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On the Cover

Dr. John H. Jacobson (first row, center), president of Hope College, has something in common with many of this year's seniors. He, too, is completing his fourth year at Hope.


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Dr. Stephen I. Hemenway, professor of English (center), received the Knight's Cross of the Republic of Austria for his work with the Vienna Summer School. Also pictured are Dr. Clements A. Corse, Austrian Consul General in Chicago, Ill. (left), and Dr. Paul G. Fiedler '46, the program's founder.

AUSTRIAN HONOR: Dr. Stephen I. Hemenway, professor of English at Hope, was presented the Knight'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. Clements A. Corse, 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. Corse, 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 Hope faculty since 1972 and academic director of the Vienna program since 1976.

"Stephan Hemenway is a man of compassion, he is a man of great knowledge and a man of great wisdom," Dr. Corse said.

"We want to honor him for his dedication to this program, which has enriched not only Hope College students but also Austrians," he said.

"It's very appropriate 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 Fiedler, 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. Fiedler '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, history, literature and music, taught in 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 college said 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)

Not a profound moral and ethical issue. We are not borrowing from the future, we are simply stealing from the heritage of future generations—our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many generations yet unborn—and converting their rightful heritage to our use and charging the cost to them, all to be paid for with a lower standard of living and a lower quality environment."

—Gaylord Nelson, founder of "Earth Day,"
"former governor of Wisconsin and a member of the U.S. Senate for 18 years, in "Earth Day—Where Do We Go from Here?"

"Essentially what we need is a political revolution, the formation of an apolitical third party which transcends Republicans, Democrats, but which is an expression of an overall feeling that the American citizen is entitled to have certain basic information and entitled to act on this information. This is what's going to happen in the 1990s, and this is going to be the major engine which will drive and should drive legislation and national policies to rescue us from this abysmal state of environmental disaster which is facing us."

—Dr. Samuel Epstein, author of "The Politics of Cancer," and a professor of preventive medicine with the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago, in "Losing the War Against Cancer: Who's Responsible and What to Do About It."

"One of the main challenges for Christian theology dealing with the earth is to demonstrate the unity between eco-justice and economic justice. The biblical version of shalom, the traditions of the Sabbath of Jubilee year, and the visions of the new creation all demonstrate such a wholeness."

"In our time, the church faces the ongoing task of proclaiming that in our one world, the search for justice, for peace, and for the integrity of creation can never be divided."


"Which leads me into the whole belief that we need a social ecology, because there is no 'nature' and 'humanity' who's killing 'nature.' What there is, is this one planet that has human beings on it, and has animals and plants and minerals and air and all sorts of elements, and that there's a minority of people on the planet who are plundering people along with nature."

—Chaz Holler, a teacher of advanced concepts in feminism and ecology and a teacher of ecofeminism in women and community development at the Institute for Social Ecology in Plainfield, Vt., in "Social Ecology, Ecofeminism and the New Ecologies."

Quote, unquote is a eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.

The 12th annual Hope College Critical Issues Symposium, this year titled "Lifeboat Earth: Decisions for Tomorrow" and held on March 6-7, focused on the environment.

"I am one of a growing number of people who regard the 1990s as the showdown decade, who are convinced that unless drastic steps are taken and concerted international efforts are made before this century comes to a close the planet will begin to experience major systems breakdown, as seemed to be already happening in the terrible summer of '88."

—Writer/naturalist Alex Shoumatoff, author of "The World is Burning," in "Environment Versus Development in the Tropics: The Case of the Chico Mendes Tragedy."

"In the past century the industrial world has destroyed or degraded a significant portion of the capital accumulation on earth by air, river, lake and ocean pollution, soil erosion, depletion of aquifers, overfishing of ocean resources, deforestation and destruction of wildlife habitats and scenic beauty."

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of the things we realize is how little we understand about other cultures and this program is one way to learn more," he said.

In addition to his work with the Vienna program, Dr. Hennenway is faculty advisor for the Environmental Issues Group. His current academic emphases are modern drama, African-American literature and Irish literature.

Dr. Hennenway earned his bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1964, a master's degree from Boston College and his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

NOSTALGIC RETURN: Former visiting faculty member Nikola Koljevic, recently elected president of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Yugoslavia, visited the Hope campus on Wednesday, Feb. 6 to attend a reception in his honor. He was a Michigan "for nostalgic reasons" and to develop economic ties with his republic. Dr. Koljevic was originally to have spent the spring semester teaching at the college, but his election compelled him to alter his plans.

Dr. Koljevic has seen first-hand and has participated in the dramatic political changes occurring in Eastern Europe. His background, however, is not in politics, but in literature, and his scholarly activities have included serving as a member of the faculty at the University of Sarajevo, editing literary magazines, participating in television production, and writing numerous books and articles.

Dr. Koljevic's relationship with Hope College has spanned more than 20 years. During 1970-71, he was at Hope as a foreign curriculum consultant for the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA). During 1986-87, he was at the college as a visiting professor of comparative literature and a foreign curriculum consultant on Eastern European studies. With two members of the Hope faculty he completed a documentary video, "Yugoslavia: Land of Contrast," and he has served as European liaison with the college's Yugoslavian Mediterranean May Term.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Hope College recently presented Distinguished Service Awards to Kenneth Noorman, a Grandville, Mich., businessman, and Alfred Joldersma, aPi

Noorman has been extensively involved in the college's annual Grandville/Hudsonville Business Campaign. He helped start the campaign 10 years ago, served as its chairman three different years and continues to act as a volunteer.

In addition to his work for Hope, Noorman has also served on several community boards and commissions, and has held a variety of positions with his church. His daughter, Jodi is a 1988 Hope graduate; son Jeffrey is a Hope senior, and daughter Jennifer is a Hope freshman.

Joldersma was commended especially for his community service in Westport, Conn., where he was active in the Junior Achievement Program, the Rotary Club, the Westport Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Directors of Good Will Industries. He also spearheaded several fund drives for the United Fund.

His involvement with the college includes establishing the Mildred Potter Scholarship Fund, chairing his class reunion committee last spring and helping coordinate regional events. His daughter Diane Pontenga is a 1967 Hope graduate. (see "CAMPUS NOTES" on page 12)

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 that was once a cozy, comfortable atmosphere created by a worn chair in one corner, a goldfish bowl on the windowsill, and a thought-provoking quote 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 much 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-looking view to look at people as healthy and to look at people as whole—to see people as whole—to look at those 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 seem 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 high school, as it 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 practice. "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 psychology 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 too many 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 feel 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.; and Detroit, Mich.

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

Of course, that doesn't imply that he has no ideas. Dr. Beach speaks of reading, writing, volunteer work and increased involvement in the church. "I don't know where I'll go with it," he admits.

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 himself," it is certain that those around him will receive the benefit.
Summer programs for children in basketball—and football, running and swimming—will help keep the college busy.
One “senior” won’t be leaving after graduation

by Greg Olgers ’87

F or most of the class of 1991, the past four years have been a brief period of transience—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-ten, 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 1920s, 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 1987, 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 1990s and beyond.

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For example, 10 years ago who had a personal computer? Some did but very few,” Dr. Jacobson said. “Now I suppose that 90 percent of our faculty make frequent use of personal computers, and probably 90 percent of our students do, too.”

“As we look to the future we have to be constantly thinking about renewal—renewal of the college, renewal of the people at the college and renewal of our institutional programs.”

The President’s emphasis on working through a vision for the Hope of tomorrow and his ability to guide the planning have both been strengths of his presidency, according to Provost Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis.

“I felt that he provided very good leadership there, and his leadership skills and ability to analyze and synthesize a great diversity of ideas helped to make that a particularly meaningful process,” Dr. Nyenhuis said. “And I think that underscores the importance of the President having a longer vision for the college and being able to keep our eye on the college’s long-term future.”

Among the priorities eventually identified through his Hope in the Future strategic planning process were creating a new and exciting future, one very different from the past, for all of those things. Dr. Jacobson includes enhancing the college’s Christian character, strengthening and expanding ties with the Reformed Church in America, improving minority representation and maintaining the college’s strong physical facilities while making additions where needed.

The recommendations of Hope in the Future reflect a consensus of presidential and constituency opinion on priorities for the Hope College of tomorrow. The process itself, however, is a process that the leadership of the Dr. Jacobson of today.

“I think it’s very important to involve people in significant developments,” he said. “I don’t think you get real institutional renewal unless there’s a lot of involvement.”

“You cannot just have somebody come in and announce that the college is now going to do this, that or the other because the college really is people whose understanding, support and enthusiasm is just as important as the substance of any plan that you have.”

Dr. Jacobson cites the strategic planning process, which spanned most of 1990 and the spring of 1991, as a highlight of his presidency, both because of the commitment and enthusiasm of those involved and the possibilities offered by Hope in the Future’s conclusions. But he notes that there have also been some other memorable moments.

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Some might be expected, such as the renovation of Van Aerden Hall and the creation of the Van Andel Plaza; the completion of the Van Wylen Library and the Admissions House; academic honors received by students, such as Craig Stapert’s Mellon Fellowship or Heidi Hudson’s Marshall Scholarship; and the Women’s Basketball Team’s 1990 NCAA Division III National Championship. Others are a bit less obvious, and more personal.

“One experience that stands out for me is the very generous and kind response of the people of this community.
Strong performances earn individual and team recognition

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Senior Lisa Nienhuis of Holland, Mich., was voted to 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 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 disappointments, 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 Lisa 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 Schout of Zeeland, Mich., earned All-MIAA second team honors. Even though she missed the first month of the season recovering from knee surgery, Schout 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 Kristy Roeters of Grand Rapids, Mich. Told after her sophomore season that she shouldn’t play basketball again because of knee problems, as a junior Roeters 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 Roeters averaged 12.0 points and 6.2 rebounds per game while shooting a team-leading 58 percent from the floor.

Junior Missy Harperraves of Glen Lake, Mich., was honored as the most improved player, while junior Julie Shenvy 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 Barbatha 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 Dowe Center on the Hope College campus. They are not meticulously displayed nor are they arranged in any particular order. Many are curving 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 people 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. Those 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 is 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 fervently 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. This is almost always exerted in a pattern of three's, sort of like this: "Uno, dos, tres. One, two, three. 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 Neal '82, a former Hope basketball standout under Van Wieren and now Hope's junior 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," says Neal pointing 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 Davelaar, 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 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 in head coach. These years also include eight MIAA championships and nine NCAA Division III playoff births. His success rates are extremely impressive, and he's realistic, nothing has built momentum better and more emphatically 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 (24-2 this year) and the worst team (5-17 in 1978-79).

"It is good for me to have experienced that," says Van Wieren. "I've found that there is more pressure on you when you win than when you lose. But whether you're winning or losing, you're still 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 those 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 believes 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 the perspective of the journey, of the experience. But it's not so much the journey anymore. I mean, what is sport? It's a part of life, it's not all of life. It has its place. At the collegiate 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 college sport is equated with big-time business. Especially at Division I and II schools. That's why Van Wieren very happily lauds Division III athletes 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 indignant, not oblivious, 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 offer. But because, 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; Kura, 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 hanging 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 Knights six-game winning streak over Hope. It was the moment after the game, when finished with the broadcast television interview, four screaming girls mobbed him with hugs of pride and congratulations. The toughest part of coaching for Van Wieren in not designing new plays and coaching them in practice. 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 Van Wieren has with his players. He's 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. The best thing a father can do for his children is to be a father.

There he goes again.
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 rumour mentioned that something seemed to be happening. He thought the shots 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 on small children to the effectiveness of Scud missiles with chemical warheads.

Hope faculty members were among those experts. Dr. Lee Beach, professor of psychology, was interviewed by USA Today regarding the ways the sexes react to aggression. Local radio took advantage of psychologist Dr. Bruce van Voorst’s expertise to examine how the enemy is perceived in war, and Dr. Renze Hoekema's professor emeritus of history, was interviewed as a 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 exploitative way, as when television crews attempt to capture a family’s grief-stricken response to the loss of a loved one, but they can also contribute to understanding.

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.

Mary Vande Poel* was a fourth-grade teacher at Incricik 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. Vande Poel felt that she had a relatively easy time of it. She had taught for 24 years at bases from Japan to Puerto Rico, she was able to weather fairly well the hasty, 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,” Vande 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 able to find that she would return to Turkey in the fall. All teachers from Incricik, she observed, had been requested to complete transfer requests—just in case the school remained closed.

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Bruce van Voorst ’54, senior correspondent for national security affairs for Time magazine, was kept busy writing—building—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 preparing for the start of ground war in the Gulf. 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 Voorst 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 things. 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 Voorst 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 Voorst, 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 Gardner ’87 of Iowa City, Iowa, and his wife Edith concerned themselves with finding peaceful alternatives to the war that was now going on. They seemed invincibly given the Coalition and Iraqi attitudes toward one another and the issues.

They wrote letters to 125 newspapers; they tried to create their own 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 both here and abroad and showing others who felt the same way they did that demonstrations “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. Navy 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. 90-Jan. 91 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 20th 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 classes 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.”
Alumnus finds career in shepherding service people

by Greg Olgers ’87

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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 gave him the basic 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 reportorial 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 1989 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, where he was the principal correspondent for Newsweek.

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 media aid to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

His journalism prizes include the Newspaper Guild of New York’s “Page 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, an award he received again for a 1988 Arabic 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.

DeWitt to receive degree

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

Alumni honored with the award this year are: H. Sidney Heersma ’30 of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Harvey Staal ’43 of Hudsonville, Mich.; Hannan C. Visser ’51 and Mary Zwetsig ’52 Vischer of Falls Church, Va.; and Sue Bruggink ’53 of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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 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 names of candidates considered but not selected in a given year are kept on file for future consideration.

H. Sidney Heersma, Class of 1930, is recognized for his loyalty to God, the medical profession and Hope College.

In 1933, Dr. Heersma 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. As 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 pediatrics 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)

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.

DeWitt to receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The presentation will be made during the college’s Commencement activities at 3 p.m. in Holland Municipal Stadium.

“Marvin DeWitt has been an outstanding supporter of education, certainly of Hope College but also of other institutions of higher education, and he embodies in his own life the commitment to the Christian faith and Christian ideals that are so important to Hope College,” said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College.

DeWitt is co-founder and chairman of Bil-Mar Foods Inc., which is descended from “Bill and Mary’s Turkey Farms,” established with his brother Bill following 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 3,000 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 1988.

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.
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Avenue School, Parkwood–Upjohn School, and the Association for Retarded Citizens–Kalamazoo. In addition, he has served as intern director of Kalamazoo County Mental Health and director of the Public Health Department of Kalamazoo County.

Dr. Herrsma also produces the monthly newsletter at Bethany Reformed Church, where he serves as Elder and lay chairman for the RCA’s “Putting People in Mission” program.

Harvey Staal, Class of ’43, is recognized for his loyal service to God and the Reformed Church in America.

Harvey Staal’s career as a minister and church leader began in the mid-1940s when he served as a pastor in several congregations in Michigan. He continued his ministry in various capacities, including as a missionary to the Middle East and Asia, where he served as a pastor and missionary to numerous churches. His efforts were focused on bringing the message of the Gospel to people in need, and he traveled extensively throughout the world to fulfill this mission.

Mary Zweig ’52 Visscher
Gald of Hope College, particularly Village Square.

Mary is also a library aide at the local high school and has worked in the library for over 10 years. She is also a volunteer for the local senior center, where she helps with various outreach programs.

Sue Briggs Edema, Class of ’73, is recognized for her loyal service to God, Hope College and her family.

Sue has been a dedicated member of the Alumni Association since 1988. She has served as a member of the Alumni Board, and has also been involved in numerous campus events and activities. She has been a loyal supporter of the college and has donated generously to the Annual Alumni Fund.

Harrison C. Visscher ’51
Visscher, Class of 1951, and Mary Zweig Visscher, Class of 1952, are honored for their contributions to the Lord Jesus Christ, their respective professions and Hope College.

Harrison C. Visscher, a member of the Class of 1951, has had a distinguished career in medicine. He served as a physician in the U.S. Army in Germany, and later established a private practice in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He has been a dedicated member of the Alumni Association since 1988, and has served on numerous committees and boards.

Mary Zweig Visscher, a member of the Class of 1952, has also had a successful career in medicine. She served as a physician in the U.S. Army in Germany, and later established a private practice in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has been a dedicated member of the Alumni Association since 1988, and has served on numerous committees and boards.

Harrison and Mary have been active members of the Alumni Association for over 30 years, and have been generous contributors to the college. They have also been active in numerous campus events and activities, and have been recognized for their contributions to the college.

Both Harrison and Mary have been recognized for their contributions to the Alumni Association, and have been honored for their loyalty and support of the college. They have been truly loyal and dedicated members of the Alumni Association, and their contributions have been invaluable to the college.

—Sue Briggs Edema, Class of ’73
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 a $150,000 grant to undertake summer exchanges 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, the design of 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 institutions participating in the federally-funded project “Substance Abuse Resource for Disabled Individuals” (SARDI).

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

Dr. Darrel J. Schregardus ’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. Schregardus, SARDI will help him and the college’s director of counseling and development, Mr. 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 60 percent of their clientelle 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 CHAIRPEOPLE: James and Donna Brooks of Holland, Mich., have been named chairpeople of the Hope College Board of Trustees.

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 Performance Series. During the year, the Patrons have the opportunity to attend special art exhibitions, receptions and meetings with performers.

HOODY Elected: Phyllis Klerer ‘73, director of financial aid at Hope College, has been elected the president of the College Board’s “Midwestern Regional Assembly” to serve on the College Scholarship Service Division Governance Committee for a term of three years.

Thomas Trahan ‘66, president of Oakdale College in Illinois, recently returned from Bangkok, where he represented the Illinois Consortium of International Programs to the College Board of Ministry of Education of Thailand at various campuses. The purpose of his visit was to help raise educational attainment and exchange between Oakdale and universities and the Federation of private institutions in Thailand. He had been the CEO of the 2,400 student community college system since 1984.

Janiel Ziegler ’56 retired after 34 years of teaching in the high school last week—so Mrs. Ziegler to go. She is now devoting more of her time to her second career as parks and recreation director for the City of Nunez Shores, Mich., in position he has held for 23 years along with his teaching career.

Richard Rhein ’57, pastor of Christ Community Church in East Lansing, Mi. on March 18, was keynote speaker at a conference titled “Addiction, Grace, and Healing” in the Church, which was sponsored by the Reform Network on Abuse and Addictions and held at Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

Lee Weikes ’60 is vice president for development at Whitworth College of Spokane, Wash.

Ronald Bever ’61 of Kalamazoo, Mich., received one of his two “Outstanding Student Awards” from the Western Theological Seminary. The awards are made to RCA pastors who solicit proposals for creative programs which will enrich their teaching. He is also delivering to the Baccalaureate Service at Hope on Sunday, May 5.

Linda Ahlstrom ‘61 Stewart was awarded a “Certificate of Recognition” for services rendered on behalf of the New York State Legal Research Program: Law Enforcement. It recognizes Mrs. Ahlstrom, of Minnesota-Wasaga and is spending time promoting and driving his six-horse Belgian Irish.
“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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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1991

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Class representatives are a part of the team that helps carry on the rich tradition of Hope College... and assure its bright future. They know the importance of all gifts to the Alumni Fund in providing scholarships and grants, supporting faculty and staff development, and maintaining the finest facilities.

For the past three years, I have represented my grandfather as the ‘class representative’ for the classes 1916-23. I know how much Hope College meant to Grandpa (he served as class rep for seven years), so I am happy to carry on his role in asking for support.

Jennifer Thompson '89 McGuffin
daughter of Norman '53 and Marcia Veldman '56 Thompson
granddaughter of Harold '21 and Pearl Paulam '28 Veldman
great-granddaughter of the Rev. Henry J. Veldman, Prep 1892

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From the Archives

Kenneth J. Hirnschlag, ’29 of Kohler, Wis., died on Tuesday, March 27, 1991, at his home. He was born on May 24, 1906, in Cedar Grove, Wis., the son of the late William and Della Meyer Hirnschlag. He graduated from Hope College in 1929 and after earning his degree from Hope he received his master’s degree from Marquette University in 1931.

He taught at the Memorial Academy in Cedar Grove for over 40 years. He served in several capacities, including as principal of Cedar Grove High School, a position he held for six years from 1943-1971. He taught in Kaukauna, Wis., and was a member of the Kiwanis Club, and had resided in Hope for 45 years.

Surviving him were his wife, Anna; daughter, Nancy; Robert of Grand Haven, Mich.; two sons, Philip Meisinger of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Thomas Meisinger of Beaver, Ohio; two sisters, Brenda Crane of Littleton, Colo., and Katherine Mihelson of Seattle, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.


She was born on Dec. 23, 1916, a daughter of the Rev. Isaac ’06 and Rose Van Westrum. She was a graduate of Hope College in 1939. She moved to Grand Haven, Mich., where she married Willard Reed ’37 of Alto, Mich., on Aug. 3, 1939. She died Aug. 20, 1991, at her home in Alto. She was a member of the Response Club, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Surviving her are her sister, Mrs. St. of Shaw, Ark.; two brothers, William Reed of Cuba, Ill., and Raymond Reed of Inez, Ky.; and two grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Elton of Huntington, Md.

Word has been received of the death of Daniel Schroms ’41 of Havens, Mich., who died on Friday, March 8, 1991. He was 75. Additional information will appear as it becomes available.

William Ten Haken ’17, formerly of Osceola, Wis., died on Friday, Feb. 19, 1991 at Greenfield Healthcare Center in Sheboygan, Wis., where he had resided for more than 25 years. He was 73.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1919, in Holland, Mich., the son of the Rev. VanWinkle Ten Haken, and was a graduate of Hope College in 1939. He graduated from Cedar Grove Academy in 1990, and followed his graduation from Hope he served as a pastor in several churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota in 1924 and his death was Maquette University in 1993.

He died in 1952 while serving as a pastor in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army Reserve, and was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945.

Harry Ver Straete ’31 died on Jan. 12, 1991 at the Mary Clive Home of Prestige, a rest home associated with the Penney Retirement Community in the same town. He was 82.

Born in Jersey, Ill., after graduating from Hope he attended Western Theological Seminary. After graduating from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1941 he was ordained as a Reformed Church minister and was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Army in 1945.
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 18 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 without its share of excitement. Hope's basketball men and women's basketball 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. 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.

The Flying Dutchmen season started with 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 men 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 an All-American. Flying Dutchmen advanced to the finals in eight events and there were 14 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 outdistanced 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 last 100 yards and ended with a victory over Kenyon by nearly a second.

Joining Hescott on the championship relay were sophomore Jeff Bannink of Holland, Mich., junior Phil Sotok of Holland, Mich., and freshman Brad Genson of Midland, Mich.

Hescott won the silver medal in the 100-yard freestyle (45.73) 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., Sotok and junior Chris Von Ins of Holland, Mich., while the 400-yard freestyle relay team was comprised of Hescott, Sotok, Bannink and Von Ins.

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

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