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Dearest Friends,

The moment the Round Robin arrived last week, I was strongly tempted to forget that I was washing, cleaning the house and baking, and to write immediately to all of you and send it on to Marian. So much happens in every one of your letters that I almost feel I could write each of you personally.

October 13, 1959

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CAMPUS NOTES

GRADUATION '89: Approximately 475 graduating seniors will be receiving their degrees at the 124th Hope College Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 7 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 Professor Susan Cherup, associate professor of biology. Dr. Wayne Boulton, professor of religion, will give the baccalaureate sermon.

Prof. Cherup, who has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1976, was elected the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) by the graduating seniors in 1985. Dr. Boulton, a member of the Hope faculty since 1972, received the H.O.P.E. award in 1978.

NEWDEAN: Dr. Bobby Fong, associate professor of English at Berea College in Berea, Ky., has been appointed dean for the arts and humanities and professor of English at Hope according to provost Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis.

Fong, who will assume his new duties in July, will replace Dr. Elton J. Bruins, the current dean. Bruins, in turn, will act as the college’s provost while provost.

Nyenhuis takes a sabbatical leave in the fall; later Bruins will return to teaching in the department of religion.

“I’m genuinely excited at the prospect of working with him as our new dean for the arts and humanities,” Nyenhuis said of Fong. “He brings to the position a combination of personal qualities and expertise which make him a very effective academic leader. At Berea College he was recognized as an outstanding teacher and a highly respected faculty leader.” He also has gained valuable experience at the national level through several roles in Washington, D.C.”

While applauding Fong’s qualifications, Nyenhuis credited Bruins for his years of leadership. “Dr. Fong will be succeeding a very popular and very effective dean, Dr. Elton Bruins, who has served very ably as dean these past five years,” Nyenhuis said.

“Dean Bruins was an ardent advocate for (Continued on page 3)

Quote, unique is an eclectic sampling of things being said at and about Hope College.

“I believe that sport has come to occupy a place in our culture that is unprecedented (in America), and the evidence for this is increasing in importance each year.

“We now have something called the ‘Sport GNP’ — the Sport Gross National Product. It was up to over $50 billion last year and its growing at about twice the rate of the non-sport gross national product. And sport is now among the top 10 largest industries in the American economy.

“If you’ve checked your local television listings on any weekend you already know the number of hours devoted to sports programming, attendance is up at every spectator level I know about and so too is participation.

“We still have more than five million boys and girls competing in inter-school sport and more than 35 million boys and girls — too often, fortunately — competing in youth sport. Top marathons have attract 50 to 100 professional runners who are paid and compete for money, and another 10,000 to 20,000 like me who pay to compete — which is a curious irony.

“Sport has always been a legitimate way to express oneself and philosophers have long noted that. What is different now I think is that sport has become a favorite vehicle, particularly in literature and films, for investigating personal and cultural themes. And sport has provided not just the framework for these investigations, but the focus for them also.

“We live in a terribly complex, increasingly multicultural society. The culture in general, and many of its subcultures, has tended to abandon their role-shaping, role-enforcing mechanisms. Hero systems are hard to come by.

“In our current time, there are very few places one can turn for a system in which roles are clear, rules are defined carefully, standards are clear, outcomes are unequivocal and one’s own contribution to those outcomes is easily discernable. Increasingly, sport plays that role because it’s simply so absent in other places.

“With hero systems in short supply — particularly those that support a quest for excellence — many seem to practice what has been called a safe heroism. Needing to struggle against the ordinary nature and predictability of their lives, they seem to become embroiled in the seasonal rites of teams and athletes. In their rooting for their team, they seem to become rooted in something that transcends their own existence.

“The very characteristics that seem so absent in post-modern American culture have also been recently more strongly emphasized in our evolving sport forms. Sport has provided increasingly clear roles — specialization has taken to its logical conclusion. One is now a pulling guard; a small forward; a power-hitting first baseman; a setter.

“Sport has evolved to make outcomes even more clear than in the past because we demand outcomes in at least one part of our life. We now have overtone periods, tie breakers, shoot outs in soccer and sudden death.

“Rules are enforced with more clarity and more insistent on other parts of our life rules seem to be enforced very ambiguously. So we have the addition of an extra official at basketball, and the use of an instant replay in football, and the machines in tennis to call the line violations.

“Sport provides a primary form of national pageantry, and our most common experience of ritual. The symbols of sport are pervasive.

“Players and teams capture our imaginations and our loyalties. We root; we become rooted. At this moment in our cultural life, there may be no more powerful condition, no more permanent loyalty, than that of being a Tiger fan, or a Steeler fan or a Lakers fan.”

— Dr. Daryl Siedentop ’60, professor of physical education at Ohio State University and the inaugural speaker of the new President Lecture Series. Dr. Siedentop addressed the issue “Sport in American Life: Faith Seeks Understanding” while on campus Thursday, Feb. 9.

For information concerning the final President Lecture Series event scheduled for the 1988-89 academic year, see page 4.
both the arts and the humanities, and a superb model of the servant leader. Throughout his career he retained the tremendous esteem in which he had been held as a professor in the religion department. Therefore am very pleased that he will serve as acting provost during this sabbatical, before he begins his own well deserved sabbatical," Nyenhuis said.

Bruins, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekink Professor of Religion, will take a semester-long sabbatical, returning to teach during the fall of 1990. Bruins has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1966.

Fong said that he was impressed with the quality of the college's programs and faculty, and explained that he initially plans to become more familiar with the college's operations and dynamics. "The most important thing in the short run is that I need to find out the ways that Hope does things," Fong said. "It's only after that that one may conscientiously and wisely help make things better.

Fong has been with Berea College since 1978, first serving as an assistant professor. He has served on several Berea College and community boards and committees, and during a 1985-86 sabbatical was a National Fellow with the Association of American Colleges (AAC) in Washington, D.C. as assistant director of a project on assessing learning in academic majors using external examiners. He has been a frequent grant review panelist for AAC, for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fund for the Improvement of PostSecondary Education.

He is currently a board member and grant reviewer for the Kentucky Humanities Council, the state arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the High School-College Cooperative Learning Program, which provides a Minor grant designed to bring high school teachers to the Berea campus for enrichment seminars. Fong has made presentations at several conferences, and has been published extensively. His teaching specialties are 19th and 20th Century English and American literature, poetry, intellectual history and literature.

He earned his doctorate in English in 1978 from the University of California Los Angeles, where he worked as a teaching assistant in the department of English. He is a 1978 graduate of Harvard University, where he received his bachelor's degree in English and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Fong will be moving the Holland area with his wife Suzanne, an attorney, and their son, Jonathan, who is five.

NEW ROLE: Dr. James R. Bekkering '65, dean for student development services and admissions at Hope, has been promoted to vice president for admissions and student life.

Dr. Bekkering has served as dean for admissions since 1980, and since last fall has also directed the college's student development program.

"Dean Bekkering has a very good understanding of the mission and purposes of Hope College and how they should be interpreted in the area of student life," said President John H. Jacobson. "He has outstanding management skills and a fine academic background in student development as well as a proven track record in admissions."

"The integral nature of the admissions and student development programs makes being able to coordinate their efforts a great benefit to the college," Dr. Bekkering said. "Student life is a large part of what we promote in admissions; it is exciting to actually be involved in enhancing student life at Hope, as well as promoting it to prospective students."

Dr. Bekkering has a substantial background in the student development area. Prior to joining the Hope staff he was a member of the administration at Lake Michigan College (LMC) in Benton Harbor, where his responsibilities included serving as Dean of Student Services. Prior to joining the Hope staff he had served as Dean of Instruction at LMC.

Dr. Bekkering served on the Hope admissions, financial aid and placement office staffs from 1965-69. During that time period he also served as head resident in two different residence halls.

While an undergraduate at Hope he earned four letters in football.

A native of Fremont, Mich., he received his master's degree in student personnel administration and his doctorate in higher education administration, both from Michigan State University.

Dr. Bekkering and his wife Lynne reside in Holland. They have two children, Kristi, who is married, and Tim, aged 11.

QUALITY OF THE COLLEGE'S FACULTY Is Outstanding

Fong has also directed the college's student and admissions since 1980.

The Van Wylen Library has also been featured in the December library architecture issue of Library Journal, and in the November issue of American School and University, which included the building in its "Architectural Portfolio 1988," awarding the library one of 13 citations given to new educational facilities across the nation.

"The Van Wylen Library has been designated one of only six outstanding chapters nationwide for the 1987-88 academic year. The honor recognizes the quality and quantity of involvement of the Alpha Eta chapter's members in TriBeta activities and biological research. "This award is given to recognize your excellent program in advancing the objectives of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society: the support of sound scholarship, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the promotion of research in biology," said President D. Joseph, secretary-treasurer of the national organization, wrote in the award notification letter sent to the chapter.

"We knew that we had a good chapter, that the students are outstanding, but this is a recognition of that, which is nice," said Dr. K. Gregory Murray, assistant professor of biology at Hope and the group's advisor.

"Our chapter at Hope has always been very active," Dr. Murray said, adding that the chapter has been involved with the organization of events and activities like the college's annual TriBeta Science Night for area school children and student-faculty activities that go beyond the classroom environment.

PEw GRANT: Hope is one of 10 liberal arts institutions and two research universities of the Mid-States Science and Mathematics Consortium sharing a $1.4 million grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia, Pa., for collaboration in improving undergraduate science and mathematics education.

The grant to the consortium is part of a national effort supported by Pew to attract and retain students and faculty in the sciences. Hope and Kalamazoo College are the only colleges from Michigan participating in the Mid-States Science and Mathematics Consortium.

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**EVENTS**

**THE ARTS**

**Faculty Chamber Music Concert** — Sunday, April 9: Wichers Auditorium, 5 p.m.

**Senior Recital** — Friday, April 14: Robert Hodson, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Junior/Senior Recital** — Saturday, April 14: Kelly Strati, bassoonist and Melodie Cook, violinist; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Chamber Winds-Student Ensembles Concert** — Saturday, April 22: Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Wind Ensemble and College Chorus Concert** — Tuesday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Orchestra Concert** — Thursday, April 27: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**“The Medium”** — Friday, April 28: presentation of the Hope College Studio Opera; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Admission:** $3

**THE ROAD** — presented on the Hope College Stage; director: Rich Miller

**Anything Goes** — presented on the Hope College Stage; director: Brandt DeBoer

**The Hope College Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.**

**ADMISSIONS**

**Holland Area Program** — Wednesday, April 12

This special program is geared particularly for Holland area students who have applied for admission at Hope.

The program will give students the opportunity to learn more about “the college in their own backyard.”

**Junior Day 1989** — Friday, April 21

A day designed specifically for high school juniors and their parents to help them begin the college search.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (616) 394-7850.

**DE FREE GALLERY**

**Senior Art Show** — through May 9.

The work of graduating seniors. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

**THEATRE**

**‘night mother** by Marsha Norman.

A desperate young woman hopelessly struggles to gain both her mother’s love and her own self respect in this intense and penetrating tragedy.

**One for the Road** by Harold Pinter.

A disturbing and powerful drama depicting the conflicts between a persecuted family and an abusive, totalitarian government.

(These productions will be presented on alternate nights, April 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22.)

All plays begin at 8 p.m. Hope theatre tickets are available by calling (616) 394-7890. Adults: $3; senior citizens: $2; Hope students and children: $1. The ticket office is located in the DeWitt Center foyer. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday, two weeks prior to and during a theatre production.

**VILLAGE SQUARE**

**Friday, June 23**

Hobbyists, craftpersons and artists: the auction committee for Village Square ’89 is soliciting items to be made available at the June 23 auction. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Mary Kempker at (616) 394-7860 or write Village Square Auction, c/o Mary Kempker, Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Presidential Lecture Series** — Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 p.m., Maas Auditorium, Maas Conference Center.

Barbara Reynolds, for 24 years a lecturer in Italian at Cambridge University and respected for her translations of Italian works, will present the address “Dante as Dorothy L. Sayers Saw Him.”

**Summer Sports Camps**

Boy’s Basketball Camp — June 20 – 23

Football Camp — July 30 – Aug. 3

Swimming Program — June 12-22 (first session) June 26-July 7 (second session)

Diving Camp — July 10-14

J.V. Basketball Team Camp — June 10-13

For more information, please call (616) 394-7860. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

**INFORMATION**

**Hope Sports Hotline** — (616) 394-7888

**Activities Information** — (616) 394-7863
To dream the American Dream

by Greg Olgers '87

The American Dream is alive and well. Prominent in modern American folklore, the American Dream persists as an ideal to which millions continue to aspire. For many, however, the American Dream remains only a dream — unattainable, a distant image of perfection that exists in stark contrast to the abject poverty of their daily lives.

And the 10th annual Critical Issues Symposium, this year entitled "The American Dream: Rags, Riches, Reality," offered no easy solutions. The Critical Issues Symposium, this year held March 1-2, is an all-campus event that spotlights an issue of current social significance via presentations and small group discussions led by experts.

This year's symposium featured 16 speakers from throughout the United States. Perhaps the best-known of the group was Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to be elected to the Congress of the United States. Chisholm was first elected to Congress in 1969, serving for 13 years before retiring in 1982.

Topics addressed during the symposium ranged from "Popular Television and the American Dream" and "Economics of the American Dream" to historical perspectives on the American Dream. Three keynote addresses provided broad overviews of the American Dream and its attendant controversy, and several smaller focus sessions held between the keynote addresses allowed the audience to delve into specific aspects of the topic.

No single vision of the American Dream dominated the symposium, although as the discussions progressed a broad, working definition did emerge. With the concept so prevalent in American culture, however, those attending seemed to have little trouble understanding the issue or relating it to their experience. "Few terms are defined or undefined in so many different ways, or simply bandied about more loosely than the American Dream," said Dr. John Roth, professor of philosophy at Clarkmore McKenna College in Calif.

"To some people, the term is a joke — an object of satire, derision or contempt," Dr. Roth explained. "To others, the American Dream merely signifies self-determined success, wealth, the good life of fashionable clothes, sports cars and hot tubs — in a word, the latest thing touted by Madison Avenue. And to still others, less scornful or frivolous, it denotes a unique set of social and moral ideals."

"We have found, I think, that the American Dream serves as a metaphor for American identity," said Dr. Richard Wertch, president of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., as he moderated the symposium's final keynote discussion. "The American Dream is another way of describing the American agenda."

Chisholm noted that in its most basic form the American Dream is universal to all people everywhere — to be free, to be secure, to have opportunity. "If you visit other parts of the world, you'll find... the same common concerns for human decency, for family, for loved ones, for national pride — that all of these kinds of things know no national boundaries."

"Recalling the nation's homeless and unemployed, Chisholm observed that for many the American Dream remains only a phantom. "We celebrated our 200th year as a nation, and in doing so at that time we attempted to remind our citizens of those principles of democracy and human dignity upon which this nation was supposedly founded," Chisholm said.

"And yet tragically, for thousands of Americans that I see as I travel, those principles and those promises remain an unfulfilled reality," Chisholm said.

Chisholm placed much of the blame for the plight of the nation's homeless and destitute on Washington's lawmakers. "There is little in-depth understanding of what causes poverty and what perpetuates it," Chisholm said.

"Many of my colleagues in the Congress and the state legislature were good men and most of them were men of course but because their experience has been replete with successful accomplishments, they have not taken the time to really understand," Chisholm said.

"The top 10 percent of American families have 57 percent — that's more than half — of the nation's wealth," said Dr. Gar Alperovitz, co-director of The Exploratory Project for Economic Alternatives in Washington, D.C., who lamented that the growing inequality of the distribution of American income.

Dr. Alperovitz observed that the inequitable distribution is not without negative effect. "At the low end of the distribution, problems in the U.S. are dense, intense and persistent," Dr. Alperovitz said. "The richest country in the world now ranks 18th in infant mortality — almost always associated with low income.

Dr. Charles Murray, senior research fellow with the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research in New York City, believed that the problems of poverty could be overcome. "I'm not really convinced that this country today is a hard place to get along in," Dr. Murray said. "You simply have to be a contributor."

Dr. Murray suggested that the key to helping insure success is a harsher set of social sanctions for failure to perform, decrying light penalties for crime, unwed pregnancy and lack of productivity, and the effects of those light penalties.

The Rev. Marion de Velder, general secretary emeritus of the Reformed Church in America, examined the American Dream for the elderly during one of the symposium's 13 focus sessions. "We find the American Dream, as far as the American Dream goes, for older adults is drastically different than when you're younger," Rev. de Velder said.

"The great fear of older people is losing control, independence and dignity," Rev. de Velder said. "I've seen an older person have to give up her checkbook and, after a stroke, begging to get it back. I've seen people fall apart when they've lost their driver's license."

Information cited during the presentation illustrated that the limited, fixed income provided by social security benefits and pensions is often insufficient to allow retirees to maintain their younger lifestyle. For example, the higher taxes generated by rising property values sometimes force retirees from their homes. For those who desire or require an adult care center, such facilities are often prohibitively expensive.

"We cannot afford to deny the dream's reality or the dream's future without becoming a cynical, mean-spirited people," Dr. Warch said.

Dr. Roth expressed confidence that the American Dream will remain a part of the American experience. He found a parallel in a remark made in Arthur Miller's play Death of a Salesman: "A salesman's got to dream, boy. It comes with the territory."

Added Dr. Roth, "The same might be said of all of us who stake a claim on American ground."

Music and teaching are professor’s passions

by Lynne Pove '86

As evidenced by his busy schedule, Professor Robert Ritsema seems to be in a state of perpetual motion—always seeking new challenges in the world of music.

Cello instructor and performer, conductor of college orchestras and music department chairman, Dr. Ritsema enjoys the many facets of music, and being a member of the Hope faculty gives him the opportunity to immerse himself in the entire musical spectrum.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1967, and a 1957 Hope graduate, Dr. Ritsema said the decision to pursue a career in music education is one he has never regretted.

"When I first came to Hope as a student, I had a core interest in music, but it was very musical," he explained. "I was interested in developing an appreciation for music. Dr. Ritsema said the seeds of his love for music were sown at an early age, and that his appreciation for the classics has firmly taken root by the time he was in high school.

"We grew up surrounded by music," Dr. Ritsema said. "My dad was a farmer, but he was very musical. He directed the church choir and tinkered with organs. One day he came home with a cello. I had never seen a cello before, and it was a very EARLY ON I WANTED TO be a music teacher. I was very interested in music and also well understood their involvement in other areas. As a reminder, Dr. Ritsema needs only to reflect on his own college years—when he was captain of the basketball team.

"I didn't think basketball and music would mix, but the coach came to me and said, 'I really like you to play. If I could work something out with the music department, would you be interested? And so that is what we did,' he recalled. "I felt fortunate because I was excused from certain rehearsals and I didn't have to go to all the practices. Where else but Hope could something like that happen?"

Dr. Ritsema extends his leadership to areas outside of Nykerk Hall of Music and Snow Auditorium. "I think during the past 22 years I've been on every committee that you could think of at Hope," he declared. "I was an MIAA faculty representative for 16 years and served as chairman of the board of governors on three different occasions."

Dr. Ritsema's musical involvement is not limited to the Hope campus. During his "spare time," Dr. Ritsema's endeavors range from directing young junior high and high school ensembles to participating in a touring ensemble that specializes in music of the Medieval and Renaissance periods.

For the past 10 years, Dr. Ritsema has devoted his Saturday mornings to nourishing the budding talents of teenagers through southwestern Michigan. Each week he migrates to Kalamazoo to work with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra.

Currently celebrating its 50th season, the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra is one of the most respected youth orchestras in the country. The orchestra has 60 members aged 12-19.

"I enjoy working with this age level and I feel I have the ability and techniques to get them to respond and learn things in an orchestral setting," he said.

"I try to instill in them a sense of pride in what they are doing. I really try to emphasize what it is to make music, and then get them to understand that commitment to make sound the way you want it to sound. There is a certain chemistry that has to happen as well—a chemistry between the conductor and the players, amongst the players and the music, and amongst the players and the music," Dr. Ritsema said.

Many Saturday afternoons Dr. Ritsema also travels to Grand Rapids to rehearse with the Early Music Ensemble, which he was instrumental in forming in 1976.

"In the last few years I've become interested in what you might call 'ancient music,' or music of the Medieval and Renaissance times. That has become almost an obsession within the concert because it doesn't quite differ from my work with the orchestra or cello," he said. "With the Early Music Ensemble, I'm more involved in other than the cello, like the recorder, the krumhorn and the sackbut (a precursor of the trombone)."

Juggling a schedule as crowded as Dr. Ritsema's, and trying to maintain a balance between work and family is a challenge, he said. "If anything has worried me over the years, it has been achieving a balance between my family and work," he said.

"One way I've done this is when summer comes, I spend it with my family. I don't take a full-time job or get myself involved in a lot of other things. During the rest of the year it's just a matter of trying to get in the things we do best. I try best to get home for dinner in the evening, even if it's only for 45 minutes to see people."

"My wife (Mary Alice Ferguson '57) is incredibly supportive," he added. "She does all sorts of things that I should be doing, and she does it all very willingly and it makes a difference of it than I would." As they have grown, Dr. Ritsema's children have all been active in music. "My oldest, Julie, graduated from Hope three years ago. She's an organist for church, and was involved in Hope's choirs. Ray, a senior, and Mark, a sophomore, both play in the orchestra at Hope and it's a neat experience for me to have them in my classes," he said. "Kyle, the youngest, is a senior at West Ottawa High School and plays in the orchestra there. He will probably attend Hope as well."

It is apparent that Dr. Ritsema has no intention of slowing down his hectic pace. "Musically, there are still a number of instruments I want to become more proficient on, and a lot of music I still want to play and to conduct," he said.

"I really think that as long as I'm teaching that I have to keep looking for outlets to do things. I don't want to fall victim to the fact that you slow up gradually into your retirement years. I've seen that in some people and I've also seen the opposite in others— and that's what I'd like to emulate."
Valued semester in Indonesia helps dance student find direction and opportunity

by Mary Taylor '89

Stephanie Brooks is not an ordinary dance major. True, she has all the talent and discipline necessary for one in this art field, but her bubbling curiosity and enthusiasm have taken her far beyond Hope's dance department to exotic locations such as Hawaii and Indonesia. And to not-so-exotic places like Ann Arbor.

Brooks spent last semester studying traditional dance on the Indonesian island of Java. She was honored as one of four American students chosen to participate in a unique new educational opportunity to study there. Her experience in Indonesia has led to further recognition for the 20-year-old Hope junior.

Brooks didn't always aspire to be a dancer; however: "I wanted to be an actress like everyone wants to be an actress. I wanted to be in soap operas."

Acting was Brooks' first love, but it was during that first introduction to the stage at the age of five. By the time she was 15, Brooks was traveling 60 miles three times a week to and from her hometown of Three Rivers, Mich., to attend dance lessons. Acting was still a larger interest when Brooks graduated from high school, and she was interested in international folk dance because it was something new. Her keen interest in the genre developed through a folk dance class Brooks took last spring.

"The dance department is excellent. The professors come from incredible backgrounds. They are the most wonderful people and care so much about us."

— Stephanie Brooks

"I knew I can't speak it at all according to their standards, but I can speak to an Indonesian for two hours in a conversation and not have any problems at all. The language is not difficult grammatically." Daily language classes improved the American students' fluency, and a course on the nation's cultural history taught them to appreciate the rich Indonesian, and particularly Javanese, heritage. It is presently thought that the ultimate prehistoric being may have lived on the island of Java.

"The (Indonesian) people are so traditionally oriented," reports Brooks. "Even though they are very Westernized, they still choose their old ways. The court dances I've learned are from hundreds of years ago. It's amazing how much they've held onto their culture.”

"You have to learn about the culture and talk to the people in order to really understand the dance." Brooks says.

Right from the start, Indonesian dance was unlike anything Brooks had ever done before. "Everything Indonesians do is slow, and traditional Javanese dance is very slow," Brooks says. "I think it's hard for Western audiences to pay attention."

Another big difference between Western and Javanese dance concerns body movements. In the classical Indonesian dance form there are many hyperextended elbow movements and the toes are always flexed toward the ceiling. Large emphasis is also placed on the eyes, head and shoulders. Facial expression is something else Brooks had difficulty adjusting to. "I used to always smile when I danced," she relates. "But there I didn't because in Indonesian dance you don't smile. To avoid a "dead" face, she does smile now— even though it isn't traditional.

Brooks described her instructor, Lesmanawidhi Poerobodeksena, as very traditional. "He is incredible, just fabulous," she reports admiringly. "He was a professional dancer and taught at one of the palace schools. I was really lucky to have him."

The young dancer has given a number of performances since returning to the U.S. In March, she performed a classic Indonesian dance in Dance XV, the dance department's annual production. Specifically, the dance is an ancient court dance from central Java based on the theme of a young girl beautifying herself. Brooks' performance was carried out in full Javanese costume.

The Indonesian experience is reaping further opportunities for Brooks. In April she will be spending a week at the University of Michigan with a prestigious Picas Scholarship and work with experts in the field of Indonesian dance and music.

Brooks will be creating a video about the country's dance and culture to be used in K-12 classrooms as a senior project.

Eventually, Brooks hopes to be a dance professor. When asked about her aspirations, she responds enthusiastically: "I want to encourage cross-cultural communication. I want people to have a wider view of the world."
Many milestones mark shining winter season

The winter sports season at Hope College, in addition to its continued marks of excellence, observed several milestones.

Senior Shelly Russell of Battle Creek, Mich., was voted the NCAA Division III female Swimmer of the Year for the second year in-a-row. A nursing major at Hope, Russell will go into Hope's athletic annals as the most successful student-athlete at a national level in the college's history. This year she was a Division III swimming champion in two events, raising her career total to seven national championships.

Men's basketball coach Glenn Van Wieren '64 recorded the 200th victory in just his 12th season at the helm of the Flying Dutchmen. Hope made its seventh appearance in the last eight years in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Junior diver Jim Mitchell of Ann Arbor, Mich., was an NCAA Division III All-American on the three-meter board as he finished in fifth place at the national competition.

No Hope winter sports team finished below second place in their respective Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) race. The women's swimming team won their tenth consecutive MIAA championship, marking the longest dominance in history of a league sport by a Hope team.

It was definitely a season to remember!!

Hope remains in second place in the MIAA All-Sports standings through the winter sports season.

The MIAA All-Sports champion is determined by the best cumulative finish in all of the league's 17 sports for men and women. Hope has won this honor an unprecedented nine consecutive seasons, but that streak is in serious jeopardy as Calvin College tops the All-Sports standings after the winter season while Hope is eight points behind in second place. After winter competition Calvin had 86 All-Sports points, followed by Hope with 78, Kalamazoo 64, Alma 63, Albion 51, Adrian 29 and Olivet 20.

Strong finishes will be needed from Hope teams in the league's six spring sports if the All-Sports banner is going to continue to hang in the college's Dow Center.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A team of over-achievers is the best way to describe the men's basketball team.

Hope was picked in pre-season polls to finish runnerup in an MIAA race that was expected to be dominated by Calvin. The Flying Dutchmen did finish second behind Calvin in the league standings but by only one game in a race that went down to the final weekend of play.

And by season's end the Flying Dutchmen had the best overall record of any MIAA team (19-5) and were on their way to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

The decade of the 80s will go into the annals of Hope basketball as the most successful era ever. The performance of this team capped a 10-year period that will be hard to match by any small college basketball program in the nation.

Over the decade (1979-80 through 1988-89), Hope teams won 77 percent of their games (186-57) while claiming seven MIAA championships and never finishing below second place.

The tradition of basketball excellence, which started in the 1950s under coach Russ DeVette '47, has thrived under the tutelage of Glenn Van Wieren. This year was indeed a milestone season for Hope's coach. In addition to recording his 200th career victory — he's now 202-84 in 12 seasons — Van Wieren also won his 100th against MIAA opponents (108-36) and his 100th at home (103-21).

Van Wieren's charges approached opponents in a most unusual way this season. The team's depth was so extensive that substitutions were frequently done platoon-style whether the team was ahead or behind. On several occasions the 'B' team brought the team from behind into the lead.

In the end, this team went into the books as the second highest scoring in Hope history at 87.9 points a game.

The balanced ability of this team was reflected in the players' decision at year's end not to elect a most valuable player. Instead, they honored the squad's four seniors — Jack Holman of Grand Haven, Mich., Tom Livingston of Dowagiac, Mich., Greg Mitchell of Okemos, Mich., and Tim Van Liere of Portage, Mich.

Sophomore point guard Eric Elliott of Hudsonville, Mich., was voted to the coaches' All-MIAA first team while senior center Tom Livingston of Dowagiac, Mich., was elected to the second team. Elliott was also selected to the Great Lakes Division III All-District second team.

The team's appearance in the playoffs was short-lived and the ending sudden. For the second year in-a-row, the Flying Dutchmen were eliminated from tournament action on the last play of the game. This year the fatal shot was fired by Allegheny College when a last-second basket broke a tie and gave the Pennsylvania team a 71-69 triumph. A year ago Ohio Wesleyan, which went on to win the national championship, beat the Dutchmen 110-107 on a three-point basket at the buzzer at the end of the second overtime.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The Flying Dutch kept their place among the top small college women's swimming programs in the nation by finishing 10th at the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Shelly Russell was recognized as the nation's outstanding Division III swimmer by the College Swimming Coaches Association during the national meet held at the University of Notre Dame.

This year she was the national champion in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle events, was third in the 1,500-yard freestyle and swam the anchor leg on Hope's two All-American freestyle relay teams.

Russell was an NCAA All-American 22 times during her collegiate career and the most valuable swimmer in the MIAA three years in-a-row. She holds the Division III national records in the 200- and 300-yard freestyle events.

"I am pleased for Shelly because she has contributed immensely to our swimming program," said coach John Patrott. "The honor this year is especially deserving because Shelly made major personal sacrifices in order to achieve in both swimming and in the classroom."

As a nursing major she frequently faced a training schedule that put her alone in the pool at 5:30 in the morning. It was followed by 12-hour shifts of clinical study at an area hospital, more on-campus classes and training.

"Shelly showed that when a person makes a commitment to something, accomplishment and success can be achieved," said Patrott. "She certainly has been a model for all our student-athletes."

All-American honors were earned by four other swimmers who swam on the NCAA Division I 800-yard freestyle relay to fourth at nationals. Honored were a sophomore from Fairfax, a sophomore from Holland, a junior from Hope, Van Overen, a junior from Grand Rapids, and senior Diane Vois of Zeeland.

Designated honorable mentions were sophomore Lori Gielja, senior Jane Huping of Battle Creek, Mich, and senior Jane Hoogland of Hope.

The team was undefeated for the third consecutive year in the 1989-90 season with a straight triumphs.
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Women's soccer joins varsity

Women's soccer will become an intercollegiate sport at Hope next fall, according to Dr. Anne Irwin, director of athletics for women.

Women's soccer has been a club sport at Hope for six years. Its elevation to varsity status coincides with the decision of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) to have women's soccer become a league sport beginning next fall.

"We are delighted to be able to offer soccer as a varsity sport for our women," said Irwin. "Girl's soccer has become increasingly popular at the high school level so it makes sense for a college like Hope to have it as part of the intercollegiate program."

Girl's soccer is being offered at 143 of Michigan's 720 high schools this year, according to the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Last fall women's soccer was offered by 155 NCAA Division III members.

All seven MIAA colleges will field women's soccer teams next year. Adrian, Calvin and Kalamazoo colleges have established women's varsity soccer programs while Albion, Alma and Olivet will join Hope as new members to intercollegiate competition. League play the first year will consist of a single round robin.

Irwin said the college is in process of seeking a women's soccer coach.

The addition of soccer will give Hope nine women's intercollegiate sports. Offered in the fall will be cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball. Winter sports are basketball and swimming while softball, tennis and track are offered in this spring.

Next year Hope will offer all 18 sports sponsored by the MIAA. Adrian is the only other MIAA school to sponsor all of the league's sports.

Intercollegiate sports offered men include cross country, football, golf and soccer; basketball and swimming in the winter; and baseball, track and tennis in the spring.
Alumni Association Honors Four

Four Distinguished Alumni Award presentations will be made during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 6. Being honored with the award this year are Dr. Andrew G. Nyboer ’39, Dr. Sylvio Scorza ’45, Yoshie Ogawa ’58 and the Rev. Stephen M. Norden ’74.

The annual Distinguished Alumni awards are made by the Alumni Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions to society and service to Hope. Nominations for the awards are solicited by the Board on a continuing basis, and may be submitted by any member of the Alumni Association. An on-campus evaluation committee prepares a list of nominees from which the Alumni Board chooses the recipients. The names of candidates considered but not selected in a given year are kept on file for future consideration.

The first Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented on May 31, 1970, and six alumni were honored. They were (together with their occupations at the time): Bruce Van Voort ’54, manager, Bonn Búnear, Newsweek; D. Ivan Dykstra, Ph.D., ’35, professor of philosophy, Hope College; Eugene F. Damstra, M.D., F.A.C.S., ’28, surgeon, Dayton, Ohio; Lucille Vander Werf Veneklasen ’23, church and club woman, writer, Chicago; Wesley S. (Granberg-)Michaelson ’67, aide to Senator Mark O. Hatfield; and Robert H. Schuller ’47, minister, Garden Grove Community Church, Calif.

"Andrew G. Nyboer, Class of 1939, we recognize you for your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, the dental profession, and Hope College."

"Sylvio Scorza, Class of ’45, we recognize you for your service to higher education, the Reformed Church in America, and Almighty God."

Dr. Sylvio Scorza is a professor of religion at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, the highest assembly and judiciary body of the Reformed Church. Born in Zurich, Switzerland, where his father pastored an Italian congregation, he is a highly committed scholar and Christian. After graduating from Hope, where he was a science composite major, he earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1953, a doctor of theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1956 and a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Illinois in 1972. After several short teaching assignments, he joined the faculty of Northwestern College in 1959. He has taught courses ranging from philosophy and Greek to bioethics, literature and religion.

Prior to his election in 1986 for the General Synod vice presidency, he served with the Reformed Church in a number of other positions, including as stated clerk of the East Sioux Classis in Iowa. He has also written weekly lessons for the Reformed Church's Sunday School Guide since 1962. A talented chess player, he has been playing chess by mail for 32 years—with opponents virtually all over the globe—and is the director of the Iowa State Postal Chess Association.

He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children: Christine, Philip and John.

"Yoshie Ogawa, Class of 1958, we recognize you for your skillful work in international business and your dedication to Hope College."

Yoshie Ogawa is staff vice president international affairs with Northwest Airlines Inc. and lives in Washington, D.C. A native of Japan, she remembers fondly the tutelage of the Reformed Church missionaries who were instrumental in her decision and ability to attend Hope. She earned a degree in English while at Hope, and received a master of arts degree in English from the University of Connecticut in 1959. She subsequently returned to Tokyo, Japan, where she obtained a position at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service Office through the U.S. embassy.

During her 22 years at the embassy, she assisted the U.S. government in promoting American agricultural business and products in Japan. She was also active in teaching English to Japanese children and Japanese to American children in the community.

"Stephen M. Norden, Class of 1974, we recognize you for your loyal service to God, family, and alma mater."

An ordained minister for the Reformed Church in America, the Rev. Stephen Norden was for two years the president of the Hope College National Alumni Association, the highest position of service a Hope graduate can hold in the Association. He is the son of longtime Reformed Church missionaries to Japan. His father was raised in political science while at Hope.

After graduation from Hope, Rev. Norden worked as a research assistant director of Camp Henry in Newgo, Mich., and as an intern at Good Samaritan Reformed Church in Granada, Ohio. Upon receiving his master's of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1978, he was installed as minister of youth and education at Second Reformed Church in Kalamaooe, Mich.

In 1987, he accepted a new call and difficult challenge to establish a new Reformed Church in Munich, Germany. He has served there since 1987, with 93 communicant members representing 50 families and a total baptized membership of 130. New Hope Reformed Church was organized, with Norden as its founding pastor.

His dedication and love for Hope have been displayed in his frequent visits to campus, the organization of alumni events in the Ohio area, and his past work for Annual Fund phonathons. With Rev. Norden's assistance through letters and personal contacts, the Annual Alumni Fund has grown substantially. In 1975, Norden married Jean Boven '75. They have two sons, William and Charles.
New program to help teachers teach science

by Greg Olgers '87

Through a new program, Hope will work with Holland area school districts to train current and future teachers in the content and methods of science instruction at the elementary level.

Goals of the program include increasing the number of teacher candidates, the diversity of the student body, and the attractiveness of the field of science. The project's first three years will be funded through a $526,498 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. Additional sources of funding that will allow the program to continue indefinitely are being sought.

The program was developed through the cooperation of several organizations. "We worked very closely with people from area schools," said Dr. Nancy Sonneveldt Miller, dean for the arts and sciences at Hope and one of the program's coordinators. "They helped us identify elementary science as the area we might want to deal with. Representatives of the Hope science and education faculty, local businesses and industry and the Holland Chamber of Commerce were also consulted."

Dr. Miller said the program will "get teachers away from the textbook to an approach that is more experiment-oriented." She noted that many teachers lack the confidence or science background that would enable them to take a more creative approach to teaching the subject, leading them to rely only on their textbooks or, worse yet, refrain from scientific instruction.

"We're trying to improve the content, the knowledge base — and their comfort level with science," Dr. Miller said.

"I believe that this area of science education is a matter of great concern nationally, and we're very pleased to be able to make a contribution to solve a national problem. I would also say that one can regard this grant as a confirmation of the academic strength of Hope College, both in the natural sciences and in education," President Jacobson said.

The program will be managed by a full-time coordinator under the auspices of a faculty advisory council representing the groups involved. The Kellogg Foundation grant will fund the program's first three years, with the council being responsible for identifying funding sources for the future.

To improve science instruction at the elementary level, a new course sequence, "Partners in Science Education," and a series of summer workshops will be introduced. The elementary educators in the methods and content of science education. Teachers from three local school systems — the Holland Christian, Holland Public and West Ottawa Public schools — will participate tuition-free in a course sequence and seminars.

"Partners in Science Education" will run the entire academic year and will pair 15 local elementary teachers and 15 Hope education students in reviewing four science disciplines — biology, physics, chemistry and geology. Together, applying the teacher's experience with the student's enthusiasm, each pair will develop teaching materials and methods, with the teacher's classroom serving as a laboratory in which both individuals can apply their new knowledge.

Two-week, science seminars each summer will allow teachers who are unable to be part of the "Partners in Science Education" program to receive instruction as well. Each seminar will focus on a single science discipline.

To increase the representation and interest of female and minority students in science, the program will coordinate special events on their behalf. The program will target middle school-age children in an effort to positively influence their high school and college science course choices.

The program proposal drafted by Dr. Miller and co-coordinator Dr. Irwin Brink, professor of chemistry at Hope, notes that "in the Holland area the number of boys enrolling in advanced math and science courses far exceeds the number of girls. A survey of the three local high schools reveals that during the 1987-88 school year a total of 235 high school males and 163 high school females took pre-calculus or advanced chemistry or biology." Minority students were similarly underrepresented, according to the survey.

Events designed to help reverse that trend will include day-long science workshops established exclusively for female and minority students. Each workshop will feature a noted female or minority speaker, tours of the college's science facilities and small group, hands-on activity sessions with female or minority persons employed in science-oriented fields.

The program also provides for facilities, materials and equipment improvement and acquisition so that the educators participating in the courses and seminars can apply their new knowledge more effectively. "We must supply what they need if they are to teach as they've been taught, to go beyond the textbook," the proposal explains.

To facilitate hands-on, outdoor education for local students, the program provides funding for improvements to both Holland's De Graaf Nature Center and Lakeview Forest, a piece of forested dune property owned by the Holland Public Schools but presently unused. Improvements involving the 15-acre De Graaf site will include the creation of additional materials for use with the facility and program development that will enable the Center to conduct a winter program.

Development at Lakeview Forest site, which is southwest of the city of Holland, will include the construction of woodland nature trails similar to those found at the De Graaf Nature Center and the restoration of a small building that presently exists at the location.

On the Hope campus, a model classroom will be equipped with a variety of modern science materials so that the educators participating in the program can experience a well-equipped science classroom. "What we want this room to be is a prototype classroom, not a laboratory," Miller said.

Other materials for use with the program will be acquired as required. Science kits, a series of science videotapes and science resource guides for teachers are some of the items under consideration.

This is the second major grant presented to Hope by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for innovative approaches to education. In 1977, a $370,000 grant funded the initiation of an integrated health fitness program for Hope students which today is viewed as a model for liberal arts institutions.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930 to "help people help themselves," has distributed more than $1 billion in support of programs in agriculture, education and health. Areas of emphasis within those broad fields include adult continuing education; community-based problem-focused health services; whole-some food supply; and broadening leadership capacity of individuals. Projects in opportunities for youth are concentrated mainly in Michigan; support for economic development is provided only in Michigan. The Foundation is today among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the world. It supports programs in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean and southern African countries.

Limited worldwide involvement is achieved through international networks of activities related to the Foundation's programming interests.
ALUMNI NEWS

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

It's hard to believe that my first semester back at Hope College is almost at an end. Although the academic year is busy, it has been thoroughly enjoyable.

One of my responsibilities as Alumni Director is to plan regional alumni activities. To that end, numerous alumni have been of invaluable aid to me. Our alumni volunteers are an essential link between the College and alumni as a whole. Their continued interest, time and talents help make the many regional events held each year possible, and their efforts are among the reasons for the success of our alumni programs. To each who helped I would like to say "thank you."

Alumni have not only been involved in the planning of regional events, but in reunions as well. Not long after I arrived in January, I started to recruit alumni volunteers for class reunion committees. The thought of having to recruit 35 plus volunteers daunting at first, I was asking people with busy lives to take on the additional responsibility of ensuring that their class reunion would be the best yet.

I need not have worried. As usual, our alumni proved to be more than willing to lend their assistance, and Hope has a great pleasure and privilege to work with the volunteers. Their creativity and energy is boundless. If your class has a reunion this May, you are in for a real treat.

Throughout the semester I have been fortunate enough to meet many of you—alumni, students, and other Hope fans—through basketball games, a regional event or through your visits to my office. I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you and would encourage you to come by or call with any concerns, comments or ideas you may have.

As the end of my first semester draws near, I look forward to the semester to come. I am excited about the alumni events planned for the remaining year, and hope to meet you at one of them.

Janet

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She was a member of Hope Reformed Church. She was a former president of the Bethany Reformed Church in Holland and a member of the Bethany Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Survivors are sister, Mrs. Adrian G. (Frirdi) Boys of Detroit; two sons, Michael G. of Hope, Mich., and Douglas T. of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; and four daughters, Elizabeth, Betty, Carol and Linda and three children: David, John and Linda. She had two grandchildren.

G. Herrick professor of mathematics and of the entire school curriculum. She retired in 1980.

He was born May 14, 1926, in Holland, Mich., and later served with the Navy during World War II. On Aug. 20, 1949, he married Christiana Groot in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He graduated from Hope College High School before entering the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University. He was employed as a teacher at Pontiac Junior High School for three years before returning to Hope College High School until 1963 when he moved to the Perham Public School system as a mathematics teacher.

Active with Boy Scouts, Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball, he served on the board of the Church and the Lions Club and the National Education Association for 35 years.

Through consortial activities, the members of the consortium plan to achieve a number of goals, major and minor program support, a faculty development program, a teacher's postdoctoral program and a teacher's postdoctoral program. Dr. Gentile noted that the program's goal is to bring teaching careers to liberal arts colleges and to increase the overall quality of the program.

Components of the consortium program funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts include a student research program, a faculty development program, a teacher's postdoctoral program, a teacher's postdoctoral program and a teacher's postdoctoral program. Dr. Gentile noted that the program's goal is to bring teaching careers to liberal arts colleges and to increase the overall quality of the program.

Members of the consortium include Beloit College (Wis.), Carleton College (Minn.), Grinnell College (Iowa), Hope College (Mich.), Knox College (Ill.), Macalaster College (Minn.), Rhodes College (Tenn.), St. Olaf College (Minn.) and Trinity University (Texas). Participating research universities are the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

The Pew Charitable Trusts consist of seven individual charitable funds established in 1995, 1997 and 1999 by the sons and daughters of Joseph N. Pew, founder of the Sun Oil Company. The Trusts support nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the well-being of the people and communities and to encouraging personal growth and self-sufficiency.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM: The department of communication at Hope College was selected as one of three "Programs of Excellence" by the Central States Communication Association meeting held in Kansas City, Mo. this month.

Selection for the "Programs of Excellence" award is made by the small college division of the Association to "...honor small college programs of exceptional merit." The selection was based on indicators of excellence including qualifications of faculty, purpose and goals of the program, courses offered, curricular structure and program quality.

The Central States Communication Association consists of 290 colleges and universities in 13 states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin). The other recipients of the award are Albion College and Butler University.

Reorganized in 1980 from the former department of speech and theatre, the department of communication offers both a major and minor program of study. As a liberal arts program, the department of communication prepares students to be active, thinking, responsible participants in a democratic society.

Students are offered courses in study of communication and rhetorical theory, interpersonal group and organizational communication, presentation of speech, speaking and public speaking. The program also includes an emphasis on the use of communication in various areas of the communication field.

There are four full-time faculty in the department including Professor Theodore Nielsen, Professor Joseph W. MacDaniels, Professor James A. Herrick, and Professor Sandra L. Alspach. In addition to the faculty members, there are five part-time instructors teach in the department.

TO THE EDITOR: Reading the very interesting news from Hope College, Feb. 19, 1989, I was reminded of my father, Samuel M. Zwemer (87), who knew, of course, both Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. I was told that Senator Diekemeier occasionally stood on the back of the campaign train in place of a weary Roosevelt and looked so much like T.R. that the crowd was satisfied they had seen the President. My goodness, Prof. Nykerk would disapprove for writing a sentence like that, wouldn't he?

Amy Ruth Zwemer Violette

Hope Prep School '21

Two years in '25

FACULTY KUDOS:

Dr. Sandra Alspach, assistant professor of communication, was the keynote speaker at a seminar in collective bargaining for public school administrators sponsored by the Ohio School Boards Association in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 14.

Dr. Alspach has developed a course at Hope on conflict management that will be offered during the May Term. The course includes units on communication associated with interpersonal conflict as well as the development of conflict-solving skills.

Dr. Alspach completed her doctorate at Ohio University, where she studied the impact of Ohio's 1984 Collective Bargaining Law on communication between public school administrators and their employees.

Dr. Eugene Jekel, the Edward A. and Elizabeth D. Nieuwkoop professor of Chemistry, has been elected treasurer of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a national honor society for students enrolled in college pre-medical programs.

Dr. Jekel serves as faculty sponsor of the Hope College chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, and as faculty advisor to Hope students planning to enter the health professions.

Dr. Jekel has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1955. He received the National Catholic Award from the Chemical Manufacturers Association for his excellence in teaching chemistry and recognition of his impact on high school chemistry through a summer program the college hosts annually.

Dr. Jekel serves on the board of directors of the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions. In recent years he has served as a reader and table leader for the grading of the national Advanced Placement chemistry examination as a consultant for College Board, as a frequent leader of the Advanced Placement programs for high school chemistry teachers. He is presently serving on the test writing committee for the American Chemical Society-National Science Teachers' Association high school examination in chemistry.

Dr. Anthony J. Nieuwkoop and Dr. David Netley, both assistant professors of biology, were awarded two year grants to support their research from the Research Corporation, a private foundation that funds the sciences faculty at undergraduate colleges.

Dr. Nieuwkoop was awarded a Research Corporation Bristol-Myers grant to study "Molecular Regulation of the Histidine Utilization Genes of Rhizobium fredii." Dr. Netley will study "Identification and Characterization of Sorghum bicolor: Characterization and Role in Chemical Defense.

Both are research projects aimed at a basic understanding of genetic and biochemical processes that are of potential importance in the productivity of crop plants. The depression of these processes for the future of mankind is the goal of the research. The department includes scholarships for the students to work with Drs. Nieuwkoop and Netley during the summers of 1989 and 1990.

Dr. Nieuwkoop and Dr. Netley both joined the Hope faculty in 1980.

Dr. Ronald H. Williams, professor of chemistry, has been appointed to a task force of the National Science Teachers Association to study curricular reforms in secondary school science.

Dr. Williams, who joined the Hope faculty in 1969, is currently on a sabbatical leave serving in the U.S. Department of Energy at their headquarters in Washington, D.C. While in the Department of Energy, he is working to enhance the educational programs of the Information Services Division, and has had many contacts with the National Science Teachers Association.

He has also contributed to resolving issues regarding science education at many levels. "I have found that as the Department of Energy seeks to involve more citizens in discussions concerning radioactive waste, those citizens are better served who have some science education," Dr. Williams said.
Dorothy Sonnega '35 Schramm died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989, at the Alberi (Mich.) Community Hospital following a long illness. She was 74.

Also a graduate of Muskegon (Mich.) High School, she had been employed as a laboratory technician at the University of Michigan Hospital.

She is survived by one son, John J. Schramm of Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hanan of California; four grandchildren; and three sisters, Marie Johnson of Washington, D.C.; Jeanne Erickson of Muskegon; and Ruth Sonnega of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four brothers, Donald, Paul and Walter Sonnega, all of Muskegon, and Dr. James Sonnega of Plymouth, Mich.; an uncle; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Laug '24 TerKeurst, of Grand Rapids, Mich., widow of Dr. Arthur TerKeurst '32, died on Monday, March 13, 1989. She was 85.

Born and raised in Coopersville, Mich., she lived for many years in Warrensburg, Mo. She is survived by several brothers and sisters, Forest and Dorothy Laug of Naples, Fla.; Gerald and Jeannette Laug of Burnsville, N.C.; Mrs. Genevieve Hovler of Cadillac, Mich.; and Louis and Vivian Laug of Marco Island, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Betty Brinkman '48 Vander Woude of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Feb. 12, while vacationing in Tucson, Ariz. She was 62.

Born in Holland, after her graduation from Hope she taught for several years at Holland, New York and Franklin public schools, retiring in 1968.

She was a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland. She and her husband served at Ada Community Reformed Church, Second Reformed Church of Mason, N.Y., and Olivet Reformed Church in Muskegon, Mich., before moving back to the Holland area.

Following retirement, they were volunteer missionaries in Honduras for six months.

She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Cornelius A. Vander Woude; a son, Charles Vander Woude of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Cornell of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Donald (Jean) DeWitt of Muskegon; several nieces and nephews.

Raymond Van Raalte '29 of Naicrest, Fla., died on July 3, 1988. After graduating from Hope he taught in the Coopersville, Mich., high school for 10 years, and taught in the Montague (Mich.) high school until retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Naicrest; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Ingron of Montague, and a son, Paul, of Lansing, Mich.

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The family and friends of Mrs. James (Marie) Altschul of Holland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1989. She was 92.

Born on April 3, 1896, in Kalkaska, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jenkins. She attended Kalkaska Public High School, graduating from Kalkaska High School in 1914. She then attended the Ypsilanti Normal School and the Himshaw Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Ill.

For two seasons, beginning in 1919, she served as the soprano vocalist and pianist for the Redpath Lyceum Circuit in the North Central States. On Jan. 1, 1921, she married James Altschul. They lived in the Chicago area for a number of years, and she taught music in the Onward Settlement School.

James Altschul died in 1953. In 1957, she moved to Holland, where she was employed in the treasurer's office at Hope until her retirement in 1964.

Surviving are a brother, J. Donald Jenkins of Holland; two nieces; one nephew; and several grandchildren and great-nephews.

The family of John Howard Jacobson Sr. of New Palisades, N.Y., who died on Monday, March 13 in Bennington Hospital in Bennington, Vt. He was 84.

He was the father of John H. Jacobson, Jr., President of Hope College, and on Oct. 9, 1987 participated in his son's inauguration at Hope as a representative of Yale University.

Born on May 18, 1904 in Moose Lake, Minn., he earned his bachelor's degree from Carleton College of Northfield, Minn., his master's from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate from Yale University. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army as a major. He was for many years a professor of English and administrative officer at the State University of New York at New Palisades, retiring in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine; two sons, John H. Jacobson of Holland, Mich., and Carl Jacobson of Oberlin, Ohio; a daughter, Mary Cotton of New Palisades; a brother, Nathaniel Jacobson of Cachita, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Jane Snell of Fort Myers, Fla.; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

The family and friends of Marion Mantho Lindeman of Alexandria, Va., who died on Thursday, Feb. 16 in National Orthopedic Hospital, Alexandria, Va., she was 60.

She had for many years been employed as administrative secretary of the business and economics department at Hope. During her residence in Holland, she was also a member of Hope Reformed Church.

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REUNION CELEBRATIONS ...... MAY 5-7
“Round Robin” tradition keeps nine alumnae close through years, miles

by Greg Olgers ’87

Rogue garbage trucks can delay the mail, but they can’t stop it.
For more than 40 years, in a stunning display of the power of friendship, Lucille Teninga ’46 Toren and eight classmates have been corresponding through a “Round Robin” letter — actually a packet of letters sent sequentially from one participant to the next. Each writer, upon receiving the packet, reads the others’ letters; removes her own, old letter (which has completed the circuit) and includes a new one.
And the cycle has continued since 1946. “We all belonged to the Thesaurian Sorority,” Toren said, “and that’s how we all lived at Voorhees Hall. So when we had meetings at the college, well then of course we’d find ourselves wandering to these things together.”

“We really did become very good friends,” Toren said. “I don’t know if it was every night, but it sure was on weekends that we would all get together.”

And then we started corresponding, I think, very shortly after the tears were shed at our graduation. We decided that we should start writing, and the best thought we had was: I write a letter to Marion, then Marion will send it on to Clara, and Clara will send it on to Adeline…” Toren explained.

Two other Thesaurians, 1947 graduates, joined the letter later.

Completing its rounds on a three to six month cycle, the letter has followed their lives through marriages and careers; births and deaths; happiness and sorrow. Transcending all the changes that are by nature a part of life — particularly in 43 years of life — the “Round Robin” has been a constant.

But there was the time the mail almost didn’t go through. Waiting one winter in the mailbox of Louise Edwards ’46 Lowande, the “Round Robin” was crippled by the assault of a garbage truck caught in a New Jersey snow storm. Knocked to the ground, tattered and torn, the packet lay hidden until eventually discovered, recovered and sent on its way.

Through the years, the “Round Robin” has been a primary means of communication for the group — news of new homes and births, children’s colds and family moves. Often, photographs and newspaper clippings — first about the writer, and still later her children and grandchildren — accompanied the letters.
The transitions the changing and maturing families underwent were noticeable even in 1959. “You know, upon reading over your letters I couldn’t help but be struck at how different our letters have become from 12 years ago. Now it’s mostly children and houses,” Toren wrote at the time.

Toren — to her regret now, she admits — only saved a few of her old “Round Robin” letters. A newspaper account sent through the Round Robin a few years ago has prompted her to start monitoring the writing more closely and record the progress of her classmates.

“Betty (Fuller) ’47 Meiners, who lives in New Mexico, enclosed a little write-up about two years ago saying ‘nine girls have corresponded for 30 years.’ She said, ‘Aw Phooey! — We’ve been doing that for almost 40 years’” Toren recalled.

Toren has amassed some interesting statistics concerning the group. Four of the friends married Hope graduates, three married ministers, three have been directly involved in mission work and all have been involved in the field of education in one way or another — from the elementary to the university level. Six of the nine have earned at least one advanced degree, and they gave birth to a total of 20 children.

The writers’ lives have taken them in vastly different directions — both physically and occupationally. Marjorie Van Vranken ’46 Waeter, who married a Belgian, lives in Zaire, Africa, with her husband, who works with a leprosy mission. Adeline Sybesma ’46, now living in Holland, Mich., held a variety of teaching positions in exotic locations such as Sapporo, Japan; Hong Kong; and the Netherlands Antilles. Meiners, living in New Mexico, went into library work — and was named the New Mexico Library Association’s Librarian of the Year in 1986.

Toren, who lives in Lansing, Ill., with her husband Chet Toren ’41, is a retired science teacher — and taught at both the elementary and high school level. She was recognized as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1974, and also has the largest Hope College family. All five of her sons (and three of their wives) attended Hope.

The letter-writing rate has remained fairly constant through the years. One would think that the busy times — years with careers and children — would have caused lapses, or that the pace would have accelerated as the houses emptied and work ended. But that has not been the case. “Now that we have the time, we don’t have the news,” Toren said. “Before, when the children were younger, we took the time to write about the children or whatever was pertinent.”

The “Round Robin” was also never replaced by the telephone. “My background said ‘telephones are for emergencies,’” Toren said. “But even now, we never do call — with all these girls, maybe they all felt the same way that I did — except for emergencies.”

“Emergencies” have not always meant bad news. Often, if a member of the writing group, or one of their family members, is going to be near one of the others’ homes, a phone call is used to announce the fact. Lowande, for example, called the Torens to let them know that her daughter, a circus performer, was going to be in the Chicago area.

Although they have occasionally been able to meet one or two at a time, their busy lives have generally prevented them from reuniting as a group. “I don’t think there would be more than possibly once in all this time that everybody came out to a particular place. It was always some of us,” Toren said.

Despite the passage of time, distance and experience, their closeness has remained. Both planning to attend the Reformed Church Women’s Triennial on the Hope campus, Toren and Lowande arranged to room together in Voorhees Hall. “We hadn’t seen each other in years — we didn’t know each other, basically,” Toren said.

So great had been the passage of time that the two old friends didn’t even recognize one another; they almost passed each other on campus as strangers — until they overheard their still-familiar voices. Once reunited, Toren recalled, they found they still had much in common — thanks to the letters. “(It was) as though we were together all the time. We knew the troubles they had, the joys they had, the sorrows — their children growing up, the difficulties and the joys they had with their children; what their children were doing; where they were going to college,” Toren said. “I think it has brought us together emotionally.

There is every indication that the “Round Robin” will continue. “There’s no sign of it stopping now,” Toren said. “I really thought that the end in ’46 that gradually it would just die down. But instead, through the years it has been a necessity. In fact, we grouse when we don’t get it fast enough.”

Lucille Teninga ’46 Toren and husband Chet ’41 remember friends and the past through one of the “Round Robin” letters.

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