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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 inane 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 naively 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, "As 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."

Alumni Weekend '91

Nearly 900 alumni returned for reunions in May. See pages six through 11.

National caliber

The softball team advanced to the NCAA Division III finals for the first time in the 10-year history of the national competition. See page 12.
**CAMPUS NOTES**

**H.O.P.E. WINNER:** James C. Piets '69, professor of sociology, has been presented the 27th annual Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) award by the 1991 Hope College graduating class.

Professor Piets 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 these qualities of the Hope College educator. "I congratulate Professor Piets on this great honor that has been bestowed upon him by the students of Hope College," said 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 Piets 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 chairperson 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, *Fostering the School Age Child*.

In addition, Professor Piets' 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.

**GENERAL SYNDY:** Hope and Western Theological Seminary are hosting the Reformed Church in America’s first General Synod Monday through Saturday, June 10-15. The college is also hosting most of the General Synod Festival, held Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9. Approximately 500 persons are participating in the General Synod—about 200 regular delegates, with the balance being corresponding delegates from agencies and commissions of the church, observers, spouses and staff.

The General Synod Festival, this year titled "Communication: Getting the Word Out," provides an opportunity for the RCA family to join in worship, fellowship and learning. Festival workshops emphasized the process of communication.

Among the items being discussed during General Synod are a proposal to restructure the denomination’s governing bodies, a new plan for the participation of deacons at General Synod and other assemblies, a revised baptismal liturgy, a mandatory mentoring program for new pastors, and revisions of the Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dort.

Hope College hosted the General Synod in 1987.

**RUSSIAN HONORED:** Hope College presented an honorary degree to the Rev. Vitaly Grigorovich Kulikov of the Soviet Union on Thursday, April 18. A sociology professor at the evangelical community in USSR, he was presented an honorary doctorate of divinity for his spiritual leadership and his many other activities in service of the propagation of the Christian faith.

"The Rev. Vitaly Kulikov is a very important spiritual leader within the evangelical movement in the Soviet Union, and at this time in the history of that movement," said "CAMPUS NOTES" on page three.

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

"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 Iraq in grandeur."

"And there's no sign that I can see since the Saddam came back that he's learned a lesson from all this. The shake-up of the cabinet a couple of weeks ago did not 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 scenario: 'What would happen if we went through all of this, at least through the embargos, 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 crisis. I must say President Bush has in the United Nations in 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 able to get international support for the operation."

"The interesting thing now will be to see what extent we will be able to transfer this success that we're in in Iraq to the U.N. and 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 leader, 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 '91 reflecting on the Gulf war and its aftermath, during a brief interview with about 175 business leaders, community members and college representatives on Monday, May 6, 1991. Van Voorst, who is a Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs with Time magazine, was actively 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. 
A s much a part of the Holland, Mich., community as the De Zwaan windmill (which he helped bring 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.”

Ever 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 yearly book, and the financial liability—approximately $3,000—rested solely with Wichers and his business manager, Chester Meengan ’32. Both were forced to drop out of college to pay the debt, and Wichers received a year-and-a-half each had made enough gain to warrant re-entry to Hope.

Beginning in 1937, following an interest in alumni news reflected in the 1930 Milestone, Wichers and his colleagues 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 1947 (see “WICHERS” on page 18).

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country, he is playing a very strong and positive role,” said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope College. “By giving him an honorary degree, we wanted to signify our support of him and also offer what encouragement we could to him and his colleagues by the recognition.”

Rev. Kulikov is an ordained pastor with the Evangelical Christian Church and is teaching pastor with Moscow Evangelical Baptist Church.

In addition, for 23 years he has been editor of the bi-monthly magazine, “The Brotherhood Herald,” published with a circulation of 500. He is also the author of the book “Radiance of Glory” and numerous articles.

From 1968 to the present, Rev. Kulikov has lectured to pastors in the Moscow Bible School. He is also a lecturer at Leningrad Theological Institute, presenting “Introduction to the Bible,” and lectures elsewhere frequently.

EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION:

For the second time in three years, the department of communication at Hope has been recognized as a “Program of Excellence” by the Central States Communication Association, a professional association which includes colleges and universities in 13 states.

The recognition was based upon the concept and course design for the college’s introductory course in communication, “The Communication Process.”

The “Programs of Excellence” recognition is awarded to up to three programs each year on criteria which emphasize excellence in undergraduate curricular programs in communication. The college’s department of communication was recognized in 1986 for the first time in the overall curriculum. This year, the criteria for consideration emphasized excellence in instructional approaches or innovations.

Faculty Kudos

Donald Crookline, professor of biology, has been named a winner of a 1990–91 Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award for the second consecutive year that a Hope faculty member has received the honor. Dr. Crookline is one of thirty faculty members recruited nationally from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for resourcefulness and leadership as an independent college educator. Each award winner receives $1,000, and the institution receives a grant ranging from $500 to $1,500 according to the size of the college.

Winners are selected by independent committees on each campus. Dr. Crookline was presented the award at Hope’s annual Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 25.

June Dickie, professor of psychology, has been appointed director of women’s studies at Hope.

She will teach one of Women’s Studies courses each semester and serve as a resource person to the program.


Later, on Saturday, the third annual Tulip Time Luncheon, Dr. Holmes was also recognized through a concurrent resolution of the Michigan Legislature, presented by state Sen. William Van Regenmortel (R-33). The resolution was co-sponsored by eight state senators and 30 state representatives.

On April 17, Dr. Holmes was one of five people inducted into the Mid-American Global Education Council (MAGEC) Hall of Fame for Michigan Model United Nations. More than 300 attended the event.

The Hope College Model United Nations was established in 1971, and typically hosts more than one thousand high school students and their advisors from 30–40 high schools each year. Dr. Holmes has been the program’s faculty advisor for most of its existence, although political science faculty member Dr. Robert Eldin Jr., Dr. Renze Hoffrath ’96 (retired) and Dr. Pliky Kim have also coordinated the program.

Charles A. Hattar and Peter J. Schakel, members of the English faculty, were the editors of “Word and Story” in C.S. Lewis, published in March by the University of Missouri Press.

The book enlists well-known scholars to examine Lewis’ ideas about language and narrative, both as stated in theory and as exemplified in practice. Owen Barfield, in the afterward to “Word and Story,” calls the volume “superior...to any other collection that has appeared” on C.S. Lewis.

Dr. Schakel’s responsibilities with the book included writing the text’s introduction. In addition to his teaching skills, Dr. Hattar also contributed one of the essays. “The Life of Alice in Wonderland,” Lewis’ Poesy.”

Arthur H. Jentz Jr., ’56, professor of philosophy, presented a paper during the annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, held Friday through Sunday, April 5–7 at Wright State University. Dr. Jentz’ paper, presented in historical philosophy, was titled “Religious Pluralism and the Christian Witness.”

Carol L. Juth, librarian and assistant professor, was one of only 70 persons nationwide invited to attend the conference “Liquidity, Justice and the Public Good” organized by the American Bar Association and held in San Diego, Calif.

The event provided Dr. Juth with additional background for three courses that she teaches at the college: “Criminal Justice,” offered through the department of political science; “Women and the Law,” offered through political science and women’s studies, and “Issues in White Collar Crime,” a senior seminar.

Nancy Taylor, professor of English, has written a guide that can make travel journal writing a more meaningful learning experience for students studying abroad.

“The Travel Journal: An Assessment Tool for Overseas Study,” was published in January by the Council on International Educational Exchange. Professor Taylor’s book is one of three that prompt and assist students to evaluate and record what they are experiencing in overseas study, to make writing—and the thinking it demands—an integral part of international education.
EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1991-92)

Fall Semester (1991)
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, Monday—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, Saturday—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 6 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 22, 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-hour 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. The eight course offerings are "Western Women: Women and the American West in the Nineteenth Century," "One-A-Day Manipulatives in Elementary Math," "The Symphony in the Classical Era," "The Politics of White-Collar Crime," "The Celadon Book Jacket," "Introduction to the Off! Music Education Process," "Natural History of Local Vertebrates" and "Re-visioning Your Writing.

For more information, please call the Registrar's Office at (616) 394-7760.

ADMISSIONS

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

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. Visitation is intended to show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student. There will be ample opportunities to meet students, faculty and staff. Contact Peggy Hallman for details.

For more information, please call the Registrar's Office at (616) 394-7760.

1991 Hope Summer Repertory Theatre

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.

KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE
Downtown Holland at 85 East Eighth Street
Extensively renovated during the summer of 1990, the Knickerbocker Theatre features a variety of art, foreign and classic comedy and a number of live events. The Knickerbocker Theatre is open Monday through Saturday.

Admission to the theatre's films costs $4 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and Hope College students. For more information on programs and films at the Knickerbocker, call (616) 392-8167.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Sports Camps
Boys Basketball Camp—July 8-19
Girls Basketball Camp—June 7-12
Sixth-Eighth grades—June 17-20
Ninth—Twelfth grades—June 24-28
Girls Basketball Team Scrimmage—June 24-27
Football Passing Camp—July 28-31
Swimming Program—June 10-20; June 24-July 5
T.U.F.F. Distance Running Camp—July 28-Aug. 3
Boys JV Basketball Camp—Camp July 8-11
For more information, please call (616) 394-7690. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

Double Reed Camp—July 7-13
Held on the Hope 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 $390, and the application deadline is June 15 (after June 15 a late fee of $25 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) 394-7680.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Hope College Golf Outing—Wednesday, July 17
Holland (Mich.) Country Club. Shotgun start 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 Lambers, 60 Kempker at (616) 394-7800 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. CST
Saturday, Sept. 21 ............at Drake, Iowa, 2:30 p.m. CST
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.

*Community Day; **Parents Day

For season ticket information, contact Jim Holman 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. Sluyter Endowed Professorship."

But it's all worth it, according to Provost Dr. James E. Nyenhuis, that there aren't enough people who have outstanding accomplishments who 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). Among the endowed chairs, 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 are: Dr. Harvey D. Blankenspoor, the Frederick Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology; Dr. Elton Bruins '50, the Evert J. and Hattie E. Bleikink 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; Dr. Judy Reckley, the Margaret E. Sluyter Assistant Professor in Art and Design; and Dr. Peter Schakel, the Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English.

Like his colleagues, Dr. Bruins 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 Bruins '50; (back row): Dr. Peter Schakel, Judy Reckley, Dr. James Gentile, Dr. David Myers, Dr. Harvey Blankenspoor and Dr. Ted Nielsen. A vacant 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. Bruins 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 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 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 Yugoslavia 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 Sluyters 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 intention was," she said. "I feel a responsibility toward those people."
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 Zweizig ’52 Visscher and Sue Bruggink ’73 Edema. They are pictured on page 13.
Alumni Weekend '91


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

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1946 - Row 1: Dale Van Lente, Adeline Sybesma, Lucille Tenera Toren, Elaine Bielefeld Walchenbach, Betty DeVries Veidhuis, Lena Hulma, Ethelyn Van Leeuwen Rezelman, Libby Romaine Hillegonds; Row 2: John Smith, Marian Mastenbrook Smith, Claire Peterson Hansbrough, Paul G. Fried, Al Rezelman, Shirley Otteman Outhouse; Row 3: Roger Patterson, Marie Stickney, Kenneth Stickney, Mildred Timmer Van Oostenburg, Andrew H. Veidhuis, Bob Outhouse; Row 4: Elsie Parsons Lamb, Bill Lamb, Gordon Van Oostenburg, Edith Wolbrink McMartin, Harriet Siegenman Van Donkelaar; Row 5: Max Boersma, Connie Hinga Boersma, Mary Lou Hemmes Koop, Harvey Koop, John J. Geary, Sue Leesima Pettinga

Alumni Weekend '91


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 team 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' polls.

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 Wolters' Flying Dutch were barely over the .500 mark (11-10) at mid-season, but they caught fire enroute to winning the season-ending MIAA invitationals 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 Wromatic, Conn.

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

Wolters, 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 Pecora of Lansing, Mich., and junior designated hitter Deb Vashawn of Howell, Mich. Voted to the All-MIAA second team were junior shortstop Kristie Gaunt of Jerison, Mich., and junior first baseman Jodi Joostens of Hamilton, Mich.

Voted to the all-tournament team at the NCAA championship tournament were Joostens 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 10-2 record against league opponents and ended the season 17-17-1 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 Brent Molnar of Chesaning, 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 NCAA 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 shotput, freshman Anna Marie Ferwick of St. Louis, Mich., in the 100-meter hurdles, and senior Athy Van Duyne 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 Koelling of Lansing, Mich., VanderSall and Van Duyne.

Koelling 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 Koelling was ninth in the javelin.

Other school records were established by sophomore Robin Schout of Zeeland, Mich., in the triple jump (34 feet 6 3/4 inches) and junior Katy Conlin 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 Duyne shared the honor 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 runner-up in the sixth flight.

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

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

Sophomore Marcia VanderSall of Orange City, Iowa, earned NCAA All-American honors in women's track.

Senior Vic Breithaupt of Traverse City, Mich., was voted MIAA history by winning the league batting championship for a third consecutive year.
ALUMNI NEWS

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

Nearly 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 celebrated with dinners off-campus. The classes visited several, and arrived at the class of 1951 gathering just in time to hear the sharing of campus memories. One woman related that she had rung with several other girls in West Hall.

Her roommates, knowing she had to rise early on a particular morning, had jokingly threatened that she better not awaken them. With their admonishment still at the forefront, she jumped when her alarm rang. Forgetting she had recently switched to the top bunk, she crashed to the floor with a loud thud.

Despite her fall she managed to turn off the alarm, but by this time, however, her roommates were wide awake and laughing heartily.

The woman concluded her tale by remarking “At least they laughed instead of being angry with me!”

There were plenty of fraternity and sorority stories as well, but everywhere I went the underlying theme was the same...one of camaraderie and laughter...of treasured times spent with dear friends made during college days.

Despite a rain forecast the following morning dawned crisp and clear. The campus was even 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 Svingra ’92 of Wayland, Mich. Great interest was also shown in the display at the Joint Archives of Holland, located in Van Wyck Library, where a collection 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, theirs was the first class to celebrate a 55th and 60th reunion! He then produced pages from his 1926 Milestones 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 Svingra 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 Drugs on Eighth Street they recalled cokes and 10-cent hot fudge sundaes. They told of having Russ’ hamburgers sent up on a rope when they were "campused" 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 Hillegonds ’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 1931 passed to the front. She had come to see Chaplain Hillegonds. Explaining that she had taken a marriage preparation seminar in his home, she laughed and said she just had to inform him it worked—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 ’30 Zedema 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 traveled to India and many of the states. It is continued by four of the original members: Alice Brunson Brose of California, Julia VanOss 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 Alumni 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 throughout the passage of time, distance and experience. A bond that traverses all hurdles and envelops us in its unique warmth.

John Broadbent ’79
Chris Turkstra ’93
Kay Moores ’76 Walker

Alumni Board appoints three

During its May meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors chose its three officers for 1991-92, and made three new appointments and several reappointments.

Jeffrey Cordes ’80 of Dallas, Texas, was re-appointed to a second year as the board’s president, and John Abe ’79 of Naperville, Ill., was re-appointed vice-president. Thelma Leenhouts ’66 of Washington, D.C., was elected secretary, replacing Mary Damstra ’68 Schroeder of Grosse Pointe, Mich., whose term with the board has ended.

The board’s three new members are John Broadbent ’79 of Livonia, Mich. (Michigan Region—Detroit Area), Chris Turkstra ’93 of Upper Saddle River, N.J. (student class), and Kay Moores ’76 Walker of Traverse City, Mich. (Northern Michigan Region).

Walker is a junior high school teacher with the Traverse City Area Public Schools. She was selected as the 1989 Teacher of the Year for Traverse City Area Public Schools by a committee of student, community, board of education and staff representatives, and was a 1989-90 state finalist in Michigan’s Teacher of the Year competition.

Walker has actively assisted in planning regional alumni gatherings in her area and has served as a class representative for the Annual Fund. She also serves as an alumni recruitment volunteer for the Admissions Office, and has been instrumental in bringing several students to Hope.

Broadbent is a systems analyst with World Computer Corporation in Aurora, Mich. His previous positions include serving as a systems analyst with Ford Motor Credit Company and General Motors Acceptance Corporation and Electronic Data Systems. He and his wife, Janet, have one daughter, Meghan Elise.

Two years ago, he served on his 10-year Hope reunion committee, and he continues to be active in his support of the Fraternal Society.

Turkstra is a computer science major who has been active in intramural basketball and is a member of the Arcadian Fraternity. His parents are Bruce ’65 and Carolyn Church ’64 Turkstra, and their positive Hope experiences combined with his growing up in Wyckoff Reformed Church to convince him that Hope was the college for him.

In addition to Schroeder, members of the board whose terms have ended are James Hambrook ’80 of Berksdale, N.J., Steve Norden ’74 of Dublin, Ohio, and Heidi Sundscheit ’90 of Muskegon, Mich.

Five alumni received Distinguished Alumni Awards on Saturday, May 4. Pictured from left to right are: H. Sidney Hermsen ’30, Sue Bruggink ’73 Edema, Harvey Staal ’43, Mary Zwettig ’52 Visscher and Harrison C. Visscher ’51.
Peter J. De Bell '26 of Prussia, N.J., retired from active surgical practice and administrative work two years ago.


Jack Pender '29 and wife Emily celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24, 1991.

Edna M. Gilbert '29, a retired and living in Marion, Mich.
The event has passed... the need has not.

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REUNION WEEKEND '91

150th anniversary

Carlton Fuller Jr. ’56 of East Grand Rapids, Mich., is CEO of Lincoln Financial Group of Michigan Inc. and has received a President’s Citation for Lincoln Financial Group’s record of sales and service in 1990. Along with the award, he received $5,000 for Lincoln National for charities in Michigan.

Jerry Wognum ’56 and wife Sherry Sue retired on early retirement and moved to Nokomis Lake in Vinderhoof, British Columbia. Canadian outdoorsmen, they are a reversion area on the lake.

Arthur Jenks ’66 of Holland, Mich., a member of the Hope philosophy faculty, spent substantial leaves of absence researching and writing on the philosophy of Martin Heidegger. He presented three papers during the spring semester, one at Hope, one before the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, and one before the Midwest Regional of the American Academy of Religion.

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Billy Lubbers ’56 and his brother Lubbers ’66 are partners in Pella Intermission, the Pella Rollercone distributorship for Utah and Idaho.

Nancy Ant Lubbers ’66 of Three Springs (Pa.) United Church of Christ, located in Plantation, Florida.

Lynn Post ’56, after 12 years in parish ministry and one year as a pastoral counselor, has returned to education as a middle school teacher in Oak Harbor, located on Whidbey Island, Wash. Lynn and wife Phyllis DeWeerd Post ’54 also volunteer their time as Pacific Northwest representatives for the Heifer Project International.

John Hollander ’56 of Lincoln National for its 50th anniversary as a pastoral ministry, ’54 of Hope College. He has been a member of the Pacific Northwest Regional of the American Academy of Religion, the Northwest regional of the American Academy of Religion, and has been on the Phoenix Regional of the American Academy of Religion.

You've been the book reviews editor of the City and Area Wide Evangelistic Crusades.

Gale Damhot ’64 in November 1976 was elected to an 11th term as treasurer of the city of McAllister, Mich. Priscilla Estell ’61 of Hope College, teaching English at the City of Hope College, has been a member of the Pacific Northwest Regional of the American Academy of Religion.

John Bos ’61 of Orlando, Fla., has written the book reviews editor of the City and Area Wide Evangelistic Crusades.

Carl Vermillion ’61 in October 1976 was elected to an 11th term as treasurer of the City of Hope College, teaching English at the City of Hope College, has been a member of the Pacific Northwest Regional of the American Academy of Religion.

Dorothy Van Den Barge ’62 was featured in the Grand Rapids Press, directed the orchestra for the栓ordering of the Holland Christian High School basketball games.

Reid Reiter ’62, of Columbus, Ohio, is a community band and community choir.

Clyde Trotter ’68 of Los Angeles, Calif., has been the book reviews editor of the City and Area Wide Evangelistic Crusades.

Carolyn Mischak ’69 of Calvin College, teaching film, has been the book reviews editor of the City and Area Wide Evangelistic Crusades.

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John Allen '71 of Jersey City, N.J., during 1990-91 designed the renovation and restoration of Central Avenue Reformed Church, of which he is pastor, after fire.

George Bishop '71 of San Antonio, Texas, has been selected for a senior teaching fellowship at The University of Texas at San Antonio. He will conduct classes and be a presence from his current position at the University of Texas at San Antonio to spend the 1991-92 school year at UT where he teaches psychology and conducts research on lay understandings of illness.

Thomas Brown '71 of Mount Airy, N.C., is an assistant professor of English with Book & Company, an actuarial consulting firm in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Kirk Burdick '71 of Newton, Pa., for Mars Electronics International, Division of Mars, Inc., as sales development manager.

H. James Buter '71 of Irving, Texas, earlier this year accepted a position as national sales marketing manager with Audiovox Corp., a company he joined eight years with Hemmer Miller.

Keith Cranston '71 of accomplish the past two years.

Robert Debrah '71 of Debrah, New York, a presently involved in the master's program offered by Western Theological Seminary.

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Patricia White '71 of Gehman and husband Robert '71 of Sisco, Texas, recently moved to their new home in San Antonio. They are married who is in the University's Office of Air Flow Equipment Inc.

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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 framing 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, provided color and textural contrast, with the raised letters gilded 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 Velchink ‘91 (left) of Jenison, Mich., representing the most graduating-class giving to the Alumni Board of Directors, and Jeffrey Coady ‘81 of Dallas, Texas, president of the Alumni Board.

Vivian Adams ’91 will work for Andersen Consulting in Denver, Mich.
Todd Adams ’91 will graduate at the University of Notre Dame.
Michael Balkema ’91 will work in Florida.
Sarah DeJong ’91 will work for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.
Kurt DeGoede ’90 will work for Procter & Gamble.

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**WICHERS**

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1949 and serving for many years as secre-"y. He held active service with the Board in 1984, and was subsequently an Honorary Trustee. He held a master’s degree in museum science from the University of Michigan, and in 1979 received a honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (H.D.) degree from Hope. A faculty development fund was established at the college in his honor in 1981.

Several months before he was to graduate from Hope, Wicher fell while perched on a ladder he had climbed while hanging decorations for his sweetheart’s (later spouse) Neil Van Hattums’s school choir at the Many months of therapy proved wrong physicians’ predic-"ons that he would never again, classroom major Wicher was unable to accept a graduation fellowship from Ohio State University.

With his life’s direction thus changed, he turned to other activities. In 1961, Wicher was appointed director of the national Historical Record Service for western Michigan, the WPA (Works Progress Administration) Project.

Through the position, he began chronic-"ng local history.

Wichers founded the Netherlands Museum at Hope in 1957. After being rejections by the Dutch, who protect their windmills as national treasures, he was able to secure the release of De Zwaan, which was dedi-"ed in 1963 by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

He was the first and long-time pres-"dent of the Holland Harbor Lighthouse Historical Commission, and led an eight-year battle with governmental agencies to ensure the preservation of the lighthouse. The official transfer took place in 1978.

Wichers 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 agri-culturists.

In addition to Nell, his wife of 54 years, he is survived by his children, Elizabeth De Mez of Arlington, Va., and Rev. David and Janet Waanders of Pascagoula, Miss.; and four grandchildren.

**advances**

**Curt Phillip* will attend the University of Michigan Medical School. Elizabeth Prevost* plans to teach in Kenya for one year.

Scott Reu* will work for Arthur Andersen Consulting in Detroit.

Shannon Risen* will pursue graduate studies at Loyola University.

John Silver* will pursue graduate studies at the Graduate School of Political Management.

Keith Schurfa* will serve in the United States Military as a Chaplain Lieutenant.

Ami Smit* will study Spanish at Middlebury College in Vermont during the summer and sometimes other topics.

Donna Stephens* will work for the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector Office.

Michael Stevens* will work for Video Tech Inc.

Jill Sucha* will work for Ameritech at Microsoft.

Shawn Summers* will pursue graduate studies at the University of Toledo.

Kathleen Swanson* will attend the Michigan State University veterinary school.

Kristin Talma* will pursue her master’s degree in social work at the University of Michigan.

Julie Thorsen* will pursue graduate studies at Michigan State University.

Tina Toppen* will pursue graduate studies in political science at Purdue University.

Dennis Auerbach* will pursue graduate studies at Oakland University.

Diane Van Noord* will pursue graduate studies at Western Michigan University.

David Veldink* will work for Gordon Food Service.

Susan Washburn* will pursue graduate studies at the University of Michigan.

Michele Wierstra* will pursue graduate studies at Michigan State University.

Mary White* will work for Herman Miller at MagnoLioirge in Holland, Mich.

Michael Williams* will work at a sales trainee with Universal Forest Products.

Alvin Wolsen* will work as a life insurance agent at Northwestern National Life.

Darren Young* will attend the University of Michigan Dental School.

James Zwiebel* will attend Calvin Seminary.

David Zieker* will attend Western Theological Seminary.

**marriages**

Steven Cooper* and Heather Paehle, Oct. 6, 1990.

Alex Duer* and Cheryl Dierk, Oct. 8, 1983.


John Little and Ellen Sping, 12, Nov. 3, 1990, Columbus, Ind.


Kevin Mair and Michelle Kotzer, Nov. 30, 1990.


Tim Peterson* 79 and Julie Hunt* 80, Oct. 4, 1990.

Montague, Mich.

Donald C. Reek and Helen Van Kooy* 41, March 14, 1990.

David Sammer and Helen Meyers* 78, Jan. 11, 1991.

Beloit, Ind.

Elize Vanderheide and Joan Crossman Smith* 57, Nov. 4, 1990, Ridgewood, N.J.


**births**

Steve and Sandra Bledgett* 80, Buder, Daniel Steven, April 6, 1991.

Chris and Darla Thomas* 89, Bockhorn, William Christopher, March 10, 1991.


Paul* 84 and Lynne Ralz, Kalayo Danielle, Sept. 11, 1990.

Michael* 76 and Katherine Peterson* 76, Buer, Michigan, June 6, 1990.


Michael* 84 and Joyce Zuyguide* 86, French, Amanda Ann, Aug. 8, 1990.

Larry and Rebecca Pheifer* 84, Genevra, Brian, March, 1991.


David VanderVeen* 76, Knarr, Mary Lynn Rockefeller, July 4, 1990.


Clare and Anne Bould* 84, Lisa, Andrew Dienierek, March 22, 1991.

Ann and Stephen Huffer* 82, Lunderberg, Eric, April 9, 1990.


Marc* 81 and Tracy Pangrace* 87, Stevens, Andrew James, Nov. 30, 1990.

Dorothy and Susan Keen* 77, Torp, Laura Elizabeth, Dec. 2, 1990.


Kathy* 78 and Anne Van Hest* 80, Van Heerden, Joseph Tyler, July 26, 1990.

Gregory* 78 and Ann Van Hest* 80, Van Heerden, Joseph Tyler, July 26, 1990.

Kenny 81 and Julie Jaggs* 85, Van Oudal, Karen Jean, April 5, 1991.

Rick and JoAnn Whittemeier* 76, Laura, Nov. 16, 1990.

Ted* 83 and Carol Cook, 86, Wildridge, Brittney Caroline, July 18, 1990.

NEWS FROM


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 36 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret J.; three children, George E. Jr. and Ethel Kloese of Grandville, Mich., Richard and Marcia of Independence, Iowa, and Jerry Kloese of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Henrietta Dblines '20 Ludlum of Dayton, Ohio, died on March 29, 1991. She was 95.

She was a librarian with the University of Wisconsin Historical Society Library, and following her 1958 retirement moved to Daytona Beach in 1959.

Survivors include two sons, Warren of Dayton, Ohio, and James of Clarksburg, Texas; a daughter, Eileen Schiatti of Vail, Colo.; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Rena Raven '15 McLean of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, April 10, 1991 at a local nursing home. She was 97.

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 life member of DAR.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold P., in 1943; and a daughter, Mary Kathleen, in 1983.

Surviving are a sister, Lucille John Olsen of Holland, and several nieces and nephews.

Nella DeHaan '33 Mudder of Chicago, Ill., died on Thursday, May 9, 1991. She was 77.

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


Ethel Hornefeld '29 Penie died on Sunday, March 23, 1990 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 Kalamazoo, Mich., where she was a resident for 33 years. She was a Sunday school teacher at Hope Reformed Church, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a member of the White Cross Guild.

For her ability to juggle marriage to a physician, raising six children and involvement with many community organizations, she was recognized in 1949 as Kalamazoo'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 Hornefeld of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Lloyd Hornefeld of Orofino, Idaho; and six sisters, Harriet Kemper of Alhambra, Calif., Frances Waddell of Portland, Me., and Virginia, Bernice, Elizabeth, and Eunice of Kalamazoo.

Eloise Caeenich '29 Penie died in Zeeland, Mich., on July 29, 1991. She was 75.


She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Paw Paw, and of its Mary Circle. She was a member and past matron of the Paw Paw Lawmen Chapter No. 257 OES, and a member of the Paw Paw Country Club.

She was married Elmer J. Van Dyke on May 29, 1941, in Zeeland.

She survived him besides her husband, the children, and Jean and Greenwood of Decatur, Ill., and Mary and William Bauman Jr. of Richland, Mich., and John Craig and Jean Van Dyke of Portage; eight grandchildren; three brothers, LaVern and Allen Van Kley of Zeeland, and John Van Kley of Holland; a sister, Anna Kaukka of Zeeland; and several nieces and nephews.

Gysbert J. Ver Steeg '35 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1989.

Gysbert, who was known as "Bert," was the son of John Arie Ver Steeg and Annie Vincen Ver Steeg.

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Surviving include his wife, children, Mr. and Mrs. Craig (Mary); Mr. and Mrs. John; and Mrs. John Dean (Lorin); John Dean; and W. John, all of Orange City, and sons, Bob and Lynn of Denver, Colo.; daughter, Sue; and their three grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

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Daniel Scheeren '43 of Hastings, Mich., died on Friday, March 8, 1991. He was 86.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1915 in Rochester, N.Y., the son of Jacob and Jennie (Campbell) Scheeren. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1934; and was a 1949 graduate of Elmhurst College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Pa.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was married to Betty Elizabeth Nay on July 12, 1969.

He worked as director of funeral homes in Grand Rapids, Coldwater, Sturgis, Monroe, Hastings, Detroit, Highland Park, Southfield and Howell. He was manager of the Memorial Funeral Home in Ferndale for three years, and retired in 1981.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he was also a member of the Lions Club and a board member of the Red Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Hastings; one sister, Gertrude Schriner of Battle Creek, Mich.; two nephews; one great-nephew; one step-daughter, Mrs. J. B. (Alexandra) Osso of Maine; two step-nephews and daughters-in-law, Carl J. Hoffman and Betty Nauta of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Harvey J. and Susan Hoffman of Grand Ledge; and two step-grandchildren.

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League finds one million ways to help Hope

by Greg Oligers ’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 visit it will like 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 stairs and the Great Grandfather clock which still keeps perfect time,” she wrote. “The only decorations the room could boast of were orange window drapery, 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. Wainscoting (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 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 1932, 1951 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 so well, the group organized, called itself the Hope College Women’s League, and found other needs it could meet—and so far has raised nearly one million dollars in its efforts to enhance residence 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, Phelp’s, Dykstra and several cottages. Most of the dorms, furthermore, have received the League’s help several times (such as Durfee: 1949; 1975; and 1982-83). In addition, the League contributed $100,000 to the construction of Van Zoeren 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 furnish 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 Illiana (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. The 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 fund raiser, featuring a hospitable buffet and fashion show, featuring models wearing hand-made items. Also popular are luncheons, bus-trip shopping excursions and “Dollars for Dorms” envelope campaigns (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 ’50 Snelllagan 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. Slated for Wednesday, June 26, this year’s Village Square will contain many of the same elements as the first: hand crafts, “pre-owned” specials, entertainment for children and food.

The nature of Village Square provides insights into just how significant the League’s total contributions have been in terms of effort expended. The one million dollars the League has raised has involved countless hours of sewing, baking and knitting, and hundreds—if not thousands—of trivets, old books, and housewares and furnishings.

The League anticipates that the proceeds from the 1991 Village Square will help put it past the one million dollar mark. In addition, with its most recent undertaking—the refurbishing of Dykstra Hall—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.

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.

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