Grads challenged to be “daring, adventurous”

American ambivalence regarding the press stems from a misunderstanding of the media’s role in society, journalist Bruce van Voorst ’54 said in his commencement address during Hope College’s 126th Commencement on Sunday, May 5. “The American ambivalence toward the media is astounding,” said van Voorst, Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with Time magazine. “While lambasting the press for being overly aggressive and too skeptical during the Gulf war, Americans were reading and watching the news as never before.”

“I’m not sure Americans understood, and understand now, the role of the press,” he said. “The media is out there representing you—yes, even those insane questions at press conferences.”

The media serves, van Voorst explained, by monitoring the activities of government, which like any institution by its nature is reluctant to welcome the questioning of decisions and actions by outsiders. “Yet government at all levels spends your money, demands your taxes, deregulates your airlines or your telephone service or your savings and loan. It will tell you what pills you can take and which medicine is acceptable. It may take you to war,” he said. “It is a demon that has to be dealt with, not ignored,” van Voorst said. “There’s no way you can know of this except through the press.”

Van Voorst also noted that he considers the First Amendment protection for speech and press “the core of the Constitution.”

“Nowhere in the world—and I have reported with every nationality from British to Dutch to German to Japanese—does there exist as competent and free press as in the United States, and I find in this an explanation for the dynamism of our society.”

Hope College presented bachelor’s degrees to 570 graduating seniors during Commencement, which was held in the Holland Civic Center with 2,700 family members and friends attending.

The day’s rainy weather prompted the college to move the ceremony indoors for the first time since 1982. Commencement is otherwise held at Holland Municipal Stadium, which permits a larger audience, typically of 4,000. Parents from throughout the United States and as far away as Bahrain were present.

Van Voorst titled his address “The Road Less Traveled,” and presented his views on the media during one of six major points designed to make the graduates “daring and adventurous” in the decisions they face. Both van Voorst, who is originally from Holland, Mich., and Zeeland, Mich., businessman Marvin G. DeWitt were also presented honorary doctorates during the ceremony, and were honored during a luncheon earlier in the day.

Van Voorst discussed not only the media but also knowledge, war, the future’s uncertainty, attitudes toward government and multiculturalism.

Regarding knowledge, he said, “The principal lesson the world teaches is how little we know, or can know. My bottom line to you is avoid absolutes, disdain extremism, search for understanding and practice tolerance.”

His discussion of war followed his active role in Time’s coverage of the Gulf war. “When the Gulf war broke out, I was under Scud attack in Dhahran, and was shortly huddled in a Marine bunker at the front taking incoming Iraqi artillery rounds,” he said.

“It’s hard not to spend moments like that reflecting on the grotesque stupidity of war,” van Voorst said. “War may on occasion be unavoidable, but think long, and think hard.”

The Gulf war also served his discussion of life’s unpredictability. “Who among us in the profession would have predicted a year ago that we would deploy a half-million American troops in the Gulf, and drop three times the explosives on Iraq and Kuwait that we dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?”

“Matters which are going to deeply determine the course of your lives come with so little warning. Life is so fragile,” he said. “You will experience how classmates in college, promising ones, are struck down by illness, accident or fate.”

Regarding attitudes toward government, van Voorst said, “Do not walk through the world naive about the role of politics and government in your life. Next to the almighty, it’s the most omnipresent thing you’ll ever experience.”

Concerning multiculturalism, van Voorst said, “At America becomes less white, less ‘European,’ there are Americans who can no longer identify with the prevailing cultural norms.”

“This will affect not just education, but legislation, employment and public policy,” he said. “Race is the great unresolved issue for America.”

(see "COMMENCEMENT" on page three)
CAMPUS NOTES

President John H. Jacobson. "This is a much deserved recognition of his excellent teaching, and it is a very touching tribute to him from his students."

Professor Piers has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1975. He is the first member of the department of sociology's faculty to receive the H.O.P.E. award.

Courses he has taught during the past year include "Sociology of the Family," "Human Behavior and the Social Environment," and "Social Interventions." He has served in the past as chaperone of the department of sociology, and has been involved in developing an accredited social work program at the college.

His professional interests include foster parent and foster worker training, hospice staff stress management, psychotherapy and family therapy. He is active nationwide and also in Canada in the training of social workers, and has written a book, *Featuring the School Age Child*.

In addition, Professor Piers' professional expertise on mate selection theory has proven popular during the Valentine season, and he has been interviewed on the topic by the local media, the Associated Press and radio stations around the country.

**H.O.P.E. WINNER: James C. Piers '69**

Professor of sociology, has been presented the 37th annual Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award by the 1991 Hope College graduating class.

Professor Piers was honored during the college's Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25. The award, first given in 1965, is presented by the graduating class to the professor who they feel epitomizes the qualities of the Hope College educator. "I congratulate Professor Piers on this great honor that has been bestowed upon him by the seniors of Hope College," said Professor of English, Linda J. Ruston.

"Where are we now?" "Kuwait burns. In two senses—first of all the one you see on television all the time, the black clouds, incredible environmental damage, incredible damage to the oil fields." There's another context in which Kuwait is burning, though, and that is politically and internally. The result of this whole thing is that there is a great division in Kuwait between those who stayed in the country and endured the occupation, and those who were outside and living in Iran in grandeur.

"And there's no sign that I can see since the Soviets came back that they've learned a lesson from all this. The shake-up of the cabinet a couple of weeks ago didn't really bring in any effective opposition members, the promise for elections I don't think is very sincere. I foresee just a great deal of uncertainty and instability which is exactly what the President hoped to avoid by going in."

"The situation in Iraq. Isn't it ironic. What were we talking about last November and December? The nightmare solution: What would happen if we went through all of this, or at least through the embargo, and Saddam Hussein stayed in office?"

"The irony is that after we've gone through all this, including the war, there the guy is. In fact, to some extent we turn to him for stability."

"I would have no illusions in those talks that Saddam Hussein is having with the Kurds. You'll note that in the fine print on all these announcements they say that there are agreements 'in principle.' The difference between principle and reality is going to be substantial.

"Note the changing power structures that we're seeing evolve in the Middle East. Certainly Syria. It is ironic: this guy that we really don't like very much, President Assad, seems to be a focal point of some of the diplomatic actions that are emerging.

"Syria has emerged with great potential for the region if Assad wants to play it that way—and that will depend to a great extent upon the negotiations with Israel. But surely it's a reminder to all of us, when you think of the Middle East think in terms of the four basic pillars: Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and, eventually in some context, Iran has to be considered as well.

"I think it's amazing and interesting to watch how the United Nations has emerged in this. I must say President Bush and the United Nations is a most extraordinary fashion. He put together a coalition within the context of the charter and in a way that many of us doubted he'd be able to do was to get international support for the operation.

"The interesting thing now will be to what extent we will be able to transfer this moratorium that we're in in Iraq to the U.N. hands. And I'm not personally very confident that even when the U.N. is there that the U.N. will be sufficient to maintain stability—but that we have to learn.

"Conclusion. Despite the disappointments, and there are a lot of them right now, despite the nervousness and anxiety right now as to what's going to happen, I think you have to look back on the performance of the United States with a great deal of pride.

"As probably the only world power left, we moved into this vacuum, and I think you have to really commend President Bush for the way that he put together the coalition and the way that he conducted the war. The fact that the thing has turned somewhat sour now should not detract from the performance of our government and the performance of our troops.

"I think we can look back on that as a proud chapter, even for those of us who were reluctant to see the nation go to war. Nevertheless, we did it, and I think we did it with honor."

"Bruce van Voorst '54, reflecting on the Gulf war and its aftermath, during a breakfast with about 175 business leaders, community members and college representatives on Monday, May 6, 1991. Van Voorst, who is Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with *Time* magazine, was recently involved in *Time* 's coverage of the war. He was in town to present the college's 1991 Commencement address on Sunday, May 5, at which time he also received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the college."

**QUOTE, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.**
Aasmuch a part of the Holland, Mich., community as the De Zwaan windmill (which helped bring him to the United States), and as familiar a presence at Hope College as Van Vleck Hall, Willard C. Wichers '31 died on Saturday, May 18. He was 82.

"Bill will be sorely missed," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "He was a very significant member of our community and much loved."

"He was one of the people that I got to know very early on at Hope College, and he was just such a very fine Christian person," Dr. Jacobson said. "He was a strong supporter of Hope College all his life, and made so many contributions to Hope in many different ways."

Even Wichers' college years are the stuff of Hope legend. As editor-in-chief of the 1930 Milestone, he helped create a volume still known as the most elegant, elaborate (and relatively) costly of all Hope yearbooks. Not only a complete chronicle of Hope itself, the book also marked the first attempt to catalogue the alumni of the college and record their remembrances of student days as well as the achievements of their careers.

In the hard times of the Depression, however, many students were unable to purchase the book, and the financial liability—approximately $3,000—rested solely with Wichers and his business manager, Chester Meenig. '32. Both were forced to drop out of college to pay the debt. (Each had made enough gain to warrant re-entry to Hope).

Beginning in 1937, following an interest in alumni news reflected in the 1930 edition, Wichers and coworkers co-produce an alumni bulletin on a volunteer basis. He became the college's first director of alumni relations in 1945, and edited the first seven issues of the Hope Alumni Magazine. Wichers was a long-time member of the college's Board of Trustees, first elected in (see WICHERS' page 18).

Campus Notes (continued from page two)

Donald Crooklitt, professor of biology, has earned a winner of a 1990-91 Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. The second consecutive year that a Hope faculty member has received the honor. Dr. Crooklitt is one of 70 senior faculty members recognized nationally. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation for resourcesfulness and leadership as an independent college educator. Each award winner receives $2,000, and the institution receives a grant ranging from $500 to $1,000 per student to support Kozy the scholarship.

Winners are selected by independent committees on each campus. Dr. Crooklitt is presented the award at the college's annual Hoosier Convention on Thursday, April 25.

June Dickie, professor of psychology, has been appointed director of women's studies at Hope. She will teach one of the college's Women's Studies courses each semester and will work in the planning and evaluation of the program, including service as a resource person to faculty colleagues.


Later Saturday, during the annual three-day conference, "The One Who Gives Life" the college's Baccalaureate lecture, the Rev. Beyer, whose daughter Lisa was a member of the graduating class, based his discussion on John 10:17, which discusses Jesus role as the good shepherd.

In the passage, Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits...Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture...I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Speaking before a standing-room-only audience in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, Rev. Beyer encouraged the graduates to follow the model of the good shepherd, rather than the thieves, robbers and bandits. He observed that doing so requires fighting numerous temptations, and that the thieves and robbers of today often find respectability and acceptance in popular goals.

"The 'me generation' is all about us, and it calls today in this society like no other voice: 'You have the right to get everything you want. I want you to go out and do it, and you don't have to care about other people,'" Rev. Beyer said. "The majority of college graduates today say that is their goal in life, to go out and accumulate all they can for themselves.

"But you would be different, wouldn't you?" he said. "You come from a different stripe."

Rev. Beyer explained that the graduating class, age and the college had exposed them to good examples from which they could draw: caring coaches, involved professors, and supportive friends, counselors and parents. "The list goes on and on," he said. "You have all given us this.

"You have been very significant," Rev. Beyer said. "They walked hand in hand with the good shepherd and gave life."

Faculty Kudos

Bob Thompson, trumpeter and a member of the music faculty, has released his first compact disc, "Palladium," on Met Records.

"Palladium" is an eclectic mix of jazz, classical and new age works which features two of Professor Thompson's compositions, "Palladium" and "A New Age Carnival of Venice." "Palladium" features premiere recordings of Byron Adams' "Sonata for Trumpet and Piano" and Jacques Castredo's "Brevet Requiem," along with jazz standards "Look to the Sky," "The More I See," "Gee Whiz, Central Park" and "Have You Met Miss Jones?"

In addition, in May, Professor Thompson performed for the Harvard Bar Association and Bob Hope during a performance in Muskegon, Mich.

Pikny Kim, assistant professor of political science, participated in the 1991 Annual Conference of the National Association for Women in International Relations, held in Muskegon, Michigan. Kim presented a paper titled "The UN Decade for Women: Impact on the Development of International Standards of Human Rights for Women as part of the panel "International Relations in the 1990's: Challenges and Perspectives for Women". Kim also presented a paper titled "The UN Decade for Women: Impact on the Development of International Standards of Human Rights for Women as part of the panel "International Relations in the 1990's: Challenges and Perspectives for Women."

The three-day conference was held at Dace University in Pittsburg, P.M. In addition to presenting a paper, Dr. Pikny participated in the formation of the National Association for Women in International Relations.

Anthony N. Perovich, professor of English, was a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, held at Michigan State University, Lansing, March 15, 1991.

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EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1991-92)

Fall Semester (1991)
Aug. 23, Friday — Residence halls open for new students at noon. New student orientation begins.
Aug. 26, Monday — Residence halls open for returning students.
Aug. 27, Tuesday — Classes begin at 8 a.m. Formal convocation in evening.
Sept. 2, Monday — Labor Day, classes in session.
Oct. 4, Friday — Fall Recess begins at 6 p.m.
Oct. 9, Wednesday — Fall Recess ends at 8 a.m.
Oct. 11-13, Friday-Sunday — Homecoming Weekend.
Nov. 1-3, Friday-Sunday — Parents' Weekend.
Nov. 28, Thursday — Thanksgiving Recess begins at 8 a.m.
Dec. 2, Monday — Thanksgiving Recess ends at 8 a.m.
Dec. 6, Friday — Last day of classes.
Dec. 9-13, Monday-Friday — Semester examinations.
Dec. 13, Friday — Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

Spring Semester (1992)
Jan. 5, Sunday — Residence halls open at noon.
Jan. 6, Monday — Registration for new students.
Jan. 7, Tuesday — Classes begin at 8 a.m.
Feb. 7, Friday — Winter Recess begins at 8 p.m.
Feb. 12, Wednesday — Winter Recess ends at 8 a.m.
March 5, Thursday — Critical Issues Symposium.
March 12, Thursday — Spring Recess begins at 6 p.m.
March 23, Monday — Spring Recess ends at 8 a.m.
April 24, Friday — May Day, classes dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
May 2, Saturday — Alumni Day.
May 2, Sunday — Baccalaureate and Commencement.

May Term (1992)
May 4, Monday — Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-11 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium.
May 5, Monday — Classes begin at 1 p.m.
May 22, Friday — May Term ends.

June Term (1992)
May 26, Tuesday — Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium.
May 26, Tuesday — Classes begin at 1 p.m.
June 12, Friday — June Term ends.

Summer Session (1992)
June 15, Monday — Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in Maas Center auditorium.
June 15, Monday — Classes begin.
July 24, Friday — Summer Session ends.

AUGUST SEMINARS

Taught from July 29-Aug. 2.
Eight courses are available for one-hour undergraduate credit, two-hours undergraduate credit, one-hour graduate credit or on an audit basis. The courses are taught by the biology, education, English, history, music and political science departments.

ADMISSIONS

Exploration '91 — June 23-29.
A "mini-college" experience for students who will be seniors and juniors in high school.

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

Visit Days

For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visit days are intended to show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

TWO-HOURS EIGHT COURSES

June 26 Auction.

20th Season Opens June 21
616-394-7890
DeWitt Center-Columbia Avenue at 12th St.

1991
Hope Summer Repertory Playhouse

Oliver!
A Man For All Seasons
The Human Comedy
The Boys Next Door
Brilliant Traces

20TH SEASON OPENS JUNE 21
616-394-7890
DeWitt Center-Columbia Avenue at 12th St.

Knickronecker Theatre

Downtown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street.
Extensively renovated during the summer of 1990, 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.

For more information, please call (616) 392-8167.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Sports Camps
Boy's Basketball Camp — July 8-19
Girls Basketball Camp — June 17-20
Sixth-Graders — June 24-27
Ninth-Graders — June 28-31
Girls Basketball Team (1991)
Scrimmage — June 20-23
Football Passing Camp — July 21-24
Swimming Program — June 26-30
Juviles' 1991 Basketball Camp — July 8-11
For more information, please call (616) 394-7900.

Double Reed Camp — July 7-13.
Held on the campus, the Double Reed Camp is organized by Professor Gail Warnar, who instructs beginning, intermediate and advanced double reed players. For grades eight through 12. The total camp fee is $290, and the application deadline is June 15 (after June 15 a late fee of $50 will be charged).

For more information, write: "Double Reed Camp, P.O. Box 374, Grand Haven, Mich. 49417", or call the department of music at (616) 394-7500.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Hope College Golf Outing — Wednesday, July 17.
Holland (Mich.) Country Club. Shotgun starts at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7800.

VILLAGE SQUARE

Wednesday, June 26
Hobbyists, craftpersons 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) 394-7980 or write: "Village Square Auction; c/o Mary Kempker; Office of Public Relations, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423."

SPORTS

1991 Football Schedule
Saturday, Sept. 7 — Findlay, Ohio, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14 — at DePauw, Ind., 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21 — at Drake, Iowa, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28 — Aurora, Ill., 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12 — Alma (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19 — at Albion, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26 — at Adrian, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2 — Kalamazoo, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9 — at Olivet, 1 p.m.

For season ticket information, contact John Holm at (616) 394-7691.

INSTANT INFORMATION

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

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, JUNE 1991
Endowed chairs bring good teaching to life

by Greg Olgers '87

The names are often quite a mouthful, such as "The Reverend Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Endowed Professorship;" the "Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Endowed Professorship;" or the "Howard R. and Margaret E. Snyter Endowed Professorship;"

The lengthy monikers, however, match the large role endowed chairs at Hope College play in both facilitating faculty research and honoring some of the college's best professors. The chairs' tangible benefits range from funds for summer research and travel, to special letterhead denoting status as endowee.

And their only disadvantage, according to Provost Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, is that there aren't more of them. "We have a significant number of people who have outstanding accomplishments who we would like to recognize with endowed chairs, but we simply do not have enough to go around," he said.

Eight members of the Hope faculty currently hold endowed chairs, which are awarded for seven to 10 years, generally to tenured, full professors (although the criteria are not absolute). A ninth endowed chair, the Dorothy Wiley DeLong Professorship in Dance, is used to bring visiting faculty to campus, and a 10th, the Robert W. Haack Chair of Economics, has just been established (see related story), and is as yet unfilled.

The faculty with endowed chairs include: Dr. Harvey D. Blankenspoor, the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology; Dr. Elton Brunes '50, the Evert J. and Hatti E. Bleekkink Professor of Religion; Dr. James Gentile, the dean for the natural sciences and Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology; Dr. Eugene Jekel '52, the Drs. Edward A. and Elizabeth Hofma Professor of Chemistry; Dr. David Myers, the John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology; Dr. Ted Nielsen, the Guy VanderJagt Professor of Communication; Professor Judy Reckley, the Margaret E. Snyter Assistant Professor in Art and Design; and Dr. Peter Schakel, the Peter C. and Ermae Jane Cook Professor of English.

Like his colleagues, Dr. Brunes is well aware of the impact his endowed chair has had on his work. "I've known every summer I'll have a special stipend to continue in my studies," he said. "It kept me on track in my scholarly work."

Dr. Schakel has found his appointment equally rewarding. "The sense of affirmation and encouragement was very important to me," he said.

"More concretely, the summer stipend has been the greatest help," Dr. Schakel said, noting that the stipend has allowed him to pursue a number of short projects, and a couple extremely lengthy projects, for which it would have been otherwise difficult to obtain funding.

Endowed chairs provide faculty with both recognition for outstanding work and funds for research and other activities—rewards which ultimately benefit the students the professors teach. The college's eight current holders of endowed chairs are (front row): Dr. Eugene Jekel '52 and Dr. Elton Brunes '50; (back row): Dr. Peter Schakel, Judy Reckley, Dr. James Gentile, Dr. David Myers, Dr. Harvey Blankenspoor and Dr. Ted Nielsen. A with chair, the Robert W. Haack (38) Chair of Economics, has just been established and awaits an appointee.

"Having the regular stipend from the chair helped me keep those going—and looking back I got a lot done."

The range of uses to which the funds have been put is as varied as the professors and disciplines involved. Dr. Brunes has written on topics related to Holland history; Dr. Gentile has been able to travel to international conferences, including to Australia and Japan, and has supported student summer research; Dr. Nielsen worked on a video program on Yugoslavia, and has been conducting a study of television news in West Michigan; and the list goes on.

The result of such work is that it enables faculty members to bring what they have learned back to the classroom, sharing with their students fresh perspectives. Through publications based on their chair-supported activities, they are also able to communicate what they have learned to the academic community beyond Hope.

The prospect of having such an enduring, positive impact on scholarship and students is part of what makes endowing a professorship attractive to donors, according to John Nordstrom, director of development at Hope. The same sort of commitment also underlies contributions to funds for endowed scholarships, honors and awards, and faculty development funds.

"Endowed funds give an opportunity to donors to direct their funds in perpetuity to strengthen the educational program at the college," Nordstrom said. "These kinds of gifts are ways to keep giving to the college long after we're gone—because that gift stays and has an impact on students and faculty."

The gift can also continue to have an impact on the donor—or at least remain a lasting tribute. Dr. Nielsen, for example, has shared his Yugoslavian experiences with Congressman VanderJagt, who is U.S. Representative for Michigan's Ninth Congressional District. And Professor Reckley is very conscious of the intentions that inspired her chair.

"I think anybody; whatever they did, would benefit from the class as the Snyters thought of it," she said. "We discuss design in a general sense so that people can be discriminating and improve their quality of life."

"I'm constantly keeping in mind what their intentions was," she said. "I feel a responsibility toward those people."

Alumnus funds new economics chair

A new endowed professorship in economics has been made possible through a major gift from Robert W. Haack 38 of Pomona, Md.–72.

The addition of a professor through the "Robert W. Haack Chair of Economics" will raise to 13 the number of faculty teaching in the department. About 25 percent of the college's undergraduate majors in economics and business.

"The Robert Haack Chair is a very extraordinary one," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "Robert Haack is a distinguished alumnus of Hope College, having had a career of great distinction in the sphere of finance."

"So it's a special honor to have his name associated with a chair of economics," Dr. Jacobson said. "And he has contributed doubly by giving us not only his name but also the funds with which to establish this endowed professorship."

The chair is to be filled by an economist of established national reputation who is dedicated to the professional field of economics and to the excellent education of undergraduate students. The Robert Haack Professor will teach Hope students at both lower and upper division level, will be actively engaged in scholarship in his or her chosen field and will work with several advanced-level undergraduate students in research in some phase of economics.

Haack was president of the New York Stock Exchange from 1967–72, and is still remembered on Wall Street for a landmark address that called for the elimination of fixed commission rates (which happened in 1975). He later served as interim chairman of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, and was instrumental in saving the company from bankruptcy. He has been president of the National Association of Securities Dealers, and has served on the boards of directors for several companies.

In addition to his busy professional life, Haack has had a full family life. He and his wife, Catherine, raised four children: Thomas, Barbara, Elizabeth and Linda. He suffered the loss of Catherine to cancer in 1984, but found new companionship in Ann, his wife since 1989.

Like so many others, the college has been a beneficiary of both his character and business acumen. From 1968 until 1982, he served capably and faithfully on the Board of Trustees. He has also been a loyal supporter and friend of the college through the years in many other ways. He was the college's Commencement speaker in 1968, at which time he received from Hope the honorary doctorate of laws.

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A return to common roots

Dire forecasts threatened the entire weekend, but Alumni Day '91 could not have been less a victim of inclement weather.

Nearly 900 alumni gathered for activities that began Friday, May 3 and continued through Sunday, May 5. While Sunday—and Commencement—was plagued by fierce rainstorms, a bright and sunny Saturday allowed those present to reacquaint themselves with not only their classmates but the campus as well.

The weekend featured reunions for 11 classes—every fifth year from 1926 through 1976, including Alumni Weekend's first 65th class reunion. In addition, 52 members of the Class of 1941, numbering 130 at graduation, were inducted into the 50-Year Circle at a ceremony Saturday afternoon. The group encompasses all alumni who graduated more than a half-century ago.

In remembrance of a class of a more ancient vintage, a tree was dedicated in honor of the Class of 1866 Saturday afternoon at Voorhees Hall (at the building's 10th Street and College Avenue corner). The tree and a commemorative plaque were given by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woltman '30 of Lynn, N.C. Harvey's great-uncle was Harm Woltman 1866.

Also on Saturday, five alumni received Distinguished Alumni Awards during the alumni dinner Saturday evening. Those honored were H. Sidney Heersma '30, Harvey Staal '43, Harrison C. Visscher '51, Mary Zwezig '52 Visscher and Sue Bruggink '73 Edema. They are pictured on page 13.

Class of 1926. Row 1: Jeanette Veldman; Row 2: Jo Derks, Mildred Kemme, Catherine Wilson VanDenBrink, Mabelle DuMée Frei; Row 3: Al Derks, Gerrit Kemme, Henry Bos, Alonzo Wierenga, Theodore VanDenBrink.

1936 - Row 1: Helena Visscher Winter, Janice Van Koevevering Hildebrand, Agnes Patterson, Harriet Laman, Trude Spaan, Margaret De Jongh; Row 2: Roger Leestma, Pat Van Koevevering Prins, Lois Keitel '34 Kinkeila, Fern Corteville '38 Joeckel, Milton Spaan, Leon J. De Jongh; Row 3: Henry Kleinheksel, Henry Kinkema, Stan Joeckel, David Laman, Lois Lohuis Laman, Mina Becker Buys; Row 4: Emma Jean Zagers Yntema, Kelly Yntema, Florence Vis Douma, Donna Mansen, Albert Mansen, Ekdal Boys; Row 5: George C. Douma; Also attending but not pictured: John E. Buysen Sr. and Margaret Buysen.


1966 - Row 1: Ellen Anker, Marcia Bennink Knapp, Gwenn Dacus Edman, Evonne Taylor Riszema, Carol Witter Miedema, Al Miedema, Walt Naumann, Sue Rose Naumann, Ruth Meyer Nienhuis, Margaret Diephuis Mackay, Phyllis Baker Sharpe, Lynn De Young Brownback, Joanne Wogman Hoeksema, Mary Kay Paalman Schoon, Rich Koster, Gary Gilmore, Tim Stegeman, Graham Duryee, Bill Potter; Row 2: Paul Eenigenburg, Pat Elzerman Eenigenburg, Brian Dolphin, Becky Dolphim, Carol Roberts Thompson, Cheryl Rollston Sturgis, Thelma Leenhouts, Rich Wepfer, Robert Mackay, Linda Tietze, Cheryl Richardson Peterson, Marty Campbell Costoa, Sue Short Strong, Rick Strong, Kathy Walms Jackson, Bob Jackson, Julie Pitzman Berens, Doug Berens; Row 3: Donald Thompson, Robert J. Smith, Judy Grahamski Smith, Marilyn Hoffman Serum, James Serum, Luis Engelman, Bob Engelmaan, Ric Smies, Kit Janssen Legget, Joan ten Hoor, Mary Hakken Muller, Barbara Kow Forman, Judith Thomas, Karen Dreyfoud DeBoer, Anita Jovchel, Stephanie Cook, Doug Cook; Row 4: Bob Pangle, John Simons, Bud Edman, George DeBoer, John Knapp, Conrad Nienhuis, Lloyd Helder, Roy Anker, Herm Hoeksema, Trudy Van Dyk Waldron, Jeff Waldron, Mary Leestma Houser, Dennis Houser, Neil DeBoer
1971-Row 1: Tim De Voogd, Hendrika Vande Kemp, Laura Munford, Gary Van Kempen, Dorinda Kelsey Van Kempen, Juan Bumford Flier, Rob Flier ’69, Linda Wells, Roy Wells; Row 2: Kate Halliday De Voogd, Bernie Renner Van Dort, Linda Provo Fulton, Barb Godshalk Lester, Diane Dotter Robbins, Mary Pousen De Lange, Bill Leismer, Meredith Jensen Purvis, Mary Scott Sipak, Barry Schreiber; Row 3: Jim Stoops, Barb Traas Stoops, Joyce Van Hoven-Stacy, Sue von Bergen O’Connor, Nancy Warner Taylor, Pat DeBoer Pedersen, Marcia Fleizi Ilyna, Patricia Macha Mack; Row 4: Mike Reed, Rae Huizinga Reed, Bill O’Connor, Sherry Slager Heart, Al Pedersen ’70, Steve Harms ’70, Nancy Banta Harms, Lori Mack; Row 5: Arlan TenClay, John Allen, Fern Frank Sierk, Nancy Lupion Garraghan, Lois McAllister Mulder, Lyn Swain Van Beek, Bonnie Brooks Garbrecht, Allen Garbrecht; Row 6: Eldon Zwart, Mary Elma Russ Zwart, Stan Sierk ’70, Rick Baeteman, Sue Broekstra Hondorp, Hoyt Bone, Drake Van Beek; Row 7: Ric Scott, Corine Hovinga Van Molen, Jerry Bosscher, Bill Hondorp, JoAnn Huizinga Baeteman, Woody Woudenberg, Nancy Riekse Norden, John Norden, Leigh Martin; Row 8: Lon Eriks, Jane Selfridge Fochman, Dale Merrick Hillemann, Dee Dee Gunther Pier, Jim Pier ’69; Row 9: Glenn Lowe, Bar Merkle, Anne Wildgen Merkle, Ken Kiihun, Bill Chandler, Jack Kupfer, Beth Maassen Piel, Jane Witherspoon Jungst, Linda Morrison Litherland, Betty Noice Martin, Jane Colenbrand Junyadi; Row 10: Jan Luben Hoffman, Shellie Jewell ’70 DeGraff, Garrett E. DeGraff, Brad Green, Deborah Noe Schakel, Nate Fuller, Margaret Sudeikam

1976-Row 1: Nancy Bennett Page, Barbara Mone Poppe, Susan Noreluis Liang, Russ Johnson, Barry Stewart, Cindy Clair, Susan Boers Smith, Raben Ferrol, Margaret Vandenbarg Buckley, Lynn Hambleton Wickstra, Kim Buckley; Row 2: Kathy Curtiss Korshanger, Laura Camp, Becky Norden Derrick, Lisa Pifer Martin, Lorraine De Maat Harper; Row 3: Mary Rentemans Brooks, Lynne DePree Halteman, Michael Vandenbarg, Keith Derrick, Laurel Rieke Hoesh, Barbara Smith Bussema, Barbara Herber Bruggers, Stephen Bruggers; Row 4: Kay Moore Walker, David James, Ann Nethery, Mike Carpenter, Tom Seel, Eric Deaton; Row 5: Barbara Springer Seig, Kristi Droppers, Gary Nieusma, Dave But, Dream Van Pernis, John Goulb, Dirk Bloemendaal, Jim Donkershoof
Spring highlights include All-American performances

All-American performances in two spring sports highlighted another outstanding year of intercollegiate athletics by Hope College students. The softball squad became the third Hope team to receive a bid to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs during the school year. The Flying Dutch ended fourth in the nation to become the fourth Hope team to finish among the top 20 in NCAA Division III this year. The men's cross country last fall finished 18th, the women's swimming team was ninth and the men's swimming team sixth. In addition, the men's basketball team was ranked third in the nation in the season-ending coaches' poll.

For the third year in a row, Hope finished runner-up to Calvin College in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) all-sports standings. For the second straight year, Calvin edged Hope by three points in the final all-sports standings. Hope's conference championships during the year included men's basketball, men's swimming and baseball.

Softball Team Records Most Successful Season

A late-season spurt, highlighted by an 18-game winning streak, put the softball team in the NCAA playoffs for the first time in history. Coach Karla Walters' Flying Dutch were barely over the .500 mark (11-10) at mid-season, but they caught fire en route to winning the season-ending MIAA invitational to emerge as the top-ranked team in the Midwest Region.

Hope was selected to host the Midwest Regional at the college's new softball field. The Flying Dutch won three consecutive games in the regional to advance to the NCAA championship tournament in Williamsport, Pa.

The Flying Dutch posted a 2-2 record at nationals, defeating Capital, Ohio, 5-0 and Luther, Iowa, 2-0, but bowing to Trenton State, N.J., 8-0 and host Eastern Connecticut State, 3-2. The team's 30-12 record was a Hope single season record.

Walters, a 1973 Hope graduate who has guided the Hope softball program four years, was voted the Midwest Region Coach-of-the-Year.

Junior Lisa Walters of New Hudson, Mich., was voted the most valuable player in the MIAA. She posted a school record 15-6 record and at one point threw four consecutive shutouts.

Joining Walters on the All-MIAA first team were junior second baseman Johanna Pecodra of Lansing, Mich., and junior designated hitter Deb Yashar of Howell, Mich. Voted to the All-MIAA second team were junior shortstop Kristie Gauntt of Jerison, Mich., and junior first baseman Jen Jones of Hamilton, Mich.

Voted to the all-tournament team at the NCAA championship tournament were Jones and senior catcher Jackie Krombeen of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Baseball Team Captures 2nd Straight MIAA Crown

The Flying Dutchmen captured their second consecutive MIAA baseball championship and the fourth in seven years. Coach Ray Allen's Dutchmen posted a 20-2 record against league opponents and ended the season 17-7-1 overall.

Senior Vic Breithaupt of Traverse City, Mich., set MIAA history by winning the league batting championship for a third consecutive year. Breithaupt was also voted the league's most valuable player for a second consecutive year.

Breithaupt was the only Hope player to receive All-MIAA first team designation. Voted to the All-MIAA second team were senior pitcher Seth Parker of Three Rivers, Mich., senior catcher Tim Stevens of Grand Rapids, Mich., and freshman shortstop Brett Molnar of Chippewa, Mich.

Sophomore Is NCAA Track All-American

Sophomore Marcia VanderSall of Orange City, Iowa, earned NCAA All-America honors by finishing sixth in the 10,000-meter run at the Division III national outdoor track and field championships. Earlier, VanderSall was the MIAA champion in both the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs at the league's 100th Field Day competition.

The women's track team finished third in the final MIAA standings while the men's team was fourth.

Joining VanderSall as conference champions were junior Matt Buys of Grand Junction, Colo., in the shot put, freshman Anna Marie Venrick of St. Louis, Mich., in the 100-meter hurdles, and senior Abby Van Dyne of Flint, Mich., in the 400-meter hurdles.

Voted to All-MIAA track and field team were Buys, sophomore Phil Cratty of Delaware, Ohio, senior Karl Koeling of Lansing, Mich., VanderSall and Van Dyne.

Koeling and senior Ken Kimes of Scottville, Mich., qualified for the NCAA championships. Kimes, who set a new school record in the pole vault at 15 feet, 4 inches, finished 13th at the national meet while Koeling was ninth in the javelin.

Other school records were established by senior Robin Schout of Zeeland, Mich., in the triple jump (34 feet 6 3/4 inches) and senior Katy Conlen of Clarkson, Mich., in the 1,500-meter run (4:44.6).

Cratty was voted the most valuable member of the men's team while VanderSall and Van Dyne shared the honors on the women's squad.

Men's Tennis Team A Bridesmaid Again

For the third year in a row, the men's tennis team finished second in the MIAA standings behind perennial power Kalamazoo College, which went on to win this year NCAA Division III national championship.

The Flying Dutchmen posted a 10-4 overall record and lost only to Kalamazoo in league competition.

Kevin O'Keefe of Holland, Mich., the only senior on the squad, was voted the team's most valuable player.

Women's Tennis Team Slips To 5th Place

A string of four consecutive MIAA championships came to an end for the Flying Dutch who slipped to fifth place in this year's conference standings.

Freshman Sharon Land of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the only Hope player to advance to the finals at the MIAA tournament, finishing runnerup in the sixth flight.

Sophomore Linda Maxam of Spring Lake, Mich., was voted the team's most inspirational player.

The baseball team had cause to celebrate as it clinched its second consecutive MIAA championship.

Lisa Walters, a junior from New Hudson, Mich., was voted the most valuable player in the MIAA in softball.

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Early 900 alumni!! That was the attendance figure for this year’s Alumni Weekend, May 3–5, as alumni from the reunion classes of 1926–76 returned to campus from across the nation to celebrate old friendships and establish new ones.

Reunion activities began on Friday evening as the classes of 1941–76 cele- brated with dinners off-campus. Despite a forecast of rain, the following morning dawned crisp and clear. The campus was never more beautiful, with its array of flowering trees and plants plus an abundance of tulips. After registering, reunion attendees eagerly boarded the Holland Trolley for a campus tour with commentary provided by Ali Svtunga ’92 of Wayland, Mich. Great interest was also shown in the display at the Joint Archives of Holland, located in Van Wezel Library, where an assortment of yearbooks and photographs marking their time on campus was available for perusal.

While Alumni Day is always a campus highlight, this year it was even more special since it marked the first 65th class reunion ever held. I had the pleasure of joining the class of 1926 at their luncheon, and when I mentioned their’s was the first class to celebrate a 65th reunion, they did not seem surprised. As one gentleman proudly pointed out, they were used to “firsts,” after all, their’s was the first class to celebrate a 50th and 60th reunion! He then produced pages from his 1926 Milestone yearbook and indicated each of the 12 persons present.

That afternoon the class of 1946 arranged to have the Holland Trolley take them on a tour of the city. Ali Svtunga again accompanied them as their guide. Upon learning that she was a resident assistant in Voorhees Hall, they began to share stories with her about their time there. All discovered that Voorhees had its own dining room where formal dinner was served each evening.

As the trolley passed Model Drugstore on Eighth Street they recalled cokes and 10-cent hot fudge sundaes. They told of having Russ ‘ham’ burgers sent up on a rope when they were “campusd” in the dorm. So many fond memories!

One of the most memorable events of the weekend for me occurred at Sunday’s Alumni Worship service. The Rev. William Hillelgon’s ’49, former Hope chaplain, delivered the sermon while everyone listened with rapt attention.

alumni alert

Immediately following the service a woman from the class of 1926 walked to the front. She had come to see Chaplin Hillelgon. Explaining that she had taken a marriage preparation seminar in his home, she laughed and said she just had to inform him it was—she was still married to her husband with whom she had taken the seminar!

Shortly before Alumni Weekend I received an interesting letter from Harriet Baron Zirisma of Michigan who wrote that she and eight other Dorian sorority girls had started a “Round Robin” letter on the occasion of their graduation. Sixty-one years later it is still alive having circulated to India and many of the states. It is continued by four of the original members: Alice Brunson Brose of California, Julia VanOos Oosting of North Carolina, Bernadine Siebers DeValois of Colorado, and Harriet.

You may recall a feature that appeared in the April, 1989, issue of the news from Hope College. It concerned a “Round Robin” letter Lucille Tenning ’46 Toren and eight classmates had started in 1946 which continues to this day. Harriet had written to ask if there are any “Round Robin” letters which are older than hers. So...how about it? Does anyone know of a “Round Robin” letter—writing circle which pre-dates 1930?? We’d love to hear from you!

From reunions to “Round Robin” letters, all of these activities emphasize how tight the Hope College bond remains through the passage of time, distance and experience. A bond that traverses all hurdles and envelops us in its unique warmth.
Peter J. De Bell '26 of Providence, R.I., retired from active surgical practice and administrative work two years ago.

William Kierkecoper '26 of Redford, Mich., and wife Helene Post '28 Kierkecoper are retired and living in the Presbyterian Village of Dearborn, Mich. Mr. Kierkecoper was in the medical center there, a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

Albanio Wingerena '26 of South Haven, Mich., is the author of Our Heritage of Hope, a history (1966, 1985) of Hope Reformed Church, South Haven, Mich.

Jack Peler '29 and wife Emily celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 1991.

Edward McGivry '29 Harry Voogd '30 is retiring and living in Martins, Mich.

Ruth Vansberg '31 Cottis of Lakeland, Fla., is church librarian with Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Marla DeKuiper '34 of Farmington, Mich., and three fellow alumni have been gathering for a luncheon every fall for many years. The others are Lucille (Wall-omb) Dykhuizen Raker '31, Georgia (Passma) Depoehl '34, and Patricia (Donovan) Pierce Thompson '31. "The days fall away in the first five minutes," she says.

John D. Flikema '33 is living in Chestwood Village in Whiting, Ind. He and wife Remi recently observed the 35th wedding anniversary.

J. Autonette Hondelink '33 of Danville, N.Y., taught mathematics for 22 years at Cranford High School in Cranford, N.J. In 1990, she retired from that position and spent a year teaching in Turks.

Anna Norsen '32 July lives in Holiday, Fla. Myron Leenhearts '33 of Ann Arbor, Mich., since retirement has served California frequently as a consultant in the education of deaf students, particularly those with multi-handicapped deaf.

He has written several articles on the subject.

Donald Vande Bunte '33 in early 1990 sold his home in Groote Peutie Woods, in the Denver, Mich. area, and moved into a retirement community, Midland, Mich. Harold McGilvra '35 is retired from teaching instrumental music and band in the Orange City, Iowa, school system and Lives in Mount, Iowa.

John Buttrn '36 retired from his Hof position in 1982, has served as intern pastor in Reformed Churches of New Jersey and Texas. He is currently assisting Son Jack as volunteer association pastor in the Reformed Church in Posen, Texas, and Betty Van, inclusion, adult education and the strategic planning committee. He also helped sponsor a Job-Net Support Group in the community.

James De Weerd '36 of Rochester, Minn. is Aaron L. Cohen, 1984 Bishop of the Reformed Church in New York Medical School.

Louis VanderMeulen '36 Ebert of Boulder, Colo. at the Colgate University, has retired. His daughter, a teacher, was placed first in both the 100 yard and 200 yard backstroke events for women aged 75-79. In the fall of 1990, she completed the book on her mother, which will be published this year.

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Class gift

Revising a tradition of years past, the Class of 1991 opted to leave a gift in its name on the Hope College campus: a large wooden version of the college seal.

The class commissioned the gift after its senior-year drive to raise funds for Hope. Following the most successful graduating-class giving program in recent college history, the class designated half its gift as a cash donation, and the other half for the seal.

Past class gifts have created a variety of lasting, familiar campus landmarks, such as the twin pillars and iron "Hope College" sign on College Avenue fronting Graves Hall and the semi-circular cement bench that is also in front of Graves.

The seal was hand-carved by Jim Vander Molen of Grand Rapids, Mich., uncle of Kirk Vander Molen '91. Different types of wood, stained and varnished, provide color and contrast, with the raised letters highlighted gold.

As of publication, a permanent campus home for the seal — on display on the main floor of the Van Wylen Library — had not yet been identified.

Pictured are Dave Velclink '91 (left) of Jenison, Mich., representing the most recent graduating class on the Alumni Board of Directors, and Jeffrey Corder '80 of Dallas, Texas, president of the Alumni Board.

Class of 1991

Viona Adams '91 will work for Anderson Consulting in Denver, Colo.

Todd Adams '91 will pursue graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Michael Balkema '91 will pursue graduate studies at Western Michigan University and work at Bakema (Inc.) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Karen Benson '91 will pursue graduate studies at the University of Michigan Dental School.

Amy Bower '91 will work for a juvenile treatment worker.

Tom Cook '91 will pursue graduate studies at Western Washington University.

Brett Jacobi '91 will pursue graduate studies at Western Michigan University.

McKinley Kemetic '91 will pursue graduate studies at Western Michigan University.

Kevin Krammer '91 will pursue graduate studies at the University of Michigan.

Babette Davids '91 will work for the Big Rapids (Mich.) School district.

Benjamin Fritz '91 will be a loan officer for First of America bank.

Vonicia Dodd '90 of East Lansing, Mich., is the state coordinator of Women in Community Service.

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Jonathan Hoffman '90 of Grand Haven, Mich., is sales manager with the book and education division of School's Zero Publishing.

Tribu Koster '90 of Maassluis, Netherlands, is the state coordinator of Women in Community Service.

Michael Ray '90 of Waterford, Mich., has a new job as director of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

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advances degrees

through the position, he began chronicling the local history.

wickers founded the netherlands historical museum, in 1937. he became its first director—a position he held until 1966. a gallery in the new museum, the city's former post office, will be named in his honor.

in addition to operating the museum, wickers was appointed director of the midwestern division of the netherlands information service for the dutch government in 1941, a post he held for 32 years. the position was established locally because of countless inquiries from people with ties to the netherlands, then occupied by nazi germany. he was later appointed netherlands consul for press and cultural affairs, a post he held until 1968.

he was an officer in the netherlands order of orange Nassau (1954), after being knighted in the order in 1947.

he was trusted time manager from 1942 to 1954 and served the netherlands historical commission, five times as president. he is past president and honorary trustee of the historical society of michigan, and was director of the netherlands—americas amity trust.

wickers will be long remembered for his central role in obtaining the 200-year-old de zwaaflandmuseum for the city. after many rejections by the dutch, who protected their windmills as national treasures, he was able to secure the release of de zwaafland, which was dedicated in 1965 by prince bernhard of the netherlands.

he was the first and long-time president of the holland harbor lightship historical commission, and led an eight-year battle with government agencies to ensure the preservation of the lightship. the official transfer took place in 1978.

wickers was also active in his church, third reformed of holland, and a variety of community boards and commissions, and remained so even in the final week of his life. he had been involved, for example, in the arrangements surrounding a tulip time visit by the netherlands’ ambassador to the united states and agricultural department.

in addition to nells, his wife of 54 years, he is survived by his children, elizabeth, david, john, and wanda. he was preceded in death by his daughter, kathleen, on april 11, 1995. she was born in 1946 and died in 1966.

she was preceded in death by her husband, george, on april 11, 1995. also preceding her in death were a twin sister in infancy, a brother, raymond mcdonald wickers, and a nephew, conan c. inman.

a memorial service for her was held on may 17, 1991, at the allen family cemetery in ann arbor, michigan.

additional information will appear in a future issue of news from hope college.

satuso matsutani ‘84 emeriti of yokohama, japan, died on october 29, 1990, at a london hospital.

she was the founder of yamada high school in yokohama, japan. he led the school's principal, shin isomura, noted “throughout her career as an educator, she served with exceptional dedication and continued to give to the school even after her formal retirement. these attributes meant the world to her. she always gave of herself for the students and was the source of all the team's pride. she always gave of herself for the students and was the source of all the team's pride.

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wilson’s brother, earl, died on february 19, 1991. he was 78. he was the chief executive officer of progressive engineering consultants of grand rapids, mich., until his retirement.

wilson’s wife, gina, his children, eric, barbara goosen of oklahoma, alaska, robert and caroleen goosen of port macomb, mich., william and lori goosen of michigan, and the goosen’s grandchildren, william goosen of michigan, and the goosen’s grandchildren.

wilson’s daughter, pamela goosen of texas, and her children, brett and kristen goosen of texas, will also be attending the funeral.

wilson’s mother, who was 78, died on august 12, 1990. she was the daughter of the late john and martha wilson.

wilson’s father, who died on january 16, 1990, was an engineer and a retired navy officer.

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George E. Kloote 29 of Holland, Mich., died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 1961. He was 83.

After attending Hope for one year, he graduated from M.I.T. He was employed by New York Telephone Company for two years, and at Evans Products in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a civil engineer for 38 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret J.; three children, George E. Jr. and Ethel Kloote of Grandville, Mich., Richard and Margaret (Muriel) of Ionia, and Jerry Kloote of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Henrietta Dufres 20 Ludgers of Dayton, Ohio, died on March 29, 1961. She was 95.

She was a librarian with the University of Wisconsin Historical Society Library, and following her 1956 retirement moved to Daytona Beach in 1959.

Survivors include two sons, Warren Day of Dayton, Ohio, and James of Chicago, Texas; a daughter, Eileen Schilling of Valdosta, Ga., 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rena Raven 15 McLean of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 10, 1961 at a local nursing home.

She was 79.

She was a graduate of Holland Public Schools, and after attending Hope graduated from Western Michigan University. An elementary teacher in the Lansing and Holland school systems, she was a member of Hope Church and a local volunteer. She died in hospice after her husband, Harold F., died in 1941, and a daughter, Mary Kathleen, in 1953.

Surviving are a brother, Lucien John Raven of Holland, and several nieces and nephews.

Nella DeHaan 33 Mulder of Chicago, Ill., died on Thursday, May 9, 1961. She was 87.

Born in Zeeland, Mich., the daughter of Martin and Jennie DeHaan, she was raised in Zeeland.


Ethel Beersved 29 Perlins died on Sunday, March 23, 1960 at her home in Kentucky. She was 82.

She was born in Holland, Mich., and after Hope attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and took graduate courses at the Babies and Children’s Hospital there.

She was employed as a registered nurse with the school system in Kalamaazoo, Mich., where she was a resident for 23 years. She was a Sunday school teacher at Bethany Reformed Church and a teacher at the boy’s home, and was also a member of the White Cross Guild.

For her ability to juggle marriage to a physician, nursing six children and involvement with many community organizations, she was recognized in 1949 as Kalamaazoo’s Mother of the Year.

Her surviving children and grandchildren can be found under her husband Matthew’s obituary, which follows. She is also survived by two brothers, George Beersved of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Lloyd Beersved of Orange, Calif., and six sisters, Harriet Kempers of Alamosa, N.M., Geneva Members of Sacramento, Calif., Jean Blevin of Arlington, Va., Gertrude Timmer and Barbara Duvall, both of Holland, and Augusta Spenser of Englewood, Fla.

Matthew Penel 57, a longtime Kalamaazoo, Mich., physician and more recently of Louisville, Ky., died on Tuesday, April 2, 1961. He was 57.

Born Sept. 23, 1904 in Stonier Center, Iowa, Matthew and his twin brother, J. William Penel, both died on a medical career. Both worked at Hope, Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago.

The brothers opened a medical office together in Kalamaazoo in 1935, and Matthew was the city’s first board-certified surgeon.

He was Dr. Frank Lahy’s first assistant. Lahy, a nationally-renowned surgeon, founded the Lahy Clinic in Benton, Minn. Matthew served as chief of staff at the Broome Municipal Hospital, and retired from practice in 1960.

He was also a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees.


Daniel Scherrens 43 of Hasting, Mich., died on Friday, March 8, 1961. He was 43.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1915 in Rochester, N.Y.

George J. Ver Steeg ’35 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1960.

George, who was known as “Bert,” was the son of John Arlo Ver Steeg and Annie Ynker Ver Steeg.

He attended rural schools in Sioux County, becoming a farmer, then a teacher. At age 21, he continued his formal education at Northwestern College and Junior College in Orange City, and Hope and Western Theological Seminary in Holland.

On July 3, 1935 he married Minerva Oeltz at Orange City. They served the Reformed Church in Elkton, Ill., and the Presbyterian Churches in Michigan, Nebr., Oshkosh and rural Marcus, and Russell, Iowa.

In 1954, he became a physical therapist, the Rev. Ver Steeg resigned from the active ministry in 1960, and he and his wife moved to Orange City, and he became a resident of the Sioux Center Community Health Center on Sept. 4, 1960.

Survivors include his wife, children: Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Mrs. Mary Ann) Halterman of Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Dean (Mrs. Oma) John, and W. All of South Dakota; and Betty, Lous and Don, for Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. William (Carrie) Buren of Sioux Center; Mrs. Gerit (Hattie) Weid of Sidney; and Mrs. Lyd (Nelvina) Thomas of Orange City; and three brothers, Wilbur of Orange City, Herald of Milwaukee, and Clarence of Fountain, Ill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence Leser (in infancy), J. Park, the Rev. Benjamin Marion and Jake, and a sister, Mrs. Jake (Mabel) DeHaan.

Evelyn A. Zwemer ’29 died at Phoenix, Ariz., on Thursday, March 19, 1961 following a long battle with anaplastic lymphatic cancer (Lue Gehring’s disease). She was 62.

She was born in Graafschap, Mich., on April 10, 1916, the daughter of the Rev. Frederick and Anna Zwemer.

Her father died in 1941, leaving a widow and five children, of whom Evelyn was the second oldest.

She attended grade school and high school in Holland, Mich., and after graduating from Hope taught for seven years. She then attended Iowa State University, from which she earned a master’s degree in home economics. Evelyn taught home economics at Iowa State University for 20 years, and then moved to the home economics department of Michigan State University, where she spent the remainder of her career.

She received a Fulbright Scholarship and taught in the Hague from 1951-53. She taught Dutch and published a home economics book in the Dutch language. She retired in 1962 and moved to Phoenix, where she eventually settled at the Orangeview Retirement Center.

She maintained membership in churches in Holland and the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

She suffered from Lue Gehring’s Disease the last 15 years of her life, and when she moved to Phoenix, she was so ill that she was confined to the Baptist Nursing Home in Phoenix for the last months of her life.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Sara Winter ’16 Zwemer of Clarenaton, Calif., and Marvyn ’13 Zwemer of Augusta, Maine. Marion Zotte, a niece from Augusta, Maine, two nephews, Frederick Zwemer of Troy, Mich., and Theodore Zwemer of Zell, Calif., and cousins.

Obituary

The family of Tena G. Askie of Venice, Fla., who died of cancer on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1960, after a short illness.

She was employed in the Hope College business office from 1954-57. She was the wife of the Rev. Askie ’51.

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League finds one million ways to help Hope

by Greg Olgers '87

During its first 18 years, Voorhees Hall was, apparently, a fairly austere place. Writing in 1956, Marie De Cook '27 Saunders noted, "I am sure that those who dwell within its walls, during that time, will readily agree that the building had more of a prison atmosphere than a home."

The reception hall was barren of furniture except for a small table which stood against the wall at the foot of the stair and the Great Grandfather clock which still keeps perfect time," she wrote. "The only decorations the room could boast of were orange window draperies, a large silver loving cup gracing the mantle and a shabby colorless carpet. Even the window seats were unpadded and uninviting.

Voorhees Hall, built in 1907, might today be considered many things—the quiet dorm, perhaps extreme in its architectural expression of the college's Dutch roots—but "spartan in decor" would not be among them. The place exudes an Old World elegance.

The entry foyer is dominated by towering, glass doors with brass railings. Wainscotting (varnished panels, not contemporary quarter-inch paneling) topped by floral wallpaper surrounds the reception room walls, interrupted by an expansive fireplace (with decorated mantle) to the south. Comfortable chairs and couches, arranged ideally for small groups of friends, stand in clusters about the room, resting upon soft wall-to-wall carpeting. Also sprinkled about are smaller pieces, including a grandfather clock, mirror, chandelier and numerous side tables.

And the window seats on the south wall are padded now.

The transformation is owed in large part to the diligence and generosity of the Women's League for Hope College, which sponsored improvements to Voorhees in the mid-1920s, and again in 1952, 1981 and 1982.

Edith Walvoord, who came to Hope as a housemother in 1920, began the League (although she did not then know it) when she held a tea party in her home for women in the community and shared her ideas for raising funds to decorate and furnish Voorhees Hall. The project went well, the group organized, called itself the Hope College Women's League, and found other needs it could meet—and so far it has raised nearly one million dollars in its efforts to enhance residential facilities at Hope.

The League's campus impact has been widespread. In addition to its work on Voorhees Hall, the League has furnished or refurbished, Durfee, Kollen, the fraternity complex, Van Vleck, Phelps, Dykstra and several cottages. Most of the dorms, furthermore, have received the League's help several times (such as Durfee: 1946; 1975 and 1982-83). In addition, the League contributed $100,000 to the construction of Van Zeeen Library in 1961.

"They have had a tremendous impact on the quality of life for our students by enabling the college periodically to refurbish and refresh the various residential facilities—which do inevitably suffer wear over a period of years," said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. "So the college is very grateful to the Women's League for these large gifts and their generous help, and we are constantly reminded of their generosity by the attractive appearance of so many of our residential facilities.

The Women's League was traditionally organized into chapters that paralleled the structure of the Reformed Church in America, but the growing number of women from non-RCA backgrounds who support the college prompted the League to reorganize last year, dubbing the chapters as "pockets," and broadening the League's focus. "There really are many, many people who are interested in supporting the college who are not in a Reformed Church," said Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks of Grandville, Mich., the League's current president. "And it's important to include them.

The current pockets include (Illinois and Indiana); Eastern Wisconsin); Detroit, Mich.; Northern Michigan; Southwest Michigan; Muskegon, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Zeeland, Mich.; and Holland, Mich.

For Hendricks, Women's League is something of a family tradition. Her mother, Elaine Bielefeld '46 Walchenbach of Grand Rapids, Mich., was chairperson of the second Village Square, and three sisters are also involved in Women's League.

She admits that her League family heritage was part of what drew her into Women's League, reflecting one of what she considers to be one of the League's three major functions: providing an opportunity to socialize. "Other two functions are promoting the college and raising money."

According to Hendricks, Women's League raises its funds in a variety of ways, most of which are tailored to the personalities of the different chapters. In April, her Grand Rapids chapter held its annual spring break and fashion show, featuring models wearing hand-made designs. Also popular are luncheons, bus-trip shopping excursions and a "Dollars for Dorms" envelope campaign (participants place spare cash in envelopes, turning them in periodically).

There is also Village Square.

Village Square was first held in 1957, when the League—immersed in one of its dormitory projects—was seeking a major fund-raiser. No one involved thought they were starting a new Hope tradition.

"It was never meant to continue," said Evelyn Van Dam '57 Smallegan of Zeeland, Mich., chairperson of the first Village Square. "It was only meant to be that one year.

Like the League, however, Village Square endured. Started for Wednesday, June 26, 1973 by Greg Saucedo, president of the League, the event was well-attended. The event was well-attended.

Since organizing in the 1920s to refurbish Voorhees Hall (background), the Women's League for Hope College has raised $1 million, most of which has helped remodel dormitories. Pictured are Hope President John H. Jacobson (left) and Lynne Walchenbach '73 Hendricks, current president of the league.

The League anticipates that the proceeds from the 1991 Village Square will help put it past the million dollar mark. In addition, with its most recent undertaking—the refurbishment of Dykstra Hall—a complete, the League can use its 1991 earnings for its next project.

Their choice is quite appropriate. As Village Square helps the League pass its million-dollar milestone, it will also be helping in its 35th year the same dormitory it helped furnish in its first year: Kollen Hall. •

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