to Elizabeth Huttar of Holland, Mich. Janice Day of Mason, Mich., and Gibson were presented the Patterson Memorial philosophy prize in biology and Matthew Jen Huisen of Clymer, N.Y., received the Albert E. Lampen Mathematics prize.

The Almon T. Godfrey prize in chemistry was presented to Paul DeFord of Trenton, Mich. The E. L. Leong award for research in chemistry was presented to John Kort of Wisconsin, Mich., and Erlund Larsson of Dearborn, Mich. The Michigan Institute of Chemistry Scholarship award was presented to Ruth Ethington of Plymouth, Mich., and Steven Mork of Calumet City, Ill. Baxter and Jeffrey Moore of Muskegon, Mich., were winners of the Egbert Winter education awards, while the winner of the Margarette E. Kinkead Special Education Award was Amy Hathaway of Muskegon, Mich.

Daniel Stid of Mason, Mich., was presented the James Hyde von Putten Political Science Prize and the Ray DeYoung History Prize. Whitney Leigh of Chicago, Ill., received the Miles Award in Law. The Junior Achievement award for proficiency in literature was presented to Kinkraates of West Sedona, Ariz., while the Herman Miller, Inc. of Zeeland art award went to Charlotte Baum of Evanston, Ill.

Winners of the Jeanette Gustafson Award for the complete philosophy/sociology were Sandra Judson of Winnetka, Ill., and Margery Vas of Chicago, Ill.

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

Henry Hofman of McBain, Mich., and Eric Most of South Bend, Ind., were awarded the Dwayne B. Yntema Prize in physics while Barbara J. Anderson of Holland, Mich., was awarded the Computer Science senior prize. The Boudry Computer Science award was presented to Aaron Pugh of Pennville, Mich. Recipients of the Wiffen and Mabel Vanderbilt, Sr., Family Award in professional education and recreation were Gayle Bend of Williamson, Kathryn Chandler of Media, Pa., and Steen Sette of Holland.

The college's first recipient of the General Electric Foundation Fellowship was Hoffman while the winner of the Kent Medical Foundation Award was David Heyboer of Grand Rapids.

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 Yokohama 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 Moroi.

This academic year marks the 100th anniversary of Meiji Gakuin University. In 1886, a language school under Dr. J. C. Hephern, 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 receive 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 300 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 those 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 sense of well-being, purpose, and fulfillment," he said.

When scientific advances bring about many benefits, they also have societal costs (pollution, the threat of nuclear war) as well as a measure of disillusionment, according to Van Wylen. "The cause of this disillusionment is rooted in our high expectations that the abundance of material things we have through advances in science and technology will bring us a sense of fulfillment, happiness, and well-being," Van Wylen stated.

"But technology does not address the need for love and fidelity in our homes, the problems of racism and other evils in our community, and the constant threat of war in the world. These are issues that relate to our human spirit."

In regard to faith and technology, Van Wylen said there is no denying that there have been many tensions between science and religion. "With the rise of science and the prestige of technology, there has been a tendency to let scientific attitude of detachment dominate our approach to religion. We seek to evaluate and test God in a detached way, as we would scientific hypotheses. As science grew and developed, the need for God was less and, gradually the notion developed that God was not needed to "explain" things at all. As a result, many persons left themselves vulnerable to a non-teleological view of life."

"The various religious and scientific approaches need not be rivals; Van Wylen continued, but instead complement each other, "each approach to an aspect of experience largely ignored by the other."

"But one of the greatest challenges before us is, as citizens of our respective countries and the world," Van Wylen added later, "is to make judgements in regard to technology that will promote both individual freedom and well-being as well as the public good."

A few iambic pentameter (or maybe accentual) rhythm 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 song and sing the lay
And celebrate a festival day!
It's time for us here to recall
What benefits accrued to all
When Gordon came to head this school
And put in place a brand new rule.

What benefits? Why, first of all
He gave us an eye back on the ball
He preached a game of faith and knowledge,
The only way to make a college
Worth its academic salt,
And this without the likely fault
Of excellence drowned by piety
No single society.
No, human head and human soul
According well — that was his goal,
And was achieved, as all can see,
By our standing as academy.
What's more, regained the church's confidence,
Eroded 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,
Dox exchanged for old Carnegie,
Van Vleck and Voorhees saved from aging,
Houses demolished or moved.
(As Hinga would have said — borsmerk)

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 At the corner, when he started up?
Administrative changes too,
Proost, four deans. When this came through
I thought that he had gone berserk.
(As Hinga would have said — borsmerk)
But I'll admit, he made it work.
The only trouble is, they guys
Got 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 bother 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 keep
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 "l")
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 raise 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'm at loss to find a rhyme)
Churchman true of deep compassion,
Model prey 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 God 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 wouldn’t have been better, and over 500 Hope people returned to renew old acquaintances. My thanks to Jay Wabeke ‘77, William Poppink ‘77, Harry Friesel ‘42, Edna (Eddie) Haworth ‘47, Marjorie Boon ‘52, Carol Hoffman ‘57, Beverly Swanson ‘62, Stephen Larkin ‘67 and Bob Donia ‘67, and Tim and Lynn Hillegonds ‘72, who worked diligently to organize our 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 you to join us as one of my classmates.

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

On Saturday, June 20, the alumni New Jersey 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 83 people who respond. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 616-392-5111.

There will also be an alumni dinner every Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. 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 guests and those in that area should plan to attend. Please call the alumni office if you have not been invited 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 great outdoors. Hope to see you there. Call our office for information.

news from hope college, june 1987
Richard Morgan '59 was recently appointed vice president of the firm, Inc. Richard was formerly president and CEO of Forstl, an educational publisher based in Glenview, Ill., which wholly owned subsidiary of Time Inc.

James Ronda '65 has been selected to receive the Alumni Achievement Award of the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Youngstown State University in Ohio, received his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Nebraska. In 1984, his fourth book, "Lewis and Clark among the Indians," was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in American history. He is currently completing his text with the University of the West.

Edward Riddle '62 is a purchasing agent for Michigan Plastics Products in Grand Haven, Mich.

Donna Riederman '62 organized a two-day symposium on employee drug testing in November 1986 which was attended by 150 people. He is the associate director of the Counseling and Development Services at the University of Chicago. In 1984, he founded his own consulting firm, "The Consulting Group," which deals with the work environment in the Northwest.

Ben Riedel '59 '59 won a "Zoo" Award for the best industrial film of 1986. The award was sponsored by the Zoological Society of Chicago and the National Wildlife Federation. He is currently working on a new film project.

Roy Adelberg '59 was a "Zoo" Award winner for the best advertising campaign of 1986. The award was sponsored by the Zoological Society of Chicago and the National Wildlife Federation. He is currently working on a new campaign for the "Zoo".

William Heydon '55 has assumed command of the 17th German Army Medical Center at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. Col. William Heydon was previously chief of surgery at the teaching hospital.

Robert Bredenberg '59 '59 was the recipient of the "Alumni Achievement Award" for his contributions to the field of education. The award was presented by the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Robert Bredenberg is currently working on a new project in the field of education.
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Robert Pocock '77 has been named vice president at Nordstrom/Cox Marketing in Grand Rapids, Mich. Prior to joining Nordstrom/Cox as an adminstrative assistant at the Nordstrom Corporation, he also served as a political campaign consultant and is on the board of directors of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Advertising Federation and is the program chair of the Economic Club of Grand Rapids.

Torry Bosch '78 has been named marketing manager for Krueger Inc. Terry, who will head market research and product marketing, is headquartered in Green Bay, Madison, and Milwaukee. The firm, which is located in Detroit, is the third largest agency in the state. He will oversee about 2,000 employees in three out of four geographic categories in the Midwest.

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Return of the Yugoslav

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 Jugoslavija Week in the U.S. today, you wouldn't find much difference in the way they write compared to those who write for Newsweek and Time. There are very serious criticisms of the government's economic policies, even to the point of taking examples from the United States and the West. It shows the Yugoslavs are not so removed from the rest of the democratic world when it comes to the monetary policies in a communist country.

To be able to switch gears to an insightful opinion in an instant on almost any topic, the European then thinks how 16 years ago he 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. "And in a way, because of that, it was like being on a totally different planet when I returned," he says.

Gotone, too, since he was here 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 Kolevic and directed by Tamm. 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, but you get very little in return. You are living in the present with a limited stretch toward the future without a past there. So, in a foreign country you are unable to relate without past experiences. That's why I'd rather come back to a place where I have made friends, where I had my own personal moments. This place makes me feel at home even though I'm in a foreign country.

Sometimes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. It would be a pretty safe bet to say that if the Yugoslav returns to the United States again, it will probably be to Hope College. Next time, though, his Hope colleagues hope it won't take another 16 years.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

The annual Hope College Golf Outing will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Holland Country Club. Shot gun starts is 1 p.m. and a steak fry will follow whenever everyone is off the links. All Hope alumni, parents, and friends are invited to attend. Contact the Alumni Office for more information.

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Ronald Steele works for Old Kent Bank of Holland, Mich.

Kate Strassermer will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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He was a former housewife, Helen, a daughter, and five grandchildren, and two brothers.

W. Harold Bakker, a former education professor at Hope College, died Friday, May 29 in Manistee, Mich., following an apparent heart attack while sailing on Portage Lake.

Dr. Bakker began teaching at Hope in 1969, retiring in 1986. He was also the director of Hope's COFI program from 1974-1986. Bakker taught in New York and Michigan public schools as well as Salem College in West Virginia. He earned a bachelor's degree from Hope College, a master's degree from Western Michigan University, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Debora Johannsen was a member of the National Council of Social Studies, the Michigan Council of Social Studies, and Alpha Delta Kappa.

Surviving are his wife, Annetta, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Kathie Hinson died Sunday, April 5 in Manistee, Mich.

She taught at Clare High School for a few years and served as a church officer, Henry, 27, at Reformed Churches in Glen, Ont., Graveline, N.Y., and Mishawaka, Ind. She returned to Holland upon their retirement in 1966.

Surviving are her husband, Bob, 56, a son, John, 26, and two grandchildren.


She was pastor of four RCA churches in Iowa, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

Surviving are her wife, Marie, and four children.

Jacob Johnson, a Hope preparatory school graduate, died Wednesday, May 27 in Holland, Mich.

Cathleen Mersereau, 27, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1987 in Flushing, Mich.

She operated the Book Nook in Holland, Mich., for several years. In 1948, she moved to Wayne to become a church officer.

Surviving are her husband, Ernie, and a daughter.


He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Institute of Physics, and the Optical Society.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys; a daughter, son, and four grandchildren; and a sister.


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He was married to his wife, Helen, a daughter, and five grandchildren, and two brothers.

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TWENTY-FOUR
**births**

John '76 and Stacey Abe, John Williams Jr., April 3, 1987, Naperville, Ill.
Robert '73 and Robin Bakker '83 Hatzinger, Peter Andrea, March 28, 1987, Racine, Wis.
George and Elaine Nichols '73 Christiansen, Joy Elaine, Nov. 27, 1986.
Tim '80 and Marianne Dykema '81 Griffin, Matthew Cameron, March 27, 1987, Chicago, Ill.
Andrew and Tony Graham '77 Harvatka, Amanda Terese, Feb. 1, 1987, Portsmouth, Va. %
John and Marilyn Knauff '76 Koedyl, Marlo Jo, March 27, 1987, South Holland, Ill.

**advanced degrees**

Rob '63 and Camilla Karsten '69 Seram, Karsten Andrew, April 14, 1986.
Peter and Suzanne Hall '79 Zweck, Austin Lewis, April 6, 1987.

**correction**

Marcia Heyns'67 Bowers earned a 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.
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 17,759 people on our roll. 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.

FIND ALUMNI

The address of class of
is as follows

City Telephone Zip Code

Street

State

Zip Code

Found By:

City State

Zip Code

Please return to Hope College Alumni Office, Holland, MI 49423
Every person who helps us find 'lost' alumni will receive a handsome vehicle window decal compliments of the Alumni Association and Hope-Geneva window decals.
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*GREAT NEWS! We have received a $50,000 challenge from an anonymous donor. ALL NEW and INCREASED gifts, regardless of the amount, will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

*REUNION CLASSES: Remember, this is your year to make a S-T-R-E-T-C-H gift. Your new or increased gift will also be matched dollar-for-dollar. Help put your class over the top with 100% participation!

Don't delay! Stake your claim today! Please send your check to:
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