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AUSTRIAN HONOR: Dr. Stephen I. Hemenway, professor of English at Hope, was presented the Knignt's Cross of the Republic of Austria during a ceremony on campus Thursday, Feb. 14. The Knight's Cross First Class, Order of Merit of the Republic of Austria was presented by Dr. Clemens A. Coreth, Austrian Consul General in Chicago, Ill., and recognizes Dr. Hemenway for his work with the college's Vienna Summer School program. The Austrian government presents the award, according to Dr. Coreth, to people who have rendered service to the Austrian government or who have fostered understanding of, or ties with, Austria.

Dr. Hemenway has been a member of the college faculty since 1972 and academic director of the Vienna program since 1976. "Stephen Hemenway is a man of compassion, he is a man of great knowledge and a man of great wisdom," Dr. Coreth said. "We want to honor him for his dedication to this program, which has enriched not only Hope College students but also Austrians." "It's very inappropriate that Professor Hemenway is being recognized by the Austrian government," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "Steve is an outstanding teacher and has been a great force behind the success of our Vienna Summer School program for many years. I am confident that his efforts, along with the work of Professor Paul Fried before him, have done much to create a mutual understanding between Americans and Austrians."

The Vienna Summer School was established in 1956 by Dr. Paul G. Fried, '46 professor emeritus of history at Hope, and is one of the oldest and most highly regarded summer study-abroad programs. Last year, 75 students from Hope and other colleges or universities attended, and 582 students from many academic disciplines have participated since Dr. Hemenway became director.

Consisting of two consecutive three-week sessions, the program offers students a choice of work in art, economics and business administration, film studies, history, literature and music, technical English, as well as courses in German language and literature, taught in German. While in Vienna, students are housed with Austrian families, and are free to plan their leisure time and take weekend excursions to places like Salzburg, Budapest, Prague, and Munich. The city of Vienna and the program's students all helped draw Dr. Hemenway into the summer school, which he believes is a valuable learning experience. "With events in the world today, one (see "CAMPUS NOTES" on page three)
Psychology professor Les Beach, a member of the Hope faculty since 1964, is retiring at the end of the school year.

Retirement offers new possibilities

by Beverly Snyder '92

Walk into any professor's office and you'll find clues about what kind of person occupies it. They all have books, telephones and computers. But one office in the Peale Science Center has a cozy, comfortable atmosphere created by a worn chair in one corner, a goldfish bowl on the windowsill, and thought-provoking quotes tacked to every surface. It is the office of Dr. Les Beach, professor of psychology, who is retiring at the end of this year after being a part of the Hope faculty since 1964.

When Dr. Beach first visited Hope College he was immediately taken by the beauty of the campus. But his reason for accepting the position wasn't just skin deep. "The people I met really attracted me," he emphasizes.

His roots grew deep into the Holland area, and he and his wife, Carla, raised their two children here. Lisa (Beach) Boes graduated from Hope in 1988 and is currently attending graduate school, and Mike just graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in business management.

In his early years, Dr. Beach did research on double standards in mental health based on gender. Another topic he pursued was the effect of small group interactions on learning, where he found that students can learn "as well or better working among themselves in small groups."

However, as trends in psychology changed, he found himself drawn to humanistic psychology, which led him to a shift from grants and research to a more applied emphasis...as in human services and growth psychology.

He explains, "I am more interested in people and in studying things that intrigue me about people, whether or not I can control all the variables involved."

Does the humanists' theory of self-actualization conflict with his Christian beliefs? Dr. Beach says it doesn't.

"It is such a positive-sounding view to look at people as healthy and to look at people as whole—to look at people who have natural tendencies toward growth and goodness as well as evil," he says. "Life is full of these dichotomies and full of paradoxes, you know, and we have to learn to bring together what seems to be opposites...then we discover their commonalities." Dr. Beach's interest in people went beyond analyzing theories during his years with the college. "I think over the entire time students continue to be my primary concern," he notes.

The student-focused has included his strong interest in the women's movement and the status of women on the Hope campus, another example of his shift from purely academic to more practical concerns. "It's a kind of 'mellowing out,'" he admits.

Not only has Dr. Beach changed in the past 26 years, but the college's department of psychology has also grown. In fact, "growth" and "change" are the two words he uses to describe the era.

"The department has really established itself as a leading department at Hope," observes Dr. Beach.

Back in 1964, Shields Cottage, located on the corner of 12th Street and College Avenue, was home to the three-person department. Now, nine full-time professors, representing all major specialties in psychology, make up the department. Psychology shares the Peale Science Center with other sciences, enjoying the well-equipped lab rooms, observation rooms, and specially designed classrooms, which have become a model for other colleges and universities.

Dr. Beach reports that two or three major curriculum revisions have occurred during the past 26 years, as the department has kept abreast of developments in the field.

"The monkey colony has come and gone," observes Dr. Beach, recalling that monkeys were used for student research. "That represents the great slowdown in animal psychology."

Furthermore, a local chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, was founded during his tenure. In addition, Hope College is "number one among colleges and universities to produce first, second and third place winners in the National Student Research Competition," he notes.

National recognition doesn't end with the department's students, however. USA Today featured Dr. Beach in its January 29 issue in an article about differences in how men and women felt about war. The resulting fame led to a series of live interviews, via telephone, on radio stations in several cities, including Minneapolis, Minn.; Seattle, Wash.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; Washington, D.C.; and Detroit, Mich.

With all the activity now drawing to a close, how will he handle his time during his retirement years? "I have intentionally not planned what to do," he says. "For the first time in my life, I will be spending my life as I want to..."

Of course, that doesn't imply that he has no ideas. "That can't be possible, and I can't imagine a good reason to do it," he says. "For the first time in my life, I will be spending my life exactly as I want to..."

He also mentions human relations training, personality assessment for persons in transition and the possibility of teaching part time.

But no matter how he chooses to "spend his life," it is certain that those around him will receive the benefit.
Events

Academic Calendar 1991

Spring Semester
April 26, Friday—May Day; classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
May 4, Saturday—Alumni Day
May 5, Sunday—Baccalaureate and Commencement

May Term
May 6, Monday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-11 a.m. in Maas Auditorium
May 6, Monday—Classes begin at 1 p.m.
May 24, Friday—May Term ends

June Term
May 28, Tuesday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Auditorium
May 28, Tuesday—Classes begin at 1 p.m.
June 14, Friday—June Term ends

Summer Session
June 17, Monday—Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Auditorium
June 17, Monday—Classes begin
July 4, Thursday—Classes not in session
July 26, Friday—Summer Session ends

The Arts

Munda International Choir of Lilanda, Lusaka, Zambia—Monday, April 15: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Wind Ensemble Concert—Tuesday, April 16; with Charles Aschbrenner, featuring Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital—Thursday, April 18: Robert Thompson, trumpet; How Lewis, organ, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Junior Recital—Friday, April 19: Juliet Hasley, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Great Performances Series—Saturday, April 20: Empire Brass with pianist Douglas Major, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets Cost $9 for seniors, $10 for other adults and $5 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.

Orchestra Concert—Tuesday, April 23: Featuring student winners of the Concerto/Arria Competition, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

Student Recital—Thursday, April 25: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

Studio Opera—Friday-Saturday, April 26-27: scenes from various operas, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Artist Piano Series—Sunday, April 28: Christopher Taylor, guest pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.

Tickets Cost $9 for seniors, $10 for other adults and $5 for students and may be obtained by calling the department of Music at (616) 394-7650.

Senior Recital—Sunday, April 28: Caroline ter Veen, trumpet, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Theatre

Mother Hicks by Susan Z. Zedler, April 12, 13, 19, 20; DeWitt Main Theatre, 8 p.m.

This award-winning drama is the evocative story of three outsiders: a foundling girl, an eccentric recluse, and a deaf boy, eloquent in the language of his silence. The tale, told with poetry and sign language, chronicles these three to find themselves and each other, in the troubled times of the Great Depression.

Tickets for Mother Hicks are $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and students, and may be reserved by calling the theatre ticket office at (616) 394-7890. The performances are at 9 p.m.

Summer Repertory Theatre
Season opens Friday, June 21
Curtain time 8 p.m.

Monday through Saturday
DeWitt Center main theatre
O'Brien by Lionel Bart
The Boys Next Door by Tom Griffin
The Human Comedy by Galt MacDermot and William Duvanesc, based on the story by William Saroyan. A man for all seasons by Robert Bolt
Brilliant Traces (pending release) by Cindy Lou Johnson (Snow Auditorium)

Information concerning tickets, season dates and additional summer plays may be obtained by calling (616) 394-7800 before May 29 (the date tickets go on sale), or at (616) 394-7890 after May 29.

Alumni Weekend
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4
9:30 a.m.—noon Reunion registration—Van Zornen entrance
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Reunion luncheon begins
4 p.m.—50-Year Circle ceremony—Maas Auditorium
5:30 p.m. Photo of all 50-Year Circle members (class of 1946 and earlier)—Phipps Hall lawn
6 p.m. Alumni Dinner featuring the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards—Phipps Hall dining room.

A reception honoring the award recipients will follow in the Maas auditorium.
Sunday, May 5
9 a.m. Alumni Worship Service—Dimnent Chapel
Service: the Rev. William Hillel Labels '49, preacher
10 a.m. Reception—Graves hill lawn
10:50 a.m. Parade of Graduates
11 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only)
11 a.m. Alumni Branch—Kletz, DeWitt Center
3 p.m. Commencement—Hollander Municipal Stadium (Holland Civic Center in case of rain)

For additional information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

Admissions

Pre-professional Day—May 10
Activities for high school juniors interested in becoming medical doctors, engineers or lawyers

Orientation '91—June 21-29
A "mini-college" experience for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school in the fall of '91.

For more information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 394-7850 or write: Office of Admissions, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423.

De Pree Gallery
Senior Art Show—through May 3
The work of graduating seniors

Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 10 p.m.

Knickerbocker Theatre
Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
Extensively renovated this summer, the Knickerbocker Theatre features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events. The Knickerbocker is open Monday through Saturday.

Admission to the theatre's films costs $4 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, call (616) 392-8157.

Instant Information
Hope Sports Hotline—(616) 394-7888
Activities Information—(616) 394-7863

Alumni and Friends

Regional Events
Tuesday, April 16—Munsonemore Falls, Wisc.: Annual dinner.

Elderhostel—May 19-25
Sessions include:
* "Birds and Bird Watching," with Dr. Eldon D. Grej.
Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofme Adjunct Professor of Biology and editor of Birder's World magazine
* "Carrying Forth the Dutch Tradition," a man-day- festival that examines the authenticity of the Dutch tradition represented in Holland's Tulip Time Festival.

Hope College Golf Outing—Wednesday, July 17
Holland (Mich.) Country Club; Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tribute to Gordon Brewer '48; Saturday, April 27
The new running track at the Eklad J. Buys Athletic Complex will be named in honor of long-time coach Gordon Brewer '48. A luncheon will proceed the ceremony.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7800.

Village Square
Wednesday, June 26
Hobbyists, craftspersons and artists: the auction committee for Village Square '91 is soliciting items to be made available at the June 26 auction. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Mary Lammers '60 Kempker at (616) 394-7850 or write "Village Square Auction" c/o Mary Kempker; Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423.

Summer Sports Camps
Boys Basketball Camp—July 8-19
Girls Basketball Camps: Sixth-Eighth grades—June 17-20
Ninth-12th grades—June 24-28
Girls Basketball Team Scrimmage—June 24-27
Football Passing Camp—July 28-31
Swimming Program—June 10-20; June 26-30; July 5
T.L.F. Distance Running Camp—July 27—Aug. 3
Boys J.V. Basketball Team Camp—July 8-11

For more information, please call (616) 394-7900. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

Sports Schedule
For a copy of the spring 1991 Hope College athletic schedules, write to: Office of Public Relations; Hope College; Holland, Mich. 49423.
One “senior” won’t be leaving after graduation

by Greg Olgers ’87

For most of the class of 1991, the past four years have been a brief period of transition—a puddle jump in their life’s journey from childhood to adulthood. That the experience is relatively short, a mere six percent of the biblical three-score-and-10, is in no way a reflection of its value. Hope has provided a time to learn and test old and new ideas; to develop an understanding of self and faith; to prepare for the directions the years beyond Hope will lead.

Neither, for all its brevity, will the experience—or the place—be forgotten. Like 16,000 other alumni, the graduates of 1991 will remember Hope, and will be remembered by Hope, for many years to come. Witness, for example, the class of 1926, currently planning to return in May for its 65th reunion.

Inevitably though, and despite the fondness, for most of the class of 1991 the institution will never again possess the immediacy it has retained for the past 40-something months.

For one member of the class, however, the immediacy will not diminish. For President John H. Jacobson, who like the other seniors started his first year at Hope College in the fall of 1967, the immediacy is just beginning.

With his first four years nearly behind him, Dr. Jacobson notes that the impressions of Hope he carried into his first day as president have not only remained, but have been reinforced.

“Dominant in my own summary of my experience at Hope College is that I’ve discovered that Hope is even better than I thought it was when I came—and I thought it was very good indeed,” he said.

The President was, and continues to be, impressed with the character of the college community—its welcoming, humane nature; the college’s integration of faith and learning; the commitment and skill of the faculty; the curriculum; and the dedication of the alumni body.

Despite—or perhaps in light of—such strengths, Dr. Jacobson almost immediately mobilized the college and its constituencies for a thorough examination of the college and direction for the 1980s and beyond.

“I really believe that Hope is already one of America’s outstanding liberal arts colleges and that the recognition of that fact will become much more widespread in the coming years...But every program and every organization, no matter how strong, has to be continually renewed because we live in a changing world...”

President John H. Jacobson
Strong performances earn individual and team recognition

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Dahl earned honorable mention All-America honors in two events, finishing ninth in the 100-yard backstroke (58.26) and 13th in the 200-yard backstroke (1:58.20).

Bannink was an honorable mention All-American in the 500-yard freestyle as he finished fourth (4:39.45).

The 200-yard medley relay finished 12th to earn honorable mention All-America recognition as the team of Dahl, Bollone, Smant and Von Ins was timed in 1:37.99.

The Flying Dutchmen during the course of the season had 12 athletes from the NCAA Division III meet in the national meet. They also broke nine MIAA records at the league championship meet.

The team voted Hesscott its most valuable member, while MIAA coaches presented the honor to Bannink. Kevin Burke, a senior from Rochester, Mich., was honored as the most inspirational member of the team.

Voted to the All-MIAA team were Bannink, Bollone, Dahl, Gerson, freshman Aaron Goryl of Muskegon, Mich., Hesscott, Sotok and Von Ins.

Flying Dutchmen Capture Record 25th MIAA Title

The Flying Dutchmen men’s basketball team continued their tradition of excellence as they won a record 25th MIAA championship, posted a school record 24 wins and earned a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs for a fifth consecutive year. Coach Glenn Van Wieren’s Flying Dutchmen went through the league season undefeated (12-0) and attained a lofty national ranking with a 24-1 record which included a 20-game winning streak, second longest in school history.

The Flying Dutchmen won four tournaments during the course of the season, including the Blue Jay Invitational before enthused alumni supporters in Ohio and New Jersey. They posted victories over three nationally ranked teams during the season and entered the playoffs ranked third in the nation.

Two of those victories were over arch-rival Calvin, 94-89 in overtime in Grand Rapids and a season-ending 79-59 triumph in the Civic Center.

It also meant out for the second year in-a-row it was Hope versus Calvin early in the NCAA playoffs. It’s been said that beating an opponent a third time in a season is particularly difficult. That was exactly the case as the Knights pulled the upset in an overtime thriller, 89-84.

Each Hope-Calvin game was played before a sellout crowd and a regionwide television audience. Calvin leads the storied rivalry 62-60.

The trademark of this year’s Flying Dutchmen was an explosive offense. The team scored more than 100 points in 16 of 20 school-record games, and their 92.4 points per game average was a Hope record.

The team was led by senior All-American guard Elliott of Huxswonville, Mich. The MIAA’s most valuable player as both a junior and senior, Elliott was also voted third team All-American for a second year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He was also voted second team All-American by the national publication Basketball Times.

It marked the first time in the history of Hope’s successful basketball program that a player has been voted an All-American two consecutive years. Elliott is the fourth Hope player to achieve All-America distinction.

The others were Paul Benes (1988), Chip Henry (1989) and Dan Gustad (1995).

Elliott averaged 20.1 points per game this season and finished his career as Hope’s fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,546 points. He became Hope’s career leader in free throw shooting accuracy (87 percent), assists (369) and games played (103).

The Flying Dutchmen are also a team of the future. Elliott and Todd Holstige of Zeeland, Mich., were the only seniors on the talented squad.

Among the many standouts was junior center Wade Gugino of Midland, Mich., who was selected to the first team of the NCAA Division III All-American squad.

The 6-9 Gugino was also voted the team’s most inspirational player. Sophomore Doug Mesecar of Cadillac, Mich., who stepped into the starting lineup for an injured teammate early in the season, was honored as the most improved player.

While the end of the season was a disappointment, it couldn’t overshadow the fact that Van Wieren has put together one of the nation’s best small college basketball programs.

The Flying Dutchmen are indeed the best wintertime show in Holland, Michigan, playing before sellout crowds in the Holland Civic Center. The 1991-92 season should be no different.

Flying Dutch Continue Tradition of Excellence

The Flying Dutch finished among the nation’s top 10 NCAA Division III women’s swimming and diving teams for the fifth time in six years after finishing ninth at this year’s national championship meet.

The Flying Dutch earned All-America honors in five events and received honorable mention All-America recognition in four others.

The meet marked the conclusion of a career for two standout seniors—Lori Gano of Albion, Mich., and Jenison, Mich., and Bannink of Holland, Mich.

Gano was among All-America or honorable mention All-America honors seven times during her career while Bannink, also an outstanding runner in the cross country program, received the distinction six times.

Gano earned All-America honors by finishing sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with a Hope record time of 1:00.09. She also won the consolation heat of the 200-yard backstroke in 2:13.07 to finish ninth overall.

Freshman Sarah DeWitt of Holland, Mich., was an All-American in the 200-yard freestyle with a seventh place finish (1:58.20). She was also 10th in the 100-yard freestyle (53.61).

Senior Dawson Hoving of Oak Brook, Ill., set a Hope record in earning All-American honors with an eighth place finish in the 200-yard butterfly (2:09.55). She was also 10th in the 100-yard butterfly (1:06.55), again a Hope record.

Senior Lissa Nienhuis of Holland, Mich., was voted as the All-MIAA first team in women’s basketball, and finished her career as the Hope and MIAA career leader in free-throw shooting.

The Flying Dutch also had two All-American relay teams. The 800-yard freestyle relay team of junior Kristy Achterhof of Port Huron, Mich., Hoving, DeWitt and Bannink finished fifth (7:51.85), while the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Gano, Hoving, sophomore Amy Bongers of Kalamazoo, Mich., and DeWitt was sixth with a school record time (1:40.03).

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Bannink, freshman Jennifer Van Dyke of Grandville, Mich., Gano and DeWitt won the consolation heat to finish ninth overall in 3:37.19.

Nationally concluded an outstanding season for the Flying Dutch, who posted an 8-0 dual meet record and finished runner-up in the MIAA. The team has gone undefeated in league dual meets seven times in four years, a string of 43 consecutive victories extending back to the 1985 season.

The team voted Hoving the most valuable member of the squad, while MIAA coaches selected DeWitt. Gano was voted the team’s most inspirational member.

Gano was voted to the All-MIAA team for a fourth consecutive season. She was joined on the all-conference team by Bannink, Bongers, DeWitt, Hansen, a sophomore from Battle Creek, Mich., and Hoving.

Flying Dutch Record Eighth Straight Winning Campaign

This was a season for putting things in perspective for Hope College women’s basketball fans.

A year ago the Flying Dutch won the NCAA Division III national championship in what was dubbed “The Miracle on Eight Street.”

This year the Flying Dutch recorded a school-record eighth consecutive winning season, finished with an overall 15-9 record and finished third in the MIAA standings.

But the Flying Dutch just missed out on an opportunity to compete in the Division III playoffs.

With two weeks left in the season the Flying Dutch were a playoff contender. Their position was strengthened with an exciting come-from-behind 92-90 victory over nationally ranked Adrian. It turned out to be Adrian’s only MIAA defeat of the year.

As it did a year ago, the hopes for a playoff opportunity came down to a season-ending game with rival Calvin. This time the Lady Knights prevailed 73-60 to earn a berth in the tournament.

It was hardly a season of disappointment, however. Under second-year coach Sue Wise, the Flying Dutch won nine of 10 games before near-capacity home crowds.

The team was led by senior playmaking guard Lissa Nienhuis of Holland, Mich., who was voted to the All-MIAA first team. She finished her career as the Hope and MIAA career leader in free throw shooting, making 90 percent of her attempts.

Senior forward Robin Shoel of Zeeland, Mich., earned All-MIAA second team honors. Even though she missed the first month of the season recovering from knee surgery, Shoel finished as the team’s leading scorer (13.7 ppg) and rebounder (7.2 rpg).

Another senior who made a major contribution to the team was center Kristen Koeter of Grand Rapids, Mich. Told after her sophomore season that she wouldn’t play basketball again because of knee problems, as a junior Koeter served as team trainer for the national champions. Thanks to an amazing recovery, she was given permission to play her senior year.

The 5-11 Koeter averaged 12.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game while shooting a team-leading 58 percent.

Junior Missy Harrar of Glen Lake, Mich., was honored as the most improved player, while junior Julie Shiersky of Dearborn, Mich., was the recipient of a new award based on service to the women’s basketball program. Senior Deb Hoffman of Lincoln, Neb., was voted the recipient of the Barbara Ellen Geeting Memorial Award for maximum overall contribution to the team.
Coach emphasizes relationships

by Eva Dean Folkert '83

The telltale signs of what is important to Glenn Van Wieren '64 abundantly adorn his smallish office in the Dow Center on the Hope College campus. They are not meticulously displayed nor are they arranged in any particular order. Many are cut off at the edges, some have yellowed with age, and few have frames. It is impossible to stand in Van Wieren's office and, from any vantage point, not see at least five pictures of his family or former players.

Nothing is more meaningful in Van Wieren's life than the people he lives with and the players he coaches. Not basketball. Not teaching. It may sound hokey and it may sound corny, but Van Wieren is a relationship person, a person's person, a man who tries hard to follow the golden rule. These photographs that flood his office merely remind him daily of the people he loves and influences.

It would be hard to know this about Glenn Van Wieren, Hope's head basketball coach and professor of physical education, if you've ever seen him do coach a game at the Holland Civic Center. The slender man with slightly graying temples who sits in his office in a tailored olive green suit and bone-rim glasses—looking every inch a certified public accountant—is not the same man who feverishly encourages his fastbreak offense on the basketball court.

There, Van Wieren is a mass of kinetic, positive energy. His demeanor borders on the edge of hyperactivity. He's intense, he's businesslike, he's a non-stop body of hand-clapping, back-slapping, and foot-stomping. Rarely does he sit or stop moving…period.

In practice, he urges his players to perfection with a myriad of commands almost always exerted in a pattern of three's, sort of like this: "C'mon, c'mon, c'mon. Deny, deny, deny. Be there, be there, be there. Good, good, good." Momentarily, he'll stop, put his hands on his knees like a third base coach, and plead for his players to run faster, work harder. The stationary position is only temporary, naturally. He's back pacing the baseline in a matter of moments.

"Glenn is extremely competitive," says Matt Neil '82, a former Hope basketball standout under Van Wieren and now Hope's assistant coach. "That's a big part of the success of Hope basketball. His desire permeates through his players. He's a great motivator with a clear focus. Just look at him," he says standing at the animated head coach during a practice. "Everything he's doing is directed toward making these guys play to their potential."

"Glenn has always been intense," confirms Tom DeValaer, Van Wieren's assistant coach for 10 years. "It's just his nature. And that's good. It's something we can all feed off. But Glenn is also a very concerned, compassionate person and that balances out his intensity."

Van Wieren, quite aware of his passionate spirit, adds, "My intensity is never meant to affect my relationships with my players or my empathy for them. It is never meant to get in the way of what a coach, of what I stand for."

Of course, all of this could be why Van Wieren has been able to lead the Flying Dutchmen to a 248-90 record in his 14 years as head coach. These years also include eight MIAA championships and nine NCAA Division III playoff berths. His success rates are extremely impressive, and let's be realistic, nothing has built momentum better and more enthusiastically for Van Wieren than winning. But woven in with those many thrills of victory are the memories of agonizing defeats.

Van Wieren has seen both ends of the win-loss record spectrum. He has coached the best team in Hope's basketball history (the Dutchmen won 22 of 23 games in 1978-79). It is good for me to have experienced that," says Van Wieren. "I've found that there is more pressure on when you win than when you lose. But whether you're winning or losing, you're just looking at the perspective of why you're here and what you're trying to do. At a place like Hope you have more time and patience for that to happen."

"It's very important to remember where you've come from, where you are, and where you're going. I will never forget the feeling of a 5-17 season. Even though it was 12 years ago, I don't forget the letters I received or the difficulty of interacting with players to try to get them to maintain positive attitudes. It's just a different type of coaching. But having a 5-17 record that year is not indicative of the quality people we had."

There he goes again, affirming the notion that the apostle Paul asserted in I Corinthians 12—that each part, each person is what makes a team a unit. Each member is important, and when working together, they create an unbeatable force. In fact, one of Van Wieren's favorite lines is that you motivate teams by motivating individuals, always the individual.

"Coach is real sensitive towards students and not just as students but as people too," says Eric Elliott, Hope's senior All-American guard who is also Van Wieren's former academic advisor. "He's amazing how he handles people, especially his kids. He's never met before, especially children. When we were in Mexico a few years ago (on a combined missions and playing trip to Chiapas), most of the players were a little hesitant at first. But when we saw him, when we saw the kids really enjoying him, we just felt more at ease."

Children hold a special place in Van Wieren's heart. He's most fond of the elementary curriculum and methods class he teaches for teacher certification at Hope. (His Ed.D from Brigham Young University is in elementary physical education.) He's directed numerous summer basketball camps for young boys for several years. He's a strong believer in the phrase, "values are caught, not taught." But unfortunately, Van Wieren bemoans values in competitive sport are being distorted even at an early age.

"Many parents put a tremendous amount of pressure on kids in terms of winning and losing when they should be endorsing and supporting a perspective of the journey of the experience. But it's not so much the journey anymore. I mean, what is sport? It's part of life, it's not all of life. It has its place. At the college level, I tell my guys to get better, play hard, and just have fun."

Just have fun. Isn't that fresh in a country where collegiate sport is equated with big-time business. Especially at Division I and II schools. That's why Van Wieren very happily lauds Division III athletics as a model for what is right in scholarship and athletics.

"The perspective of Division III schools is really what the NCAA designed it to be. There is something happening at this level that is not insignificant, not obvious, and not illegal. It's wholesome and it's positive. We're not trying to turn athletes into scholars, which is what's happening at some larger schools. At Hope, players graduate in four years and they have a great experience in sport."

With his 14 years of solid success, it isn't surprising that Van Wieren has had some opportunities to go to some of those larger basketball programs. He's never considered those proposals beyond the initial offers, though.

"Why leave something you really enjoy and believe in?" he exclaims. "My aspirations are such that I am happy in what I am doing. I love my job. It's fun and meaningful for me. I'm challenged, but mostly I believe in what we are doing here. Besides, this is the place where my wife and I want our family to be."

Van Wieren's bottom line: make my family happy. His wife, Jackie Nyboer '67 Van Wieren, and four daughters—Gretel, 20; Heidi, 17; Karia, 14; and Rebekah, 11—still travel with him and the team to tournaments at sites in Illinois, New Jersey, and Ohio. The four girls can usually be found huddled somewhere near their father before the start of a home game. Jackie regularly and somewhat calmly watches games from her reserved Civic Center seat, all the while knitting.

Van Wieren’s highlight of Hope’s first game against Calvin College this year was not that the Flying Dutchmen broke the Knight's six-game winning streak over Hope. It was the moment after the game, when faced with a particular television interview, four screaming girls mobbed him with hugs of pride and congratulations. The toughest part of coaching for Van Wieren is not designing new plays and coaching them in practices. The toughest, most frustrating part of coaching is being away from his family during the long winter sports season.

All this, of course, comes from the relationship person who presented a gift to his wife after the birth of their first child that reads: "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."
Desert Storm winds blow changes in Hope lives

The war itself could not have been much more dramatically introduced. Peter Jennings of ABC's World News Tonight was talking with a correspondent in Baghdad when the news mentioned that something seemed to be happening. The plumes of black smoke were appearing in the sky. Welcome to Desert Storm, war of the live feed.

In the subsequent weeks, word of Desert Storm was nearly everywhere, almost all the time—dominant in the national news, updated every hour on the hour, remembered through cut-out paper flags and tied-on yellow ribbons. Experts discussed topics ranging from the effect of the war news on small children to the effectiveness of Scud missiles with chemical warheads.

Hope faculty members were among those experts. Dr. Les Beach, professor of psychology, was interviewed by USA Today regarding the ways the sexes react to aggression. Local radio took advantage of psychologist Dr. Renze Hoeksema's expertise to examine how the enemy is perceived in a war, and Dr. Renze Hoeksema, professor emeritus of history, was interviewed as result of his experience with the Middle East.

But what made the war more personally immediate, rather than reports of the number of Coalition aircraft lost, or Iraqi tanks destroyed, or explanations of Desert Storm's historical/political origins, was the human story. True, such things can be overcome, or done in an expeditious way, as when television crews attempt to capture a family's grief-stricken responses to the loss of a loved one, but they can also contribute to understanding.

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Mary Vande Poel '59 was a fourth-grade teacher in Incirlik Air Base in Adana, Turkey, for the Department of Defense Schools when the war started. She's not there any more. All of the base's dependents and civilian employees were sent to the United States after the war started so that a larger number of military personnel could be stationed there and to remove them from any potential terrorist threat. None of them received much warning. Vande Poel had three-and-one-half days to prepare, some who were leaving received only 12-15 hours of notice. "We were notified that the school was going to close during the lunchtime—and it was going to close in about two-and-one-half hours," Vande Poel said. Van poel felt that she had a relatively easy time of it. Single, having taught for 24 years at bases from Japan to Puerto Rico, she was able to weather fairly well the heavy, mid-year return to the United States (with only 66 pounds of luggage). She also had someone to whom to return—her brother, Jim Vande Poel '60 of Holland, Mich., and her sister, Sara Vande Poel '62 VanHekken of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Others, she noted, weren't so fortunate. "It was difficult for young families and very difficult for some children who were being separated from their parents and going to places that were unknown to them," Van poel said. Children with both parents in the military returned with escorts; some spouses with young children returned to the United States with no idea where they were going to stay; high school seniors one semester away from graduation were forced to find another school to complete their education.

As might be expected the exodus left Vande Poel's plans for the remainder of the academic year uncertain, but she was determined that she would return to Turkey in the fall. All teachers from Incirlik, she observed, had been requested to complete transfer requests—just in case the school remained closed.

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Bruce van Voest '54, senior correspondent for national security affairs with Time magazine, was kept busy—reporting and globating—with the magazine's war coverage.

"I was in Dhahran the night the war broke out—slept through it, as a matter of fact," he said. "The first thing I knew was about 4 o'clock in the morning, an hour after the war started, when I heard a lot of people running up and down the corridors."

By the next morning he was out with the Marines at the front.

He made another visit to Saudi Arabia in February, when Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, traveled to the Gulf to meet with leaders and commanders prior to the start of ground war. The Cheney—Powell trip even earned him a certain amount of photo fame: Life magazine captured him between the two in a photograph published in its Feb. 25 edition of "In Time of War." Such visits aside, van Voest typically works in Washington, D.C., and contributed to several of Time's war stories weekly, gathering information on the Pentagon, evaluation of war aims, the performance of high-tech weapons and other topics. In addition, because of his expertise he was sought by others covering the war, including a PBS special in February and many episodes of The MacNeil—Lehrer Report.

Some years before, Van Voest had been Middle East bureau chief for Time. During that experience, he received an exclusive interview in December of 1979 with the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini which provided the basic reporting for Time's "Man of the Year" cover story, published on Jan. 7, 1980 (more about van Voest, this year's Commencement speaker, can be found on page 10).

One of the things that was fundamental to us...was to do something as individuals.

John Gardener '87 of Iowa City, Iowa, and his wife Edith concerned themselves with finding peaceful alternatives to the war that to them seemed inevitable given the Coalition and Iraqi attitudes toward one another and the issues.

They wrote letters to 125 newspapers, they tried to meet their congressmen. Their efforts even took them on a 22-hour drive to Washington, D.C., where mere days before the air war's beginning they met with both an official at the Iraqi embassy and one of their congressmen's aides.

"One of the things that was fundamental to us in the trip, even though we realized it wasn't going to change everything, was to do something as individuals," said Gardner, who is earning his doctorate at the University of Iowa School of Religion.

Gardner noted that he and his wife had two primary goals: making their feelings known to both sides and showing others who felt the same way that they did demonstrations, "which might have a lot of agendas with which we did not agree," were not the only way to protest the war.

"The demonstrations worked in the '60s because that was what was needed then, but something different is needed now," he said.

"And we're not saying that what we did is what is needed, but it was the best thing that we could think to do as individuals."

I am prepared to go and serve my country.

Richard Van Dop '73 a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, found his life disrupted by the war when he was called to active duty.

Van Dop, who is from Grand Rapids, Mich., left on Jan. 18, assigned to a post at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz., replacing men who were sent to the Persian Gulf. According to his wife, Beverly DeYoung '73 Van Dop could be there for up to a year.

A special agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Van Dop expressed his views in the Dec. 30-Jan. 9 issue of Michigan Monthly, a publication for IRS employees. At the time he was interviewed he did not know where he would be stationed if called.

"I am prepared to go and serve my country because the whole concept behind the reserves is that you're trained to support the active duty branches of the military and be available to augment them in times of emergency," he said in the article. "I'm prepared mentally to do my duty. Emotionally, I can never prepare myself to leave my family and loved ones, because it's difficult to handle; but I know I'll be ready should the time come."

Van Dop has the advantage of a supportive family. Noted Beverly, "He is committed and the entire family supports him."

Susan Abel, a sophomore from Schenectady, N.Y., has had an unexpected off-campus experience because of the war.

Susan Abel, a sophomore from Schenectady, N.Y., has had an unexpected off-campus experience because of the war. A member of the 207th Evacuation Hospital, a National Guard unit based in Grand Rapids, Mich., she is serving as a mail clerk in southern Saudi Arabia.

Abel was called to active duty in November, and had to take incomplete in all but one of her fall semester courses. After training she was allowed a brief Christmas leave with her family, and then left for the Gulf.

Because of her distance from the front, her parents weren't overly concerned about her safety. "I don't think she's anywhere near where they're fighting," said her father, John, in February. "I personally feel pretty good about where she is—I'm not that concerned because she's well out of the range of any of the guns or even the Scuds or anything like that."
Chaplain David E. White ‘60 joined the U.S. Navy because it seemed like an interesting opportunity. A quarter-century later he finds himself Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

Alumnus finds career in shepherding service people

by Greg Olgers '87

Chaplain David E. White ‘60 of Arlington, Va., joined the U.S. Navy because it seemed like an interesting opportunity. Before he knew it, he was a career officer. Now he’s an admiral, and in his current role as deputy chief of chaplains, he is one of only two “flag grade” officers in the Navy’s Chaplains’ Corps.

He was looking for something beyond the congregational setting, and when he started to look for other options the chaplaincy was an area that was available, he said. He initially was thinking in terms of a campus or private school chaplaincy. But, during his second summer of field work while at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, he attended the Navy Chaplains’ School. The experience gave him a new focus.

When he finished in 1963, the Navy didn’t need more active duty chaplains, so he joined the reserves and accepted a call to serve DeWitt Reformed Church in New York City. He remained there for three years, until the demand for additional personnel created by the Vietnam War made it possible for him to go on active duty in 1966.

He promised himself he would remain with the Navy only so long as his duties presented challenges and continued to match his interests. As the past 25 years suggest, they did.

“I had really looked from tour to tour as to whether to continue on, and following tours seemed to have the challenge that I was looking for and the variety in terms of responsibility in ministry,” he said. “If it’s not what you want to do, it’s pretty hard to continue and to remain in the military.”

Chaplain White majored in chemistry and minored in math at Hope—a background perhaps unusual for a seminarian but helpful in his work with the Navy. He also met his wife, Mary Frying ‘62 White, at Hope.

Mary is an elementary special education teacher in Arlington County, Va. They have three children: Amy, a graduate of Marymount University; Claudia, a Hope senior graduating in May; and David, a ninth grader.

Upon joining the Navy, he was assigned to a destroyer squadron. Subsequent assignments have included a hospital in Newport, R.I., an amphitheater squadron based in Guam, a naval air station and serving as command chaplain aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. Immediately prior to being named deputy chief of chaplains, he was fleet chaplain for the Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Each type of assignment possesses its own challenges—as does ministry in the Armed Forces in general, according to Chaplain White. “You’re in a different type of environment in terms of how military ministry is performed and carried out,” he said.

For one, he noted, the military ministry is a “down to earth” ministry. “When the ship gets underway, the chaplain goes with the ship, and you go with your people wherever they go,” he said.

Military chaplains also serve a population of very diverse religious compositions.

“The civilian approach in terms of ministry is very parochial,” he said. “The chaplany is directed from a base which has an inclusive kind of nature, and it has sensitivity in terms of the pluralistic environment in which you serve.”

The terminology used in the Navy is that the chaplain is called to provide religious support personnel, to facilitate for persons of other persuasions, but has the responsibility to care for all people in terms of the spiritual needs of individuals,” Chaplain White said.

His experience with the Nimitz serves as a case in point. He, one Catholic chaplain and some enlisted “relief support personnel” were responsible for the carrier’s crew of six thousand. In addition to conducting services, they counseled crew members, delivered messages from the American Red Cross to crew members regarding family tragedies and assisted them in their grief, and ran 40 to 50 different programs designed to meet the needs of the Nimitz’s diverse population.

The military ministry is also different in that it serves as a command religious program, working not for itself but for the commanding officer in support of other areas of the military institution. “You’re part of a team effort within the institutional setting,” Chaplain White said.

Finally, the military ministry serves a more limited age group than a typical church—although in that respect it is not far removed from the campus ministry he once considered.

“Eighty-five percent of our people are going to be between 19 and 23 years of age—in his ship made a visit to Israel and hosted Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and the opportunity to lead services at Camp David for President George Bush and the staff in Christmas of 1989 and Easter of 1990. Rather than such exotic opportunities, however, he has most enjoyed working with young, people new to the Navy who are just learning to appreciate the challenges and rewards of a ‘team’ ministry and its ability to have an impact on a command. He relishes in particular his time with the 1st Marine Brigade in Hawaii, where he directed supervision for nine other chaplains, most of whom were new to the military.

“It was just a good, positive, real motivating environment, to see the young chaplains come in and see them move through the system, work at and address innovative ways to try to teach people, meet the needs of people and as a team have an impact on a command like that,” he said. “And also to see that transition that comes about—a sensitivity to working within the institution.”

His appreciation of that time, perhaps, recalls his experiences as a seminary student during a summer field placement more than 25 years ago—a placement that led from a tentative exploration to a career that continues.
Graduation activities feature two alumni

The 126th Commencement ceremony at Hope College will be held on Sunday, May 5, and approximately 580 graduating seniors will be participating.

This year’s Commencement speaker will be Bruce van Voorst ’54, Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with Time magazine. The Rev. Ronald Beyer ’61, senior pastor at Third Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, will give the Baccalaureate sermon.

The Commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 11 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Van Voorst’s selection as Commencement speaker represents a departure from the practice of recent years. His will be the first Commencement address by someone other than a Hope faculty member since 1982.

Van Voorst joined the Time-Life News Service as Middle East bureau chief in January of 1979, and almost immediately climbed aboard the chartered Air France 747 that brought Ayatollah Khomeini home from his exile in Paris. After covering the Iranian revolution, he returned to Beirut for further reporting on the entire Middle East.

In November of 1979 he rushed back to Tehran to cover the seizure by Iranian students of the U.S. Embassy and the taking of 53 Americans as hostages. He was later expelled from Iran by the Revolutionary Government, but not before he had an exclusive interview with Ayatollah Khomeini, which generated the same reporting for Time’s “Man of the Year” cover story a few weeks later.

It was not the first time that van Voorst had been in hot repertorial spots. Earlier he’d covered the anti-American riots in Panama in 1964, the U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic the next year and the Greek revolution in 1967. He was there when the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968, the Polish workers rioted in Gdansk in 1980 and during “Black September” in Amman, Jordan, in 1970.

Transferring to Latin America, he covered the riotous return of Juan Peron to Argentina and the overthrow of Salvador Allende in Chile in 1973. Later, as diplomatic correspondent for Newsweek, he shuttled 380,000 miles from the Middle East to China with the Soviet Union and then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. After serving as Time’s European economic bureau chief in Brussels, he returned to the New York Bureau, where he was the principal correspondent for covers on IBM and AT&T.

Before embarking on a career in journalism, van Voorst was a foreign service officer in Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia, and later served a stint as a policy aide to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

His journalism prizes include the Newspaper Guild of New York’s “Pace One Award” for the best national political reporting of 1975 and the Overseas Press Club’s 1983 Award for the best magazine interpretation of foreign affairs, for an award he received again for a 1988 Arabat cover story. Van Voorst is a member of the London-based Institute of International Strategic Studies and the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations.

In addition to Third Reformed in Kalamazoo, where he has been for 10 years, Beyer has served two other churches:

- the Bethel Reformed Church in Harvey, Ill., and Christ Memorial Reformed Church of Holland. He graduated from Zeeland High School in 1957, from Hope in 1961 and from Western Theological Seminary in 1964.
- and his wife, Jean Schreurgard ’62 Beyer, have four Hope-oriented children: Kim Beyer ’84 Kooyers, Jon Beyer ’87, Dan Beyer ’90, and Lisa, who is graduating this year. A fifth child, David, Dan’s twin brother, had just decided to enroll at Hope College.

DeWitt to receive degree

Their 1938 purchase of the home farm. Recently acquired by Sara Lee Inc., Bil-Mar Foods grew through the years from a small breeder flock into one of the world’s largest poultry processing operations, with more than 5,000 employees.

DeWitt, however, is well-known not only for his business acumen but for his service to civic and Christian causes. He has a deep commitment to the Reformed Church in America and its colleges, and has been particularly helpful to Hope during its yearly Business and Industry campaigns.

His and his family’s generosity has made possible the new DeWitt Center for Economics and Business Administration, dedicated during the college’s Homecoming Weekend in October. He and his family’s gifts to both that project and other campus projects have enhanced the beauty of the campus and have added to the quality of the college’s educational commitment.

DeWitt has served on the Board of Trustees of Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa, from which he received an honorary degree in 1987. One of that institution’s major benefactors, his generosity made possible the Chapel/Performing Arts Center and DeWitt Music Hall, dedicated in April of 1998.

Locally, he has served on a number of church, community and business boards, including the Michigan 4-H Council, the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Ottawa County Road Commission. Hope College awarded him a Distinguished Achievement Award in 1982.

He and his wife, Jerene, have been married since 1939. Their children are Gary DeWitt, Jack DeWitt, Donald DeWitt, Merle DeWitt, Keith DeWitt, Nancy Haveman and Marilyn Norman.

Distinguished Alumni Awards recognize five for service

Five Hope graduates will be presented Distinguished Alumni Award recognition during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 4.

Fuller, honored with the award this year are H. Sidney Heerema ’30 of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Harvey Staal ’43 of Hudsonville, Mich.; Harno C. Visscher ’51 and Mary Zwetzeg ’52 Visscher of Falls Church, Va.; and Sue Bruggink ’73 Eternia of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The annual Distinguished Alumni awards are made by the Alumni Board of Directors in recognition of the awardee’s contribution to society and service to Hope. Nominees for the awards are continually solicited by the Board, 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 identities of candidates considered but not selected in a given year are kept on file for future consideration.

H. Sidney Heerema, Class of 1930, is recognized for his loyal service to God, the medical profession and Hope College. In 1937, Dr. Heerema was the first board-certified pediatrician to begin practicing in Kalamazoo, Mich., and he has been honored by several local organizations for his 50-plus years of service.

A specialist in the care of severely mentally and physically handicapped children, as well as those with neurological disorders, he was instrumental in developing the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in 1955, and has served on its board of directors. He has served five other medical boards, either as president or a member of the advisory board.

He continues his private pediatric practice while keeping a full volunteer schedule at the Major Disease Clinic of Bronson Methodist Hospital, the Total Living Center where he is medical director. (See "Alumni Awards" on page 11)
Since my initial visit as a high school junior, I have felt that Hope College has an extremely attractive campus, but never is the evidence to support that belief more apparent than in the springtime.

As I crossed the campus this afternoon, I observed buds on the trees, the blooms of the season’s first flowers, and the vibrant green of the grass. The sun shone through the trees in the Pine Grove and students were studying while other people played frisbee.

Spring is the season of new beginnings, but for those of us on campus it also points to many endings. As the semester draws to a close, we in the Alumni Office are busily putting the final touches on this year’s Senior Class Banquet, an event designed to officially congratulate the senior class on their graduation and welcome them into membership in the Hope College Alumni Association.

Dave Veldink ’91 (Jenison, Mich.), senior class representative to the Alumni Board, and his committee of 20 have planned an evening to include a congratulatory speech from President Jacobson, a candid slide show of the class’ four years together at Hope—set to music of the times—and a Hope trivia game complete with Hope alumni t-shirts for each participant.

Not only must we bid farewell to the class of ’91, but also to three of our Alumni Board members who have faithfully served the Alumni Association over the past six years: Jim Hanson ’80 of Bernardsville, N.J.; Steve Norden ’74 of Dublin, Ohio; and Mary Daatstra ’68 Schroeder of Grosse Point, Mich. The May meeting of the Alumni Board will mark the election of alumni to assume the places vacated when their terms conclude in June. The presence of all three will be sorely missed.

Jim Hanson has contributed significantly to alumni activities in Northern New Jersey. Most recently Jim and his wife Barb coordinated a reception in conjunction with the men’s basketball game against Keane College in Union, N.J. The event was so popular that Hope had far more fans at the game than the host school.

As president of the Alumni Board from 1986-88, Steve Norden was also the college’s national chairperson for the Annual Alumni Fund Drive. Under his leadership, funds raised exceeded all previous totals. Throughout his six years as a board member, Steve has organized numerous alumni events in addition to hosting the Hope College Chapel Choir in his church and organizing a reception for prospective students.

Our Detroit-area alumni, parents and friends have benefitted greatly from the leadership of Mary Schroeder. Mary has been instrumental in organizing regular activities in the area in addition to her role as secretary to the board for the past two of her six years.

As is clear from Jim, Steve and Mary’s involvement, event planning is not limited to campus activities. Several regional alumni and parent and friends gatherings are currently being organized across the country. Please see the “Events” page on page four for more details.

Reunion plans for the classes of ’26-’76 hold a great deal of entertainment and excitement. It’s been a true pleasure to work with each of the committees and what an education I have received! I’ve learned just how much the college changed during those 50 years. In 1926 total enrollment stood at just over 400 students. By 1976, the senior class alone numbered 432.

One of this year’s reunion committee chairpersons is Lois McAlister ’71 Mulder. Her husband, Andy ’70, served on her reunion committee last year. Lois and I first became acquainted when she assisted the Alumni Phonathon and subsequent reunion plans.

For those of you who attended the class of ’70 reunion last spring, you know what a fantastic job the reunion committee co-chaired by Jim Knesarsky Greller and Rob Robbins did. The committee informed me, however, that Lois played an instrumental role in the success of their reunion.

Lois shared with me that she had agreed to chair her reunion this year because “it was really easy to do a second time,” and she realized the importance of having a local reunion chairperson. Plus she loves Hope and enjoyed working with last year’s committee. To play an active role in this year’s planning was just a natural decision for her.

Our volunteers are all special people to whom I owe a great deal of gratitude. I wish space permitted me to give each the credit of which they are so deserving. They are the people who truly make Hope College events enjoyable for everyone.

Happy spring to all of you!

Janet
class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for news from Hope College. Credits: 28, 49.

The deadline for the next issue is Thursday, May 5.

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Clarence Lubbers ’24 and wife Thelma will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24 with thankful hearts for our lives together and our future years.

Jacob Polon ’29 and wife Emily celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28.

John Pickharn ’37 of Whiting, Ind., has two daughters, the most prominent of whom is a concert pianist. Paul Boyink ’36 of Grand Haven, Mich., and wife Dorothy, both deceased, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November.

50s

Gordon Belt ’30 was featured in the Dec. 13, 1990 issue of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press in a story titled "Retirement: a beginning." Director of news and publicity at Alumnae (Mich.) College for 24 years, his current activities include serving as a part-time academic advisor at Davenport College in Grand Rapids. With his wife, Martha Debink ’31, bel canto of a family fan-glorious, they are Bethany Christian Service, American Society of Finch, and with one of her graduate students, from the University of Rochester, presented the paper "Individual Differences in Educational Status Implications" at the 1990 AERA meeting held in Boston, Mass.

L. James Harvey ’52 was recently promoted to a second term in the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church, and was also elected a delegate to the District and Provincial Synods of the church. He was recently appointed as a part-time member of the faculty of the University of Maryland at College Park. Martin Van Farsese ’53, ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America, recently accepted a position as ecumenical representative for the Bible, League of South Holland, Ill.

Rodger Kortman ’54 has retired from his position as director of the Division of Disability and Development Services at the University of Minnesota-Wasau and is spending time preparing and driving his six-foot-six-inch Belgian dishwasher.

Thomas Trahan ’56, president of Oakdale College in Illinois, recently returned from Bangkok, where he represented the Illinois Consortium of International Programs at the Ministry of Education in Thailand at its annual banquet in Phoenix, Ariz. He was honored for his contributions to independent higher education, particularly for his work within the NAAC on Division III athletics.

Student Kudos:

Tahnee C. Hartman, a Hope College junior from Glen Rock, Pa., earned one of this year’s prestigious Frank J. Brooks Awards for Excellence in Student Research at the national convention of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Society.

Hartman received the award for her work titled "Polyoxynucleic Acid: A Model for Cultured Human Leukocytes," which is concerned with the role of one type of white blood cell in the cancer induction of cancer.

This award is majoring in biology and psychology, and intends to attend graduate school in the field of neuroscience after Hope.

Amy Haverman, a Hope College junior from Zeeland, received one of three service awards presented to undergraduates by the Michigan Campus Compact during its first annual conference, held Feb. 7-9.

The winners, all from the 10 MCC member universities, each received $1,000 to further community activities.

Haverman is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Haverman. A Spanish major, she plans to use the $1,000 award in work with the area’s Hispanic community.

Cynthia Kortman of Holland, Mich., a sophomore pianist, has been named a winner in the Kalamazoo Bach Festival Young Artists’ Competition.

Kortman, who is majoring in piano performance, studies at Hope with Joan Conway, who has taught five previous competition winners. Kortman is the daughter of John and Sharon Kortman, and 1989 graduate of Holland Christian High School.

Faculty Kudos:

Dr. James Gentile, a dean for the natural sciences and mathematics, has been appointed professor of biology at Hope College, participated in Project Kaleidoscope, a National Science Foundation-funded program charged with determining an effective model for undergraduate mathematics and science education.


Several members of the Hope administration and faculty attended the colloquium, including Dr. John H. Jacobson, president; Dr. Jacob E. Nienhuis, provost; Mary Vlieger, ’75 DeYoung, assistant provost; Dr. Peter Stoll, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Donald H. Williams, professor of chemistry; Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray, assistant professor of biology; and David Zwart, ’64, director of the college’s Kaleidoscope Science Education Program and associate professor of education.

Steve A. Samson, visiting assistant professor of political science at Hope College, has been named editor of UPAG, the annual journal of scholarship and opinion published by University Professors for Academic Order Inc. (UPAO).

UPAO was established in 1970 as a response to NUAA’s "Openness on college campuses," said the organization’s executive director, Dwight D. Murphy of Wichita State University, adding that UPAGO remains today as a service organization for conservative professors.

Kara Hoesch ’73 Wolters, associate professor of physical science at Hope College, has been named co-chair of the volleyball team, replacing Dr. Joe E. Ziegler, who retired in 1990. Dr. Thomas TenHove, who is pursuing her doctoral degree at Western Michigan University, has been coaching the field hockey team in the fall since joining the faculty in 1987, but field hockey was discontinued as an intercollegiate sport after the 1990 season. Wolters is also coach of the Hope softball team.

Campus Notes

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PEW AWARD: Hope College is one of 12 members of the Midwest Science and Mathematics Consortium to share in a three-year grant from the Pew Science Program that will support the consortium’s collaborative efforts in undergraduate science and math education.

The Pew Science Program in Undergraduate Education awarded the consortium $1.8 million to undertake such as the summer exchange of research students between the member institutions, collaborative research, faculty visits to other institutions, support for new Ph.D.’ s to teach at member institutions and to enhance the development workshops, faculty development programs and research symposia featuring student work.

The award to the Midwest consortium is part of $7.5 million awarded by the Pew Science Program to five clusters of colleges and universities, including 49 schools throughout the country. All of the grants are designed to support collaborative teaching and research efforts in mathematics and science at the undergraduate level, with the goal of increasing the number of college students who major in science- and math-related fields.

SARDI SITE: Hope is one of 30 representative sites participating in the federally-funded project "Substance Abuse Research into Disability Individuals" (SARDI).

SARDI’s primary focus is making human service professionals more aware of the issues of substance abuse among people with disabilities, and the project is both gathering information on the problem and providing training to help combat it.

Dr. Darrel J. Schragers ’63, director of counseling services at Hope and the college’s site representative, noted that persons with disabilities often face substance abuse issues unknown to others. For example, some care must be taken to identify and avoid substances that can react negatively with medication.

According to Dr. Schragers, SARDI will help him and the college’s director of counseling services, Dr. John J. Schrager, to provide "a vehicle for students." They expect Shumaker ’87, attend to such needs among the college’s 60 disabled students.

Like other SARDI sites, Hope will be participating in a research project intended to identify the severity and nature of the problem for disabled students. According to an initial SARDI survey, the 30 site representatives reported that from 10 to 80 percent of their clientele experience recurring problems with substance abuse.

SKILLMAN GRANT: Hope is one beneficiary of an $85,000 grant to the Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF) from the Skillman Foundation. Funds will be used to supplement operating expenses.

MCF is a non-profit organization which obtains financial support from business and industry for 16 private Michigan colleges.

PATRONS CHAIRPERSON: James and Donna Brooks of Holland, Mich., have been named chairperson of the Hope College Patrons.

The Patrons support performances at the college in music, dance and theatre, as well as exhibitions of art, including programs such as The Nutcracker. A Play, the exhibition "Days of Saints and Souls: A Celebration of the Days of the Dead" and the Great Performances Series. During the year, the Patrons have the opportunity to attend special art exhibitions, receptions and meetings with performers.

HOOMY Elected: Phyllis Kleder ’73 Hoxmyan, director of financial aid at Hope College, has been elected by the membership of the College Board’s Midwest Regional Assembly to serve on the College Scholarship Service Division Governance Committee for a term of three years.

Drawing of attention...
"Just yesterday" our class headed out into the world to teach, raise a family, start a business, and the like.

Hope College equipped each of us to serve our communities well.

Hope has been a special place in my heart—from student days to my involvement with the College in years since.

I'm making a special gift to the Alumni Fund in this reunion year in appreciation for what Hope means to me.

Please send your Alumni Fund gift today.

Kathy Kolenko
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Patti Brown '79 is assistant dean of academic services at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. She was previously associate director in the Office of Continuing Education and Summer Session at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Barry Schreiber '71, a professor of criminal justice at St. Cloud (Minn.) State University, is a national expert in automatic teller machine crimes. He has written a book titled ATM Security in the 1980s, which details information from a study by a national task force he was on from 1989–90.

William Welty '71 was elected in November and in December became the fourth judge at St. Joseph County, Mich., filling a new position authorized by the county's board of commissioners in April of 1990.

Tom Eissler '72 was featured in the Jan. 25 issue of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press as assistant coach for the Hope College Men's Basketball Team. He also coaches the girls' basketball team for the Zealand Public Schools.

Russ Kiefer '72 of Westerville, Ohio, was named corporate salesperson of the year–1990 for the Colonial Office in Columbus, Ohio.


Phyllis Kiefer '73 Hooyman of Holland, Mich., director of financial aid at Hope College, has been elected by the membership of the College Board's Maker's Regional Assembly to serve on the College Scholarship Service Division-Governance Committee for a term of three years.

Richard Van Dop '73 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is employed by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Also a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, on Jan. 18 he left for active duty, assigned to a post at the Marine Corps Air Station at Yuma, Ariz. He replaced a man who had gone to the Persian Gulf.

Paul Cornell '77 is manager of Office Environmental Research at Sandia Labs, Inc. In November he presented the address "Macroeconomics: Office Work and Technology in the Future" at Adrian (Mich.) College through the college's Chicago and Benet Gilliam Lectures.

Mary Vigerle '75 De Vries, assistant professor of mathematics at Hope College, in February began her position as director of the regional business education partnership sponsored by the Holland Area Chamber of Commerce. She also owns and operates KL and Associates, which provides service to educational, health care, social service and religious nonprofit organizations.

Nicholas Rodehohse '76 was featured in the Autumn, 1990, issue of the Wisconsin College of Real Estate for his work with a student in examining the significance of weather changes on the breeding biology of the house finch nesting in the campus' gothic Lanterns. Because little data concerning weather and biology has been gathered in the United States, the project may serve as a model for prediction changes in animal populations under global warming conditions.

Gretchen Vanderkamp '76 Schlescher of Rochester, Mich., is an analyst with J.T. Corporation. Sandy Wade '77 Henzen and husband David in February started a new ministry in Willowton, Kan., tentatively named "New Life Community Church." Rich Nolen-Hoeksema '77 has received a three-year, $75,000 research grant from the Gas Research Institute to continue his work on portability and safety of Natural Fracture Systems for quantitative use in petroleum geology.

Craig VanZanten '77 has opened and is managing the first continental European office for Tulip and Tokyo Pictures and Travel Options Ltd. in Frankfurt, Germany. T&T is a large international, London-based firm specializing in money broker.

The Toronto Office brokers financial futures products worldwide.

Brian Gan '78 has accepted a permanent position as laboratory director in the forensic research at Karl, Thomas, GmBH, a pharmaceutical firm in Biberach, Germany. The position begins in June.

John Kasten '71 of Plano, Texas, is currently consulting with ARC Oil and Gas, specializing in geological studies of formation damage to permeability. He has published two papers and is writing two more.

Steven Bruinooge-Prelieger '79 is a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., where she teaches developmental psychology and the psychology of religion.

Lorri Parish '79 has joined Continental Bank, NA, in Chicago, Ill., as head of the investment technology group.

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Taylor Holbrook '86 of Middlebush, N.J., received one of six 1991-92 "Best Teaching Awards" from Western Theological Seminary. The awards are made to RCA pastors who submit proposals for creative programs which will enrich their preaching.

Paul Kazd '80 obtained his certification from Grand Rapids Junior College and is now a C.C.T. in occupational therapy at Hope College in Holland.

Steven Smallagar '80 was installed as pastor and teacher at Westwood Reformed Church in a service conducted by Lloyd J. Jones, pastor of the Muskegon (Mich.) Classis of the RCA.

Susanne Galer '81 directed the San Houston State University Opera Workshop's production of "The Magic Flute" by W.A. Mozart. Assistant professor of voice and director of the Workshop, she also portrayed the Queen of the Night during the production.

Tracy Larsen '81 of Grand Rapids, Mich., was recently elected a partner in the law firm of Warner, Nazossucci & Judd.

Karen Paschall '81 is a visiting fellow at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University in Israel, and is writing a book on U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation.

Laurie Arnold '82 of Huntington Beach, Calif., works in the accounting office of Coast Community College District.

Ted Bozeman '82 of Detroit, Mich., is an assistant professor of finance and business economics at the Wayne State University School of Business Administration.

Heather Molnar '82 of Elmhurst was an exhibit of her paintings featured at the First State Bank of Taos, N.M.

Cheryl Schepers '83 Ramsey received the 1990 "Outstanding Resource Specialist" award from the San Antonio section of the Council for Exceptional Children (C.E.C.). She is currently a resource specialist for Rollins School in Raton, Calif.

DeVos '82 of Muskegon, Mich., is the chair of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Subcommitite of the ABA Litigation Section's Employment and Labor Relations Committee.

Nancy MacArthur '82 Smith is raising two kids and teaching voice in a Washington, D.C., suburb.

Greg Stewart '82 on behalf of Nelson-Mark in California designed the 46-foot "Collaboration," a sailboat raced to victory several times by Grand Rapids, Mich., owner/supporter of Grand Rapids Sailing Club.

Charles Bell '83 from October through January appeared in the role of Bill Crocke in Cole Porter's Anything Goes at the Dinner Theatre in Toledo, Ohio.

John Christo '83 of Highland Park, Ill., is in medical sales with Dainippon Corporation in Chicago, Ill.

Sarah Sadler '83 of Highland Park, Ill., is pursuing a master of social work degree at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill.

Barbara Vanandel '83 (baby) is general manager of the American Plaza Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was featured in the Jan, 21, 1991, issue of the Grand Rapids Business Journal.

Beck Greene '83 of Detroit is a political consultant to the Pepper-Johnson Firm. He has worked in the Republican Party, the House, and in politics for the Nigeria Foundation, he portrayed a Nigerian official.

Dick Belford '84 is currently teaching second grade at Erlanger Elementary School in Erlanger, Germany. She works with the Department of Defense Schools.

Patricia Johnson '83 VanderKoorn is in her sixth year of teaching at Spanish River Christian School in Boca Raton, Fla. She was elected by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce as Teacher of the Month for Dec., 1990 for her outstanding work as an elementary school teacher and as director of the Student Council.

Drew Marcotte '84 of S.A. Michigan as a field sales agent and also as an adjunct faculty member with Muskegon Community College.

Kevin Minnema '84 is in a residence at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Mich.

Linda Solak '85 Park is a dentist with Byron's (Mich.) Family Dental Center.

Michael Schipper '85 has been assigned to the Civil Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan.

Tina Spencer '85 VanOss is pursuing an artist's commission from First Michigan Banks of Holland, Mich., she has a painting of several of their small-town banks. The paintings will be hung in the banks' offices.

Bob Appell '86 has taken a part in a senior research chemist (of Dow Chemical) in Midland, Mich.

Heather Molnar '82 of Elmhurst was an exhibit of her paintings featured at the First State Bank of Taos, N.M.

Amy Horning '84 Mabitman is a graduate student at the University of Michigan in Chinese language studies.

Amy Sanders '86 Myers of Columbia City, Ind., helps her husband with his passion Blue River Church of the Brethren.

Carol Rast '86 of Fellsmere, N.H., who has been working on the editorial staff of the Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston, Mass., has recently been named publisher of the hostel town's engineering and conservation journal, Appalachian.

Misako Yoshikawa '86 has been transferred to the London office of Morgan Stanley for a two-year assignment.

Art Sandgren '87 Planter of Washington, D.C., is...
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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1991

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Season sees national and conference championships

Hope College athletic teams had fans on the edge of their seats with plenty to cheer about during the recently completed winter sports season.

Through it all, Hope maintained its slim lead over Calvin College in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) All-Sports race. This honor goes to the MIAA member college with the best cumulative finishes in the league's 13 sports during the school year.

After the fall sports season, Hope led the All-Sports race by one point. That lead was "expanded" to two points after the winter's competition.

Hope won the All-Sports award nine consecutive times during the 1980s, but Calvin has captured it the last two years.

The winter season was not for the faint of heart as Hope crowned MIAA champions in men's basketball and men's swimming, earned NCAA national rankings and crowned a host of All-Americans.

The winter's most amazing story came in swimming, where both the men's and women's teams finished among the nation's top 10. The Flying Dutchmen crowned a national champion relay team and coach John Patnott was honored by his peers as the Division III national Coach-of-the-Year. A total of 12 swimmers achieved All-America designation.

Fans waited in line for more than two hours to gain admission to a sold-out Holland Civic Center for exciting men's basketball action. And new bleachers had to be added to the Dow Center to accommodate a growing women's basketball following.

In the end, there were many fond memories of exciting contests and outstanding performances. Bring on the spring!

Men's Swimming Season Is History's Most Successful

All-American performances in eight events, including a national championship in the 800-yard freestyle relay, highlighted the most successful men's swimming season in Hope College history as the Flying Dutchmen finished sixth at the NCAA Division III championships in Atlanta, Ga.

Adding to the accomplishments of the Flying Dutchmen was the selection of their coach John Patnott as the Division III national men's Coach-of-the-Year by the College Swimming Coaches Association.

Patnott started the Hope swimming program in 1978 and has developed it into one of the nation's finest small college programs. Both teams are annually competitive in the MIAA and at the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Patnott has guided Hope teams to 13 conference championships—10 by the women and three by the men. He has coached 45 All-Americans including national champions in 10 events.

Each of the eight athletes who qualified for the NCAA men's championships this year returned All-American. Flying Dutchmen advanced to the finals in eight events and there were Hope swimmers in the consolation finals of another four events. Eight Hope records were improved at the national championship meet.

It marked the first time that the Hope men finished among the nation's top ten Division III teams.

The gold medal performance of the 800-yard freestyle relay team came in dramatic fashion as the Flying Dutchmen dethroned Kenyon, which had won the event 13 consecutive years. Sophomore Jon Hescott of Holland, Mich., entered the final leg of the relay trailing by a body-length, closed the gap during the first 100 yards and ended with a victory over Kenyon by nearly a second.

Joining Hescott on the championship relay were sophomores Jeff Bannink of Holland, Mich., and freshman Brad Genson of Midland, Mich. Hescott won the silver medal in the 100-yard freestyle (.45.72) and was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle (1:42.20). Bannink won the bronze medal in the 200-yard freestyle with a third place finish (1:42.18) and was eighth in the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:11.95).

Both the 200-yard (1:23.36) and 400-yard freestyle relay (3:05.76) teams won the bronze medal with third place finishes.

Members of the 200-yard freestyle relay team were Hescott, senior Matt Dahl of Zeeland, Mich., Genson and junior Tim Von Ins of Holland, Mich., while the 400-yard freestyle relay team was comprised of Hescott, Sokol, Bannink and Von Ins.

The 400-yard medley relay team finished eighth (3:32.45) with a team of Dahl, sophomore Brian Bollans of Grand Rapids, Mich.,

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