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Hope College
They’ll recall more than the cheers

by Eva D. Folkert

Back in 1941, before the realization of U.S. involvement in an already-raging World War II, two young men from small towns matriculated to the Hope College campus. Russ DeVette, from Muskegon, Mich., and Gordon Brewer, from Kalamazoo, Mich., would begin an association that neither then realized would last for another four-and-a-half decades.

“Russ and I go back longer than either of us cares to remember,” Brewer has said. “He was one of the first people I met on campus.”

Their paths would continually cross—a then-familiar road the course fate put them on.

For both, that overseas war interrupted their Hope educations—DeVette to the Marines and Brewer to the Air Force. But, they both returned to finish their degrees—DeVette graduating from Hope in 1947, Brewer in 1948. And soon after earning advanced degrees, both returned again to Hope to teach and to coach, to begin leaving an indelible mark on the college’s physical education and athletic programs.

Ask them to recall one, just one out of several hundred memories, and they’ll probably eagerly remember that 1958 Hope vs. Hillsdale football game, when DeVette as head coach and Brewer as an assistant coach devised a game plan that halted the ‘Dales 28-game league win streak and gave Hope a shared league championship with a .500 second field goal.

Ask them about the by-gone days of Carnegie-Schouten Gymnasium, their first home in Hope academe, and they might grimace hesitantly. Then, ask them about the present days of the Dow Health and Physical Education Center, their current home in Hope academe, and they’ll probably burst into tell-all smiles.

Ask Russ DeVette and Gordon Brewer about their philosophy of sport and the immediate answers of their touchstones for Division III athletics would be of fairness and fun, of educational priorities and give-it-your-all performances; and of small-college ethics and “big-time” hearts.

And now, after 69 combined years of lending and lending to Hope’s athletic and physical education program, these two ambassadors for Hope academics and athletics are retiring. It seems only fitting that they should complete this final phase of their careers together, too.

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CAMPUS NOTES

TO HONOR ALUMNI: Alumni Day on Saturday, May 7 will be highlighted with two Distinguished Alumni Award presentations. Receiving the 1988 honors will be Dr. Marilyn Scudder ’60 of Moshi, Tanzania and Elmer Hartergink ’39 of South Haven, Mich.

After earning a M.D. degree in ophthalmology from the University of Michigan, Dr. Scudder accepted an appointment to work temporarily at a mission hospital in Mvumi, Tanzania. In 1973, just before her assignment was complete, she was asked to join the staff of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Tanzania, a position she holds today. Dr. Scudder is one of only 12 ophthalmologists in Tanzania with the responsibility of treating thousands of people in a country of 20 million.

Elmer Hartergink ’39, after earning a master of science degree in organic chemistry from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., was employed by Miles Laboratories in Elkhart, Ind. for 38 years and served as the director of company-wide programs of environmental control. He retired from Miles Labs and became president of Wyckoff Chemical Company in South Haven, Mich., eventually turning that company around. Wyckoff was named one of the fastest growing, privately-held companies in Michigan, according to a survey published in Michigan Business magazine during 1986 and 1987. He was also the alumni representative on the Presidental Search Committee.

DOWNTOWN COMMITMENT: The Board of Trustees took two actions at their recent meeting to demonstrate its support of a community effort to maintain a vital Holland central business district. Since the college campus is located within the central core of the City of Holland and its northern boundary is adjacent to the downtown area, the trustees authorized an investment of $150,000 as a limited partner in the Riverview Development Project, a privately-funded endeavor intended to integrate the riverfront with the nearby downtown business district.

As part of its commitment to the Riverview Development Project, the trustees also authorized the purchase of the Holland Theatre on East Eighth Street near Hope's campus. The purchase of the theatre was made possible in part by a gift from an anonymous donor and will be used for campus and community events.

When fully developed, the Riverview Development Project will include a rejuvenated downtown commercial district with retail, office, restaurant, and light industrial activities; residential areas overlooking the nearby Macatawa River; and a mix of recreational facilities, bike paths and walkways. President-emeritus Gordon J. Van Wylen is offering key leadership to this project.

“The vitality of Holland’s downtown area is the utmost importance to the future of Hope College,” said President John H. Jacobson. “The quality of this area has a direct bearing on the quality of life for our students.”

FACULTY PROMOTIONS: During their winter meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the promotion of several Hope faculty members.

Three members of the faculty were granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. The professors include: Dr. Barry Bandstra, religion; Dr. Herbert Martin, business administration; and Dr. Boyd Wilson, religion. Also granted tenure were: Dr. Anne Larsen, associate professor of French and Dr. Ronald Wolthus, associate professor of education.

To the rank of full Professor were: Dr. William Cohen, history; Dr. Donald Cronkite, biology; Dr. Jane Dickie, psychology; Dr. James Heisler, economics; Dr. Glinian Van Wieren, physical education; and Dr. Dennis Voskuil, religion.

POMP AND STUFF: Approximately 472 graduating seniors will be receiving their degrees at the 123rd Hope College Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 8 beginning at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier that day at 11 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

This year’s commencement speaker will be Dr. David Cronkite, professor of biology. The Rev. Robert Bast ’58, the RCA’s Minister for Evangelism and Church Life in South Holland, Ill., will give the baccalaureate sermon.

The Board of Trustees will also confer honorary degrees upon Dr. John Hollenbach, Dr. Samuel Noordhoff ’50, and Lucile Brumitt ’39 Noordhoff.
completed the bulk of his research and writing for the book. In 1986, Cox was invited to present part of his book as a seminar paper at the World Shakespeare Congress in West Berlin. The Congress meets once every five years and represents the best in worldwide Shakespeare scholarship.

Shakespeare and the Dramaturgy of Power takes a new approach to the subject of political power and social privilege in Shakespeare’s plays. It is intended for literary scholars who make Shakespeare their special object of study.

Cox is a 1967 Hope graduate and joined the English faculty in 1979.

THIRD TIME AROUND: The third edition of Probability and Statistical Inference by Dr. Eliot Tanis, professor of mathematics at Hope College, and Dr. Robert Hogg, of the University of Iowa, has been released by MacMillan Publishing Co. of New York City.

First published in 1977, Probability and Statistical Inference has been used by more than 200 colleges and universities across the country.

Though the book’s method to teaching statistics has remained much the same, Tanis and Hogg used a more data-oriented approach in the new edition. Many more figures, graph analyses, and real applications have been added to help students understand statistics and what statistical methods can accomplish. More problems have also been added; many of which are based on data submitted by Hope students and faculty, Tanis said.

DEBRUYN DANCING PREZ:

Maxine DeBruyn, associate professor of dance and chairperson of the department, has been elected to a three-year term as the president of the Midwest District Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. She is the first dance educator to become president of the Midwest District since it was created in 1972.

The Midwest District is one of six districts of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. With a membership of 7,000, the Midwest District states include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The mission of the American Alliance is to aid professionals and consumers in the development and practice of healthy sport, dance, and recreation activities.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1965, DeBruyn is the founder of the college’s dance department and primarily responsible for its accreditation by the National Association of School of Dance in 1985. She is also the vice president of the Michigan Council for the Arts and Education as well as the dance chair for the Commission on Children’s Dance of the National Dance Association.

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR MAKES QUITE A SPLASH:

Junior Shelly Russell is surely making a name for herself in the NCAA Division III swimming world. This year she became the first woman to win three national titles in the 200-yard freestyle, winning last year as a sophomore, and the 500-yard freestyle. Then, for her Mark Spitzian efforts, the Battle Creek, Mich., native was named the NCAA Division III Female Swimmer of the Year.

Hope sports enthusiasts will be keeping their eyes peeled to see what Russell will do for an encore next year. For more coverage, please turn to page five.

Prior to publication, Cox’s book has won recognition and support from many sources. He has received a number of grants for its research including a major award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant took Cox and his family to Cambridge, England for a year where he

Topka, Ind., and J. Knighten Smit, a junior piano performance major from Grand Rapids, Mich., won for their presentations performed before a panel of judges.

Thompson, a fine arts composite major, played three Sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti while Smit performed a G Major Toccata of J.S. Bach.

Both are students of Prof. Joan Conway. Junior Craig Stapert of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been awarded a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars Grant for his research work in the field of religious studies. The nine-week, $2,200 grant will allow Stapert, a classics major, to conduct a summer research project under the direction of Dr. Albert Bell, associate professor of classics and history. Stapert’s topic is entitled “A Presentation of Judaism and Christianity as Philosophical Schools in the First Century A.D.” It will deal with the way the Jews and Christians presented themselves to the Roman government and how they perceived themselves not as particular religions, but different philosophical schools of thought.

NEW CAMPUS HOT SPOT:
The well-dressed mat is out for the new Van Wylen Library, and it is definitely being used. The staff expected to slow down to a gentle pace after the major move, but the opposite has been true.

The warm, quiet, and inviting atmosphere contributes to the increased usage of the new building. According to recent door counts, the traffic flow has tripled compared to a year ago. The new microcomputer area on the second floor has drawn continuous heavy use. Reference librarians have indicated that bibliographic instruction nearly doubled in the first three weeks of classes. Also, circulation has increased by 50 percent.

BOERSMA RETIRES: Dr. Vernon Boersma '44 will retire from part-time service to the Hope College Health Clinic. Boersma, who also was Hope’s athletic team physician from 1983-87, provided medical services to Hope students since the early 1970s. He has also retired from his full-time family practice in Holland.

Dr. James Lemiere has replaced Boersma as Hope’s team physician.
EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

End of Spring Semester
Thursday, April 21 - Van Wylen Library Dedication;
Classes not in session
Friday, April 29 - May Day; Classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., May 2-6 - Semester Examinations
Saturday, May 7 - Alumni Day
Sunday, May 8 - Baccalaureate and Commencement;
Residence halls close at 7 p.m.

May Term
Monday, May 9 - Registration and payment of fees,
8:30-11 a.m., DeWitt Lobby; Classes begin at 1 p.m.
Friday, May 27 - May Term ends

June Term
Tuesday, May 31 - Registration and payment of fees,
8:30-10 a.m., DeWitt Lobby; Classes begin at 1 p.m.
Monday, June 6 - Extra half day session to compensate
for Memorial Day holiday
Monday, June 13 - Extra half day session to compensate
for Memorial Day holiday
Friday, June 17 - June Term ends

Summer Session
Monday, June 20 - Registration and payment of fees,
8:30-10 a.m., DeWitt Lobby; Classes begin
Friday, July 4 - Classes not in session
Friday, July 29 - Summer Session ends

ADMISSIONS

Junior Day - Friday, April 15
A day designed specifically for high school junior
and their parents to help them begin the college search
process.

Pre-Medicine and Pre-Engineering Day - Thursday, May 12
Special activities for high school juniors interested in
becoming medical doctors or engineers.

Explotination '88 - July 17-23
A "mini-college" experience for students who will be
juniors and seniors in high school for the fall of 1988.

For further information on any Admission program, call
(616) 394-7850.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

"Meet the President" Regional Dinners
This year, alumni and friends across the country have
the opportunity to meet Hope's new president, Dr. John H.
Jacobson, and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Jacobson, at a
families event in an area near you. Upcoming dates
appear below.
April 27 - Washington, D.C.
May 17 - Philadelphia
May 18 - New York City
May 19 - New Jersey
May 24 - Rochester, N.Y.
May 25 - Albany, N.Y.

Hope College Village Square - Friday, June 24
Hand-crafted items, food and children's entertainment
highlight this annual campus wide bazaar, 7 a.m.-3-30 p.m.
For further information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7850.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Van Wylen Library Dedication - Thursday, April 21
Opening the day's events with a convocation featuring
speaker Dr. John Hope Franklin, a noted black historian,
the Van Wylen Library Dedication will be a unique
celebration done in Renaissance Fair style.

Summer Sports Camps
Boys Basketball Camp - July 11-22
Girls Basketball Camp - June 13-17
Swimming Instruction - June 13-23, June 27-July 8
Diving Instruction - June 27-July 1
For more information, please call (616) 394-7850. Ask for Joyce.

THE ARTS

Music
Faculty Chamber Music Concert - Sunday, April
10: Wickers Auditorium, 4 p.m.
Hope College Wind Ensemble Concert - Tuesday,
April 12: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Student Recital - Thursday, April 14: Dimnent
Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
Chamber Winds Faculty Concert - Sunday, April
17: Wickers Auditorium, 4 p.m.
Jazz Nite Gala - Monday, April 18: Featuring guest
pianist John Shea, Maas Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Chamber Winds Student Ensemble Concert -
Friday, April 22: Wickers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Faculty Recital - Saturday, April 23: Featuring Laurie
Loper, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Chapel Choir Concert - Sunday, April 24: Dimnent
Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Senior Recital - Monday, April 25: Featuring pianist
Tim Jarzemkowski, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Hope College Orchestra Concert - Thursday, April
28: Featuring winner of the Concerto Contest and the
College Choruses: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Senior Recital - Saturday, April 30: Featuring pianist
Carrie Terpstra, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Theatre

Easter by August Strindberg - April 15, 16, 20-23
Curtain time: 8 p.m.
A sensitive and poignant drama which reveals the Heyst
family's trials during three haunting days and their
enlightened resolution of renewed faith, hope, and love.
Tickets may be purchased by calling 394-1400 between 10 p.m.
and 9:30 p.m.

DePree Art Gallery Exhibits
Graduating Senior Show - through May 8
Six Hope students display the culmination of their four years of
art study.

HOPE COLLEGE VILLAGE SQUARE

Friday, June 24

Come join the Hope College community
for a fun-filled family day
of country fair activities
featuring handmade goods, delicious foods,
atl special events, children's entertainment,
and a silent auction.

Breakfast begins at 7 a.m.;
Booths open at 9 a.m.
Winter sports season full of sustained success

Though the winter sports season consists of only four teams, it is a season that never lacks athletic excitement and unpredictability at Hope College. This year was no exception.
• Hope teams took home two MIAA champion-ship trophies — men's basketball and women's swimming — out of four possible titles.
• The women's swimming team earned fifth place at the NCAA Division III championships in Atlanta, Ga., their best finish ever.
• Junior Shelly Russell of Battle Creek, Mich., captured three gold medals at the NCAA Division III championships and was the deservedly named the NCAA Division III Female Swimmer of the Year.
• The men's basketball team earned a berth in the NCAA Division III post-season tournament, their sixth trip to Great Lakes region competition in the last seven years.
• Narrowly defeated by Kalamazoo College in dual meet and MIAA championship meet competition, the Flying Dutchmen swim team was dethroned from their two-year reign as MIAA champs and settled for second place.
• The women's basketball team continued to steadily build a contender's tradition by taking second in this year's league race.
• And, as usual, Hope and arch-rival Calvin College are taking it out for top billing in the All-Sports Award race. Hope has already captured six league championships — football, golf, women's cross-country, volleyball, men's basketball, and women's swimming — and no other team has finished below third place, but the Knights from Grand Rapids, Mich., are doing their best to capture the All-Sports Award that Hope has coveted for the past eight straight years.

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This championship performance gave Hope a berth in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional tournament, a field that also included three Ohio teams - Muskingum College, Ohio Wesleyan College, and Ohio Northern College. Hope opened the tournament, held in Delaware, Ohio, by defeating Muskingum, 80-75, sending the Duchies to the finals the next night against host school Ohio Wesleyan. But in a nail-biting, heart-wrenching double overtime game, Hope was eliminated from post-season play by the Battling Bishops, 110-107.

It was a season for the record books, though, as the 1987-88 squad became the highest scoring team in school history. The Flying Dutchmen averaged 89.3 points per game, scoring more than 100 points on six occasions. The old record was 87.1 points per game by the 1979-80 Dutchmen.

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She tied for first place in the 200-yard freestyle with Amy Heasley of Kenyon, Ohio (1:52.92).

Senior Jennifer Straley also had another outstanding season and finished her career with All-America honors in the 100-yard freestyle with a fifth-place finish. During her career, she was an NCAA All-American on 16 occasions and has also been an Academic All-America four straight years. Three Hope relay teams earned All-America honors. The 400-yard freestyle team of Russell, Straley, freshmen Kristy Achterhof of Fairlax, Va., and Jill Bannink of Holland, Mich., placed second in the 400-yard freestyle team consisting of the same members took third, and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Russell, Achterhof, sophomore Elizabeth Becker of Holland, Mich., and freshman Lori Gano of Albion, Mich., placed fifth.

Joining Russell on the all-MIAA team were Achterhof, Gano, senior Karla Koops of Holland, Mich., and junior Diane Vos of Zeeland, Mich., and seniors Kristen Van Overen of Kalamazoo, Mich., and sophomore Vanoveren.

Russell was voted the team's most valuable player for the second year in-a-row. Straley received most inspirational swimmer honors for the fourth year in-a-row. Of 23 possible school records to break, the Flying Dutch set 17 new Hope marks.

The men's swim team saw its two-year reign as league champs come to an end as top league honors were recaptured by Kalamazoo College. The Flying Dutchmen, also coached by John Putnott, were out-scored by the Hornets in both dual and championship meet competition.

Hope ended the season with a 4-1 record in league dual meets, 7-2 overall.

The Flying Dutchmen crowned three league champions - sophomore diver Jim Mitchell of Ann Arbor, Mich., on the three-meter board; junior Greg Greenisen of Ann Arbor, Mich., in the 100-yard butterfly; and senior Kirt Van Overen of Kentwood, Mich., in the 200-yard breaststroke. These three were also selected to the all-MIAA team along with junior Bruce Brown of Nettleton, Ohio and senior John Houten of Holland, Mich.

Houting was the team's most valuable member while Grabill was voted the most inspirational swimmer.

The women's basketball team's achievements remained consistent as the Flying Dutch under coach Terri McFarland finished second in the league for the third year in-a-row. In their fifth consecutive winning season, the squad posted a 9-3 mark in the MIAA and a 14-9 record overall.

Senior forward DeAnne Knoll of Grand Rapids, Mich., was voted to the all-MIAA first team while junior forward Amy Warriner of Greenville, Mich., was an all-second team honoree.

Knoll had a fine four years at Hope. She set school and MIAA career rebounding records with 807 and 448 caroms respectively. In the season's last game, Knoll also became the second female basketball player in Hope's history to score over 1,000 points. She ended the season with a 1,017 total.

She has also been honored for academic achievements as a member of the GTE district all-academic women's basketball team. Last spring, she earned the Academic All-American honors in softball.

For the second year in-a-row, Knoll received most valuable player honors from her teammates as well as the Barbara Ellen Geeting Memorial Award for maximum overall contributions to the team. Freshman Kristin Rooders of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the most improved.
Shouldn't I be walking to the Kletz?

by Doug Holm '86

Editor's Note: This is the fifth installment in a six part series on Dr. John Jacobson's first year as Hope's president.

H ope College alumnus. For me, those words have evoked an image of older men decked out in blue-and-orange sweaters on a Fall Saturday afternoon. Or a class reunion where talk flows about glory days; that weekend road trip to Chicago; those 200 a.m. 7-11 runs; cold pizza on Saturday mornings; the 15-page page you thought you'd never finish.

I see crowds of returning alumni for yet another Homecoming weekend. I hear strains of the Fight Song and Alma Mater. Most of all, I hear the past calling — even me, just a 23-year-old Hope College alumnus.

And San Francisco alum, nonetheless. You couldn't get much farther from Hope without leaving the country. Only a row of pastel houses blocks my view of the Pacific Ocean when I look out my apartment window. I moved to the Bay Area in November 1986, driving the 2,300 miles from Holland in three and a half days. Sometimes to my surprise, I've stayed. I've established a new life for myself. I've found new friends, new challenges, new commitments. But a part of me remains anchored back there at Lake Macatawa's shores. Those college ties have been strongly bound. They've transcended the continent. I know many of my friends feel the same way.

Whether we're in California, Botswana, New York City, North Dakota or Tenth Street in Holland, we appreciated our years at Hope. And as we understand our way through our lives, we will probably place greater value on the steps we took there.

I started looking forward to my first alumni event as soon as I received my invitation in late January. A few weeks later I joined about 60 others at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel to meet Dr. John Jacobson on his first West Coast swing as Hope College President. But I was just as interested in meeting other alumni. Would I know anyone? How many others had made the same Michigan-to-California pilgrimage?

I knew one thing: it was going to be a relief just to be with people who wouldn't need any explanation about my college. I'm weary of talking on "Holland, Michigan" or "Liberal arts college" whenever I mention Hope. And I'm tired of smiling at the inevitable puns — "Oh, Bob Hope?"

"Hope you graduate!" I'm always careful to wear clothing that says "COLLEGE" as well as "HOPE." You never know, there may be souls out there with "FAITH" or "CHARITY" stamped on their shirts. After all, this is California.

The atmosphere that night at the Fairmont was, well, communal. I consider myself a pretty level-headed person. I don't pretend my blood runs orange and blue. I've never worn one of those Hope College striped ties. And, no, I haven't hung around old hippies in Haight-Ashbury since moving out here ("Communes, man!).

But I thought the evening was something special. We West Coast alums shared past experiences and related present-day plans. Some of us caught up with old friends. Others introduced themselves to faces they once saw around campus, but never really knew.

The spirit of the evening was enhanced by the new kid on the block — John Jacobson. He told us how he has been impressed by the loyalty among the college community — students and friends as well as alumni. "Hope College makes a strong impression need to attract people from diverse cultural backgrounds."

This complemented my initial impression of him. I was supposed to meet him shortly after arriving at the Fairmont. I was a little late, as usual, and Alumni Director Dave Van Dyke pointed me in his direction once I got there. But I couldn't spot him — until I realized that this man chatting just to my right was the college president. He had already mingled it with the crowd, making himself right at home.

President Jacobson spoke formally after dinner. He talked of the warm reception he received during his first campus visit. He related several of his impressions of the college and laid out some specific goals for his presidency. Before meeting him, I thought he might find following in former presidents' footsteps an awfully daunting task. But I came away from the Fairmont feeling that he has probably established himself on campus as well as he mixed in with us alumni.

Which is what I spent most of my time trying to do. I'm afraid I didn't get to meet as many people as I might have liked.

But I spent "quality time" with those people I did meet. I was surprised to find two fellow "86ers" amongst the faces. Of course, I didn't know either one. I guess that will keep me honest. In the future I won't be as tempted to brag that I "knew everyone in my class" while reminiscing.

We asked each other what the heck we were doing in California. It seemed strange to meet classmates for the first time out in San Francisco on a fall weekend. We ended up talking for a long time. I thought I might hear a funny story about my brother, but she didn't know him too well.


I shooed a bit with Dave Van Dyke and Vice President Bob DeYoung. And I finally met up with Kathy Karle, an advancement officer. She had purchased my bed when I moved to California from Holland at a fire-sale price.

Then, all of a sudden, it was over. People exchanged business cards. I sheepishly wrote my phone number on scraps of paper and vowed to be better prepared next time. It felt like a family reunion had ended. While walking through the Fairmont's halls, I thought about what President Jacobson had said about the college and the bonds it creates. As somewhat cynical student, I often felt squeamish when I saw all the Homecoming hoopla. Or the Pull. Or the white gloves of Nykerk. But I don't know how, at the Fairmont, I even sang the Alma Mater. It was only my second or third time, and I had to peek at the words.

I found myself nodding in agreement with Jacobson's observation: a part of me is still back in Holland, a place where memories linger.

As I made my way through the lobby, it felt like I should be carrying a backpack of books. I should be on my way to the Kletz to meet some friends and hopefully finish that history paper. Instead I opened the doors to a cool San Francisco night. I dug into my pockets pulled out a couple of business cards I had received from other alumni. I smiled and walked to the car.
**MAN**

Man...
Why did the Dinosaurs die
They had no technological Boon...
lets figure it out so
We don't end up there soon
A conversation with anyone will
Prove to you how right we are and how
Smart we can be, but if this will keep
Us from fueling to-morrow's problems
I hope something is around to see...

The Turtle Has
An Idea
If you walk slowly and play dead
You may survive for some more
TIME...

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Senior Wesley Ceeley of East Lansing, Mich.

Ohio and Spring

- Interstate 58, 60, 303, 58,
- small roads wind past swollen creeks
- and large houses with peeling paint.
- Telephone poles connect with sagging wires
  like the clotheslines with a few sheets and undershirts
dancing somberly beside empty redwood picnic tables
in each backyard. There are no faces
in the large living room windows
and there aren't any children sitting
on the sagging front steps.
I believe that whole families have stood up together
and, leaving the dishes empty on the dining room table,
walked out the back door and through the field,
feet sinking and reclaimed with each step
until they reached the clump of trees that grows
between each field to stand there and listen
to soybean roots, potato buds
and barley grain.

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Senior Elizabeth Cross of Oscoda, Mich.

Write about fall leaves
or the mint in your window

-but I have no mint
and if I did, it would
be dying now. Already
the chives, tarragon
and sage are color-
less and bow over their pots,
too exhausted
to accept attention.

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Senior Kate Miller of Manchester, Mich.

The Twelfth of July

Chewing gum in the ashtray.
Sand on the floor.
The wind blew past.
Mom sat silently,
as did Chris and Holly and Sarah.
The green Chevrolet lumbered
down the highway.
It breathed deeply.
Its load
was heavy.

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Senior Barry Weller of Webster Grove, Mo.
With eyes that see

by Sue Christian '88

Frangelina Tema is from South Africa, a country full of turmoil and mass media attention. Her adjustments as an international student have been many and difficult. Though she does not feel at home in America, she has found a niche of sorts here, proof of this black, 30-year-old woman's inner solidarity.

Frangelina is grateful to have visited Hope College last June as a delegate from her church to the Reformed Church of America General Synod. Because of that experience, she is now able to complete her education here. She explains, "Since I was representing the youth from my church, many people wanted to know about my educational experiences and personal struggles, and they wanted to help. So they gave me a scholarship and a chance to come study at Hope."

A junior, Frangelina is a business administration/sociology major. She attended the University of the North in southern Africa in 1979, but "because of the programs, strikes, and the many problems there, I had to quit," she says. "My father was paying for me to go to school, but he was no longer being paid, so I had to get a job. I know many students with the same problems. Not a lot of people go to the university to study because we don't have presidential scholarships or loans."

In fact, her entire college experience seems to be a big exception to the South African rule. Not only is it unusual for her to be studying at the college level, but it is equally atypical that Frangelina was allowed to leave the country. Passports are not easily obtained by black people.

Through conversations with several American students, she says, "I had to adjust to whites just like they had to adjust to me. I live in a totally different society where we don't mix with whites under any circumstances."

Yes, she misses her black friends, but she is not racist, she quickly adds. It's just all completely new. No envisioning could have made her believe the reality of a place like Hope.

But the most exciting aspect of her life here has been a Hope education. "I love the academics here. I love the liberal arts system. To be in a college like Hope where there is such a small number of students, and you can easily reach the professors, and there are tutors to help you, too—it is a great opportunity."

She's black. She's thirty. She's in a foreign country. It has been a struggle for Frangelina to come to America. But she is used to struggles; she faced them daily in South Africa. Being away has made her appreciate her country no more than before, because she has always appreciated it. "Maybe it's because we've been denied so much living there that we learn to appreciate whatever we have," she says candidly.

But through all the changes and transitions Frangelina Tema has undergone in the last seven months, she still considers her experience an incredible opportunity, one that she surely does not regret.

"I just knew that this was a chance in a lifetime, and I had to take it..."

For Mariko Kinjo, a native of Okinawa, Japan, America is a revelation in the layers and complexities of language. To study abroad has always been one of her dreams. Her goal is to speak English fluently, as fluently as her father, who studied in America when he was her age. Language has been the focus of her hardest adjustments, her greatest realizations, and her continuing fascination.

"Before I came here, I was learning English in Japanese society. My English was Japanese," she reasons. "But here my English is American. I learn formal English as well as slang."

Mariko struggles with the workload of homework, something her Japanese counterparts at her home school of Okinawa Christian Junior College don't have to.

"In Japan, our college is not as hard as it is here, because we had to study so hard to get accepted into college that it becomes less difficult once you are allowed in."

Mariko strongly advocates international education. She has also lived with an American family for four months, attending high school in New York.

"Students who go to a foreign country are able to see their own country from a different viewpoint. It's a good way to view our own culture and to view ourselves. I realize now that I do not know Japanese culture and history and language very well, in spite of the fact that I am Japanese."

Which brings up language again as the pivotal point for Mariko's greatest realization since she arrived here. "I feel how languages affect us more than ever before," she offers. "I realized that Japanese is also a language. In Japan, I did not feel Japanese consciously. I have learned much about my own language by studying English."

She sits in class and wonders why she doesn't understand the professor, and whether the other students really understand what is said. She hears Japanese in her head, matching the language's symbols to her mind's meaning.

Above all, though, language for Mariko is a fascinating entity in which facial expressions, hand gestures, and even the entire body's movement play a part. "American people use more facial expressions and hand gestures, and it makes me enjoy the expressing all the more," she says.

A ballet dancer for ten years, Mariko was selected to be a performer in this year's Dance XIV concert. She is impressed with the department and with the opportunity given to students to learn about all aspects...
beyond physical boundaries

From Maraca, Venezuela, William Gonzalez has lived in America for over a quarter of his life. He's what you might call a seasoned international education student. Upon receiving a scholarship from the Venezuelan government to study anywhere in the world, William went to Los Angeles to learn English — something he'd never spoken — for a year. After another year at Washington, D.C.'s George Washington University, William came to Hope College to study physical therapy — an undeveloped field in his country. Hope was recommended to him by an alum whom he met while at George Washington.

The graduate from Hope gave me a catalog and told me all about it. I was looking for a small college with a good reputation and a good science curriculum, and I found it in Hope.

William has been the President of the International Relations Club at Hope for the past two years. "Through the IRC, I have met many students. We try to promote relationships with American students, so they get to know more about us, and we learn more about American students, too. That is one of the main goals of the IRC."

Many American young people would gasp at the idea of living at home past their college years. But this is just William's point: there needs to be an open exchange not only of friendship but of cultures, traditions, accepted practices such as the way in which family unity is revealed.

William will attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. after graduation this May to work toward a master's degree in physical therapy. His views here in America will only continue to grow.

"When I came here, I didn't know how long I would stay. I thought maybe four years. Now it looks like I will be here for eight," he states. The United States is a lucky country when international peace-makers like William Gonzales do double-time.

"It is rare for women from our country to study in the United States," Ola explains. "The thing that I will miss most when I leave is the freedom. At home, women especially do not have the independence and freedom that women have here; that will be one of the hardest adjustments in returning."

"Back home, our social life revolves around doing things with boys and girls in a big group," Arwa adds. "Women are sheltered and protected, so it is very different for us to be in such a free environment."

The feeling of freedom was a welcome adjustment for the women of the Haider family. But a less palpable cultural adjustment for all three students also made itself known — that of language and tradition. Being the youngest and living amongst American students, unlike Ola who lives off-campus, Arwa is still coping with this new American set of norms: "It frustrates me that people do not sometimes try to understand our ways instead of making me feel different because I come from a different culture and speak a different language and sometimes do not understand the slang of Americans that talk with." Ola listens to her sister's struggles and smiles, nodding knowingly.

The transitions were made smoother for everyone by the work of the International Education Office and international student advisor Laurie Engle. The listening ears, the advice and encouragement received there, made "the difference" for each one of them. "When I first came here, I was scared and depressed, and whenever I had a problem — and I had tons of problems when I first came here — they were home for me," says a grateful Arwa. She hopes to work for the office next year, helping the new international students face what she experienced.

Ola summarizes the feelings of all by commending the faculty and staf for helping them through the transition: "In general, when people know that you are an international student at Hope College, they want to help you adjust. The professors who app..."
More than the cheers

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When DeVette arrived at Hope in 1941, he thought he would go into the ministry. But his athletic growth while in the Marine Corp solidified his future decision of a career in physical education.

DeVette began teaching at Hope after finishing graduate school at the University of Michigan in 1948. His early years at his alma mater were interrupted twice, though, by another two-year stint in the Marines and a one-year position at the University of Maine. Back to stay in 1955, DeVette began building his impressive list of coaching and teaching accomplishments.

As a student, the six-foot-plus DeVette was the first player to receive the MIAA Most Valuable Player Award in basketball. It seemed natural, and a bit obvious then, to turn the head coaching duties of Hope's roundball program over to him. Over a total of 25 years, DeVette's Flying Dutchmen captured nine MIAA championships and one NCAA regional crown while compiling a 322-233 record. He was the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1955, and he turned his head coach post over to a younger successor—current coach Glenn Van Wieren—in 1977. DeVette was among the top ten winningest coaches in NCAA Division III.

A noted strategist and technician, DeVette could also juggle football X's and O's. From 1954-69 as the Flying Dutchmen's head football coach, Hope won two MIAA titles and posted a 62-64-1 record. After "retiring" from head coaching, DeVette remained on the football staff as defensive coordinator, a post he held through last fall when he stood on the sidelines for his last season and 323rd game.

And, for one five-year period, DeVette kept every school year afternoon full by coaching football, basketball, and baseball. This spring, the last of his coaching duties will conclude after he guides the women's track team for his seventh season.

As for academic and administration duties, DeVette developed the college's physical education minor in 1948, served as athletic director or department chairman over couple occasions, and was selected as a member of the first basketball committee for the NCAA Division III from 1975-81, then becoming that committee's chairperson for his last two years.

On the side, in his "spare" time, DeVette also co-authored a book in 1986 with colleague Dr. William Vanderbilt entitled, Coaching Basketball: The Complete Book from Beginning to Championship Play, served as a member of the Holland City Council for three terms from 1975-87, and coached and mentored Holland's West Ottawa Hasslars, a basketball team comprised of adults with learning disabilities.

He and his wife, Doris Kosskamp '50, DeVette, have six children — Christi Hayden '72, Lynne Gross, Joel '78, Steven, Kurt '83, and Lisa Werley '84.

Gordon Brewer's gentle demeanor is a quality that makes his teaching and coaching styles seem almost fatherly. In a voice that's authoritative and soothing all at the same time, he can make a simple conversation sound like a poem. Indeed, his ability to choose just the right words, making any poignant moment sound significant, is a Brewer trademark. "Anything less than all-out effort robs both victor and vanquished of the dignity of sport" is just one gem from this articulate man's pen.

As an athlete at Hope, Brewer was a three-sport man — a participant in football, baseball, and track. In later years, though, his track-and-field prowess would be the most noted.

Earning his master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1952, Brewer joined the Hope faculty in 1956. He has directed the men's track team ever since, gaining the sentimental title of "Dean" of MIAA track coaches. During this 31-year span, his Flying Dutchmen have finished in the top half of the MIAA standings in all but three seasons with a 107-63 dual meet record and have been league champs six times. In 1985, he coached Rob Appell '86 to a national championship in the high jump.

Brewer's biggest contributions to the college, though, occurred during a 20-year period, from 1960-80, when he gave direction and stability to Hope's sports program as the athletic director. Though Jack Schouten, Alvin Vanderburh, and Bud Higdon preceded him, the first athletic director to form a regular basis for athletic governance at Hope. He directed all facets of Hope sports: he watched and contributed to the solidity of a new premier league; he oversaw more and more sports as the years grew — at one point, 18 in all; he helped develop Hope's outstanding curriculum in physical education and recreation; he became heavily involved in the development of women's athletics; and his leadership was especially pivotal in the 1970's during the planning and construction of the Dow Health and Physical Education Center.

But Brewer's insightful and dignified wisdom in athletic governance was not only utilized by Hope College. After the NCAA instituted Division III in 1973, the Hope professor became an instrumental member on several committees. His career has been highlighted by his involvement on the NCAA steering committee which brought into sharper focus the philosophy of Division III athletics and on an NCAA postgraduate scholarship committee which selects outstanding student-athletes for postgraduate scholarship.

And, in his retirement, Brewer will add yet one more service to Hope College. He is currently writing a new book on Hope College.... But How They Played the Game, a history of Hope athletics. Already a three-year project and having just completed the chapter leading up to the 1930 season, Brewer has many more sports and years to divulge.

He and his wife, Lorraine Bull '48, have four children — Robert, Lawrence '75, Daniel, and Susan Stevens.

HOPE'S FIRST ALL-AMERICAN DECATHLETE: Last year, somewhat on a whim, senior Todd Rose of Otsego, Mich., decided to take a shot at competing in the decathlon — only two months after having a cast removed from his broken left ankle and with no formal, additional training. It was a whimsical idea that paid off, though, Rose, a Hope trackster since his freshman year, placed fourth at the NCAA Division III national meet, earning All-American honors and hopes for future competition.

"I surprised myself and a lot of other people last year," says the biology/physical education double major. "Now I feel I am a strong contender for first place."

This year, Rose is looking as good as he did last year in the decathlon, but he also competes in the individual events of javelin, 110-meter hurdles, and long and high jump, has concentrated heavily on the decathlon's six other activities — 100-meter dash, shot put, 400-yard dash, discus, pole vault, and the mile run. He insists, though, that training for the additional events hasn't been all that difficult, except maybe the pole vault.

As a Hope competitor, Rose's highest aspirations are not solely aimed at winning a national title in the 10-event event decathlon. "Most of all, I look forward to beating Calvin College this year and winning the MIAA championship since Coach (Gordon) Brewer is retiring. That would be a great way for both of us to finish our years at Hope."

The overall impact these two Christian men of integrity and caring have had on Hope College, though, are best summarized in the words of Dr. James Bullman, a former college and law professor at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa:

"Their sphere of influence was most keenly felt by hundreds of student athletes who graced the fields and courts at Hope College. But, it was not limited to that. These are men who had a profound impact on the MIAA and Division III athletics. They created a model of sport unsurpassed in the annals of collegiate athletics. And now it is left to those remaining to carry on a legacy of sport that transcends the individuals who fashioned it."
More to save than the seals

by Milton Nieuwmsa '63

Yakutat, Alaska - As the plane approached the tiny fishing village of Yakutat on Alaska's southeastern panhandle, I looked out the windows of Kah Liene, the legendary monster guarding Disenchantment Bay. It is said when strangers intrude, he throws up giant waves to drive them away. Since I was no stranger here, I didn't expect to find him, but at the north end of Disenchantment Bay, ringed by spectacular snow-capped peaks, I caught a glimpse of another monster — this one far more menacing than Kah Liene.

Some 300 feet high and five miles wide, it was sliding down a crevasse in the St. Elias Mountains, pushing a massive pile of rocks and gravel in front of it. This monster had a name too: Hubbard Glacier.

Geologists were calling it a world-class natural event. The Hubbard had broke off from a centuries-long deep sleep to begin its ominous advance, surging ahead by as much as 40 feet a day. It had sealed off a fjord, trapping porpoises and harbor seals, and now it threatened to destroy Yakutat's 450 residents — mostly Tlingit Indians (pronounced Klin-Kit). who have fished the waters here for 600 years.

During the summer of 1962, I made my first trip to Yakutat as a 20-year-old college student in search of a fortune. Red and silver salmon, I heard, were bringing $1.25 a piece at the local cannery, and you could net $300 or more in a single catch.

I'd heard about the quick schemes, this one didn't work out. After three months I returned to Hope with $30 in my wallet and a summer's stock of memories. But my most prized possession from that summer was a four-inch sea lion's tooth my Indian friends had given me. Now I was looking at the title "honorary Tlingit." When I asked about the glacier, I had to go back; one does not ignore one's friends in times of crises, and I still had some debts to repay.

One of my debts was to William ("Ish") Thomas, a tribal elder and founder of Tlingit lore who once told me about the Raven who turned himself into a shaman so he could "help his people and set things right." There were others — people like Fred Henry and Susie Abraham — all of them engaged in an intense struggle against nature in which time and human ingenuity would determine the outcome.

Under the watchful eye of the U.S. Geological Survey, we set off on a mission to measure the area's potential geology, and we were soon enveloped by a flurry of activity. We were joined by two other teams: one under the direction of A. Lawrence, a government official, and the other under the command of Charles, a local fisherman.

It was a hot and humid day, but the open sea was anything but inviting. We had to wait for a break in the weather before we could set sail. When the storm cleared, we set out on the water and made our way to the mouth of the river. We had to navigate through the rough waters, avoiding the submerged rocks and coral reefs that dotted the area.

We were facing a major challenge, but the team was determined to succeed. We worked tirelessly, interviewing locals and mapping the area. We were on a mission to protect the region's natural resources, and we were determined to do it.

Ten days later, we returned to the mouth, ready to begin our work. We found that the glacier had moved, and we had to adapt to the changing conditions. We worked hard, and eventually, we were able to collect the data we needed.

When we returned to the mainland, we were met with a mix of emotions. We were happy with our achievement, but we were also saddened by the loss of the glacier. It was a bittersweet moment, but we were determined to move forward.

We continued our work for the next few years, always mindful of the challenges we faced. We were aware of the impact of our actions on the environment, and we were committed to doing what we could to protect it.

In the end, we were able to gather valuable data that helped us understand the region's natural resources better. It was a challenging time, but it was also a rewarding one. We were able to make a difference, and that was what mattered most.

Editor's note: Milton Nieuwmsa is a hospital executive in Chicago. Since his return to Illinois, the Hubbard Glacier has not moved again dramatically. The U.S. Geological Survey is monitoring the glacier to predict its next advance. Experts are close to understanding what can and will be done in the multi-million dollar project to save the Sitka River, but until then, the Tlingits are still battling some time until the ice menace comes again.
One of the exciting aspects of being the alumni director at Hope College is travelling around the United States and meeting many of you at various college events. I always enjoy hearing people's stories about their college days, as well as how they have met Hope alumni by accident at various points across the country.

I was recently in Denver, and Jeff Winne '73 told me of one such story. He was skiing in Vail and while riding the gondola, he struck up a conversation with one of the other passengers. This woman told Jeff that she was from a small town in Michigan that he'd probably never heard of. He asked her the name of the town, and she promptly told him that she lived in Zeeland. Jeff was surprised and told her that he was very familiar with Zeeland because he had attended Hope College and now works for Herman Miller, Inc., a Zeeland-based company, in the Denver area. The woman was very surprised also and introduced herself as Marilyn DeWitt Norman, class of 1963. These two alumni continued up the mountain discussing Hope College and then realized that they both will have class reunions this spring in Holland. So, before they skied down the mountain in different directions, they agreed to look each other up at their reunions. It is truly a small world we live in.

Plans are well underway for Alumni Weekend on campus — Friday through Sunday, May 6-8. Those of you celebrating reunions will not want to miss it. Two new features will highlight the weekend this year. An Alumni Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday night. A 15-piece Orchestra will provide the dinner music in Phelps Dining Hall and play for the dance that will follow in the Maas Center Auditorium. The second new feature will be an Alumni Worship Service on Sunday morning, followed by a brunch. The Rev. Peter Semeyn '73 will deliver the sermon and the Chapel Choir will sing an anthem. This will be a great opportunity for alumni in the area to meet friends who may be in town for class reunions. We hope to see you there.

We asked for your opinions, and you gave them. In February, an opinion survey was mailed to more than 4,000 alumni, parents and friends seeking opinions on topics such as the quality of the college's programs, the publications you receive from us, and the ways we seek your financial support.

Our marketing consultant told us to expect a return from approximately 25 percent of the persons who had been randomly chosen. We hoped for a higher response rate, and you didn't let us down. Through the middle of March the questionnaire had been returned by 49% of the persons surveyed!

Thank you for giving us your opinions. The results of the survey will be presented at the Alumni Board of its spring meeting and published in a future issue of News from Hope College.

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—President John H. Jacobson

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Reunion Class Giving To Date
News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees, and deaths are compiled for the news section from Hope College by Eva D. Folkert. The deadline for the next issue is May 6.

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Abraham Rysbrodt ’22 was recently honored by Friends of Hope at a dinner in Des Moines, Iowa, and at Community Reformed Church in Holland, Mich. On his 90th birthday, he led the evening worship service at the church, where his son, Rev. Dr. John Rysbrodt, is pastor.

Walter R. and Hattie B. DeVerell have returned to the United States after a recent overseas trip. Mr. DeVerell is the president of James G. Cerulli, Inc., a New York firm that offers training in writing, talking, and computer skills to corporations worldwide.

Ruth Oosterhof ’72 has been named program leader of the Rotary Club of Hope. She is also the manager of Davis Investments, a firm that provides a call center for all Rotary clubs in the United States.

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Sidney Hermsen ’30 celebrated 50 years as a pediatrician in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was the first bespectacled pediatrician to practice in Kalamazoo and is a specialist in the care of severely mentally and physically handicapped children and other children with neurological disorders. He continues to work in the Mayo Clinic, Department of Pediatrics, the University of Michigan, and the University of Michigan Medical Center.

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John E. and Marion Zadron ’34 of Argentine, S. Dakota, have been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Michigan Medical Center. They also serve on the boards of the Kalamazoo County Youth Authority and the Hope Hospital Foundation.

Rhett Glumen ’31 has returned from teaching high school Latin, English, and Spanish courses at Gladstone, Mich., where he resides.

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Barbara Kow ’36 is an associate with the law firm of Kow, Krull, Bunnell, & Knoll in Holland, Mich. She has been with the firm since 1946 and is a member of the Michigan State Bar Association.

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James O’Connell ’42 has been appointed as president of the Rotary Club of Hope. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Michigan Medical Center.

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Evelyn B. and Herbert S. Hilliard , Jr., ’41, have been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Michigan Medical Center. They also serve on the boards of the Kalamazoo County Youth Authority and the Hope Hospital Foundation.

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Jane Reus ’45 Davis died on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1987 in Grand Rapids, Mich., following an auto accident. Surviving are her husband, Roy, and five children.

Martin Edema ’77 died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1988 in Byron Center, Mich., following an apparent heart attack.

He operated and owned Edema Insurance Agency in Byron Center. In 1986, Martin became the youngest man to ever serve as president of the Grand Rapids Life Underwriters Association. He was the local chapter’s national committee person, and he also served on the board of the Byron Center Chamber of Commerce. Surviving are his daughter, Kimberly; his parents, August and Margaret Edema; and four brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope College.

David Franken ’59 died Saturday, Sept. 5, 1987 in Glen Ellyn, Ill., following an extended illness. Irene Hesseink ’23 died Wednesday, Jan. 6 on her 100th birthday.

She served four Reformed Churches: Hudsonville, Mich.; Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Utrecht, Leighton, Iowa; and Holland, Mich. Surviving are her wife; 10 children; and two sons.


Wally was the owner of Park Row Mall Big Boy restaurant in Muskegon, Mich. and a Big Boy restaurant in Greenville, Mich.

Besides his Hope degree, he was also a medical technology graduate of the Royal Medical College in London, England. He had served as a laboratory technician in Zeeland, Holland, and Grand Haven, and at Grand Rapids Orthopaedic Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Myra; three daughters; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his mother; and two brothers.


Delbert earned an advanced degree in Western Theological Seminary after graduating from Hope. He served five Reformed Churches in New York and New Jersey before retiring.

A veteran of World War II, he was active in many civic organizations including the American Red Cross, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, and Kiwanis Club International.

Surviving are three daughters, two sisters, four brothers, 14 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Helen Olgers ’27 Ooms died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1988 in Madrid, Iowa.

A retired school teacher, she has been in Holland, Mich. and lived in Iowa for the past 25 years. Her husband Cornelia, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and three grandchildren.


John Parsons ’48 died Sunday, March 10, 1985 in Bronxville, N.Y.

John was a teacher at the Henry Barnard Elementary School in New Rochelle, N.Y. for 31 years before retiring in 1981. He also taught elementary school in Portsmouth, England, for a year in 1956 under a Fulbright teacher exchange.

He authored a book, Poetic Ramblings.

Surviving are his wife, Isabel; a brother, and his mother.


Surviving are a daughter; son-in-law, five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a grandson, and a brother.

Charence Stierstra ’31 died Nov. 22, 1987 in Leducia, N.Y.

Willard Vollink ’49 died Monday, Jan. 11, 1988 in Kansas, III.

Willard was a retired research director with the Gaines Dog Food firm. He was also the research director at the General Foods Post division in Battle Creek, Mich. for a number of years. He held 22 patents.

Willard was also a veteran of overseas service with the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter; two sisters; two brothers; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

William Wells ’36 died Saturday, March 5, 1988 in Lakeview, Ark.

After graduating from Hope, Bill earned a B.A. degree and a B.M. degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1939 and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1943. In 1967, he was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from Hope College.

Bill retired as professor of African languages at the University of California-Los Angeles. He returned to Hope during a sabatical leave from UCLA in 1962 to teach a course in linguistics and to complete a book on African language structures. All of his writings and books appear in Hope’s Van Wylen Library.

Bill pioneered the development of modern techniques in foreign language training during and after World War II teaching Chinese for the Armed Forces Institute.

Prior to 1962, he was the only person in the United States specializing in the teaching of African languages.

He had worked on the analysis of over 50 of the 1,000 different African languages and supervised the language training of hundreds of Peace Corps volunteers.

Bill and his wife Beatrice Fairbanks ’39 were the first person to analyze and formulate the total structure of a number of African languages in such a way that this could be simply represented in writing.

They also were the first to prepare practical materials for English-speaking peoples who want to learn African languages.

Besides Bill’s position at UCLA, he also taught for five years (1957-60) at Hartford Theological Seminary at the Kennedy Center for Missions and for two terms in South Africa as a guest professor for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Additional, Bill was a missionary assigned to linguistic research for the Lutheran Mission in Liberia from 1946-48 and 1954-55, was a Fellow with the American Council of Learned Societies from 1948-50, conducting linguistic research in French West Africa, Gold Coast, Nigeria, and Ethiopia, and was an associate professor of linguistics at Cornell University from 1956-54.

Bill, along with Beatrice, was also a member of the Hope College Second Century Club and served three three-year terms on the Hope College Alumni Association Board of Directors representing the Los Angeles area.

Surviving are his wife and three children.

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**Fiddler on the Roof**

Opens June 22

Based on Stories by Sholem Aleichem

Music by Jerry Bock

Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

This memorable musical centers around Tevye and his neighbors as they face life ruled by their gentle humor, their traditions and their abiding faith in God.

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**Harvey**

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The story of lovable Elwood P. Dowd and his inseparable friend, this is one of the most successful and popular comedies of the American theatre.

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**NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1988**
ALUMNI WEEKEND 1988
May 6, 7 & 8

Class Reunion Coordinators
1938  Esther Hinkamp McCoy
1943  Fanny DeKleine
1948  Marjorie Lucking French
1953  Kathleen VerMeulen Rudy
1958  Phyllis Bursma Brink
1963  Dennis and Mary Kuiper DeWitt
1968  Linda Deurwaarder Buteyn
1973  Peter Semeyn, Jeff Winne,
      Doug and Sue Bruggink Edema

Friday, May 6

Reunion classes have scheduled Friday evening activities which are listed in materials sent to reunion class members. For detailed information, contact the Office of Public Relations.

Saturday, May 7

11 a.m.  Registration for all reunion classes begins on the front lawn of the DeWitt Center. Refreshments will be served and the Hope College Jazz Group will provide entertainment.
12 noon  Reunion luncheons begin.
2-5 p.m. Historical tour of campus led by Dean Elton Bruins ’50 will begin from the circle driveway at the DeWitt Center.
3-4 p.m. Open House at the President’s Home, hosted by President and Mrs. Jacobson.
3-5 p.m. Tours of the new Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen Library.
4 p.m.   50-Year Circle Ceremony in the Maas Auditorium.
5:15 p.m. Pre-dinner reception will be held on the Phelps lawn.
5:30 p.m. Photo of all 50-Year Circle members (Class of 1937 and earlier) on the lawn of Phelps Hall.
6 p.m.   Alumni Dinner/Dance featuring the presentations of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Following dinner will be dancing to the big band sounds of a 15-piece orchestra. All alumni are encouraged to attend, and tickets are available from the Office of Public Relations.

Sunday, May 8

9:15 a.m. Alumni Worship Service held in the Dimnent Memorial Chapel for all alumni, parents and friends. This service will feature the Hope College Chapel Choir and the Reverend Peter Semeyn ’73 preaching. Following this worship service there will be a reception with choir members and faculty on the lawn of Graves Hall, with refreshments being served.
10:50 a.m. Parade of Graduates — Alumni are encouraged to see the graduating class enter the Chapel for Baccalaureate.
11 a.m.   Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only).
11 a.m.   Brunch for all in the Kletz. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Office of Public Relations.
3 p.m.    Commencement at the Holland Municipal Stadium. (Holland Civic Center in case of rain).

For more information or tickets to events, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.