Harvey Blankespoor named nation’s “Professor of the Year”

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor’s students gave him a standing ovation when he walked into class on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

But then, his “Biology for Elementary Teachers” class already knew what the rest of the nation was about to hear—that he was an outstanding professor.

And not just an outstanding professor, but the outstanding professor. Dr. Blankespoor, who is the Frederich Garrett and Helen Floor Dekker Professor of Biology at Hope, has been named the “1991 Professor of the Year” by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"CASE is pleased to recognize Harvey Blankespoor for his tremendous commitment to teaching, and his efforts to involve undergraduate students in the United States and abroad in important scientific research," said Peter McE. Buchanan, president of CASE.

"Harvey Blankespoor is a master teacher, not only of the knowledge and skill needed for research in biology, but also of the practical importance of that research in addressing the problems that afflict humankind. To his students he is an example of caring as well as competence," remarked Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope.

CASE began the annual Professor of the Year competition in 1981 to recognize undergraduate faculty members for extraordinary commitment to teaching, for their contributions to the lives and careers of students, and their service to their institutions and the teaching profession.

In conjunction with the honor, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, Dr. Blankespoor presented a lecture at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Zoological Park. The address, “Snails, Streams, Swamps and Scurges,” was preceded by an alumni reception. During his time in Washington he was also congratulated by U.S. President George Bush, during a visit to the White House on Friday, Oct. 18.

There has been one other honor as well: the students invited him to be the grand marshal of the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Homecoming ’91

Alumni and students alike celebrated their Hope heritage Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11-13. There were highlights aplenty, including the Homecoming parade, fraternity and sorority activities, reunions for the Classes of ’81 and ’86, an H-Club luncheon, a 10-7 Hope football victory against Alma College and the Homecoming worship service.

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CAMPUS NOTES

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**OPERA STAR HONORED:** A tribute that included all of Hope College’s major musical groups accompanied the college’s conferment of an honorary degree upon Sherrill Milnes, recognized as the world’s foremost operatic tenor, on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

“Hope College was proud to recognize Sherrill Milnes in this way,” said Dr. John H. Jacobson, president of Hope. “He has established a world-wide reputation as an outstanding opera singer and distinguished artist, and is an active and sincere Christian.”

Milnes’ concert and opera appearances take him to all parts of the world, and he has received international acclaim for his work. He has the distinction of being the most recorded American opera singer, with more than 60 recordings on all of the major labels. He has been with New York’s Metropolitan Opera since 1965.

The hope conjunction served as something of an unlikely reunion for Milnes, who was raised in Downers Grove, Ill. Two of the college’s faculty members, Professor Charles Aschbrenner and Dr. Neal Sobania, are childhood acquaintances, and participated in the degree presentation.

Aschbrenner, professor of music at Hope, sang with Milnes in the choir at First Congregational Church in Downers Grove—Milnes’ mother was the director—and was also in the high school orchestra with him. Dr. Sobania’s parents were friends of Milnes’ parents. In addition, another member of the music faculty, Joyce Morrison, sang with Milnes early in his professional career.

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

“Our lives will tell stories as long as we are courageous enough to be ourselves. Or as long as we believe courageously that there is always the deed as well as the word. As long as we believe, for example, that leadership—yours, mine, this college’s, this nation’s—normally has to do more with action than position or being someone or something. Even if the decision is to postpone action.

“Hope College is a story you have the opportunity to walk around in, dialogue with, affirm, quarrel with as others sometimes quarrel. Hope College is a story in which you have the chance to add your sentence, young people—your sentence, your paragraph, your page, even.”

(Rev. Hillegondz subsequently explained that within each story are giants, challenges, that must be overcome. He suggested that such giants for the convection audience ranged from facing college for the first time, to beginning a new semester with new courses, to the challenge of teaching effectively, to the variety of social, religious and political questions facing all.)

“So having measured a few of what may be the giants in your story, how can they be dealt with? Or how can they be taken on in such a way that what happens happens because they’re well stated.

“As I see things, a good way to go on writing your story and the story of this college is to believe some things about the self—or to build upon what you already believe about the self. That can be said because strong convictions do impact upon what we are and do in life.

“Self-esteem is not the same as self-righteousness. Christians make a dreadful mistake when the two are made to say the same thing or dance to the same music.

“Self-esteem comes from a right knowledge of God and a right knowledge of ourselves—not what miserable people we are, but that we are people made in the image of God who helps us determine who we are, and whose we are and why we are. It comes from knowing that until we love ourselves as God loves us we will be too empty of love to give it away, and we will deem ourselves too unworthy of love to accept it from others.

“Another way to reduce the size of the giants in your story is to fashion here a community of people who know the value of affirmation: affirmation that is not phony or self-serving, because that kind of affirmation can be futile.

“You and I need people around who believe in us, who are there for us no matter what.

“And then a growing faith in God, whose purpose for life and world and this place is unchanging, but whose strategy may be infinitely variable. One reason you are here is to check out both the purpose and the possible changes in strategy.

“I urge upon you a working relationship with God who chooses to address the mind with truth, which for Christians is overdrawn with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

“Students—and faculty, and staff too—this campus is a place for play and socialization. It’s a place at which to dream about near and distant tomorrows. But primarily this is a place to think, to use the gift of intelligence which is part of the glory of God.

“For God never blazons truth anywhere that people may find it without seeking—without being open to it. I urge upon you a God to whom to pray. Or with whom to pray, for prayer in large part is laying hold of God’s willingness.

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The Rev. William Hillegondz ’49 during the college’s opening convocation on Tuesday, Aug. 27, in Davenport Memorial Chapel. Rev. Hillegondz, who was the college’s chaplain from 1965-79 and is currently parish associate with the First Presbyterian Church in Brighton, Mich., cited his address “Taking on Giants.”

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CAMPUS NOTES (continued from page 109)

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT STAFF: Robin Ball, Laura Meyer and Mary Newbem-Williams have been appointed to positions with the office of student development.

Ball is the college's new director of housing and residential life. Meyer is the new assistant chaplain at Hope. Newbem-Williams has joined the staff as director of multicultural life and assistant chaplain.

Ball has complete program responsibility for housing and residence life at the college. She is also responsible for the supervision of the college's residence life staff.

Meyer will share in general chaplains' responsibilities. She will work with student organizations and developing a relational ministry with students, lead campus worship and seminars, and help to promote growth and Bible study groups.

Newbem-Williams will develop and implement programs that will promote cultural understanding at the college. She will also work with multi-cultural students individually and through a variety of student organizations, such as Black Coalition. Like Meyer, as assistant chaplain Newbem-Williams will share in general chaplains' responsibilities.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Like colleges and universities throughout the nation, Hope College has experienced a decline in its enrollment this year.

Hope has 2,746 students, compared with 2,833 last year.

College officials attribute the drop to both a nationwide decline in the number of 18-year-olds, the traditional college-age group, and the departure of the large class of 1991 in May.

The number of students attending college for the first time is 555, compared to 616 a year ago. Students transferring to Hope from other colleges and universities total 95, compared with 120 in 1990.

The enrollment by class, with last year's class in parentheses, is: freshmen, 616 (761); sophomores, 659 (653); juniors, 622 (608); seniors, 625 (597); and special students, 224 (212).

The student body is comprised of 1,579 women and 1,167 men from 40 states and territories as well as from 34 foreign countries.

Foreign countries represented in the student body include Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malawi, Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Soviet Union, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam.

MIAA IN ARCHIVES: The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) has placed its archives in the Joint Archives of Holland.

The MIAA is an athletic association of liberal arts colleges in Michigan, including Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet colleges.

The Joint Archives of Holland is located on the campus of Hope College and brings together the archival collections of the colleges with those of Western Theological Seminary and the Holland Historical Trust. The MIAA collection has been accepted by the Joint Archives of Holland because of the long association of Hope College (since 1920) as a conference member. Up to now there has been a single repository for the papers of the conference.

Individuals who would like to do research in the MIAA collection or have materials which could be added are encouraged to call Larry Wagenaar at (616) 394-7789.

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, OCTOBER 1991 THREE

Pull is a family affair '94 wins the 94th tug-of-war

The Pull tug-of-war runs in Niki Koelbel's family. In fact, it is partially because of the Pull that she has a family.

Nikole Koelbel, 64 and Norine Vandenberg '64 Koelbel of Missoula, Mont., met as members of their freshman Pull team—Nori was John's moral girl. They were also in the Pull as sophomores, and John was a Pull coach as both a junior and a senior.

With a history like that, it was probably inevitable that Nikole would become involved in the Pull, too. "I'd heard about it most of my life—and as much of it as I can remember—and it sounded really interesting," the said.

"And it's been neat to carry on the tradition that my parents started—and I hope my brother goes here and continues to carry it on."

This year's Pull, the 94th, was held on Friday, Sept. 20. The sophomores won the event after a two-hour, one-minute struggle—nearly an hour before the three-hour time limit set in the competition's rules.

The victory was in keeping with Nikole's family tradition. Her parents' team, too, won as sophomores—avenging (like Nikole's) team a loss as freshmen the year before.

Seventeen of the 98 students involved in this year's Pull are "generation students"—meaning that at least one of their ancestors attended Hope. A handful of those 17, like Nikole, even have a Pull family history.

Faculty Kudos

Maxine De Bruyn, professor of dance and chairperson of the department of dance, has been selected to serve on Michigan's Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

She is among 13 council members, including dancers, artists, actors, and architect and pizza czar Mike Ilitch, announced on Saturday, Aug. 30. The new panel was announced in early August by Gov. John Engler, who Consolidated the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Committee on Art in Public Places.

During the last week of July, she was a guest speaker at the Dance and the Child International Conference. The conference, held this year at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, occurs every three years and brought together 800 children and adult delegates from almost all over the world.

Part of the conference is comprised of daily workshops on new ideas in children's dance. Professor DeBruyn conducted a workshop on "Assessment in Dance Education," which pertains to a new portfolio assessment program she is experimenting with at the K-12 grade levels, using dance as the concentrated domain.

Paul G. Fried '46, professor emeritus of history, had an exhibit of his prints at the Muskegon Museum of Art from September 14 through October 20.

The exhibit, titled "A Historian's Collection," included approximately 40 prints from the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

Dr. Fried was a member of the Hope faculty from 1953-84.

John H. Jacobson, president of Hope, has been chosen to serve as a consultant-evaluator for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, founded in 1895, is a voluntary membership organization of elementary, secondary and postsecondary institutions devoted to the improvement of education through evaluation and accreditation.

The North Central Association provides institutional accreditation to educational institutions in a 19-state region that includes Michigan. The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education accredits postsecondary institutions.

Dr. Jacobson was one of 68 persons chosen to be added to the Commission's Corps of 750 evaluators. He will begin serving on evaluation teams during the 1991-92 academic year.


The book covers topics ranging from ethics in coaching, to organization and planning, to the development of an offense, defense and kicking game. The first edition was published in 1985.

Bruce McCombs, associate professor of art at Hope College, has recently had his work included in several exhibitions, including the 5th International Biennial Print Exhibition of the Taipei Fine Arts Museum in Taipei, Taiwan.

Jacob E. Nyenhuis, provost and professor of classics at Hope, has been elected to a two-year term as chairperson of the Deans' Council of the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA).

The Deans' Council is comprised of the chief academic officers of the 12 colleges which comprise the consortium. The chairperson of the Deans' Council also serves as a member of the Governing Board of the GLCA and as a member of the GLCA Budget Review Committee.

Dr. Nyenhuis has also been appointed as chairperson of an evaluation team for the decennial evaluation of the GLCA Scotland Program, which is located at the University of Aberdeen.

Nikole Koelbel '94 with sophomore anchor Leif Roothoff of Twin Lake, Mich. Nikole's parents, John '64 and Norine Vandenberg '64 Koelbel of Missoula, Mont., met as Pull teammates.
EVENTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1991-92)

Fall Semester (1991)

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.

THE ARTS

Wind Ensemble/Orchestra Concert—Friday, Nov. 1; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Faculty Recital — Sunday, Nov. 3; Hsu Lewis, organist; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Great Performance Series—Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 5-6: The Acting Company, DeWitt Main Theatre, 8 p.m.
Tickets cost $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $8 for students. Information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6966.

Artist Piano Series—Friday, Nov. 8; Arthur Greens, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $8 for senior citizens, $4 for other adults and are free for students with a Hope identification. Tickets may be obtained through the department of music at (616) 394-7650.

Student Recital—Thursday, Nov. 14; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Nov. 17; Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Chamber Winds/Student Ensembles Concert—Friday, Nov. 22; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Senior Recital—Saturday, Nov. 23; Stephanie Smith, soprano; Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital Series—Sunday, Nov. 24; Edward Reid, trumpet; Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

The Nutcracker: A Play—Friday, Nov. 29 (1991-92) at Stetson, 8 p.m. The play is a fairy tale, depicting a tender story of childhood the entire family can enjoy.

Tickets cost $10 for adults, $7 for senior citizens and children, and may be reserved by calling the theatre office at (616) 394-7890. Group rate (20 or more) $7 per person.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Sue Wise

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 22-23— vs. Marist, Ohio Tournament at Tri-State, Ind. Tournament Tues., Dec. 3— vs. Defiance, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 6— vs. Hope, Science, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 7— vs. Adrian, 8 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 14— vs. Madonna, 7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 15— vs. Ohio Northern, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 1— vs. St. Francis, 1 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 2— vs. Adrian, 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 11— vs. Olivet, 3 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 15— vs. Calvin, 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 18— vs. Albion, 3 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 22— vs. Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 29— vs. Hope, Science, 8 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 1— vs. Olivet, 3 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 5— vs. Adrian, 3 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8— vs. Concordia, 3 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 12— vs. Alma, 8 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 16— vs. Calvin, 8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20— vs. Albion, 8 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 21— vs. Olivet, 8 p.m.

*MIAA Games

Marietta, Ohio Tournament—Earlham, Ind., Bluffton, Va., Hope, Marietta, Ohio, Tri-State, Ind., Tournament—Hope, Taylor, Ind., Tri-State, Ind., St. Francis, Ill.

Men's Basketball

Head Coach: Glenn Van Wieringen

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 22-23— vs. Wooster, College Tournament Tues., Nov. 26— at Central Michigan, 8 p.m.

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 29-30— at Grand Rapids Baptist Tournament Wed., Dec. 4— vs. Grand Rapids Baptist Tournament, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 29— vs. Hope, Marietta, Trinity, 8 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 1— vs. Hope, Science, Kalamazoo, Trinity, 8 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 15— vs. Adrian, 8 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 18— vs. Albion, 8 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 21— vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 24— vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 27— vs. Hope, Science, 8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 5— vs. Adrian, 8 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8— vs. Albion, 8 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 11— vs. Concordia, 8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 15— vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 18— vs. Hope, Science, 8 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 22— vs. Adrian, 8 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 26— vs. Albion, 8 p.m.

Thu., Feb. 27— vs. Olivet, 8 p.m.

Fri., March 6— vs. Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.

Sat., March 7— vs. Hope, Science, 8 p.m.

Sun., March 8— vs. Adrian, 8 p.m.

Theatre

Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello. Oct. 25, 26, 30-Nov. 2

DeWitt Center main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets cost $4 for senior citizens, $5 for other adults and $3 for students.

The Nutcracker: A Play by David Hammond. Dec. 5-21

DeWitt Center main theatre

See the advertisement on this page for additional information. Please call the theatre office at 394-7890 to make any reservations for ticket reservations. The ticket office is closed Sundays.

INSTANT INFORMATION

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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, OCTOBER 1991

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Hope student life, Victorian style

by Larry Wagenaar '87

This story is part of an on-going series appearing in celebration of the college's 125th anniversary.

A sk a few current students about life at Hope College, and some common themes are likely to emerge. Students will probably tell you their classes take them across campus from Lubbers Hall to the Dow Center to the Preble Science Center. They'll explain that they spend time studying or doing research in Van Wylen Library, eat dinner in Phelps Cafeteria, and do laundry in the basement of their dormitory.

Dorm rooms in all likelihood have an entertainment system of some sort—maybe even a television, possibly a personal computer—and their walls are abundantly decorated with posters suitting occupants' tastes.

An evening of socializing might include visiting a campus-wide dance, playing basketball at the Dow, shopping with friends downtown or at Westshore Mall, or driving to one of the area's movie theaters. There are occasions that the floor of a dorm at 11 p.m. may be more active than the same place at 11 a.m.

Times have changed since 1870.

Back then the focus of campus was Van Vleck Hall, all by itself on a little hill to the south and east of the old orphanage where Hope got its initial start with the Pioneer School (1851). Van Vleck was completed in 1857 and housed basically the entire Academy and later the college.

Classrooms, faculty offices, the library and student living quarters were all in one building. Students collected wood and burned it in the stoves found in their rooms. These dorm room fires sometimes burned more than they were supposed to, and Van Vleck was set ablaze several times.

“A fearful accident took place last Monday, in room No. 1 of the College building,” wrote D. Scholten on Feb. 10, 1875, in the Excelsiora. “While the A class were reciting to Prof. Van der Ploeg, they heard a noise in the chimney, as if an earthquake had taken place, and Vesuvius was throwing out his burning lava. Some of the A's' axiously inquired for the reason, and soon discovered that the chimney was on fire.”

“Then some cried for water; others ran confusedly up and down the room and the rest calmly looking at it as if nothing happened,” Scholten continues. “Soon the room was full of smoke, because the chimney leaks and (is) thus not in a safe condition. Suddenly a whole army of students arrived, all consulting the dangerous position in which the building stood. However a few moments later the danger was over, and each one returned to his room.”

Constructing a campus building would not be a part of today's student life. In 1862, however, they did just that, playing a major role in building the college's first gymnasium, next to Van Vleck.

No outside contractors were engaged—the structure was built entirely with student labor. The trees were felled, rolled down the river to the canoeing area, and retrieved, and ultimately assembled into a fine building with only student elbow grease and direction from President Philip Philips. Quite literally the building of Hope College was a team—and college-wide—effort.

The gym became a community and a campus focal point in those early years. With the exception of First Reformed Church (now Pillar CRC) there was no hall of comparable size in Holland at the time. In addition to doubling as the campus chapel it also hosted oratorical contests, assemblies and speeches. It was the beginning of a healthy town-gown relationship.

On the campus the students participated in recitations and often sat in small classes around a central table in a room. Classes tended to be quite formal in keeping with the tone of the Victorian age. Education was a great privilege and available to few. Its pursuit was taken very seriously.

As the youth were involved in the educational life of Hope, they had a variety of experiences which made up "student life." In the early years there were few established rules and it was actually the stated goal of the first faculty members, who governed student life, to keep regulations to a minimum.

With as few as six to eight students in each college class and a somewhat larger number enrolled in the preparatory School these students became well acquainted—and with that camaraderie came a bit of raucous behavior.

The anchor of January, 1899, reports, "On Saturday morning, Jan. 12th, the Van Vleck Hall boys awoke to find that the ventilation of their rooms had been cut off during the night by some considerate friend, who had plugged up their keyholes with plaster of Paris."

Tensions on campus in the 1870's are reflected not only in the replacement of President Phelps and a severe financial crisis but also in the large number of new rules established. From 1872 to 1876 there seems to have been a litany of new regulations set by the faculty at their meetings.

Such rules included that all boarding houses (there were no dorms) needed to be approved by the faculty and that "students are required to be in their rooms at 10 p.m. after which hours all social visiting, unnecessary noise and musical exercises of all kind are prohibited." That same year smoking was prohibited as was attendance at dances parties.

In November of 1874 it was declared "inexpedient" for a student to marry before graduating, and in 1876 it was decided that "marriage on the part of a student during his course shall be considered disqualification hereafter for a certificate or diploma." This may have stemmed from a concern, first voiced in 1860, that the students were spending time with girls. The Victorian era provided a variety of other rules governing everything from musical participation to the location for snowball throwing.

But rules also tell us what the students were doing at the time. For every rule limiting leaping and "playing" in the buildings, there were students doing these things.

Slumber parties were a part of life for students before the turn of the century. At one point a group of students barricaded a faculty office, at another (on Feb. 28, 1882) doorknobs were removed from the recitation rooms to prevent entry.

In the fall of 1877 the students asked that no classes be held the Friday after Thanksgiving. The faculty decided not to grant the request but did not, according to the Holland City News, inform all of the students of their decision.

Whether the students' subsequent absence was a strike or reflected a feeling among the students that their request had been approved is not clear, but what followed the next week was a standoff which included patriotic singing of "Hold the Fort" by the students during chapel.

A one point suspension was considered for all the students involved. The situation was resolved with a declaration that the students would not excuse themselves from classes "except in a legitimate manner."

The rules were relaxed as the century drew to a close. In the last decades of the century some of our oldest events and publications were started. The informal Full began in 1898 and the anchor, which began publication in 1887, contained not only serious writing but the ramblings of the student population.

The September, 1889, issue declared that "it is reported on good authority that one of our philosophers was seen on last Wednesday evening with a lantern, looking for the remnants of the Fraternal Society." And surely levity was behind the announcement that "the long expected College Glee Club is in existence at last. The child is not yet well matured but has already come color and tone and color of tone. With Prof. J.B. Nykerk as nurse it will soon make its influence felt in the social world."

The particulars of student life at Hope have changed since the college's early history. What has remained constant, however, is the ability of students to make the most of the times, combining fun and education. The students who removed the doorknobs from the recitation rooms in 1882 may not have had stereo, but they would have appreciated the potential.

(Edited Note: Larry J. Wagenaar '87 is director of the Joint Archives of Holland which cares for the Hope College archival collection.)
1991 Generation Students

Third, fourth and fifth generation students. Pictured from left to right are: Row 1: Matt Sevensma, Kurt Verduin, Dave Evenhuis, Kevin Klaassen, Kristen Szyma, Pauline Greenfield, Melissa Deur, Melissa Neckers, Julie Meyer; Row 2: Chris Eckert, Rob Royer, Kathy Schoon, Mark Westerbeke, Kristen Nemeth, Greg Gruizenga, Dirk Joldersma, Lou Nykamp, Derek Miller.

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Father - David Sevensma '70
Grandfather - Jack Barensen '48
Kristen Sytstra (Renton, Wash.)
Mother - Carol Jooson '61 Sytstra
Grandmother - Marie Wijngaarden '29 Jooson
Joanne Van Gemert (Holland, Mich.)
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Grandfather - Myron Kolen '65
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Joanne Van Gemert (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Bev Jooson '62 Van Gemert
Father - Kurt Van Gemert '63
Grandmother - Fern Cortveit '38 Jooson
Grandfather - J. Jooson '36
Kurt Verduin (St. Joseph, Mich.)
Mother - Kathleen Kolen '67 Gruzenga
Grandfather - Myron Kolen '65
Grandmother - Clarissa Gruzenga '68 Kolen
Dirk Joldersma (Hillsdale, Mich.)
Mother - Barbara Graben '67 Joldersma
Grandmother - Carol Van Os '62 Graben.

Steve Albrecht (Grandville, Mich.)
Mother - Jan Wells '67 Albrecht
Father - John Albrecht '69
Kristin Armbruster (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Grandfather - Vernon Piets '52
Brian Arnold (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
Father - Fred Arndtke Jr. '61
Amy Boer (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Karen Arnold '70 Boer
Father - Calvin Boer '67
Christopher Brandt (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother - Joanne Elgersma '65 Brandt
Father - Carl Brandt '64
Scott Burgess (Jenison, Mich.)
Father - Roger Burgess '65
Krista Carlson (Spring Lake, Mich.)
Mother - Carol Hooce '66 Wibber
Father - Terry Carlson '67
Krista Clark (Reed City, Mich.)
Mother - Norma Jean Foster '70 Clark
Father - David Clark '69
Brian Coon (Fremont, Mich.)
Mother - Judith Bell '67 Conn
Melissa Cooper (Wynantskill, N.Y.)
Father - David Cooper '64
Rachel Dula (Zeeland, Mich.)
Father - Robert Dula '66
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Mother - Marge Dury '84
Susan DeBoer (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Mother - Peggy DeBoer '69
Father - William DeBoer '68
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Father - Thomas DeCair '72
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Grandmother - Elizabeth Smith '31 Roosen
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Davide Reznik (Kensington, Mich.)
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Jonathan Schofield (Coxe, N.Y.)
Father - Rodney Schofield '59
Joanne Sill (Novi, Mich.)
Mother - Ruth Sevensma '68 Sill
Father - Donald Sill '66
Dorothy Stadler (Holland, Mich.)
Mother - Gordon Siedler '36 Stadler
Amy Smillie (Middleville, Mich.)
Mother - Judy Grabinski '66 Smillie
Father - Robert Smillie '65
Heather VanDeHoef (Libertyville, Ill.)
Mother - Carol Bulman '88 VanDeHoef
Father - Larry VanDeHoef '67
Stephen Vandenbarg (Wyckoff, N.J.)
Mother - Helen Rose '64 Vandenbarg
Kathy VanderMolen (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother - Lynn Nelson '60 VanderMolen
Todd VanderMolen (Muskegon, Mich.)
Mother - Lynn Nelson '60 VanderMolen
Michael VandenBerg (Orange City, Iowa)
Mother - Judith Muller '59 VandenBerg
Father - Martin VandenBerg '57
Timothy VanHoutte (Andover, Minn.)
Mother - Janet Camper '57 VanHoutte
Father - Bruce VanHoutte '59
Timothy VanSickle (Sycamore, Ill.)
Father - Steven Voskuil '60
Stacy Weiden (Fremont, Mich.)
Father - Roger Weiden '59
Steven Werkman (Beecher, Ill.)
Father - Duane Werkman '60
Heather Zoutendam (Bum Creek, Mich.)
Grandmother - Virginia Ver Starte '40 Zoutendam
Grandfather - John Zoutendam '39

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Meet Harvey Blankespoor, the farmer

Far origins led to teaching

Dr. Harvey Blankespoor's parents and grandparents never went to high school, but they appreciated the value of an education. "Education was always important to my parents. If I came home with any Cs, my father would probably have said, 'Don't you ever talk to me about high school again.'" Dr. Blankespoor said.

They also believed in hard work, and made certain Dr. Blankespoor did his share of the chores on the family's Iowa farm. Both values stayed with him, and he persevered and completed not only high school, but college, a master's degree and his doctorate.

And he wasn't the only one. Both of his brothers completed doctorates, and are also college professors: Ron is a chemist at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, and Gil is a biologist at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

When he finished college at Western Michigan University in Warren, Iowa, with majors in biology and physical education, Dr. Blankespoor originally planned a career as a high school teacher. He joined the biology faculty of Western Michigan High School in Holland, where he taught for two years.

He enjoyed the experience, but left high school teaching—temporarily, he thought—at first, because there were too many questions in the classroom that he couldn't answer. He thought completing a master's degree would help.

The idea of graduate work initially terrified him, "I went on for a master's degree just really scared," he said. "My parents couldn't say, 'Well, these are the kinds of things you'll face.' They didn't know what high school was like."

But I liked it, and I liked the research, and decided to go on for the Ph.D. thinking at the time there was no way I could ever actually do it," he said.

Dr. Blankespoor did do it, completing his doctorate at Iowa State University in 1974, and has held positions at the University of Northern Iowa, Trinity Christian College and the University of Michigan, in addition to working with the University of Michigan and Michigan State University Biological Field Stations. He joined the Hope College faculty in 1976.

As much as he enjoys his research and teaching, and he admits that it is easy for him to become absorbed in each, he is also committed to his family: wife Marlene, who was also a teacher in Iowa, and children Amber and Curtis '88. When he was at the University of Michigan, for example, and his research activities demanded extra time, he started going to work at 5 a.m.—when his family still slept—to so that he could spend the evenings at home.

"He has so many irons in the fire with his research or his teaching, but I still remember that if I had an important sports event in volleyball, softball or basketball in high school, in junior high or even in college, he would be there," Amber said. "When I was on the volleyball team at Calvin, he would even travel a day to see me play."

Both Amber and Curtis are also following in both their parents' footsteps as educators. Amber currently teaches health and physical education at Holland Christian High School, and has been working toward a master's degree at Michigan State University. She is kided about not going into biology, but notes, "I'm teaching health and I'm teaching biology in a sense, too—I'm teaching all of the systems of the body."

Curtis, who took classes with his father while a student at Hope, does plan to be a biologist, and is currently in the Ph.D. program at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.; although his research interest is his own, "I found an area that combined his field, which is parasitology, with a field that's always been fascinating to me: animal behavior," he said.

Dr. Blankespoor, like his parents before him, believes in education, but he can also give his children something he didn't have while in school: personal perspective on what graduate work and teaching entails, which is happy to do so, and proud to contribute to what seems to have become a family tradition.

"It's interesting," he said. "Not only are my two brothers teachers, but both their wives are. My wife's a teacher. My son and daughter are going to be teachers. My daughter-in-law's a teacher. My daughter's a teacher."

And even goes much deeper than that," he said. "We have an incredible number of teachers in two generations."

Dr. Blankespoor searches the inviting waters of Lake Leelanau in search of an unwelcome guest—the aquatic parasites responsible for swimmers' itch

Students, colleagues hold annual award ceremony

Dr. James Gentile notes that as dean for the natural sciences, he isn't usually the first person Hope students visit when they want to say something positive about a professor.

In Dr. Blankespoor's case, however, they're willing to make an exception.

"I can honestly say that in Harv Blankespoor's case students go out of their way to tell me what fun it is to be in his course," Dr. Gentile said. "If I run into them in the hallway, or if we see one another out in some social event, or if they happen to come into my office, they'll indicate, 'Boy, was Dr. Blankespoor's course fun.'"

"He makes it interesting," said Melissa Vander Jagt, a senior biology major from Grand Rapids, Mich., who has taken two courses with Dr. Blankespoor and worked with him this summer while researching swimmers' itch at Lake Leelanau near Traverse City.

"He's been an inspiration, and he seems to know everything about everything," she said. "I think we've all learned a lot from him."

Jason Evert, a junior biology major from Grand Rapids, Mich., who also conducted research with Dr. Blankespoor this summer, agreed.

"I'd never had him in a class, but I'd heard he was one of the best teachers at Hope," Evert said.

And conducting research this summer was great—one of the best experiences I've ever had," Previous generations of Hope students have also appreciated Dr. Blankespoor's approach and commitment. In 1980, the senior class elected him the recipient of the "Hope Outstanding Professor-Edutor" (H.O.E.) award annually to the professor in residence who exemplifies the best qualitative faculty member.

Ron Reimink, now biology professor at Hudsonville (Mich.) High School, said, "I think Harvey Blankespoor is the kind of college professor that central Michigan needs."

Reimink's association with Blankespoor continued beyond his junior year. After nine years, he has joined Blankespoor's research and teaching efforts has helped develop Michigan's biology teacher.

"It makes me more aware of the science, as opposed to just accumulation of facts. Rest at myself very fortunate to be able to have worked with him in teaching, research and our advising role,"

The character of Hope and Blankespoor has allowed him to blend his research and teaching responsibilities and way he feels is an advantage to his discipline, and through that the professor and student that much more about how their disciplines intersect.

"There shouldn't be a conflict between teaching and research," he said. "I think teaching through research approach because it breaks.
Helping others is a priority

According to Dr. Blankespoor, the interests that led him to a career as a biologist manifested themselves at an early age.

"My mother says that when I was quite young I always had an interest in watching animals, even those in my own house," Dr. Blankespoor said. "She always says that at a very early stage I seemed to be interested in biological things."

Dr. Blankespoor was also raised with the belief that as a Christian he ought to help others. The two qualities combined with the result that he became a biologist committed to making a difference in the world.

His research reflects his priorities. Following an emphasis that developed during his graduate work at Iowa State University, Dr. Blankespoor has spent more than a quarter of a century working in parasitology, from as far away as the Sudan and Ecuador, to as nearby as Michigan's Lake Leelanau.

"With all the advancement and modern technology, parasites continue to be a major cause of disease in the warmer regions of the world," he said. "They are deeply intertwined in the culture of the people they affect. This combination is the reason that I like to work in Africa and South America."

"Parasites are also well represented in wildlife as well and this allows me to conduct research in the Midwest," Dr. Blankespoor said.

He has been working with swimmers' itch research since 1965, and spent this past summer with a student research team in Lake Leelanau near Traverse City, applying the methods he has developed to curb the disease.

According to Dr. Blankespoor, swimmers' itch is caused by larval parasites, cercariae, that enter the skin. Humans contract the malady accidentally—the larvae cannot survive in a human being, and when they die they may cause an allergic reaction.

The aquatic parasites are actually interested in finding a compatible host, such as certain birds or rodents, where they can develop into adulthood and lay eggs. The eggs are released by the host, hatch into free-swimming miracidia, and subsequently enter a specific species of snails. Within the snails the miracidia elongate into sporocysts which produce thousands of cercariae, which enter the water and begin the cycle anew.

Dr. Blankespoor's research team targets the avian hosts, typically merganser ducks at Lake Leelanau, inculcating them so that they cannot propagate the problem, or spread it in their travels.

Swimmers' itch may not be the most dramatic of dilemmas, and its effects may seem more life-style threatening rather than life-threatening. However, the organizations sponsoring his work, the Lake Leelanau Conservancy, take swimmers' itch quite seriously, particularly since the itch can drive away summer vacationers and the revenue they generate.

In addition to the comfort and economic benefits that result from curbing the itch, Dr. Blankespoor feels there is an ecological benefit as well. The traditional method of solving the problem, dumping tons of copper sulfate in the lakes to kill the snail hosts, and by accident other creatures, is not only ineffective in the long term, but damaging to the environment.

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Stories by Greg Olgers '87
ALUMNI NEWS

by Janet Mielke '84 Pinkham

A small plane buzzed noisily over Holland Municipal Stadium early in the bright Saturday afternoon that marked this year's Homecoming Weekend and spectacles in the stands glanced upward. Just as it passed north of the field, the engine suddenly cut out to a low ebb and four men dove from the plane. Parachutes unfurled and the stadium loud speakers announced the impending arrival of the flying Dutchman with the game ball. Rousing cheers and clapping greeted the skydivers as they softly touched down on center field.

"GO ORANGE! GO BLUE! GO HOPE!" The cry rose from the stands. Excitement filled the air and the chant grew louder as we watched the Flying Dutchmen take on the Alma College Scots.

The score stood 7-7 as the half-time buzzer sounded, allowing the Muskegon Orchard View High School marching band, who gave a rousing performance, to take the field. Anticipation then mounted as the Homecoming Court nominees stepped onto the field. With the cheers and whistles from the stands growing in intensity, several Wade Gunter of Midland, Mich., and Sara Cripps of Grand Rapids, Mich., were named king and queen. Half-time concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater, led by the Hope College Chapel Choir, College Chorus, Collegium Musicum and their alumni members.

Although the second half that followed was hard-fought, the home crowd's chant was powered by a 10-7 Hope victory. Members of the classes of 1981 and 1986 were our special guests throughout Homecoming Weekend, having returned to campus to celebrate their respective reunions. They arrived from across the country and literally around the world. Paul Baker '86 and his wife, Ines, even made the trip from Germany. Ines, a native of Germany, watched the celebration with interest. It was her first reunion experience.

Laughter and delighted exclamations of returning friends were heard repeatedly and smiles were seen all around. While some classmates had not seen each other since graduation day, it was as if no time had passed. The shared feeling among them and the excitement of renewing ties was clearly evident.

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ALUMNI alert

The celebratory spirit of Homecoming continued on Sunday when alumni and students gathered in Dimmit Memorial Chapel to fellowship together one last time. The sun shone brilliantly through the stained glass windows in a radiant kaleidoscope of colors as the voices of the Chapel Choir and alumni members rose in praise to our Lord.

The Rev. Frederick Kruihoff '61, pastor of Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., led us in worship. His sermon, titled "In the Network of Life," evoked many special memories for alumni and challenged us to use the talents with which God has blessed us.

Although Homecoming 1991 is now past, it has left us with new memories...moments of times spent with old friends in a very special place. Only a few days later, Hope took Washington, D.C., by storm! Hope biologist Dr. H. C. Baker and his wife, Almarie, were honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation as the nation's 1991 Professor of the Year. Several dozen alumni, parents and friends attended the October 16th celebratory reception and ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Blankenship was selected from a field of more than 440 nominees nationwide. The ceremony was highlighted by the National Higher Education Week.

While in Washington, Dr. Blankenship and Hope President Dr. John H. Jacobson met with President George Bush, who congratulated him for his extraordinary contributions to the teaching profession. I'd like to close with this final note: a new Hope College alumni directory is scheduled for publication during the summer of 1992 and we encourage you to forward your address changes. Your efforts will help ensure that the information that the information contained therein is current.

Thank you for your assistance.

Janet

At Saturday's "Hope College luncheon, the second annual "Hope for Humanity" award winner was announced: George Moger '73, a stand-up in cross country and track. The award is presented in recognition of "service above self." In a moving tribute, William Vandenbark '61 told those present of George's activity with Habitat for Humanity and his purchase of a van to transport the truck teams of his local high school so that students would not have to find their own ways to competition.

Dr. Blankenship also featured the debut of the H-C Songsters, comprised of Jeff Allen '95, Wally Cotts '87, Tim Elzinga '87, Matt Neil '92, Todd Shuliga '84, John Schriber '55, Bruce VanderKolk '90, accompanist Sheryl Baar '83, Moon and director Pamela Cushman '83, Boon, they sang a rich melody of exciting moments in Hope sports...sometimes humorous, always touching.

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Ralph Meinma '24 and wife Grace celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary with a party at their residence. He is 92 and she is 88, yet they continue to lead a normal life, they report. Their grandchildren are scattered from San Antonio, Texas, to Paris, France, to Lund, Sweden. To date they have six grandchildren. Among the congratulations they received was a card from George and Barbara Bader.

Harold Hossfeld's '28 of sheboygan, Wis., and his wife Ruth observed with 68th wedding anniversary with a congregational congratulatory service. The Rev. Fred Kruihoff, a pastor of Hope College, in a dinner with children and brothers and sisters, and a family gathering with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Herman Kers' 29 observed his 90th birthday in August. Among three years in California, he and his wife have moved back to the Midwest, and are living in Mt. Morris, Ill.

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class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for news from Hope College by Greg Olgren '87. The deadline for the next issue is Monday, Nov. 4.

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Lee Brannock '46 retired from the insurance business on July 1, 1991, after 43 years in Kalamazoo, Mich. He also enjoys officiating football and basketball games for 21 years.

Susan Scholten '76 of Rochester, N.Y., continues to be active in the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program at the Presbyterian church and local church level and also chairs the Great Orange Group at the Rochester Area Branch of AAUW. On June 25, 1991, her husband of 38 years, the Rev. Oscar Scholten, died.

John De Vries '41 is an avid cyclist, and enjoys his retirement in Palo Alto, Calif.

John Muller '42 has completed a 10-month task as interim minister at Trinity Reformed Church in Rochester, N.Y. He is now an interim minister at Calvin United Church in Monroe, Mich.

John Van Lierop '43, his wife, Mary, and son, who during the summer attended the Salzburg Music Festival in Austria, and traveled by rail for about 4,800 miles through Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

They have also been invited to speak at the Lutheran Church Members Association Board of Directors.

Art Anderson '47 of Grand Haven, Mich., for 34 years, taught in Michigan schools, including Wayne, Williamson, Newberry, New Boston and Grand Haven. He has been married for 26 years, and two sons.

Robert Schubert '47 was the honored guest on May 9 at the ground-breaking ceremony of the new Reformed Church in Fargo, N.D. He underwent emergency surgery in the Netherlands on Monday, May 12, and is doing fine.

Kathleen Weller '48, president emeritus of Central College, was made an honorary Fellow of Trinity College in England, among other honors, at the college on July 12, 1991. To be given the title of "Fellow" of a British college is a high honor, and part of a tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages.

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Robert D. DeYoung Sr. '48 and son Robert D. Jr. '78 are featured in an article about the family's "Fatton Heights Farm" property in the Grand Rapids Business Journal "Farm File," The business has been in the DeYoung family for 78 years.

James Holman '71 of Palm City, Fla., was editor of the board of Hope College. He and his wife Ines spend most of their time in Florida, returning to Inverness, Ill., during the winter. They have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Nancy Thomson '56 of Lapeer, Mich., and husband Ralph retired on Aug. 31, 1991. She had been volunteer director for the Salvation Army in Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Snow '51 in Chicago is subsisting in the Rienzi, Calif., United States. She and her husband John Robins '49 are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Molly Bullers '52 of Saukville, Mich., a watercolor artist, had a one-person exhibition at the Button Gallery in Milwaukee, Wis., in June.

Dave Kommer '54 and his four teammates finished fifth in a field of 24 teams at the Western Regional team at the University of the Pacific, held in St. Petersburg, Fla., this year. Among his three teammates are Hope alumni: Ronald Fields, D.D., and Domenic Razzano '54. Vernon Hoffman '54 has been named director of advancement for Western Theological Seminary.

Joseph Sarke '58 is a cum laude in Arts and Letters, University of Southern, Massachusetts University.

Aaron Sar '59 is a research fellow and director of Corporate China technology office for Dupont.

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Kathleen Lisk '60 of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press in July (for having established as a student a long jump record that remains as the oldest record and was in the book's "record" book.

Clyde TeBar '60, president of Jackson Community College, was the keynote speaker at Spring Arbor College on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Doug Necker '60 is chairman of the Chemistry Department, Clinical and director of the Center for Photochemical Sciences at Bowling Green State University.

David White '60 of Arlington, Va., was named chief of chaps for the U.S. Navy. He received a honorary doctorate from Hope on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Esther Simon '62 and her husband spend their summers in missionary work in Taiwan. During the academic year she continues her work at the University of Washington.

Robert Bredweg '41, associate artist in the visual arts department in the Michigan Research and Development Laboratory, was named senior associate artist in the same department of the
James Hardy '94 is assistant professor at the University of Kansas.

Beverly Green '70 is owner of Beverly's Books, a specialty bookstore in Arvada, Colorado.

James R. Lenz '67 is director of biology chemistry at the Cleveland Clinic.

Karen Gruber '78 has been appointed assistant professor of family planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Lance Toliver '71 is general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Evelyn C. Kell '56 is a member of the Las Vegas Review-Journal staff.

Sandy Delk '80 is director of public relations for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Ruth Ziemann '42 is a nurse practitioner at the University of California, San Francisco.

Barbara Houtman '54 is a professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley.

Donna Klein '81 Dickinson is professor of history at the University of Southern Maine.

Tina Warren '71 is a tax department manager at the law firm of Witherspoon & Goodwin, LLP.

Stephanie L. Burrell '72 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Chicago.

Stephanie B. Johnson '71 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City.

Stephanie Kindinger '81 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Los Angeles.

Kris Krull '79 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Chicago.

Jeffrey H. McCune '81 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Los Angeles.

Karen D. O'Neill '80 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City.

Jennifer M. Reardon '81 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in San Francisco.

Kathleen A. Ryan '80 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Chicago.

Sandra L. Smith '78 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City.

Stephanie L. Stowe '78 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Los Angeles.

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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, OCTOBER 1991

THIRTEEN
Margaret Lubbers dies

Margaret Van Donselaar '22 Lubbers of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Saturday, Aug. 19, 1990. She was 95.

She was First Lady emeritus of Hope College, the widow of Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers '17, who was president of Hope from 1945-63. More-recent graduates will be familiar with her image as a capital donor. In the painting that hangs in the first floor hallway of Lubbers Hall, which shows her playing a game of chess with her husband.

She was a very gracious lady," said Fr. Raymond J. O'Brien of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press. "She was the ideal president's wife, and she was a very good worker in the church.

The affection with which she was regarded by her husband is reflected in a tribute paid her in the January, 1963, issue of the Hope College Alumni Magazine. The tribute was published on the occasion of Dr. Irwin Lubbers' retirement from the Hope presidency.

He was described highly as a talented person and as a friend, one who has a rare gift of being able to be a sympathetic listener and wise counselor when faculty or students come to her to share a problem or a concern. Dr. Lubbers also served in a capacity related to a campus organization or to Hope College standards or ideals," the tribute noted. "And now she leaves her home on our campus, we assure her that our many fond and loyal associations with her and her contribution to us will long be remembered.

She was born on April 19, 1896. Her parents, Henk and Janette, Mouw, during the year that she was two years old. She was adopted by Peter and Tanetje Van Donselaar and lived with them in St. Mary's Center, Iowa, until she graduated from high school.

Before attending Hope, she taught country school in northwest Iowa and at the Winnebago Indian Mission of the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Upon graduating in 1912, she taught in a teaching position in Allegan, Mich.

She married Dr. Irwin Lubbers on Jan. 1, 1923, and moved to New York City, where he attended graduate school at Columbia University. They returned to Hope, where Dr. Irwin Lubbers joined the English faculty. After six years they left for Northwestern University, where he completed his doctorate in higher education. In 1934, they moved to Pella, Iowa, where Dr. Irwin Lubbers assumed the presidency of the college, and remained there until his retirement in

In 1963, they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he served as president of the Des Moines Area Community College. He also served as president of the Iowa Association of Private Colleges and Universities. In 1975, they returned to Michigan. Their final move, to Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, Grand Rapids, came in 1981.

Throughout her life, she was a leader of many women's clubs and organizaions, and was active in both the state and national levels of these organizations.

Irwin and Margaret Lubbers in August of 1984

Women's League for Hope College and Village Square for many years. She was also active in various arts and cultural organizations.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 2, 1987, as well as by her son, Irwin J. (Bob) Lubbers of Grand Rapids, and her daughter-in-law, Arend (Don) and Nancy Lubbers of East Grand Rapids, Mich. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Robert and Lucy Lubbers of Lakeland, Fla., Richard and Julie Lubbers of Holland, Mich., Peggy and Sergio Quesada of Mexico City, Arend Jr., and Pamela Lubbers of New York City, John and Diana Lubbers of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Mary Montgomery of Knoxville, Iowa, Andrew Lubbers of East Grand Rapids and Caroline Lubbers of East Grand Rapids; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a lover of music and also many years spent at Hope College. Central College in Pella, Iowa, Central Reformed Church or Porter Hills Presbyterian Village.
Fellowship Group.


Survivors are his children, JoefiCordes and Geoffrey of Rockford, Ill., and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald W. Visser, 75, of Bolivar, Calif., died on Monday, Aug. 5, 1991, after a long fight with cancer.

He majored in chemistry at Hope and majored in English, a master's degree from the University of Colorado.

He was professor emeritus of biochemistry at the University of Southern California Medical School, where he taught for 34 years. He was also a long-term member of the Board of Trustees of the California Foundation for Biochemical Research.

An endowment was established in his honor in Hope through funds provided by the California Foundation for Biochemical Research announced in the previous issue of Hope College. The fund will support graduate research in biochemistry, and the endow Donald W. Visser Fellows will be designated in the spring of 1992, working full-time on research projects during the following summer.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Beckman Visser, and a son, Dr. William Donald Visser, who practices in West Covina, Calif.

Anthony Walvoord '21 of Denton, Texas, died on Saturday, July 6, 1991. He was 92.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1908, in Cedar Grove, Wis. He attended Hope College and received a degree from the National Training School for Women.

Survivors include one son, David Walvoord of Colorado; three daughters; and great-grandchildren.


Survivors include one brother-in-law, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

The family of John Alfred Barlow, who died in Brookside Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Friday, April 2, 1991, was 67.

He was a member of the Hope psychology faculty from 1966-1966.

The family of Harold E. Berghorst of Zeeland, Mich., who died on Saturday, Oct. 12, 1991, was 79.

A long-time supporter of Hope College, he was survived by his brother, Ford A. Berghorst of Zeeland; two sisters, Laura Verplank of Zeeland and Margaret Webb of Plymouth, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Audrey Berghorst of Zeeland; a brother-in-law, Carl Webb of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

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