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The investiture

Autumn trees weren’t the only things dressed in bright colors outside Dimnent Memorial Chapel before the inauguration of the tenth Hope College president. The pageantry and grace of college professors and representatives donned in colorful academic regalia also surrounded the investiture of Hope’s new president on a sunny but brisk day, Friday, Oct. 9.

Ceremonies for the inauguration of Dr. John H. Jacobson took place before approximately 1,300 people in the Chapel and another 100 watching from remote television in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall.

When the academic procession began, with approximately 160 delegates from educational institutions in 30 states, it was truly a family affair. Since the order of the procession at an inauguration is determined on the basis of age of the institution with the oldest marching first, four Jacobson family members led the delegation. Dr. Jacobson’s brother, Dr. Carl Whitney Jacobson of Oberlin, Ohio was the delegate from Harvard (founded in 1630) while his father, Dr. John H. Jacobson, Sr. of New Paltz, N.Y. represented Yale (1701). The new president’s son, John E. Jacobson of Swarthmore, Penn., and daughter-in-law, Gail Grubelich Jacobson, were the delegates from the University of Pennsylvania (1740).

After the invocation given by the Rev. Dr. Wilbur Washington, the vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, greetings to Dr. Jacobson were brought by Marvin Baldwin, president of Student Congress; Dr. Jane Dickie, associate professor of psychology; and Dr. James W. Hall, president of Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Upon receiving an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the presenter Provost Jacob E. Nyenhuis and the Board of Trustees, Dr. Jacobson was given the Charge to the President by Max O. DePree, chairman of the Board.

Coincidentally, it was 15 years ago that Mr. DePree's brother, Hugh DePree, delivered the charge to the president at the inauguration of then Hope president Gordon J. Van Wylen. Hugh DePree was chairman of the Board at that time.

After receiving the presidential medallion, a bronze medal struck for the first time in honor of the occasion, Dr. Jacobson delivered his inaugural address, commending Hope for its historical and present loving, joyful, and accepting community as well as its dedication to academic excellence.

Hope’s first non-Dutch president also lauded the college’s founders for their dedication to higher education and thanked the Presidential Search Committee for “not particularly caring whether I had a Dutch name, which I do not, but rather what my ideas and values are.”

Music for the ceremony was provided by organist Roger Davis, professor of music, the Hope College Chapel Choir, directed by Prof. Roger Rietberg, and a 12-member Brass Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Robert Risema.

Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, president emeritus, closed the inauguration with prayer.

As the ceremony ended and the recessional hymn began, an atmosphere of deep concern filled Dimnent Memorial Chapel when Dr. Jacobson’s father collapsed. The elder Jacobson, 83, suffers from heart problems and was transported to Holland Community Hospital by paramedics. Later transferred to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids to prevent any complications, Dr. Jacobson Sr. returned to New York in good condition.

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With the October festivities of the Inauguration and Homecoming, "Quote, unquote" has outgrown itself. Our expanded contents appear on page 14. The usual tidy box format will reappear in the December issue.
NORTHWESTERN HONORS MYERS: Dr. David Myers, the John Dirk Werkman professor of psychology at Hope, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa in August. Northwestern, one of Hope's sister schools in the Reformed Church in America, conferred the degree at its 105th Fall Convocation. Dr. Myers also gave the address entitled "Day by Day."

A member of the Hope faculty since 1967, Dr. Myers is a fellow with four divisions of the American Psychological Association, one of which awarded him the Gordon Allport Prize of social psychological research. A noted textbook author of two widely used psychology volumes, Dr. Myers has recently published another book by Harper and Row entitled "Psychology Through the Eyes of Faith," which he co-authored with cognitive neuroscientist Malcolm Jeeves of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

A HOPE OLYMPIAN? Rob Peel, a 1987 Hope grad, has begun to make a long-time dream come true.

Peel, an NCAA Division III national champion in the 50-yard freestyle last year, has qualified to compete in the 50-meter freestyle at the Olympic Trials next August in Austin, Tex.

Since the conclusion of his outstanding collegiate career — he earned All-America honors 10 times in four years — Peel continued to diligently train for the U.S. Coast Guard National Meet in Clovis, Calif. At the meet, which was also the trials for the Pan-Am Games, Peel was seeded 27th out of 84 swimmers. But the 22-year-old surprised the bracket-makers by finishing 24th with an Olympic Trials qualifying time of 23.67 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle. The Olympic cut-off for try-outs is 23.79 seconds.

"Realistically, making the Olympic team is a long shot since only the top two swimmers qualify for each event," said Peel's Hope coach, John Panos. "But just qualifying to try out for the Olympics is an absolutely great thing. Any amateur athlete's dream is an opportunity to get a shot at making the Olympic team. Rob has the discipline and drive to continue his training. After all, he went from being a good — not even a great — high school swimmer to an outstanding college swimmer now competing at the world-class level."

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDED TO HOPE GRAD: Steve Stroesser, a 1987 Hope grad, has been awarded a prestigious Jacob K. Javits Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Education.

A magna cum laude graduate, Stroesser majored in psychology. A native of Whitebear, Minn., he is currently a social psychology Ph.D. program at the University of California — Santa Barbara.

Only 116 graduate students were designated Javits Fellows this year. Now in its third year, the Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program is one of the most lucrative fellowships in the country. It will provide for Stroesser's full tuition and a yearly stipend for the next four years.

FIRST PETROVICH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED: Junior Sue Koehn of Carson City, Mich., has been named the first recipient of a full Michael N. Petrovich Memorial Scholarship, an endowed fund created by friends, colleagues, and students of the late member of the department of history.

Created to aid students who plan to spend a semester a year studying abroad, the scholarship is a memorial to long-time history professor Michael Petrovich who died unexpectedly in 1986.

Koehn, a business administration major, is spending this fall semester studying on the European Urban Term, a program organized through the Great Lakes Colleges Association and led this year by Dr. James Heisler, associate professor of economics at Hope.

90th PULL ALMOST AT THE END OF ITS ROPE: This year's Pull, a sophisticated tug-of-war between men of the freshman and sophomore classes, almost left the two teams hanging on Friday, Sept. 25.

Just a few hours before the college's historical event, the Pull coaches discovered the rope was about 100 feet too short after it was stretched across the Black River in preparation for the event.

It seems that some prankster had cut the $3,000 rope after last year's Pull.

But that wasn't considered a problem at the time. College officials took the rope to the Coast Guard where it was spliced back together over the summer. But when the rope was laid out in time for the Pull, it was discovered that the pranksters hadn't merely cut it — they had removed a sizeable chunk from the middle.

So, a frantic search began to find a replacement. The Coast Guard couldn't help out, and Pull coaches quickly dismissed the thought of getting another rope from Chicago since that would postpone the event for a day.

Finally, when all seemed to be dangling, the Great Lakes Shipping Co. of Holland rescued the Pull. Though still not quite long enough, the loaned rope was knotted together with the existing rope by junior David Lowry, an avid sailor.

The Hope student's handiwork stood the pulling punishment for three hours, and when the judges made their measurement, the sophomores, the class of 1990, were declared the victors. They tugged 19 feet, 7 inches of rope away from the freshmen.

MY BEAUTIFUL BALLOONS: Homecoming is an appropriate, festive occasion to let colorful balloons fly. Especially for the Sigma Iota Beta sisters who celebrated 10 years of sisterhood. The Kappa Delta Chi sorority also celebrated an anniversary — in 25th.

JUST ABOUT DONE: Construction workers are putting the finishing touches on the exterior and interior of the new Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen Library in time for its opening in January, 1988. The $8.7 million building, funded through the recently-concluded Campaign for Hope, will be dedicated on Thursday, April 21, 1988.
EVENTS

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

This year, alumni and friends across the country will have the opportunity to meet the 10th president of Hope College, Dr. John H. Jacobson, and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Jacobson, at dinner events in an area near you. The dates for the first semester of the 1987-88 academic year appear below. Dates for second semester events will be published in a future News from Hope College. For further information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7800.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 — Women's City Club — Ann Arbor, Mich.
Wednesday, Nov. 4 — Omni Hotel — Detroit, Mich.
Thursday, Nov. 5 — Kalamazoo Country Club — Kalamazoo, Mich.
Thursday, Nov. 19 — Drake Hotel — Oak Brook, Ill.

Regional Dinners

Alumni Tours

ISRAEL AND JORDAN — Dr. Barry Bandstra, assistant professor of religion, will lead a study tour to Israel and Jordan from June 13-25, 1988. The focus will be on art and New Testament history. The trip is designed especially for Hope alumni and friends. The cost, which will cover all transportation, meals and lodging, will be $1,400. The group will leave from and return to Chicago. For more information on this alumni tour, please contact Dr. Bandstra, c/o Department of Religion, Hope College, Holland, MI 49423 or call (616) 394-7755.

GREECE AND GREEK ISLANDS — See page 23.

THE ARTS

Music

Faculty Chamber Music Concert — Sunday, Oct. 25
Featuring violinist John Gilbert and pianist Joan Conway, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.

Student Recital — Thursday, Oct. 29 — Wickers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Faculty Chamber Music Concert — Sunday, Nov. 1
Featuring “Music from Vienna” — Wickers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

An Ecmenical Hymn Festival — Sunday, Nov. 1 — Hope College Chapel Choir and Calvin College Chapel Choir, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 3 p.m.

* Glenn Land Dance Company — Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6 — A Great Performance Series production — DeWitt Center Theatre, 8 p.m.

Arthur Honegger's KINGS DAVID — Sunday, Nov. 8 — A portrait of the Hope College Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Choir — Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Michigan Pianists Series — Friday, Nov. 13 — Featuring Louis Nagel, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

*Pianist Jaime Boccalata — Tuesday, Nov. 17 — A Great Performance Series production — Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Student Recital — Thursday, Nov. 19 — Wickers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Faculty Chamber Music Concert — Sunday, Nov. 22 — Wickers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Hope College Wind Ensemble Concert — Tuesday, Nov. 24 — Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Christmas Vespers — Saturday, Dec. 5 — 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 6 — 2-4:30, 8 p.m.; Dimnent Memorial Chapel

Great Performance Series tickets are available at the door at a cost of $7, students; $5, senior citizens; $3, students, and faculty. Additional tickets are available from the Chamber Music department at a cost of $1, adults; $0, senior citizens; students and faculty. For information, call the Hope College Public Relations Office at (616) 394-7800.

Theatre

As You Like It by William Shakespeare — Oct. 28-31
Join Rosalind, Jaques, Touchstone and a mixed cast of

characters in the Forest of Arden pursuing happiness and love.

La Ronde by Arthur Schnitzler — Nov. 13-14
This two-week production will be presented in the Studio Theatre on the lower level of the DeVitt Theatre at 8 p.m. An Austrian play, it is being performed in conjunction with the DePree Art Center Gallery's current show, "Pre-Modern Art of Vienna, 1848-1906." Tickets are only $1.

The Dining Room by A.R. Gurney, Jr. — Dec. 4, 5, 9, 12
A touching modern comedy which delineates the dying life-style of the "White Protestant gentility" and the neglected room which was once a vital center of family life.

All plays begin at 8 p.m. in the DeVitt Center Main Theatre. Theatre tickets are available by calling (616) 392-1440/1440. Adults, $5; senior citizens, $4; students, $3. The ticket office is located in the DeVitt Center foyer. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays. It is open only two weeks prior to and during a theatre production.

DePree Art Center Gallery

Pre-Modern Art of Vienna, 1848-1896 — through Sunday, Nov. 29
A major show of Austrian art from the turn of the 19th century. Over two years in the making, many of the 80 pieces from 30 lenders have never been displayed in the United States before.

Juried Student Show — Dec. 1-15
A show of Hope students' handiwork — art majors and non-art majors alike.

Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

ADMISSIONS

Visitation Days

For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visitation days are intended to show students their parent's a typical day in the life of Hope College. Ample opportunities to meet students, faculty and staff.

Friday, Nov. 6
Friday, Nov. 20
Friday, Dec. 4

Science Day — Thursday, Oct. 29
A day of special activities designed for high school students interested in pursuing college study in the natural sciences. A chance to meet with faculty students and tour the Peake Science Center.

New Jersey Plane Trip — Thursday, Nov. 5 through Sunday, Nov. 8
An opportunity for New Jersey high school juniors and seniors to visit Hope College. Cost includes round-trip transportation, housed with a current Hope student, meals and activity pass. (The Wisconsin bus trip previously scheduled for the same date has been temporarily postponed.)

Chicago Area Reception — Tuesday, Dec. 1
Talk with Hope faculty, students, and staff near your home town. The reception will be held at the Oak Brook Marriott.

For further information about any Admission program, call (616) 394-7750.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 23-25 — Parents' Weekend
This year, Oct. 26 — Thanksgiving Recess Begins, 8 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 30 — Thanksgiving Recess Ends, 8 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 11 — Last Day of Classes
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 14-18 — Semester Examinations
Friday, Dec. 18 — Residence Halls Close, 7 p.m.

SPORTS

Men's Basketball
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 20-21 — Central Illinois Tournament — at Aquinas, 8 p.m.
Fri.-Sun., Nov. 27-28 — Central Illinois Tournament — at Conordia, Ill., 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 5 — Grand Valley, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12 — Rockford, Ill., 8 p.m.
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 21-22 — at Heidelberg, Ohio Tournament

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30 — Home Tournament — at Calvin, 8 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 16 — Alma, 8 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 23 — Adrian, 8 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 30 — Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 6 — at Albion, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 13 — at Calvin, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 20 — at Alma, 8 p.m.*
March 5-6 — NCAA Regionals
March 12 — NCAA Quarterfinals
March 18-19 — NCAA Finals

WIAA State Games are played at the Holland Civic Center.

Women's Basketball
Friday, Nov. 20 — Wheaton, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21 — Taylor, played at Calvin, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22 — Concordia, 1:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4-5 — CCLA Tournament at Oberlin
Tuesday, Dec. 8 — at Trinity Christian, Ill., 7 p.m.

Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30 — Holiday Tournament at Baldwin-Wallace

Wednesday, Jan. 6 — at Calvin, 7 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 9 — at Alma, 1 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 13 — at Olivet, 7 p.m.*
Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Adrian, 1 p.m.*
Tuesday, Jan. 19 — at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23 — at Kalamazoo, 1 p.m.*
Tuesday, Jan. 26 — at Albion, 7 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 30 — at Calvin, 11:30 a.m.*
Wednesday, Feb. 3 — at Alma, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 6 — at Olivet, 1 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 13 — at Adrian, 8 p.m.*
Tuesday, Feb. 16 — at St. Mary's, Ind., 1 p.m.*

March 5-6 — NCAA Regionals
March 12 — NCAA Quarterfinals
March 18-19 — NCAA Finals

All home games are played at the Dow Center unless otherwise noted.

Hope Sports Hotline — Get up-to-the-minute sports reports by calling (616) 394-7888.
Class of 1991 measures up as the largest ever

by Eva D. Folkert

Those silly demographers. They've been telling college admissions officials for the past few years that the number of high school graduates will continually decrease until the late 1990s. And they were right; the number of potential college students has been declining... up to now.

Last winter and spring when applications started hitting admissions offices across America, and specifically at Hope, college officials began to rightfully ask the puzzling question, "Where are all these kids coming from?"

Applications were up everywhere - at state universities and private colleges alike. But, at Hope, applications for the 1987-88 school year increased by 18 percent from a year ago; there were 35 percent increases from a year ago during the months of December and January. The end result: the class of 1991 is the largest freshman contingent to ever enroll at Hope.

"I anticipated early on last year that enrollment would be down," said Dr. James Bekkering, dean of admissions. "I'm glad we were right.

So, where did all these college freshmen come from? All 675 of them. Were the demographers wrong or right? It was, after all, a most unusual year in the college

admissions game.

Based on inquiries Bekkering's staff was picking up from interested students in the hinterlands a year ago, freshman enrollment was projected to come in around 590 for 1987-88. When applications started to trickle in, Bekkering began to raise his eyebrows.

"My immediate reaction was obvious in interest because we were really up in applications," he says. "Well, then I started checking around, and I discovered we weren't alone. A majority of the fine colleges and universities in the state, and across the country, for that matter, were up and some more than we were. So that took some puff out of my sail."

While the increase first became cause for congratulation, it almost immediately turned into a puzzlement for all. One answer found when Bekkering's staff got wind of the fact that 18-year-olds have started to become smart consumers. This past year, high school seniors - today's freshman - did some shopping around by applying to 10 or 11 colleges instead of five or six, the historical norm. That threw a nasty monkey-wrench into those analytical projections.

"We didn't know where we stood in some cases," says Bekkering. "That overlap was making application numbers misleading. For instance, we overlap considerably with The University of Michigan. We just weren't sure how many students were seriously considering another college and how many were seriously considering Hope."

But multiple applications alone does not explain the remarkable increase, says Bekkering. Those demographers, after witnessing the contradiction of their takes of course, rehashed their own projections and are now indicating that there will be a slight upward trend in the number of high school seniors for a two-year period. A precipitous drop in the population of 18-year-olds will then occur in 1989 and remain until the late 1990s.

In retrospect, too," explains Bekkering, "we found that an increased percentage of high school graduates are going onto college."

And so, for the first time in Hope's history, a waiting list was implemented. (The small number of women were all finally admitted, by the way.) Two more cottages and one apartment building were purchased by the college, along with leasing one-third of another apartment building and changing the utilization of a third cottage. It was all done to accommodate 116 upperclass students who agreed to give their residence hall rooms to incoming freshman. The upperclass students moved to the apartments and cottages.

After such a successful year in admissions, the question of a new norm for increases was expected, much of the credit must also go to Bekkering's admissions staff, too. From the 1,226 acceptances this year, Hope had a 52 percent yield rate, the highest of the twelve schools in the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA). There are more generation students than ever before (see pages 17 and 22), and freshman minority students, which last year totaled 11, have increased to 34.

"No matter how you cut it, though, it's a matter of team work," the dean of admissions said. "Our admissions staff plays a significant role in helping students who are concerned with their college choice. They are instrumental in the degree to which those students look at Hope seriously. That helps them make an informed decision. In the end, though, the excellence of this institution does the selling itself."

Steve Spencer's psychology success story

Hope College senior Steven J. Spencer pulled a fast one on his research participants and won a national award for it.

Spencer, from Gladwin, Mich., has received the highest honor awarded to an undergraduate researcher in psychology. He was named the 1987 first-place winner in the national undergraduate research competition for psychology students sponsored by Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society affiliated with the American Psychological Association (APA).

Spencer's research paper, entitled "Emotional and Cognitive Effects of Choice and False Feedback of Success and Failure," was ranked the number one entry by all three judges of the year's competition. He is also one of the few students ever to be honored by APA prior to their junior year. (Spencer conducted the project during his junior year.) Typically, the award goes to graduates in psychology for their senior research projects, such as conducted by this year's runners-up from universities in Kansas and Virginia.

Spencer's award is another boon in a long list of honors earned by Hope psychology students. Hope's psychology department leads all American colleges and universities in producing prize-winning student research, and Spencer's award brings to eight the number of Hope psychology students who have won first, second, or third place prizes in the national competition, five of whom have been recognized since 1980.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles Stotz, Spencer's assistant professor of psychology, Spencer integrated research ideas from several social psychological theories and then tested 160 participants in two experiments. These participants, members of introductory psychology courses, were asked to take a moderately-difficult test. And, herein lies Spencer's first one, he never guided the tests.

Instead, the psychology student threw his participants' names into the proverbial hat and randomly picked those who would succeed and those who would fail. Then, he observed the people's reactions to the declaration of their supposed success or failure.

Spencer found that those who were told they had succeeded had primarily cognitive reactions pertaining to their beliefs about whether they had done well. They usually responded with a reaction like, "Well, I knew I could do it."

People who were told they had failed, though, primarily had emotional reactions, asserting that they had not enjoyed the task itself. Their response most often was, "It wasn't my fault."

In the end, Spencer concluded that people interpret information in ways that enhance self-esteem, even when there are other pressures not to do so.

Through the experiment's testing, the young scholar was admirably concerned about the ethics involved in his research - the telling of uncertain information to unknowing subjects. "Don't get me wrong," Spencer said. "Psychologists don't usually try to fool research participants. This was an exceptional case, but hopefully justified.

To this credit, Spencer told all 160 students the truth about his research procedures after the experiment. There were no hard feelings.

Spencer's idea for researching people's response to success and failure grew from his interest and study in a course called "Social Psychology," which was taught by Dr. Green. After presenting his concept to the professor at the conclusion of his sophomore year, Spencer conducted the research during his junior year, when Green acted as his research advisor.

"Steve is very bright and very quick," said Green, a specialist in social psychology. "He is also very well-read so he was able to sift out important points very quickly during this complicated research.

Spencer plans to enter graduate school after graduation next May. A young man with a wide variety of interests, he also has another major in biology, is intrigued by philosophy and ethics, works for Holland Community Hospital as a mental health aide, and served as the sports director for WTHS, Hope's FM student radio station.
Faculty research goes South of the Border

Field research is, by no stretch of the imagination, a fill in scientific study. It is instead a mainstay for scientists who need to take their research shows on the road.

Three Hope biology professors left the friendly confines of the Peale Science Center this past summer to do research work south of the U.S. border. Dr. Harvey Blankespoor investigated on a disease plaguing Ecuador, while Dr. Greg Murray and Dr. Kathy Wmnett-Murray followed some exotic birds to Costa Rica. Here are some of their experiences with the environs and culture of our neighbors to the south.

by Sue Christian '88

Worldwide traveler Harvey Blankespoor made an Ecuadorian excursion this past summer, and it could very well serve as the basis for the adventures in the next Indiana Jones script.

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor's research of an Ecuadorian health problem called paragonimiasis—a parasite-induced disease acquired by eating raw or improperly cooked crayfish—may broaden his already established national reputation as a parasitologist, a status he earned for his scientific findings regarding swimmer's itch. Or—Humanitarian Harvey Blankespoor displayed his strong commitment toward mission work by solidifying friendly relations between scientists in the United States and abroad; by understanding the language of philanthropy regardless of dialect or culture.

Actually, Hope College Professor Harvey Blankespoor is a combination of all three personas, a unique blend of scientific, respectful, Christian caring for people from different lands.

Hearing of paragonimiasis while researching Third World diseases in the Sudan in 1983, Dr. Blankespoor was able to consider travelling to Ecuador this summer when a generous anonymous donor agreed to fund the project. After a brief visit to Ecuador in March of 1985 to assess the needs and worth of the research, Blankespoor returned 14 months later to begin intensive work.

Specifically, the Hope prof concentrated on making contacts with fellow researchers and government officials as well as obtaining adequate research facilities and sufficient literature on the disease. For the most part, Blankespoor was interested in gathering enough samples of the parasite in order to develop a skin test which will efficiently determine if an individual is infected.

Often misdiagnosed as tuberculosis, paragonimiasis causes harsh coughing spasms and pneumonia. Paragonimus, the parasite's name, has a cycle of three hosts — first in a freshwater snail, then to a crayfish or crab, and finally to a human or other crayfish-eating vertebrate such as a pig, opossum, raccoon, or cat. The parasite, which resides as a cyst in the lung, infects an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Ecuadorians plus many other South and Central America citizens.

"The disease is quite common in Ecuador because many people like to catch crayfish and eat them on the spot," he says.

Blankespoor accidentally made an invaluable acquaintance which resulted in a fast friendship with the Director of Health for Ecuador, Dr. José Rumbea. After Blankespoor had missed a flight to attend a three-day meeting of 40 medical doctors from an Ecuador province, it turned out that Rumbea was making the trip by land cruiser, so the good doctor hitched a ride. The conference, where medical officials discuss the latest on diseases affecting the inhabitants of their regions, was being held in Es Merales, a five-hour drive from Quito, Blankespoor's home base.

\textbf{Or the potential inconvenience:}\textquotedblright; "It turned out to be a blessing in disguise because the Director was working with the same parasite as I was. We had 10 hours — round trip — to talk about the research and how to set it up.

The shared interest in parasitology between the two men has led to many open doors for Blankespoor, not the least of which is the title of adjunct professor at the University of Guayaquil and contact with medical doctors who treat patients suffering from paragonimiasis. It's a connection that allows the biologist, who is already returning to the country in November, lower air fares, library access, and a hassle-free visa — a particularly critical rate of passage considering that a few unsatisfactory words from a high-ranking official could end the America's research altogether.

The unsavory atmosphere of some of Blankespoor's research sites is a bit akin to adventure-seeking Indiana Jones movies. Many of his beguiling in various villages would not even receive a one-star hotel rating. On one trip, a chicken continually tried to be the professor's bunk-mate. He eats the native food — three square meals consisting of bananas, bananas, and bananas. And working in cooperation with the scientists of the country and adapting to research material available, his Spanish is improving rapidly with the aid of a Hope Spanish 101 course he is currently taking.

The biologist prof's stories of his Ecuadorian experiences range from dangerous to hospital accounts. One trip to the Colombian coast was necessary canceled because two Catholic missionaries were speared by some Aucas (tribemen). Another trip, an all-night drug canoe ride down the Rio Hojo Blanca River to collect host mammals, proved successful. This achievement was largely due to Frankel, the skilled navigator, who could so deftly maneuver the boat through channels and rocks that he even recovered a pair of glasses that had fallen from Blankespoor's shirt pocket further up river.

Frankel (a Cayapao Indian) told Pascua, the hunter, to get on your back and trudge through the bow of the canoe at a specific place, and there at the bottom of the turbid river was my pair of glasses. This is just one example of how they observe and use their sense of sight. The same can be said of their hearing.

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor gathered infected crayfish and crabs in Ecuador to learn more about paragonimiasis, a disease plaguing the nations of Central and South America.

Blankespoor describes the Ecuadorians as "very proud people," and this traveler of 27 countries in the past five years has some sound advice for visitors of all countries: "Think twice. One must have to understand that we are their guests and that we need not to try to take off some of North America with us wherever we go. To really get the benefits of travel, we need to see the cultures as its, and extend goodwill from our country instead of often being demanding, spoiled North Americans.

For example, Blankespoor is keeping up his end of friendly relations by bringing back some host project bobbing for Dr. Petersen's item that may be taken for granted in the United States, but they are costly for him ($80 a piece) and rare in Ecuador.

The bespectacled 48-year-old also helped save the life of an Indian man who became seriously ill because larval tapeworms had become lodged in his brain after he ate improperly cooked pork. Though his U.S. Health Service obligated him to take out the item of the parasite from his pocket in lieu of handcrafted rugs and other tribal artwork to bring back to the States with him.

Such flexibility in merging with other cultures is a requisite for Blankespoor. It is a hardy, cooperative field researcher. He currentley has several opportunities to serve as a consultant for research projects worldwide.

Blankespoor plans to return to Ecuador for short trip next year and for his entire 1988-89 sabbatical year to trial run and administer the developed skin tests, treat infected individuals, possibly follow up with medical programs and eventually return to research.

Thoroughly familiar with the Hope bio staff — they arrived in 1986 — the Murrays are no strangers to exotic field study. They are

by E. Scott Petersen '86

It is four o'clock in the morning. Stumbling through the early morning darkness, you grab a cold shower, hoping to avoid any pajamas sticking on the faucet. If the weather holds, you load 50 pounds of gear on your back and trudge through the mud up into the tangled, rain-soaked cloud forest of Monteverde, Costa Rica. Once up the mountain and assembled at the sites, you pray that the birds you need to study. And if you're lucky, this will all occur before the daily three hours of torrential rains ends every outdoor activity at noon.

If that doesn't sound like an enjoyable summer vacation, then you have a lot in common with Greg Murray and Kathy Wmnett-Murray, two of Hope's more peripatetic biology professors. This past summer, the Murrays returned to Costa Rica to continue their research on the avian ecology. They had lived there previously for two years, so when they were awarded a faculty grant from the Towley Fund, the ornithologists-ecologists naturally jumped at the chance to visit the country they love.

With these funds, plus junior Tammy Long, senior Mark Kuhlman, and three-year-old son Dylan, the Murrays set off to increase their knowledge of the ecological relationships between plants and animals. Monteverde is a teeming tropical rain forest that offers the adventurous biologist the chance to study a beautiful, abundant, and yet rapidly diminishing habitat.

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Security familiar with the normal operating standards of dodging mountain lions and tarantulas as well as scorpions in the toilet paper—ali with no supplemental hazard pay. Kathy pursued her study of how certain moist colonies are that had previously been disturbed by man, while Greg observed the relationships between birds and plants with regards to seed displacement. It was all done with still more dodging and wondering about falling trees and the monkeys who found great delight in throwing sticks at their strange visitors.

Another thought in the back of these biologists’ minds is the increasing awareness that the rain forest may not survive the next century. Thousands of acres are lost each day to farmland and other economic developments. It is a vanishing frontier that contains a huge amount of the world’s species of plants and animals. At Monte Verde, for instance, there is a toad called the Golden Toad that exists no where else on earth.

— So the Murrays see themselves as possibly being part of the last generation of biologists who study the rain forest. They subsequently have an important mission: to increase the total scientific knowledge of this area and to bring back to Hope College some of the excitement and freshness that comes from this research.

“Going to Monte Verde benefits not only the biologist but the students and college as well,” says Greg. “Hope is able to provide its students with up-to-the-minute biological information on ecology, and it gets its name thrown around in biological seminars and grad schools. Our research students also receive a rich multicultural experience and firsthand knowledge of what it's like doing field work in the toughest conditions.”

Field work has been a major component of the Murays’ lives. They met while attending California State University at Northridge and fell in love studying sea birds on barren islands off the Pacific coast. Sharing their work gives them a unique relationship. Not many couples have their honeymoon on the Pacific Islands in the Bering Sea. Researching together also means there are no long separations, and it even allows for them to challenge one another professionally. As Kathy puts it, “We both applied for the same position at Hope and ended up splitting the job.”

Being ecologists and also bird-lovers, the Murays are naturally expanding the biology curriculum and are even giving bird-watching tours around campus. And the research they conduct on ecology in Costa Rica applies in the States as well.

“The biodiversity of Costa Rica is amazing in its color and number. Some of the same birds we see around Holland in the spring are wintering in the tropics,” Kathy says. “As the rain forests diminish so do the number of birds we want there.”

So naturally, they both feel the need to spread the word about conservation.

“Not just some remote part of the world that is threatened, but it’s everywhere,” Greg explains. “Each ecosystem offers others, and we will pay a high price if some of them disappear.”

For the Murray duo, biology is not some dry dissertation or boring lab work in an ivory tower. Going to Costa Rica only proves their point that excitement is waiting for those willing to venture beyond the walls of academia.

In Costa Rica, they were almost completely isolated from the comforts of western civilization. The Hope team had to confront a variety of unusual and challenging experiences. Food was unreliable since vegetables were only one each week. The electricity was very poor, and of course, there was no hot water. Entertainment was usually self-generated, consisting of local theatre, reading and sleeping. (Four a.m. is still awfully early no matter where you are.)

“We ate a lot of gloop,” grumbles Kathy. “Gloop is a sort of pasta and cheese combination that quickly becomes a staple at Monte Verde. We also depended a lot on dinner guests and talking with other scientists visiting the area.”

Monte Verde itself was once founded by Quakers who liked the Costa Rican stand on war — they have no army, an unusual circumstance in Central America these days. The exotic bird life was an added attraction for the settlers. Species like the Resplendent Quetzal and the Emerald Toucanet serve as “tools for answering questions on nature” as Greg puts it.

There is no doubt that the Murays will return to Monte Verde and continue their relevant research, but for the time being it is enough to share their experiences with the Hope community. The interest and excitement they generate from their stories should carry them over until the next grant sends them back to the tropics and home with more tales of the rain forest’s beauty, monkeys, tarantulas, inconveniences, birds, mountain lions ... &

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**Stretchin’ a snake**

Hope students get a chance to get acquainted with the biology department's pet boa constrictor. Dexter, on Stretch-A-Snake Day, a special event held for the first-ever Biology Week. The bio department hosted a week's worth of interesting activities in early September to introduce new students to the department while also reintroducing other already-established hobbies. Other events included a botanical tour of campus conducted by Dr. Paul Faasen, a bird-watching contest judged by Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray and Dr. Greg Murray, and a chapel service led by other biology faculty, Dr. Don Cronkite, organizer of Biology Week, instilled the events as a lead-in to the week-ending Biology Summer Student Research Symposium. A poster session presented by 17 biology majors who spent their summer in the Peace Science Center or in the field.

Gordon Van Woerkom, foreground, measures Dexter the Boa Constrictor with a little help from his friends, Dr. James Gentile, left, and Dr. Don Cronkite, right.
They say you can't teach old dogs new tricks but maybe, just maybe, you can send ANTS back to school.

ANTS is a pet name — if you will — for the Association of Non-Traditional Students, a support group for any student over the age of 22 who has had at least a two-year interruption in his or her education. Over the past decade, the number of ANTS members has been on the rise at American colleges and universities. The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that over 40 percent of the people enrolled on college campuses today are 23 or older and by the early 1990s nearly half of all college students will be non-traditional.

At Hope, approximately 250 non-traditional students — 10 percent of the student body — have been on the Registrar’s rolls consistently for the past three years. Though their numbers at Hope haven’t substantially fluctuated over that time, college officials felt a need to help these students become reacquainted with the college scene for some of the same reasons the U.S. House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education devoted two full days of hearings to non-traditional students in 1985 at the time of the renewal of the Higher Education Act. Their concern was prompted in part by the dramatic changes in the nation’s work places and in the life styles of many Americans.

So, for the past two years, Fonda Green, Hope’s coordinator of special programs, has been working with non-traditional students to make their transition back to academics a little bit easier.

“We don’t give more support to non-traditional students,” says Green, “we just give it in different ways. Many non-traditional students have been out of high school for several years, and it’s difficult for them to come back to a campus where almost every student seems to be accustomed to taking notes and tests. We work to make the traditional student body aware of the different needs and unique contributions of non-traditional students. We also make the non-traditional student aware of each other.”

Each month the Association of Non-Traditional Students on Hope’s campus meets to provide necessary peer support. Each non-traditional student profile is a little different from the next — about half are female, some are part-time, others are degree-seeking, many have full-time jobs, several are full-time parents, and others plan to enter the work force for the first time. But most non-traditional students agree that it’s not really the academics that make it tough, but their other previously established priorities — work, church, community, and especially family. Time management is an essential and often specialty item for these students.

“I think about my studies a lot differently now that I have a family,” says non-traditional student Tim Laird. “I never think, ‘I should spend some more time with my books’ without also thinking, ‘Yes, but I should also spend some time with Michael.’ I am always juggling, and family usually wins out.”

**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** Carol Johnson, top left, studies at home with her sons, Bernard and Lamont. A devoted mother, community worker and student, Johnson is always on the go. She even began playing soccer with women half her age on the Hope College Soccer Club. “After a month, though, I asked if I could be the watergirl instead,” she laughs.
American college campus

Laird is a full-time employee at Prince Corporation, an automotive parts manufacturer in Holland. His wife, Linda, works part-time at Holland Community Hospital. Their two-year-old Michael demands as much attention as any two-year-old. And somehow, somewhere, Laird finds the time to be a student majoring in business administration. When Laird gave up college to get married four years ago, he did so with no plans of returning.

"But I guess I'm just a person who will always want to further myself," he says. "And Linda would certainly rather have me working in school instead of just working and constantly complaining that I should be in school!"

This past summer, Laird found a way to integrate work and school by developing an independent Hope internship at Prince where he worked to balance parts inventories for phased products.

"I really feel like my supervisors are pulling for me. I couldn't have asked for a better situation," says Laird. "I gained visibility with the first-shift executives, was paid to learn, had more time with my family, and I'm still on schedule for graduation."

Laird is presently a junior. He takes six credit hours (two classes) a semester and three credits a summer; he will graduate in the spring of 1990. Four years after he first entered Hope, Laird had two previous years at Pensacola Christian College.

But since many of the upperclassmen he first entered college with are gone now, will Laird still participate in the graduation ceremony?

Oh, yes.

"It will be different for me," says the thoughtful, 25-year-old, "because I won't know very many of the other students who are walking across the stage, but I really want Linda to see me march. My professors and supervisors have been very helpful, and the monthly meetings with other non-traditionals are nice, but it's mostly been Linda helping through all of this." Family members, as in Laird's case, may be the prime motivators for non-traditional students, but self-improvement often plays a key role.

"Many come to college for self-enhancement, just because an education is something they've always wanted," says Green. "They bring a dimension of life's experiences that a traditional student wouldn't thieve. They also bring a real desire to learn for the sake of learning. Professors constantly comment about how they appreciate that type of learner. It's refreshing for them."

"Non-traditional students actually provide a reality test for my other students because they have experienced first-hand much of what I am teaching in class," confirms Dr. Don Luidens, associate professor of sociology. "They counterbalance the other students' assumptions."

Non-traditional students like Carol Johnson do that. Here's quite a different story than Laird's. At 48, she has three grown children and two boys, Lamont, 14, and Bernard, 13, still at home. She's a full-time student working on a double major in psychology and religious studies and a minor in pre-law. And after her six years at Hope, she plans to enroll in a counseling program at Western Theological Seminary.

"I'll go as far as I can go," she says.

One of the reasons Johnson will go far is because she tries to learn something from everyone. She credits her two youngest sons with teaching her that she could do anything she decided to do.

"I remember the first time they wanted to go camping, just the three of us. I told them I couldn't take them and they insisted I could. Now we camp all the time," she says of the family's close-knit relationship. "You know, they also taught me how to study when I went back to school. They said, 'Mom, when you study for a test, go over and study the things you're unsure of, not the things you already know. We all help each other out in this family.'"

Johnson also credits her mother for teaching her self-love.

"I was the oldest of 11, and I always admired my mother. She taught me that everyone has got to love themselves. You know how some mothers sacrifice so much for their children that their children are embarrassed by them?" she asks. "Well, my mother was never like that. When it was her turn to get the new shoes, Mom took her turn."

Johnson feels that her turn has now come to get an education. "I've always had the dream to go to college," she says. "But I was a homemaker first. With five children and a husband in the military, moving from base to base, I had pretty much given up on my education."

Then, Johnson reconsidered college shortly after her divorce. "I realized quickly that knowledge is power and drew up my own legal papers," she says. "When my lawyer saw them he suggested I counsel and inform other women in the same situation."

Which is exactly what the dedicated woman does, along with being a full-time student, teaching two classes of Project Charlie — an elementary school program which promotes self-esteem — singing in church choir, teaching Sunday School, and working as a health care aid 25-50 hours a week. Last year she also wrote a column in the anchor, sat on various student committees, and claims to have danced every dance at the Winter Fantasia.

"I really get my energy from being with young people," she explains. "And Hope students are some of my favorites. You should see the ones in my Greek class. Sometimes I'll be having trouble understanding something and one of them will pass me a note that says, 'Carol, this is what he means.' They're just great."

Like Laird, some of those students will not graduate with her in 1989. And like Laird, Johnson wouldn't dream of missing the ceremonies. She's just that kind of person. And she's a member of ANTS. Carrying a heavy load for long periods of time and marching two-by-two are some things ANTS does best.

Marj Lindner was a psychology major at Hope. She entered the Ph.D. program in psychology at the University of Virginia this fall.
Freshman Duy Dang:
A survivor's story

by Bob Becker

I was born in 1969, and life was not easy in the tiny village of Halan in northern Vietnam. Halan was a farming community, and everyone — young and old, male and female — worked the soil. Sunday was just another work day, and there were few holidays. You worked so you could eat, but even for the hardest workers there were no guarantees.

Duy Dang, now 19 years old and a freshman football player at Hope, was 11 years old then. Years before, when the Americans had control of the area, his father had been a teacher.

"There was a lot of fighting in our area," he said.

"I remember one time when the VC (Viet Cong) bombed our church," he recalled.

"Usually, when fighting broke out, villagers went to the church. But this time there was nobody inside, so nobody got killed. I was hiding in an area where the women and children had to go. And my father was out of the village, because the VC didn't like teachers."

Eventually, the U.S. soldiers withdrew, and the Viet Cong moved in. Things changed quickly.

Halan had no more teachers, no more craftsmen, no more tradesmen. Halan did, however, have an abundance of farmers.

"Nobody owned the land, but everybody worked it," he said. "Then at the end of the year they split up everything that had been grown.

"My father wanted something better for me. He was an educated man, he knew about America, about the life over here. He wanted me to go to America, get a good education and have a future."

"When he asked me about it, I said I'd go

is a story of perseverance.

"When we decided I would go, my father and I went into the village to borrow some gold," he said. "That's the only way you could get out of the country then. You had to have gold to buy your way out.

"He sent me to Saigon with the gold. I was with a group of people, and the plan was that we would be in Saigon one week, then get out by boat the next.

"But in Saigon there was total confusion. And there were a lot of people there trying to trick you into paying your money. One time I actually got on a boat and paid my gold, but the boat didn't go anywhere."

Dang was arrested twice, but escaped from police custody when his jailers fell asleep.

"I never forget working my way through the barbed wire at night, all the time worrying that I was making too much noise and the guards would wake up," he said.

After 12 attempts to leave the country, he made it on No. 15. Sort of.

"The boat was supposed to hold about 65 people, but 100 more crowded on. And none of them paid. We couldn't send them back, because they'd have told the police and we would have been captured again.

"With all the extra people, we didn't have room for food and water. But we left anyway."

About six hours out, with the mountains of Vietnam still in sight, the boat's engine went dead. For seven days, the craft drifted. Two people died, many of the rest of us were in pretty bad shape," he said.

But luck was with the group. On the seventh day, the tides brought the boat to the Philippine island of Pagasa, a military installation.

The refugees were all sent to a camp, and nine months later Dang found himself living with a foster family in Ann Arbor. He then moved in with a Vietnamese family in

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if that's what he wanted for me. I didn't know anything at all about the country, just what I'd heard. To a young boy, I guess it sounded a lot like heaven... nice green grass, trees, blue sky."

These days, Dang is seeing plenty of green grass.

Like thousands of other young Americans, every Saturday Dang puts on the helmet and pads to play a little football.

Although new to the game, he has become proficient as a kicker, and handles all the place kicking and conversion duties for Coach Ray Smith's Flying Dutchmen.

As a high school kicker at Tecumseh High School near Ann Arbor, after just his second year in the game, he was a unanimous all-league selection, made the all-region team for the Ann Arbor area, and once missed a 64-yarder when the ball hit the crossbar and bounced back.

How Duy Dang got from Halan to Holland

Tecumseh.

"But as more and more Vietnamese came over here, the family grew too large and I had to move out.

He spent the summer with a friend, then in the fall, was invited to live with the Wayne Nix family. Nix was a teacher at Tecumseh High and also the football coach.

"They said they'd always wanted a son," he said.

Football practice had already begun, but the team hadn't played any games. Dang mentioned to Nix that he had played soccer in Vietnam, and the coach invited him to try kicking the ball.

"My dad (Nix) said if I liked it, he'd buy me a pair of football shoes and let me on the team. I didn't know anything about the game, but I didn't like it.

"Said Nix: 'He turned out to be a very skilled athlete. He's also an excellent tennis

player, a great soccer player, a good volleyball player and a skilled artist. And he became an honor student in high school.

"He's a wonderful young man. When he sets his mind to something, I have complete faith in him that he will accomplish it."

"Duy is a survivor. He didn't speak any English before he came to this country, but now you wouldn't know he wasn't born here. He insisted on living with American families to learn as much as he could about this country.

"Sometimes I almost laugh when he tells me the things he wants to accomplish. But in light of what he has already overcome, I know that he can do whatever he says he will."

A business administration major, Dang wants to get into international trade. "That way, there may be a day when I can do something for both my countries," he said.

"There was a time when I thought I'd be going back, but I'm not sure anymore. I miss my family, but I'm realistic to know that there might not be a life there for me."

Dang has already handled the kicking chores quite well for Hope. And despite all the things he's already conquered, he says he still feels the pressure.

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Second in a series
Speeches, events, more speeches: School begins

by Eva D. Folkert

When Hope's presidential office got its newest resident early July, no festive fanfare welcomed the chief executive officer. Dr. John H. Jacobson began his work just like any other person with a new job.

By Friday, Oct. 9, though, the inaugural ceremony changed that low-keyed atmosphere. Seated in its tradition of grandeur and splendor, the high splendor of the inauguration proved that John Jacobson isn't just any other person, and his new post isn't just any other job. The position he takes is special to Hope, special to higher education. Leaders in academia are looked upon with much expectation and respect since it is their judgments that will affect the schooling of many young minds.

As a philosophical Robert Maynard Hutchins, the famous American educator, once said: "The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

That's a big job.

As Dr. James W. Hall, the president of Empire State College, said at the inauguration: "This event today symbolizes part of that great historic tradition that began on the shores of this country so many years ago. A tradition that has brought us the richness of pluralism in education; that has brought us treasures of liberal learning. We are known throughout the world for these two characteristics. Each of us (in a leadership position in education) bears a special responsibility for carrying forward that great tradition.

"But the president carries a special responsibility yet beyond this because the president symbolizes for the college within this larger academic community, all that we stand for and must carry forward. The president carries the vision; he carries the torch for all of us.

That's an even bigger job.

And so, a big job deserves a big introduction. Which is exactly what Dr. Jacobson got. (See pages 12-14 for more inauguration coverage.) The formal ceremony on Friday, Oct. 9 marked the official announcement and introduction to the Hope community. "It created a wonderful and symbolic opportunity to reflect on what this college is and has been. It was a high point in the affirmation of Hope College," the new president stated.

For the past four months, Hopeites have come to know their new president as a sincere listener, a self-assured leader, and a team player. These are roles he feels are best for him to assume at this point in time. He plans to become more familiar with his new place of employment by keeping an attentive ear and an open mind.

"Over the next few months, I hope to be learning very rapidly, learning names and faces, learning facts about the College and learning those subtle patterns of doing and talking that distinguish this institution from any other," Dr. Jacobson said in his State of the College address. "Other people will also be doing a lot of learning about me, my values, my strengths, my weaknesses, my ideas, my vision for Hope College. We will instruct each other; we will influence each other; we will change each other."

On several occasions, Dr. Jacobson has made it clear that he feels Hope is on the right track, and he's not about to throw the switch that puts Hope's educational train on a different path. "Hope's current direction is very solid and fitting," he has said. And so he listens more, dialogues often, and relates well his knowledge of higher education administration.

"When my father, who was from Minnesota, moved to the East, the first fulltime teaching position that he took was at a Connecticut university," he said. "That institution was then at the beginning of several decades of rapid growth. The campus was beautiful; it was well woodshed and hilly. The president, however, was from Iowa. He was not accustomed to hills and woods, nor did he like them. He might have built a campus to fit that environment, but he chose otherwise. At great cost and with much labor, the hills and woods disappeared."

"Perhaps from that negative example, I have always believed that it is important for an institution to build upon what it is and what it has, rather than bringing in the bulldozers; to imagine what it might be, but to base that imagination on the reality of what is."

The reality of Hope College is shaped by our shared understanding of its mission and also by its history and traditions.

And from his understanding of the College's mission, Dr. Jacobson has set two goals for himself — building the college's national reputation and increasing the endowment fund.

"I find that the College is well regarded by those who know of it," he said. But it deserves to be known more widely." Especially to graduate schools, prospective employers of Hope graduates and other specialized publics, he added.

As for the endowment, currently it's value is slightly under $20 million. "In comparison with American colleges generally that is a good amount, but it is small for a college of our aspirations. The endowment has increased five-fold over the last 15 years, but as a percentage of the annual operating budget, it has declined slightly.

"Last year when I was considering the possibility of coming to Hope, I discussed the situation with a close friend who is at one of the other GLCA (Great Lakes College Association) schools. He asked me about the size of Hope's endowment. When I told him it was $20 million he said, 'You can't have a college with an endowment of only $20 million.' My friend is a sensible person, and he is not often wrong. But of course, the fact is that we have a college with an endowment of $20 million, and a very good college it is. The reason that is possible is the commitment to excellence of so many people of Hope. When a large number of people decide to do the very best with what they have, the results can be astonishing."

After meeting hundreds of people, shaking as many hands, and giving at least a couple dozen speeches, Dr. Jacobson has already shown that he is highly accessible to Hope's constituencies — especially the students. He has been the guest at an issues forum where students were invited to venture up to Labboni Leff's ask him question. The Pull, "a surprisingly stirring event with tremendous spirit and support" was his assessment — intrigued him, so he and his wife, Jeanne, stood on the shore of the Black River, clapping for the freshman team. He was also available for grief-stricken students during a difficult and emotional time when a sophomore student, Erik Exum, died of an acute asthmatic seizure in Holland Community Hospital.

Aside from that one low point, Dr. Jacobson has experienced several highlights since the beginning of this academic year. The opening convocation, his first official college function, was "wonderful and moving"; the alumni regional dinners have helped him and Jeanne get to know more of the Hope family; his first meeting with the faculty was a great success; and orientation weekend was also special for him. He talked with students over hot dogs and soda pop at a school-opening picnic on Phelps lawn. It was during that orientation weekend when Dr. Jacobson got a chance to give another speech, this time addressing "my fellow freshmen."

"Aren't you glad they don't make us wear beanies anymore?" he began with a laugh, deep dimples punctuating the crests of his wide smile.

Relating some of his experiences of college, Dr. Jacobson remembered the questions he once asked himself, questions he felt his fellow freshmen were also asking.

"You're wondering: 'Will I be accepted? Will I be excelled? Do I belong?'" For Dr. Jacobson, the answers to these questions are quite simple:

Yes.

Yes.

9/1 Pull Coach Jon Fiske talks about the traditional tug-of-war with President Jacobson.
Delegates and faculty members line up for the academic procession.

President John H. Jacobson and President Emeritus Gordon J. Van Wylen

Dr. John Jacobson and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Jacobson (front row, middle and right) were joined by 18 family members for the day's events. Four members of the Jacobson family also led the academic procession.

Dr. Jacobson's father, Dr. John H. Jacobson, Sr. (front row, left), represented Yale; his brother, Dr. Carl Whitney Jacobson (second row, right), was the delegate from Harvard; and his son and daughter-in-law, John E. and Gail Grubelich Jacobson (second row, middle and left), represented the University of Pennsylvania.
Scrapbook

Musical fanfare was provided by a 12-piece brass ensemble and the Chapel Choir.

An honorary degree was conferred upon Dr. Jacobson by the Board of Trustees, represented by Chairman Max O. DePree (right), and Provost Jacob Nyenfius (left).

Dr. James Hall, president of Empire State College, brought greetings from the academic community as a board member of the Association of American Colleges. Dimnent Memorial Chapel appeared to be at its ceremonial best as usual.

The new president chats with Mrs. Margaret Lubbers ’22, the wife of the late Irwin Lubbers — the eighth Hope president, and her son, Don Lubbers ’53, president of Grand Valley State College.

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Andy Loree ’78
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### Inauguration and Homecoming style

**The Charge to the President**

"John Howard Jacobson, it is with great joy and high expectation that we charge you today with the duties and responsibilities of the presidency of Hope College.

"Leadership begins by defining reality and it ends when the leader says thank you. Leadership is a condition of indebtedness. I am indebted for the leadership that I have seen in people who choose to follow. Consequently, leaders are in debt to the sense of what they owe to the institution and to our institutional heirs. In a particular way, the leader owes to the institution a clear expression of values, a leader in need of dedicated and loyal citizens of the college, and an unambiguous commitment to the well-being and to the potential of those who he wishes to lead.

"And so, John, today in this place, before all these people, we charge you today with the high expectations, with the presidency of this college, of this body of people. We understand, of course, that you cannot do this alone. We, therefore, offer to commit to you our prayers, our trust, our energy, and, as we have said to you in the past, ‘May God be with you’ and ‘May God go before you’.

—Max O. DePree, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

### The Inaugural Address

**On the State of Hope College**

"The purpose of Hope College is academic in the robust, original sense of the word in which academic has to do with learning, scholarship, research, personal cultivation, and the commitment to live an informed, examined, and responsible life. Now, of course, as a Reformed institution, the academic purpose must be a commitment set in the context of the Christian faith.

"It could not be otherwise, for in Christ all things hold together, and apart from Christ there is no life. Our calling in Christ is to do all that we do to His glory. That implies that excellence is our goal and that faithfulness to Christ is under, around, and over whatever we do. And, of course, the excellence we seek is that excellence in our eyes only, but the kind of excellence that can be perceived and understood by everyone. And we seek that kind of excellence not so that we may be well thought of, but because it is our duty and our joy.

**On Patience for Hope College**

"Sometimes 15 or 20 years pass before creative achievement is recognized. Creative achievement is a burst of light which, starting at its source, spreads ever outward. Light from a distant star may reach our eyes long ages after the star itself has ceased to be. The achievements of one generation are the means of the present generation to know us here and now, but their full recognition may be delayed until their light has spread far from its source. The light of understanding that shines today in the eyes of a student may take a lifetime to come to the notice of the public world.”

### On the Future of Hope College

"The average length of term in office of Presidents of Hope College is 13 years. I do not know whether my term will be of that length, although I will retire before that if it does. But I have at least the year 2000. I would like to share with you something of my vision of what this College will be on the threshold of the new century. My vision is a vision of progressive continuity with the tradition of Holland, Michigan.

"I will try to hold to the good things that makes a college into a college, and to build on its substantial strengths to become even stronger.

"My vision for the year 2000 is of a college that has retained and further enhanced its reputation in the natural sciences and is already recognized for its excellence in the liberal arts.

"A college that is a stimulating, supportive, and nurturing campus, and which also encourages and invites students to learn during their college years by experiencing other places and other cultures.

"A college that experiences racial and ethnic diversity and feels itself to be enriched thereby.

"A college that is noted for its excellent quality of campus life; that is surrounded by healthy neighborhoods, and that provides attractive housing for the great majority of its students; that has a deserved national reputation for academic excellence and an excellent quality of student life.

"A college that continues to deserve and to receive the esteem of its community.

"A college that has an ever more secure and expanding base of support among friends and alumni, a college that takes its name and its symbol seriously.

"A college that sees itself and is seen by others as a city set on a hill.

"It is my honor and privilege to be the tenth president of this College, and I pledge to you to devote all the talent I have been given to understanding this College, to loving this College, and to leading this College in faithfulnes to its covenant and toward the excellence in the achievement of its high purpose that God has commanded for it.

—Spino in Deo.

—Dr. John H. Jacobson, Jr.

**Greetings from Near and Far**

"I speak on behalf of the faculty and the students, on this, your first official presidential day. A member of the faculty, Nancy Taylor, told me that when the first student was seated on the floor of the college, and an unambiguous commitment to the well-being and the potential of those who he wishes to lead.

"So, are we fair? I think we are fair to you in selecting you to be our president. You started out as an unknown in the search process. As one committee member said, you started out as a ‘zero’.

"And now, I address University faculty, I address the students of this college, and I address you, open to allowing you to show us your genius. Are we knowledgeable? A walk through campus tells you that there are poets here. There are artists and musicians and dancers. Our lives in the Peale Science Center are active morning and night, winter and summer. There are scientists here, and humanists, and social scientists. We are in active pursuit of knowledge, because we care.

"Art Jones (professor of philosophy), in his address to the faculty, argued passionately that caring is fundamental to our education. ‘Caring,’ he said, ‘is a kind of reverence toward what matters, toward that which is important.’ Caring expresses our desire to think and to know and to love that which is worth caring about. He said, ‘we are more fully God’s creatures when we care for the needs of others and do not just avoid them. In history ...’

"And what students don’t always know is that we wonder the same things when we look at them on the last day. Will they be fair in evaluating us? Are they knowledgeable as they leave our care? Do they genuinely love and respect us as they go? We welcome you as we see you in the years ahead and we look forward to a dynamic relationship that will help us grow to a certain fundamental truth that we both are fairly knowledgeable.

—Dr. Jane Diller, associate professor of psychology

"On behalf of the alumni, we’re thrilled that you’re going to be a part of us. We’re over 20,000 strong, we’re proud, we are loyal to our institution with appropriate humility. We are enthusiastic, we are more deeply involved in our support, our energies, our prayers, our commitment. And we say to you and to Jeannine today, you are one of us. We now welcome you to our family. As tokens of our love and respect, we’ll like to present each one of you with a Hope College alumni sweatshirt. On behalf of the alumni, welcome to Hope College.

—The Rev. Stephen Norden, President of the National Hope College Alumni Association

"In the minds of the Dutch people, the town in the United States symbolizes the Netherlands more than Holland, Mich. does. Hope College is the heart of the town, and the word ‘hope,’ there must have been very strong, disquieting emotions which were in the hearts of the first settlers who found something in their lives, and at Hope College, it stands now, flourishing with its excellent facilities on this beautiful campus, endowing the tremendous accomplishments of those helpful settlers and their descendants in the marvelous contributions which they have made to this great country.

"You might think that the fact that President Jacobson is the first president who we have seen at this college of not Dutch descent might mar our historic legacy by the same occasion. I can assure you that it does not. On the contrary, I think it is a complement, both to Hope and President Jacobson. Hope College evidently did not want to be a monument, but a living institution. It did not want to be tied down by a nationalistic tradition but to look for excellence. And I think that attitude is something which Hope College should be very much congratulated for.

—The Hon. J.W. van Doorchuur, Consul General of the Netherlands in Chicago

"Holland was 14 years old when this College was conceived and born. This year, Holland is 140 years old. That suggests a long, long period of co-existence. The degree, then, to which our church and our institutions are in harmony.

—The Hon. William Weller, President of Central College

"I promise you, Dr. Jacobson and the Hope Community, that we, your church, will live to uplive to our covenant of our responsibilities. We pledge to you the greatest respect we can extend to your good works and the Christianity education that you have none in this revolutionary world. How? By assuring you, as far as we are concerned, in the Reformed Church, of our academic standards. We will encourage you to rededicate, and redefine Hope College so that it is growing, and growing. We will work to maintain a relationship of trust between the Reformed Church in America and Hope. Do you know what I want to say to you? I want to say, Brother John, I wish you God’s peace, and I wish you God’s guidance, and I wish you God’s health and I wish you God’s wealth.

—The Rev. Dr. William T. Washington, Vice President of the General Synod of the RCA

"Those who write about the college presidency often say that in ordaining the president, the faculty, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors must demonstrate over signs of power; and you can’t have friends.

This certainly has not been my experience. It’s good to have a healthy perspective on the realities of the office and not to take yourself too seriously. Occasionally, the job is a heavy one, but the one who is going to be effective is the one who does not have to wait on your every word, will make you feel like an influential leader. But often times, being a college president is like being a caretaker. You know that and a lot of people need you but you are often too valuable to allow you to be effective. You can’t be listening. I urge you, John, not to allow the demands of the presidency to overwhelm or consume you. That’s sometimes difficult for all of us with a traditionalistic work ethic.

—Dr. James F. Baldwin, President of Northwestern College

"Students tend to (in the 60s and 70s) dream dreams but they could deal with reality. Students today deal with reality very well, but the transitional issues the individual has got to face today go beyond asking, ‘Is it profitable,’ ‘is it beautiful.’ To go beyond the mentality of the bottom line and search for value. Beyond the one who does the job for himself, it’s no different for others. But the search for excellence in this world is to allow for contemplation of the transcendent. Beyond and what works to what’s right. That is the historic objective of this great College. You are a key factor in this.

—Dr. Kenneth J. Weller, President of Central College and a fellow coach for several years

"Their sphere of influence was most keenly felt by the hundreds of students-athletes who graced the fields and courts of Hope. But it was not limited to that. These are men who had a profound impact on the MIAA and on Division III athletes. They created the model of sport, unparalleled in the numbers of collegiate athletes. And now it’s left to those remaining to carry on a legacy of excellence.

—Dr. James Baldwin, ’52, President of Northwestern College and a fellow coach for 15 years

"They had goals that were larger than themselves in mind. They weren’t out to impress anybody with what they did or how they were. But what they were there to do was to serve Hope College first, and then the athletic department.

This is now also true of the athletic department. They are not always interested in something more than the athletic department. They were interested in what was meant to be a student the best a Christian liberal arts education. That was the thing that was different on campus. We treated a student who was treated the same, every person was treated the same, from the maintenance person to the President, because every human being in their eyes had integrity and dignity for one reason and one reason alone: that all people are the image of God. And no one should be treated any differently because of the status accorded by men.

—The Rev. Peter Semion, ’73, former Hope football player and co-defensive coordinator

**NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, OCTOBER 1987**
This corporate exec runs, bikes, but doesn't swim

by Eva D. Folkert

Ten years ago, on a surprisingly warm Homecoming Day when sun is a welcome commodity in the erratic weather trends of Michigan October, an ambitious Larry Mulder dusted off his running shoes and decided to compete in the first-ever Hope College Run-Bike-Swim. He didn't win his five-kilometer race, but he didn't care. So he's been back to run in just about every Run-Bike-Swim ever since.

Actually, Mulder's yearly role in Hope's now quite popular Homecoming event is more substantial than his mere involvement as a participant. You see, ten years ago, ODL, Inc. President Larry Mulder also sponsored the first Run-Bike-Swim and he's been doing that ever since, too.

It's obvious, then, that Mulder is a man who believes in the things he supports. A tell-tale sign of his corporate exec, he says he became involved in Run-Bike-Swim (from here on out, RBS) after participative interest began to wane in a four-year-old business seminar program which ODL funded for the college. Since several employees he knew at his company were joggers at the time, "the idea of a new program along the physical fitness line tripped my trigger."

So the corporate president contacted Hope physical education prof and basketball coach, Glenn Van Wieren. Nineteen-seventy-eight was a big year for the phys ed department. They had just moved into the new Dow Health and Physical Education Center. So Van Wieren, in keeping with the Center's commitment to cardio-vascular activity, took Mulder's early idea of a running event two steps further. He added swimming and biking, too.

About 550 blurry-eyed athletes geared up to run in five or 10 kilometer races, swim a half or quarter-mile in the Kreeg Natatorium, or bike for ten miles through the outskirts of Holland. A triathlon, only a five-year-old event but another big drawing card on the RBS ticket, is also available for those die-hard types who feel compelled to torment every muscle in their bodies for most of the morning.

In the past couple of years, corporate sponsorship of athletic events, usually for local charities, has become a growing fad all over the country. But ODL and Larry Mulder have been with Hope for 10 years now and their reasons for funding RBS are quite different from Nabisco's, the Hartford's, or Nike's.

"We just wanted to fund something special for Hope beyond our usual Annual Fund support," Mulder explains. "We aren't doing Run-Bike-Swim for local media exposure; we're not concerned about public relations or making a big splash. This isn't an Ironman Triathlon or River Bank Run (major race in Grand Rapids) kind of an event at all; nor do we want it to become one. I'm not looking for any local fame out this event."

He pauses for a moment then continues with a laugh-filled after thought, "Nor do I ever expect to win it!"

In Mulder's RBS memory-book are reminders of unpredictable October weather — the extremes of freezing rain or sunny 70s, and a wide range of energetic participants from several area runners to the Rev. Henry Kik, 42 of Spring Lake, Mich., a septuagenarian who has biked almost every year.

Then, in between the lower and upper most age groups, there's Brian Stauffer '73, a special products manager for Herman Miller, Inc. in Zeeland, Mich. Stauffer began RBS competition in the running event on an old clunky 45-pound Schwinn. He won with barely any training on a less-than-desirable "racing" bike. That got him to thinking perhaps he could be even better. He could. and did. Stauffer began to set state records in biking events, went on to train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, and even made the national racing team.

Stauffer also became intrigued by triathlons a little later, and again tried the three-sport event at Hope's RBS. He won again. And that got him to thinking again. This year Stauffer has won five outright triathlon titles in Michigan and Indiana. He has also reached a triathlete's pinnacle — he qualified for this year's Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii. He was competing in that event on the day of RBS's 10th anniversary. He would have liked to have been in town for the Holland event, he says, since he credits RBS with helping him get his competitive start.

"I feel good about that kind of thing," says Mulder of Stauffer's success. "It's good to know that Run-Bike-Swim can meet the needs of those who are serious about competition and those who are out there just for fun."

The handsome, 48-year-old is happy about his involvement with RBS, but he's actually part of the Hope family in two other ways. This past spring Mulder was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Plus he's also a student at the college.

Back in 1963, Mulder quit college with one semester to go, got married, and began to work for his father at the family-run Zeeland Sash and Door Co. Not finishing his college education was always a regret.

"I often bemoaned the fact that I didn't have a college degree," he says. "So it's very meaningful for me to be back in school at Hope. But you know, it's kind of ironic. If I had graduated from college back in the 60s, I would have never stuck around this place."

"This place" is ODL — Ottawa Door Lights — the new name for his dad's Zeeland Sash and Door. (A door light is not electrical but rather a window in a door) As part of his requirements for Hope, Mulder did an independent study on the history of his father's company. What the study will tell you is that "this entrepreneurial Mulder turned a small shop with five employees and $65,000 in yearly sales into a multi-million dollar corporation with 290 employees."

After five years of picking away to finish his college education, Mulder will graduate from Hope next May. As a Hope student, he's not even shocked by his core requirements. His final two classes are a senior seminar and foreign language course. With a motion to prove to his senior status, Mulder walks over to his desk and pulls out a thick textbook.

"Right now," he says, holding up the book. "I'm up to my eyeballs in Spanish."

Row, rowing her boat

It's over 3,000 miles from Holland's Black River to England's River Cam, and sometimes the distance between today's United States and the practically timeless buildings and gardens of Cambridge is like moving through another world. One person who's shown that she can live in both worlds is Kim Waldorf '86, who spent the last academic year doing graduate work in education at Cambridge.

Though the River Black is only used for Pull-ins purposes, Waldorf spent many hours rowing on England's narrow River Cam. As if academic demands weren't enough, the energetic 23-year-old decided to follow the example of her brother (who rowed a little Yale) and tried out for a place in the Fitzwilliam College ladies' boat.

"I just saw a notice posted on a bulletin board about openings and decided to give it a shot," she said.

Once a competitive AAU swimmer in high school, Waldorf was always interested in rowing, wondering what it would be like to glide through the water without getting wet. Familiar with exhausting swimming workouts at ungodly times, she admits that this never really adjusted her to the December and January practice schedules which took an hour and a half to set up the sun rise over the nearly frozen Cam. "It was absolutely freezing out there," Waldorf reflects. "There were times when my fingers would turn numb and a little blue."

The weather and Waldorf's technique began to warm up for the remaining two seasons during March and April, and May and June.

Though a rookie, Waldorf made rapid progress and soon won a place for herself in Fitz's number-one boat, one of the five fastest boats in the river. By the time of the May Bumps — a series of races that rewards boats which catch up to bump the leader boat. Waldorf had established herself in the vital number-one stroke position, beating out other veteran rowers to capture the spot. (A Bump system of racing is used on the River Cam since its narrow width cannot facilitate four boats to race abreast of each other.)

Now, having completed her master's degree in philosophy of education through the traditional student-run, college-owned format of the Cambridge University System, Waldorf has returned to the States and works in Washington, D.C. Her rowing days aren't over, though. She hopes to find a team in the Washington area where races are rowed on a much wider, more impressive river than the Cam — the River Potomac.
alumni alert

by David Van Dyke ’84
Alumni Director

It's a beautiful autumn in Holland and, as always, very busy. We have held a number of regional events around the country the past few months, and I have enjoyed seeing many old and new friends. An alumni picnic was held in Washington, D.C. in September. This has become an annual event for Washington alumni, and Rich Webster ’84 did an excellent job organizing this year’s picnic. John Abe ’79 put together a great get-together at the Mid Day Club for all Hopeites who live or work in downtown Chicago. This event was also well-attended, and I know we will have more of those, too.

Early in October we held a very unique alumni and friends event in the Dallas area. From our upper deck box seats, we watched the Texas Rangers play the Seattle Mariners. (Not exactly the Detroit Tigers versus the Toronto Blue Jays, I know, but...) Many thanks go to Jeff Cordes ’80 who organized this event for us.

Homecoming 1987, "Who says you can’t go home again!", was a huge success. Many Hopeites did come home on Saturday, Oct. 10 as record attendance was reported. The inauguration of Dr. John H. Jacobson as Hope’s tenth president highlighted the weekend on Friday afternoon. The classes of 1982 and 1977 celebrated their five and 10-year reunions. I would like to thank Nancy Moore Souders, Paul Boersma, and Kimberly Kuiper Josephson for heading up the ’82 reunion. For the ’77 reunion, thanks go to Rob Pocock, Betsy Boerma Jasperse, Sue Dirkse Carlson, and Jane VanderBunte Knecht.

We have begun our series of regional dinners to introduce John and Jeanne Jacobson. We held two very successful events already in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. Upcoming events will be held throughout Michigan in Ann Arbor on Oct. 28; Lansing on Oct. 29, Detroit, Nov. 4; Kalamazoo, Nov. 5; Midland, Nov. 12; Chicago, Nov. 19; and Southwest Michigan, Dec. 3. If you live in these areas, you will be receiving an invitation soon.

Stan Busman ’73 and Christine Peterson ’84 are putting a fun evening together for Hopeites in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area on Tuesday, Nov. 17. I’m looking forward to spending time with our group there.

The Hope Flying Dutchman basketball team will be playing in a roundball tournament in Pella, Iowa on Nov. 27-28. If you are headed for Iowa or live in the area, the Alumni Association will be sponsoring a get-together with the team on Friday evening. As you can see, I’ve been travelling a lot lately, but I’m looking forward to seeing you when we come your way.

Oh, by the way, don’t forget you will receive the new Alumni Directory free by contributing to this year’s Alumni Annual Fund. This new publication came off the press just this month, and it lists all Hope alumni alphabetically and by region. If you send your gift to the Annual Fund soon, you will receive the directory in time for your Christmas card mailing list.

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**Generation Students**

Not only is the 1987-88 freshman class the largest ever, the contingent of freshman generation students in the class are also Hope's most ever. One-hundred second, third, and fourth generation students can list their Hope lineage to family ties. The group includes students from Hawaii, California, and Texas plus one pair of twins Bill and Michelle Meegns from Petoskey, Mich.

A list of this year's second generation students appears on page 22.
Class of 1977


Row 5: Ted Newcomb, Sarah Koeppe, Peter Molne, Conley Zoonemaas, Earl Slotman, Barb Fehr Slotman, Rick VanDierMeulen.

Class of 1982


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Thank you, and we look forward to hearing your stories.
Joan Donaldson '75 was named the Michigan Homemaker of the Year at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit this fall. Joan, who won the Allegan County Young Homemaker of the Year Award last fall, was chosen from among 40 contestants for the statewide honor. She and her husband, John Van Vooles '76, grow blueberries on an organic farm on the outskirts of Fennville.

Craig VanderKolk '76 was a member of the 70-person medical team which performed the 22-hour operation separating Siamese twins, Patrick and Benjamin Bender of Ulm, West Germany. Craig is a plastic surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He and another plastic surgeon worked closely with the neurosurgical part of the team operating to separate a vein shared by the twins in the back of the head. The two plastic surgeons were responsible for planning the opening and reconstruction of the scalp and its flaps for eventual closure as separate scalp coverings.

English at the Christian Life Academy in Baton Rouge, La.
Lisa Juvier '86 teaches seventh and eighth grade English at Island Trees Junior High in Levittown, N.Y.
Thomas Kohl '86 is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.
Suzan Seifert '86 taught in an assistant professor at Western Michigan University where she is working with an associate degree in sociology. Andrea Mainero '86 is working toward a degree in public relations and marketing at Western Michigan University. He is the manager of international marketing for Aon-Murphy.
Kate McGary '86 is a featured dancer with the Aerial Dance Company which is based in West Michigan. Kate is also a real estate agent for Woodland Realty in Holland, Mich.
Mike Reisterer '86 is in his second year at the Marquette University Law School and is an assistant football coach at Dominican High School in Milwaukee. Mike Stannard '86 is the athletic trainer for Roosevelt (Mich.) public schools.
Dennise Wart '86 is a special education teacher in the

Suzanne Galler '81 has been promoted from graduate assistant to associate instructor of voice at Indiana University. She has also been accepted into the doctoral program in vocal performance and has had her full tuition scholarship renewed. Suzanne recently had an operatic role in Gershwin's Oh, Thee & I sing at the In Opera Theatre.

Kim Lubbers '83 is the Green Lake regional director for a subsidiary of Hartman (Iowa) Publishers and is living in New York City.
Paul Massa '83 is an environmental geologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Plainwell, Mich.
Heidi Kaspichke '83 taught in a paper salesperson for the P.H. Glatter Paper Mill in Spring Grove, Penn.
Lois Reag '83 is an environmental chemist at Western Michigan Environmental Services in Grand Haven, Mich.
Curt Wissink '83 is a research analyst for a company in Madison. Wis.
Brian Back '84 is a production manager of the national touring company of "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
Brian Berkey '84 is a cost analyst at Rev Run in Howell, Mich.
Liz Davis '84 is a first-year student at City University of New York Law School in Queens College where she is studying public interest and human law.
Peter Diekmann '84 is completing his graduate studies at the University of Arizona.
Baldwin's '84 is pursuing an advanced degree in Christian education at Boyer College-Bible College in Bayonne, La.
Robin Tannen '84 Smith works for Associates Commercial Corp. in Chicago.
Dawn Permuski '84 Salus is employed by Prince Georges Community College, in Bandover, Md.
Jim Twiddle '84 has received the New Nurse of the Year Award in Community Health Nursing given by the Michigan Nurses Association.
Suzi Olds '86 Valdez '86 appeared in ABC's Good Morning America on July 23 to promote a festival in Asheville, N.C. where she is in her senior year.
Rick Verstrate '84 is employed by an environmental monitoring and consulting company in Grand Rapids, Mich. as a technical foreman/chemical technician.
Mark Vertico '84 teaches physical education at Holland (Mich.) Junior High School.
Tanzy '84 Smith is a fund-raising and hospitality marketing specialist for the headquarters of the U.S. Marine Corps. Washington, D.C.
Scott Collins '85 is the account administrator for BMW in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Roger Davis '85 is working toward a master of science degree in environmental science at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.
Karen O'Kalan '85 is entering her senior year at Eastern Michigan's Geography Department in Ypsilanti. She is the student chaplain at Eastern Michigan where she is also the student chaplain at Eastern Michigan.
Arthur Simpson '85 recently authored a book entitled Christian Faith and Public Policy - No Grounds for Depression (Birmingham). Maryran Rhode '85 VonderVorde is in her last year of law school at Valparaiso University and will be employed by the law firm of Law, Weather and Richardson in Grand Rapids upon graduation.
Ken Whitcomb '85 is teaching art at Byrum Center Elementary School.
Shawn Wolf '85 is a research scientist at Miles, Inc. in the Ames Division located in Elkhart, Ind.
Michael Winter '85 is an independent insurance agent for the Okemos (Mich.) Insurance Agency.
Mary D'Ors '85 'Bramler is a staff accountant for the Michigan State Highway Department.
Penny Vonderruer '86 Collins is a pricing analyst for Farmers Insurance Company of Grand Rapids.
Elizabeth Piikila '86 teaches first grade at Holland Heights (Mich.) Elementary School.
Bradford Henderson '86 is a history teacher at St. Stevens Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Karen Ginzerman '86 is teaching high school

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A Reformed Church minister, Jacob served churches in Illinois, Michigan, and Canada. He was president of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Classis of the RCA and served on the governing board of the Chicago Hebrew Mission and the Chicago Tact Society. He was also president of the executive committee of the Reformed Synod in Chicago and a member of the committee on church union between the United Presbyterian and Reformed churches.
Written in a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Western Theological Seminary.
Surviving are his son, Robert; a daughter, Jacqueline; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three stepchildren.
Harmon Denferder '18 died Tuesday, June 23, 1987 in Zeeland, Mich.
He worked for Colonial Manufacturing Co. from 1918 to 1972. He also served on the First Michigan Bank Board of Directors (for many years), Harmony is a veteran of World War I and was a charter member of the Gibberson American Legion Post.
His first wife, Ella, preceded him in death in 1972. Surviving are his wife, Virginia; a son, Christian; a daughter, Marsha Kemper; six step-children, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Walter Herring '30 died Thursday, Aug. 13, 1987 in Kingston, N.Y.
A well-known area farm father, Walker and his brother operated Highland Orchards and Herring Orchard in Ulster Park, N.Y. He was a 40-year member of the New York State Farm Bureau, a member of the Extension Service Board, and past master of the Ulster Orange.
Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Jonathan; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister.
David Hiltbert '57 died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1987 in Holland, Mich.
He attended Hope and graduated from Western Michigan University. David was a social worker for Grondon Place in Kalamazoo.
Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a daughter and three sons; six grandchildren; and four brothers and a sister.

Martha was a graduate of the Hope Preparatory School, attended Hope College, and graduated from Blodgett School of Nursing in 1926.
Surviving are a son, Robert; a daughter, Jane; VanLear, 57; and six grandchildren.

Harmon Horn died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1987 in Holland, Mich. following a heart attack.
The Hope College wrestling coach from 1933-34 season, Jim Horn, was a part of the Reddy Trunk Exchange in Holland, Mich.
Spending his life with wife, Shirley, a son, Bradley; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Horn; two brothers; a sister; and grandparents.

Garth Kamerling '76 died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1987 in Holland, Mich. from injuries sustained following an automobile accident.
Garth was a computer science major at Hope.
Surviving are his parents, Randy and Harriet, and a brother, Mark.

Gertrude Jackson '43 Kamerling died June 21, 1987 in Indianapolis, Ind.
A registered nurse, Gertrude served with the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. She lived in Indianapolis since 1955.
Surviving are her husband, Adrian, a son, Adrien; two daughters, Patricia Wray and Barbara Denmark; two grandchildren; and six brothers.

He earned a medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School. William established his practice as a physician and surgeon in Kalamazoo, Mich. in 1935. Later, he moved to the Chicago Medical Corps during World War II. In 1946, he returned to Kalamazoo to resume his practice. He was honored by the Michigan State Medical Association for 50 years of service in 1985.
Surviving are his wife, Anita; four sons, William James, James, Larry, and John; six grandchildren; and one sister.

Wilma Meyer '23 Reed died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1987 in Holland, Mich.
An established watercolor artist and teacher, Wilma also taught Pratt Institute of Design in New York.
Surviving are two daughters, Judith Haynes and Katherine Humphrey; six grandchildren; two sisters and a brother.

Albert Schaafman '26 died Thursday, June 11, 1987 in Holland, Mich.
A Bert earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1928. After teaching in Galien, Mich. for five years, he moved to Holland and taught at the high school for nine years. He then owned and operated DeNoor Photo Shop in downtown Holland until retiring in 1961.
He was a member of the Holland School Board for eight years, serving as treasurer; and served on the Salvation Army Board for many years.
Surviving are his wife, Marion; two daughters; Jane; and; two grandsons; and a sister.

Jack Taylor '59 died Thursday, May 7, 1987 in Holland, Mich. following a heart attack.
Matthew taught Latin, speech, and dramatics at Grand Rapids High School for 44 years. He received the Gold Key from the Columbia Scholastic Press in 1941 for his many years of work with students in direction and sponsor of "The Log," the annual high school publication.
He also received national recognition from the National Press Association. In 1966, he received the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship Award from the PTA of Cadillac.
Matthew was a member of the National Education Association, the Michigan Education Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.
Surviving are his wife, Esther; two brothers and two sisters.

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Alumni perspective

Robert Schuller on the state of television ministry

Nineteen-eighty-seven will undoubtedly go down in history as the year of the American television ministry crisis. Rocked by the Jimmy and Tammy Faye Bakker scandal, the country began to pay microscopic attention to a realm of television programming which hardly ever drew an exorbitant amount of publicity before.

Suddenly, with the Bakker scandal, all television ministers found themselves lumped to one general profession labeled "televangelist," a relatively new-fangled word. During 1987, it was a label that also deemed them "irresponsible" and "unaccountable." The rash of generalizations about television ministers meant that men like Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggert, Pat Robertson and Oral Roberts were magnified under the close-up lenses of Time magazine, network news, and every daily newspaper in the country. And not the least of those included in the television ministry crack-down was Dr. Robert Schuller.

A Reformed Church in America minister, Schuller is the founder and senior pastor of the largest RCA congregation in America — the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. His "Hour of Power," an established religious program since 1970, is broadcast to 171 stations across the country from the Crystal Cathedral, a magnificent glass structure built in 1980. Pastoring an established church then, and not just evangelizing from a staged ministry, Schuller’s "Hour of Power" weekly audience totals approximately two-and-a-half million, and according to recent Nielsen ratings, that makes it the most popular weekly religious telecast.

Schuller’s ministry has been affected by a dilemma it had no control over. For this issue of news from Hope College, the Rev. Stephen Norden, a fellow RCA minister and president of the Hope College Alumni Association, talked to Hope’s most famous alum at a retreat Schuller hosted.

Here, then, are Dr. Schuller’s views on the current state of television ministry and its future.

Norden: How have the events of the past year affected your ministry?
Schuller: "It’s affected our ministry by what I call irresponsible journalists who fail to make distinctions between the different people who are teaching religion. Therefore, they have lumped us together and taken the perception that all people in religious television must be doing something immoral, unethical or irresponsible. And therefore, we have to be accountable, and we have to be exposed. So, that attitude has forced us to reveal even our own personal ministries which has not been a comfortable thing. It’s very uncomfortable to suddenly be viewed as suspicious. Now, though, we have come through that period of excess inquisitiveness. I’ve never felt that we were lacking in accountability because, as you know, we belong to the Reformed Church in America and that’s where we present our accountability. It’s been difficult but I think that we are now perceived by the American people as distinctive. And that doesn’t mean we’re better or worse, it just means we’re different. I’m hopeful that as I look back on this period, I’ll be able to say, ‘Well, at least we see the difference between a Jimmy Swaggert, a Jerry Falwell, a Pat Robertson, and a Robert Schuller.’"

Norden: "How is the ‘Hour of Power’ different from other religious telecasts?"
Schuller: "First of all, we are a televised church service that aims at ministering to spiritual and emotional needs. And we transcend sectarianism. We deliberately proclaim a message that can also be healing and inspiring to Roman Catholics or persons of almost every Protestant persuasion. But, we are not geared to satisfy the spiritual needs of the negative, neurotic Christian. And we do have those, so I would say we are a positive, ecumenical, classical, mainstream Christian church service.

Then, I would also say we are unlike many of the television ministries which were primarily established by evangelists who came into town, set up a tent, try to convert people, then move on. For many of the television programs, religious television is an evangelism tent in a TV set, whereas the pastor who has a church is interested in ministering to the total needs of the people. Their mentality is different. Again, it doesn’t mean it’s better or worse. I’m just analyzing it, not judging it."

Norden: "What do you say to people who have lost their faith in television ministers?"
Schuller: "I would say that faith placed in any one person is faith wrongly placed. Faith must only be placed in God. Misconduct charges have been an unfortunate part of the history of Christianity, yet missteps worship God each week at their local church. Each minister should be judged according to his or her own conduct and merits as an individual. Try to trust your minister, but place your faith in God."

Also, those people who have lost faith have done so because they’ve become suspicious, and suspicion is the most unreliable form of mental activity and one of the most difficult to uproot once it has established its malignant taints in the human thought process. So, whether or not we can win their confidence back is a difficult thing to say. All I’d say to them is they’ll take a look, listen. If what we say helps you, receive the help. And I don’t care if you trust me or don’t trust me, but let me help you if I can. I think the most painful thing in the world to have a care for somebody who’s dying, only to find that the dying person doesn’t trust the extended hand, views with suspicion the offer of help, and rolls over on his side and dies. Anybody who has brought medicine to underdeveloped countries has also had this experience.

Norden: "What should the public expect as a standard of morals and integrity from television ministers?"
Schuller: "I think they should expect exactly what they would expect from the local Protestant minister or from the Roman Catholic priest in their hometown. No more, no less."

Norden: "After all this uproar, what do you see as the future of television ministry?
Schuller: "The future is very solid if we’re able to gain access to the marketplace. There has been a growing trend in this country, particularly over the past year, to discriminate against the sale of air-time to religious personalities. If that continues to be the case, if that is not challenged in the courts, then obviously television ministries have a dim future. I’m a great believer in the free market place and free enterprise which also means I’m a great believer ultimately that there are going to be television stations interested in the bottom line. And if they can derive more revenue, earn more from sponsors for some religious telecast, then they’ll buy it (the show). Ideology has an almost infinite capacity to rationalize as it moves closer and closer to the bottom line. And corporate policy has an almost infinite ability to overlook contradictions as it moves closer to the bottom line. So, I’m hopeful that we’ll be able to have the freedom to buy the time.

If that is the case, then I happen to believe that our particular television ministry could last for decades because we’re classical and not fashionable. Our message has never been the latest theological fad. One Irish writer, I believe it was Oscar Wilde, said, ‘Who marries the spirit of his age will soon find himself a widower.’ So, I’ve always been nervous and uneasy about jumping into contemporary theological fads. We strive to develop a theology based upon the unchanging nature of the human person. And that’s the need of dignity, self-respect, self-worth. We relate that to the Gospels and have it totally scriptural in its support.

So, I think that 100 years from now the Crystal Cathedral will be a beautiful facility still broadcasting across the country and the world. I think there’s always room for our kind of a cognitive and positive emotionally centered church service."

Interviewer Steve Norden is a 1974 Hope graduate. Norden was attending Dr. Schuller’s retreat because like the well-known minister, he too is beginning a new RCA church in Dublin, Ohio. He agreed to talk to Dr. Schuller and ask the prepared questions upon the request of the news from Hope staff.

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