Athletic excellence

Hope’s swimmers like sophomore Sarah DeWitt were out in front of the pack this season with school, conference and national honors.

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Campus Notes

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

I hear myself being introduced and I sit there thinking to myself, 'God, I wish I had known a little bit of that back then.' People often ask me, 'Did you know Roots was going to be so well?' And I think to myself, 'If I had, I would have typed a lot faster.'

"If you're setting out to do (genealogy), the most immediate thing you have to try to do, if you are blessed enough to have family elders living, is to go interview the family elders—who can tell you things in five minutes that you will spend years trying to find if you haven't asked them before they passed away.

"And one of the things that is found to be absolutely true is that when grandparents are to be interviewed, by all means the ideal interviewers are grand-children. It is known absolutely that there is a particular inter-relationship, in fact it's almost a conspiracy, between grandparents and grandchildren.

"And it is viewed that the reason that there is this street bond between grandparents and grandchildren is that both of them seem to have perceived that they share a common enemy, and that's parents. That's what makes them so tight together."

"We get caught up in this world that we're in, of technology, where everything is push-button/laser/zip-up/instant, and without realizing it, we kind of pull away from the slower things, from the people who live somewhat slower lives, who indeed in fact make us possible. And it's not that we intend to be not thankful, we're just so busy doing all these rush-rush things we don't think about it.

"I would just recommend that you think about it in your own case. Just go thank them. Walk up to your grandparents, walk up to your parents and hug them and say 'Thank you.' And I think you will find some rich rewards and feelings of doing that simple thing.

"When Roots first came out... There were phrases I heard so many times. People would come up—both black and white, and brown, and polka dot for that matter—and they would say, 'I didn't know. I never realized,' and things like that.

"And you know, what I have gotten out of that, more than anything else, is that really about the black experience, for me, just personally, it has given me an insight into how all of us come from cultures, come from background, come from such dramatic stories of people who lived; people who were in peril, who were challenged. And one another we were able to overcome and triumph, so to speak.

"Most of us ancestrally go back to somewhere else in the world, where the circumstance was not like it is now. And there is a drama equal to Roots, if not to surpass it, in the story about every people. And I have so many times wished that I could write another book about another culture and have it be something on the order of Roots in terms of exploring, what was that culture?—so that we all could know a little bit more about each other, which I think is so valuable.

"I love the idea that each of us should be proud of who we are, of what our history is, of our background, our culture. I think the vital thing that we do not enough of it, is to share with others our pride in our specific culture. I just feel that that is one of the most enriching types of things that we could do—to share with each other who we are, what makes us special and feel respectful of each other.

—The late Alex Haley during an address in Dinsmore Memorial Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 30, one of his last public appearances. The 70-year-old Haley died on Monday, Feb. 10, 1992, in Seattle, Wash., of a heart attack.

About 1,900 people—a capacity crowd—gathered to hear Haley speak on topics ranging from the origins of his writing career to grandparents to the writing of his best-selling "Roots." The impetus for the visit originated with the College's Student Congress.

"SENIOR GIFT!"" Jason Garringer '92 of Alma, Mich., has taken the idea of a "senior gift" one step farther than making a donation to the college's Alumni Annual Fund.

To boost its participation in the Alumni Fund drive, the senior class held a drawing featuring donated prizes. Garringer won the grand prize, a cruise donated by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines through the efforts of a Hope alumnus. Rather than use it himself, however, he has decided to donate the trip to his parents.

"I feel that they've been nice enough to pay for my college career here, and I'm continuing on with graduate work also and they're going to try to help me with that," he said. "And I feel like they've given up a lot for me, so why be selfish and take it for myself? I thought it'd be nice to give it to them.

COMMUNICATION SOCIETY:
Hope College has established a chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication honor society.

Approximately 35 colleges and universities belong to Lambda Pi Eta, which was established in 1935. Hope's chapter, new during the 1991-92 academic year, has 11 student members.

"We are one of the early chapters at a liberal arts college," said Dr. James Herrick, the chapter's faculty advisor and an associate professor of communication at Hope. "Most chapters at this point are at state colleges."
The past year Hope College chemistry professor Rod Boyer was on the front lines of RNA research, embroiled in the effort to develop molecular warriors that can help humanity in its fight against viruses like cancer and AIDS.

Dr. Boyer spent 1991 at the University of Colorado/Boulder with Dr. Thomas R. Cech, the Nobel Prize-winning biochemist who discovered and is pioneering the use of RNA as a novel form of ribonucleic acid (RNA). The implications, Dr. Boyer says, are staggering.

"These have been studied now for about 10 years, and we're just beginning to understand how they work," Dr. Boyer said. "But my guess is in five to 10 years there will be at least some testing in humans using catalytic RNA, and there will be some major medical uses of RNA in the future."

Prior to Dr. Cech's discovery, RNA was something of a lesser cousin to the better known DNA. DNA contains genetic coding, including the messages that build the body's enzymes to catalyze, or make happen, essential life functions. RNA was considered only a messenger, conveying information from the DNA to the catalyzing enzymes.

Dr. Boyer found that some RNA molecules, called ribozymes, not only deliver the messages but also serve as catalysts. According to Dr. Boyer, part of what makes the discovery so important is that biochemists are currently able to create RNA synthetically, which means that they should one day be able to create ribozymes that can destroy the messenger RNA that carries harmful instructions, such as cancer viruses.

"All viruses express their genetic information by means of messenger RNA, and some viruses, including some cancer-causing viruses, store genetic information in RNA, rather than DNA," Dr. Boyer said. "In the future, ribozymes may be designed that can cleave RNA and thereby inactivate such viruses in a living organism."

Dr. Boyer's role in Colorado consisted of determining the RNA's structure, knowledge that is necessary if the ribozymes are to be understood and utilized. His sabbatical was funded by a grant from the American Cancer Society and Hope College.

Dr. Cech's research with RNA, Dr. Boyer notes, is just one aspect of what he considers one of science's most dynamic and rapidly growing fields. "There have been major explosions in biochemistry research, and every day we hear about major job opportunities — there aren't many jobs available 10 to 15 years ago," he said.

Until recently, however, biochemistry was relatively uncommon at the undergraduate level. Colleges and universities are now scrambling to develop B.S. degree programs to help meet the increased demand, while at the same time the discipline is seeking to define itself within the academic context.

One option for the B.S. degree is the sequence of courses endorsed by the American Chemical Society (ACS), which certifies programs that meet its criteria. The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) has also recently released its own set of recommendations for institutions with a biochemical program. Dr. Boyer is a member of the committee that drafted the ASBMB's recommendations. He feels he was chosen in part because Hope "was one of the pioneering schools in starting a biochemistry program," having established a program in the field as early as 1968. Hope's biochemistry program meets the criteria of both the ACS and the ASBMB. The college's traditional emphasis on undergraduate research also insures that students gain exposure to the methodology of biochemistry, according to Dr. Boyer.

It is because of the increased interest in biochemistry as a discipline that Dr. Boyer especially values his 1991 sabbatical with Dr. Cech. While he expects that the practical medical benefits of the research are still some years off, his work will yield other results immediately.

"I've developed a new experiment to do in the laboratory with this RNA, because I've found a source to purchase a particular kind, and I can learn about it in my classes," he said. "That same experiment is going to be in the second edition of my laboratory book, Modern Experimental Biochemistry. It will be one of the most modern experiments available."

"It's also a project that we'll eventually be able to pursue in our undergraduate research program in biochemistry," he said.

"So my sabbatical really brings me up to date — right at the cutting edge — of RNA research in general," he said.
ACADEMIC CALENDAR (1991-92)

Spring Semester
April 27-May 1, Monday through Friday - Semester Examinations
May 1, Friday - Residence Halls close for those not participating in Commencement, 5 p.m.
May 2, Saturday - Alumni Day
May 3, Sunday - Baccalaureate and Commencement
May Term
May 4, Monday - Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-11 a.m. in the Maas Center auditorium
May 4, Monday - Classes begin at 1 p.m.
May 22, Friday - May Term ends
June Term
May 26, Tuesday - Registration and payment of fees from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Maas Center auditorium
May 26, Tuesday - Classes begin at 1 p.m.
June 12, Friday - June Term ends
Summer Session
June 15, Monday - Registration and payment of fees, 8:30-10 a.m. in the Maas Center auditorium
June 15, Monday - Classes begin
July 24, Friday - Summer Session ends
August Seminars
August 4-7, Monday through Friday

ADMISSIONS

Junior Day - Friday, April 24
Pre-Medicine and Pre-Engineering Day - Friday, May 8

Exploration '92 - July 13-18
A "mini-college" experience for students who will be juniors and seniors in high school in the fall of '92. For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 352-7850 or write Office of Admissions, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423.

THE ARTS

Guest Recital - Sunday, April 5: Martin Jean, organist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Junior Recital - Tuesday, April 7: Greg Pratt, clarinetist, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Dance Concerts - Thursday and Friday, April 9-10: Contemporary Motions Dance Company, DeWitt Main Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets cost $3 for adults and $1.50 for children younger than age 12.
College Musica and College Chorus
Concert - Thursday, April 9: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Chamber Winds - Student Ensembles Concert - Friday, April 10: Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Great Performance Series - Saturday, April 11: Turtle Island String Quartet, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for senior citizens, $12.50 for other adults and $6 for students, and information concerning sale dates may be obtained by calling (616) 394-6996.
Faculty Recital Series - Sunday, April 12: Knickerbocker Theatre, 4 p.m.
Wind Ensemble Concert - Tuesday, April 14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Orchestra Concert - Tuesday, April 21: featuring student winners of the Concerto/Aria Competition, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.
Student Recital - Thursday, April 23: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.
Studio Opera - Friday-Saturday, April 24-25: scenes from various operas, Wichers Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Senior Recital - Sunday, April 26: Juliet Hesley, pianist, Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.
Aerial Dance Company - Tuesday, May 5: an affiliate of the college's department of dance, DeWitt Main Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets cost $3 for regular adult admission and $1.50 for senior citizens and children under 12. Additional information may be obtained by calling (616) 394-7690.

INSTANT INFORMATION

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

ALUMNI WEEKEND

Friday, May 1
Reunion classes (1942-1977) will hold evening activities.
Saturday, May 2
9 a.m.-noon Reunion registration - Van Zoeren entryway 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Reunion luncheon begins
4 p.m. - 50-Year Circle ceremony - Maas auditorium
5:30 p.m. - Photo of all 50-Year Circle members (class of 1942 and earlier) - Phelps Hall lawn
6 p.m. - Distinguished Alumni Awards - Phelps Hall dining room. A reception honoring the award recipients will follow in the Maas auditorium
Sunday, May 3
9 a.m. Alumni Worship Service - Dimnent Chapel
10 a.m. Reception - Graves Hall lawn
10:45 a.m. Parade of Graduates
11 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (admission by ticket only)
11 a.m. Alumni Brunch - Kletsch, DeWitt Center
3 p.m. Commencement - Holland Municipal Stadium (Holland Civic Center in case of rain)
For additional information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

SUMMER THEATRE

Season opens Friday, June 19
Curtain time 8 p.m.
Monday through Saturday
DeWitt Center Main theatre
11776 (musical)
Macbeth (tragedy)
Tintypes (musical)
Willi (comedy-drama)
A Shayna Maidel (second stage production, Snow Auditorium)
Information concerning tickets, season dates and additional summer plays may be obtained by calling (616) 394-7690 before May 26 (the date tickets go on sale), or at (616) 394-7890 after May 26.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR HOPE

Kalamazoo Chapter - Friday, April 24
Spring Breakfast at Third Reformed
Contact Jenni Liggett at (616) 343-6464.
Village Square - Wednesday, June 24
Please see the advertisement page 19.

DE PREE GALLERY

Senior Art Show - April 5 - May 3
The work of graduating seniors.
Children's Art from the Two Hollands - May 11 - 31

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Regional Events
Annual Golf Outing - Monday, July 13

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Boys Basketball Camp - June 6-17
Girls Basketball Day Camps:
Sixth-Eighth grades - June 15-17
Ninth-Twelfth grades - June 22-26
Girls High School Basketball Team Scrimmage - June 22-25
Football Passing Camp - Aug. 2-5
Swimming Program - June 8-18, June 22-July 2
T.U.P.C. Distance Running Camp - July 27-Aug. 1
Boys Varsity Basketball Team Camp - July 13-16
Boys J.V. Basketball Team Camp - July 6-9
For more information, please call (616) 394-7690. Ask for Joyce McPherson.

THEATRE

Electionary by Lee Blessing, April 9-18
Tickets for Electionary cost $5 for regular adult admission, and $4 for senior citizens and students. Please call the theatre ticket office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (616) 394-7890 for ticket reservations. The ticket office is closed Sundays.

KNIKERBOCKER THEATRE

DownTown Holland at 86 East Eighth Street
The Knickerbocker Theatre, open Monday through Saturday, features a variety of art, foreign and classic films, and a number of live events. 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) 392-3195.
Scholarship follows good Hope experiences

by Greg Oigers '87

A lumni often become involved in the life of Hope College because they had good experiences as Hope students.

Larry Mulder '88 of Holland, Mich., went a different route.

He became a Hope student because he'd had a good experience being involved in the life of Hope College.

He also enjoyed his student years, which has made it all the easier for Larry and his wife Karen to stay involved with Hope—and to become involved in new ways. Most recently, they established an endowed scholarship in support of the college's Hope in the Future capital campaign.

A $50 million effort, the campaign seeks to raise $16 million to strengthen financial aid, both need and merit-based. The types of scholarships created will vary, depending on both the needs to be met and the interests of the donors.

One advantage of the campaign's far-reaching nature is that there are many ways support can be designated and used. By working with the college's development office, Larry and Karen, who is a graduate of Western Michigan University, were able to contribute in a way that was meaningful to them both.

"One of the qualifications was that we both had to be excited about it," Karen said. "Well, Larry was excited about donating the money to Hope College. I was mildly excited about that, but my passion was to try to do something for displaced homemaker(s or single parents), so we came up with the idea for this

and Door Co. (subsequently renamed ODL Inc., for Ottawa Door Lights). Always regretting not having finished his degree, he enrolled at Hope in the early 1980s, finishing in the spring of 1988.

At the outset, the prospect of returning to school was daunting to Larry. "It's an intimidating thing, when you're 42 years old and haven't been to school for 20 years," he noted.

Even so, the decision to attend Hope came easily. As a local resident and business leader, he'd already had several opportunities to experience what Hope has for Hope students gain experience working as interns with ODL (some have even gone on to work for the company after graduation).

He joined the Board of Trustees in 1987 and served as chairperson of the task force "Quality of Student Life" during the Hope in the Future strategic planning process that preceded the campaign. As a trustee, moreover, he is a member of the campaign's Board of Trustees Fund committee.

He and Karen are also Hope parents: one of their sons, Jeff, graduated from Hope in 1989.

Larry is even back at Hope as a student again, working toward his teaching certificate in secondary education. He's not certain a career change is in order, but admits that the prospect of teaching middle school children appeals to him.

He already works with young people through Hope Church in Holland, and both his and Karen's active involvement in their church says a great deal about the way their faith shapes the priorities in their lives.

"Our bottom-line philosophy is based on the Bible—starting with Genesis 12 and going all the way through Revelation: the idea that we are blessed to be a blessing," said Karen, who recently completed a master's of religious education degree at Western Theological Seminary, during a non-traditional student experience of her own. "We feel that we have been given so much, and that we need to do all we can to be a blessing to other people."

The scholarship, Larry noted, is an enduring way of doing just that.

"We have a chance to influence the output of Hope College well beyond our lifetimes," Larry said. "I can't do that in my business, and we can't do that necessarily with our kids and our family, because you don't know what's going to happen."

"But here's an institution that we can support, knowing that long after we're history our support will still be generating some benefits to people," he said. "And that feels good to me."
Facility Profile

Hope classmates will “graduate” together a second time

Having led similar careers despite pursuing different disciplines, Elton Bruins '50 and Lamont Dirkse '50 will leave a rich legacy when they retire from the Hope faculty this year.

by Eva Dean Folkert '83

The academic and career lives of Dr. Elton J. Bruins and Dr. Lamont D. Dirkse became any more intertwined and identical than they already are, the only similarity left for these two Hope professors would be the same family tree.

Dr. Bruins and Dr. Dirkse are both Wisconsin born and both are members of the Hope College Class of 1950. After early careers in fields related to their academic disciplines, both returned to Hope to teach—Dr. Dirkse as a professor of education in 1964 and Dr. Bruins as a professor of religion in 1966. Later, administrative duties became them—Dr. Bruins as a dean of arts and humanities and Dr. Dirkse as a dean of students. But they both eventually returned to their first love: teaching.

And now, after 54 combined years of service to Hope College, both have decided that 1992 is their year to retire. Although they’re not related, it is obvious that Dr. Bruins and Dr. Dirkse are at least kindred spirits.

The legacies these two have left with Hope point well beyond their accomplishments and accolades. Their imprints are left by their kind, gracious spirits and affirming natures, by their love of God and Hope. Dr. Bruins and Dr. Dirkse have probably influenced, encouraged, molded, and inspired nearly 7,000 students and colleagues at the college. And while this statistic can never be exact, it serves to point out more than the obvious, more than their streak of longevity at Hope; it illustrates the magnitude and multitude of the lives they’ve touched.

In Elton Bruins’ nearly immaculate office is a book that sits with hundreds of others, a book that Dr. Bruins can find immediately. Its name is simple: The Bruins Family of Alto, Wisconsin. As editor, Dr. Bruins wrote narratives, gathered letters, wrote narratives, and graphed a family tree in this impressive genealogy of his family, beginning with his great-great-grandparents who came to the United States in 1847. Watching him tenderly turn the pages filled with photos of nononsense Dutch

Dr. Lamont Dirkse ’50 (left) and Dr. Elton Bruins ’50 were Hope classmates, returned to Hope within two years of each other, and now leave, once again, at the same time. In between they have helped shape both students’ lives and the college itself.

"Elton...has a strong sense of history, a love of the church and Hope, a desire for the realization of the covenant of mutual responsibilities between the college and the Reformed Church, a refreshing candor and rock solid integrity."

—Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis, Provost

Dr. Bruins has been an avowed history、“Elton brought the discipline he came to Hope to teach. He is a member and past member of ten historical societies and commissions. He has published more than 120 items, most dealing with some historical avenue. This man just can’t seem to get enough of the past.

Which is why it isn’t surprising that when asked about his strongest memory of being at Hope, Dr. Bruins replies, "the shock of the fire that devastated Van Raalte Hall because we lost so much. We lost so much history, [Hundres of Hope documents were lost in that fire of 1960.] Remember we had just found the portraits of Ralph and Elizabeth Voorhees which had been missing for years. We put them in Van Raalte Hall shortly before the fire. It seemed as though we found those paintings only to lose them again, forever in that fire." Perhaps Dr. Bruins’ fascination with historical facts can be best explained in his own words with a definition he gave several years ago. As dean for the arts and humanities from 1984-89, Dr. Bruins, whose specialty not surprisingly is the history of religion in America, was an eloquent sponsor and ambassador for the disciplines he oversaw. "The humanities," he said without a hint of lip service, "provide us with the riches of the disciplines he taught, our ability to live a life. They make our lives rich all of our lives."

"Elton brought many special qualities to our faculty," says Dr. Jacob Nyenhuis, provost of Hope and Dr. Bruins’ predecessor in the deanship. "He has a strong sense of history, a love of the church and Hope, a desire for the realization of a covenant of mutual responsibilities between the college and the Reformed Church, a refreshing candor and rock solid integrity. From the beginning of my tenure as dean, I developed an appreciation for those special gifts and came to rely on him for advice and counsel. Elton has many outstanding leadership qualities and is held in high esteem by the faculty."

Dr. Bruins was the pastor of two Reformed churches in New York before coming to Hope in 1965 with his wife Gladys and children, Mary '78 Plasman and David '80. He wasn’t here long before he began doing archival work. In the summer of 1967, Dr. Bruins started organizing Western Theological Seminary’s archives; a summer later, the archives of Holland’s museum came under his care; in 1970, the Hope archives also received the Bruins touch. "In those days, teachers either painted or raised blueberries during the summer," he reflects. "Neither of those interested me so I was fortunate enough to happen upon this kind of work."

As a result of his "family-like" love for the archives of the three institutions, Dr. Bruins became the prime mover behind the formation of the Joint Archives of Holland, a huge collection of documentation from Hope College, Western Theological Seminary and the Holland Historical Trust. "Seeing everything together in Van Wylen Library (the Joint Archives is in its own section on the ground level) is one of the most gratifying endeavors of my years at Hope. We are saving Holland’s heritage in a beautiful place."

His attention to detail and orderly manner made Dr. Bruins a natural for administrative roles at the college. From 1977-84, he served as chairperson of the religion department, followed by his five years as dean for the arts and humanities. For the fall semester of 1989, while Dr. Nyenhuis took a sabbatical leave, Dr. Bruins held some heavier reins as acting provost. He was also a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees from 1974-1979, director of the Oral History Program from 1977-1990, and chairperson of the Van Wylen Library Planning Committee from 1982-1984, the most enjoyable of all his committee work, he says. Dr. Bruins’ name can be found in Who’s Who in the Midwest and Who’s Who in Religion. No small wonder.

"I would be happy to continue teaching indefinitely," admits Dr. Bruins, who is the first to say that most of his endeavors have come as a byproduct of his work. "Of course there is a certain grieving process of not seeing your colleagues every day, of losing that structured schedule of going to work everyday."

Dr. Bruins won’t have too long to grieve, though. This fall he’ll be back to teach a Senior Seminar. He also plans to work on...
DeGraaf questioned that at remembers. Of course, there is every opportunity to become a professional volunteer," he quips.

The general consensus is that Dr. Bruins would be very good at that too.

...It’s a little scary for me to retire," laughs Lamont Dirkske. "I’ll be the only living professor-emeritus of education." After 41 years in education, 28 of them at Hope, Dirkske said he was not DETRUSTING anyone. There has never been a role in education that he has been afraid to fill. From elementary to college classrooms, Dr. Dirkske tackled responsibilities that he even suggested he was crazy to take on. "But when I reflect on each position that I’ve been in—teaching and administration, I feel that they were all very rewarding," he says, "And I never left any position because I was dissatisfied."

After graduating from Hope, Dirkske began teaching elementary school in Ferrysburg, Mich., and later became a elementary school principal in Grand Haven, Mich. He was the coordinator of student teachers and supervisor of the West Michigan University and Muskegon County Community College for a year before he and his family—wife Ruth DeGraaf ’50 and children David ’73, Susan ’75 Carlson, and Nancy ’81—returned to Hope in 1964.

"John Vriege was chairperson of the department at that time and he asked me if I wanted to come back and teach," Dirkske remembers. "Well, I had always thought that at some time I would like to teach at the college level, to incorporate the practice with the theory. So I said, ‘yes.’"

For 19 years Dr. Dirkske was a professor of education before then-President Gordon Van Wylen asked him in 1983, if he might be interested in trying something new—filling the vacancy left by Michael Gerrie for dean of students.

"When I accepted, many of our friends questioned my sanity," he recalls. "But Ruth and I had two great years living in Voorthuysen Hall as head residents. When we went into that we weren’t sure how juniors and seniors would react to having grandparents in their dorm. But it was wonderful; they really opened up. So because of that I really enjoyed the job and stayed on campus in Hillegonds Cottage."

"I think I had a positive influence while I was dean. We had an open door policy in our office. Oh, there were times when I had to be firm, but I remember at least one student who was grateful for that. After I had talked to this student from school, he wrote to me asking for a reference to enroll in another college. I said, ‘Why would you expect a reference from me?’ He told me that because I had taken a stand, albeit necessary, he had decided he would change his attitude and get his grades up. You know, he did. After a year, he returned to Hope and later graduated."

"Lamont has a generous spirit, a gentle spirit that shows in the way he treats people, especially students," Dr. Nancy Sonsenfeldt ’62 Miller, dean for social sciences and a colleague with Dr. Dirkske in the education department since 1972, said. "He has a great personal attention to the students, to their feelings and goals. That shows in the way he would approach his students and they felt welcome in the department.

Dirkske returned to teaching in 1986 when two vacancies left the department understaffed. In fact, it had always been Dirkske’s plan to return to teach before his retirement. He figured the time was right. He told his superiors of his job, having once held that post from 1968–75. For a question on education certification and criteria, Dr. Dirkske is the man to know. He has been president of the Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and chairperson for the Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council of Western Michigan. He was twice selected by the Michigan Inter-Institutional Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching to lead teacher training trips abroad, one to Brussels in 1977 and the other to Nigeria in 1981.

"After Lamont retires, I will miss his first-hand knowledge of the kindergarten through 12th educational system," Dr. Miller adds. "He has anyone who has anything on education—issues, policies, structure—should see. He is very kind. He has the knowledge, the breadth of what’s happening in education."

Plans after retirement: well, Dr. Dirkske’s tenure isn’t exactly over after graduation day in May. He’ll teach a May Term on “Perspectives in Education” and then, “I’m looking forward to a career in change. Ruth is retiring, too, from the Academic Support Center at the college where she has been the tutor coordinator since 1986. So we plan to go on a mission project for the Restored Church and make a clean break for awhile. I won’t be breathing down my colleague’s necks and they won’t be breathing down mine. We’ll be gone for a year, wherever they send us—foreign or domestic. But just for a year. We have six grandchildren and their soccer and baseball games to get back to.”

Hope College will be waiting too.

...There’s an old Amish saying Elton Bruins recalled that he jokingly said can be applicable at one’s impending retirement. It goes, “Too soon old, too late smart.” For Dr. Bruins and Dr. Dirkske, that is certainly not true.

Then there’s another saying Bruins remembered, this one from his mother on a more serious note that went, “Always try to leave something better than the way you found it.”

Where Hope College is concerned, there is no doubt that Elton J. Bruins and Lamont D. Dirkske have done just that.

Faculty Kudos

James B. Allis Albert A. Bell

James B. Allis, assistant professor of philosophy, and Albert A. Bell, associate professor of classics and history, combined their interests in philosophy and bibliography to compile Resources in Ancient Philosophy: An Annotated and Bibliographical Scholarship in English, 1965–1985. The comprehensive, 400-page reference work, published in December by Scarecrow Press, lists all books and articles related to ancient philosophy and published in English from 1965–89.

According Dr. Allis and Bell, no single reference work of its scope devoted exclusively to work in ancient philosophy, and interest in thinkers other than Platonists, Plato and Aristotle has risen.

The book contains chapters on all the philosophers and schools covered in standard philosophical textbooks, from Thales (c. 585 B.C.) to Augustine (c. 400 A.D.). Each chapter consists of a brief biography of the major figure of the particular philosopher’s thought, followed by a listing of all books and articles about that philosopher written in, or translated into, English between 1965 and 1989. Older works which were reprinted during that period are also included.

Dr. Allis and Bell spent more than three years compiling the bibliography, writing brief abstracts for each entry, and producing camera-ready copy. The task required visits to other libraries, assistance from the Interlibrary Loan office of Hope’s library, the help of several student assistants, and advice from the college’s office of Computing and Information Technology.

Marc Baer, associate professor of history, has had his book Theatre and Disorder in Late Georgian London published by Oxford University Press, one of the world’s largest publishers of academic texts. Theatre and Disorder in Late Georgian London uses a riot at London’s Covent Garden Theatre, which went on for six nights in the fall of 1809, to understand the relationship between theatre, politics and society in modern Britain. According to Dr. Baer, “The overall theme of the book is that the appeal of theatre—and of theatricality to all classes—may help explain why a society so characterized by disorder nonetheless avoided political upheaval in an age of revolution.

Individual chapters examine connections between theatre and the constitution, nationalism, the press, elected officials and average citizens. In addition, the book includes studies of audiences and rioters whose often were the same people.

The book has been described as “an unusually interesting and original contribution to the cultural and political history of early nineteenth-century Britain.”

Harvey Blankensop, who is the Frederic Garland and Ellen Fiska Summerfield Professor of Biology at Hope, was featured on the internationally televised Hour of Power with Dr. Robert Schuller ’47 during the March 8 broadcast.

The Hour of Power emanates from the weekly worship services at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., and is watched nationally and internationally.

Dr. Blankensop and the March 8 program were the second Hour of Power telecast to be sent to the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Blankensop was named the 1991 national “Professor of the Year” by the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Other honors that have accompanied his award include his being invited to present a lecture at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Zoological Park in October and two visits to the White House.

Del Michel, professor of art, has had his work chosen as the 1992 Tulip Time Festival Poster. The painting consists of 36 rectangular boxes, most of which feature a symbol of a tulip. Arrayed in six rows of six rectangles each, the flowers are intended to represent a tulip bed, prompting the eye to move from one image to another.

“It’s a definite departure from the watercolors we’ve had recently,” Kristi Van Howe, Tulip Time executive director, said. "Grand Rapids Press reporter Kym Schuetz wrote an article published on Thursday, Feb 6. “Del’s is a more contemporary approach. With the thick paint, tearing and shadows, it’s a fun and colorful design that’s really being well received.”

The painting is featured on all of the ’92 festival’s promotional literature, and also being sold by the Tulip Time office as a 22 by 28 inch poster. Tulip Time runs Wednesday, May 6, to Saturday, May 16, this year.

Professor Michel has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1964. He was honored as the painting artist during the reception held at the Holland Area Arts Council on Thursday, Feb. 6.
Graduation activities will be Sunday, May 3

Dr. Robert H. Schuller '47, founding pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., will conduct the Baccalaureate, and the Rev. Timothy Brown '73, pastor at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Mich., will give the Baccalaureate sermon.

Dr. Schuller reaches millions around the world with his Hour of Power television program. First telecast in 1970, the Hour of Power is the highest rated religious program in the country.

Additionally, in 1989 Dr. Schuller became the first non-Soviet pastor ever to be invited to speak on Soviet television. In September of 1990, he was asked by the Soviet government to begin a monthly television program there called From Heart to Heart.

Dr. Schuller came to Garden Grove in 1954 to found the Reformed Church in America's (RCA) congregation there. With Arvelia as organist and $500 in assets, he rented the Orange Drive-In Theater and conducted Sunday services from the roof of the snack bar.

The congregation's growth through the years dictated the decision to build the internationally acclaimed Crystal Cathedral. The first-ever all-glass church was dedicated on Sept. 14, 1980, "to the glory of man for the greater glory of God." Today the congregation numbers about 10,000.

Dr. Schuller was born in Alton, Iowa, on Sept. 16, 1926. In addition to a bachelor's degree in Hope, he holds a bachelor of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary and was ordained by the RCA in 1950.

After ordination he became minister at the Evanston Reformed Church in Garden Grove, Ill, where he remained for five years—and leaving for Garden Grove in 1955. During his time there, the Evanston congregation grew from 38 to 500.

He is the author of more than 30 books, including such titles as The New York Times best seller list. His latest, Believe In The God Who Believes In You, is based on the Ten Commandments.

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Dance honorary is believed a national collegiate first

The department of dance at Hope College has established Sigma Omicron, which its organizers believe is the first honorary fraternity in dance at a college or university in the United States.

The new chapter initiated its first members in December. According to Maxine DeBruyn, professor of dance and chairperson of the department, other institutions have already expressed an interest in establishing similar fraternities, making it possible that Sigma Omicron could become a national society.

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"It provides a way for dancers to work beyond performing together, for the advancement of their own art, and it provides opportunities for them to explore and develop new ideas and broaden their creative horizons," she said. "It's also a way our students can have ownership in the program, helping it advance on the campus and off the campus."

"It's also important to do something for one another as well as for the community," Professor DeBruyn said. "Some of Sigma Omicron's activities include giving back to the community through workshops or lecture demonstrations and annual concerts."

The idea for Sigma Omicron began in the fall of 1990. Professor DeBruyn and several students had spent a late evening completing a dance history final project, and had gone to breakfast together. Patricia Nelson, then a senior, raised the possibility; the others liked the thought, and Professor DeBruyn and Hope student William Crowley pursued it.

To be eligible for membership, students must be declared dance majors and minors with junior or senior standing. Other requirements include holding a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in dance (on a 4.0 scale), holding a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6, and having performed at least twice in Hope dance programs.

Arvelia Schuller

The ministry at the Crystal Cathedral often reflects Schuller's guiding hand. She was instrumental in the early development of the 24-hour NEW HOPE Counseling Service, Helping Hands (food and clothing service for the underprivileged), the Christian Day Care Center of the church and the Crystal Cathedral's Literacy Center (affiliated with the Lauchbuch Literacy Center). To show its appreciation, in 1990 the Crystal Cathedral dedicated 32 Holland bells in her honor, the Arvelia Schuller Carillon.

She has also been dedicated to service in the community. Schuller has served on the boards of many organizations, such as the Orange County Bim Center and the Reformed Church in America's Wycliffe College. She has supported the Mary Magdalene Project, which is a special ministry to young prostitutes, and theYWCA Home for the Homeless.

She has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1964.

She has written several books providing practical insights into the family, including Mommy Is Better Than a Blanket, The Courage of Carol and The Positive Family, the latter of which received the Religion in Media Book Award for 1983 and sold more than 100,000 copies.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller '47

He was pastor at First Reformed Church in South Holland, Ill., from 1980-83, and had been pastor of Fellowship Reformed Church in Hudsonville, Mich., from 1976-80.

A native of Kalamazoo, he is a 1976 graduate of Western Theological Seminary, has done graduate work at Calvin Seminary, and has a candidate for the Degree of Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the RCA in May of 1976.

His wife Nancy was born in Grand Rapids and is a 1971 Hope graduate. They have three children: Sarah, Jonathan and Rebekah.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at the Holland Civic Center. Admission to Baccalaureate and Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only. The graduation activities at Hope will coincide with the college's Alumni Weekend.

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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1992
Commencement tradition has taken many forms

Larry J. Wagenaar '87

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

Through the years Commencement exercises have been the highlight of a student career at Hope College. For nearly 80 years, with the exception of a few years around 1890, the seniors of the graduating class were the principal speakers at the event.

In 1939, Commencement addresses were again given by someone other than a member of the graduating class. From that time onward, Hope graduates have been able to hear speeches of a best, brightest, and most successful give them their thoughts as they entered "the real world."

This year Dr. Robert Schuller '47, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral and the Hour of Power, joins an illustrious line of Commencement speakers that have included statesmen and church leaders, public figures and our own graduating seniors.

Prior to 1939 it was customary for members of the graduating class to give orations. In fact in the very early years of the college each graduate was required to speak. We may think today's ceremony is quite long, but it probably is no longer—and is possibly much shorter—than those of years gone by.

You and I might even find it difficult to sit through the type of ceremony that was held in 1883. That year eight orations were heard on such diverse topics as "Religious Education in Our Western States" (Michigan was part of the old Northwest) by Dirk Scholten, "The Social Debt to Science" by John A. Ott and "The Learned Man's Relation to Society" given by Evert J. Blekkink.

Hope's long ties with schools and students in Japan is illustrated through a speech given that same year by Tametsuke Matada who presented "Japanese Oration." Many individuals who are prominent in college, church and Holland community history gave their first public addresses in this forum. Among them were people like Samuel Zwemer 1887, who went on to become a well known missionary in the Reformed Church, Gerri Diekema 1881, who was a leader in state and national politics and ambassador to the Netherlands, and Calvin Vander Wart '37 who later became president of Hope College.

Although we do not have text of some of these speeches we can be sure that Commencement exercises were lengthy affairs and, of course, that diplomas were handed out just before the benediction. In contrast to such full programs, however, there was one year when no Commencement exercises were held. In 1872 Arend Visscher was the only graduate and the administration decided against a public ceremony. Visscher went on to become a prominent Holland attorney and was involved in community civic events like the Semi-Centennial Celebration, serving as secretary of the event. The records of this celebration are one of the treasured parts of the archival collection.

Commencement programs sometimes can tell us a little of the events of the time as well. Following the national financial panic of 1873 and the corresponding precarious situation at Hope, the Commencement program of 1875 was a hand drawn item. In later years, the simply printed programs were replaced by a high quality paper imprinted with an image of a prominent Memorial Chapel.

Multiple seniors gave orations for the last time in 1938, after which the practice was trimmed down to one valedictory address and a speech given by an invited speaker. Four years later, in 1942, the valedictory address was dropped from the program as well.

After the Commencement address as we know it was instituted, a variety of interesting and significant speakers spoke during the event. Many church leaders were among this group, including Joseph Sizoo who spoke twice, addressing "Unashamed and Unafraid" and "The Modern Dilemma." Norman Vincent Peale also spoke twice at Commencement.

The June 4, 1941, issue of the Anchor seems to buzz with activity. Not only was Dr. Sizoo giving the Commencement address, but Princess (later Queen) Juliana of the Netherlands was visiting at nearly the same time. The Dutch had already been overrun by Germany and the royal family was in exile, making her visit even more meaningful to Hope and Holland. Along with Baccalaureate and Commencement, a special convocation was held.

Baccalaureate, incidentally, was not always the same day as Commencement. The Baccalaureate service for many years held on Sunday, and Commencement on the following Wednesday.

His Excellency Jan Herman van Roijen, then the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States, gave the address "Power, Knowledge and Responsibility" in 1952, and Michigan First Lady Lenore Romney gave the address in 1967.

In more recent years—since 1971—the address given to the students has usually been delivered by a member of the faculty who had affected students' lives in and out of the classroom. The faculty member was chosen by a Commencement committee that included a heavy representation of students.

The selection resulted, at times, in some unique addresses, such as the one given by Hope faculty member Jack Ridl. He began with a string of noble and overtaken encouragements for the audience of soon-to-be graduates. After boos from the audience, the pages were thrown to the wind and Professor Ridl got on with his real speech, titled "The Unlived Life is Not Worth Examining."

In 1987 Hope President Dr. Gordon Van Wylen was in his own way, commencing along with the graduates. Appropriately, his theme was "Commencement: Yours and Mine," in which he explored the future. Last year's speaker was Bruce van Voost '54, a senior editor at Time magazine. This year it will be Dr. Schuller.

The reprinting of speakers from beyond campus is the latest change in a long history of Commencement evolution. Whatever the form and whatever the address, however, Commencement itself has always been in one sense the same thing: a formal recognition that students have completed another major step along the road to employment, graduate school and getting along in the business of living their lives.

Larry J. Wagenaar '87 is archivist of the Joint Archives of Holland which cares for the Hope College Archival collection.

Senior Rebecca O' Sheys '92 of Dearborn, Mich., contributed to this article.

Words from the Past

"...I have somewhere seen or heard of the organization of an inter-planetary rapid transit company or something of that kind. May there not be need of it, if the new science of aerodromics shall realize the promise of constructing aerodromes or vehicles with which to travel through the air as ships traverse the ocean?"

—Man's Dominion and How to Win It
the Rev. G. Henry Mandeville
June 22, 1892

"You have not only been learning, but you have been teaching. You are shaking us out of some of our complacency, you are teaching us, reminding us in the older generation of the value of reasoned dissent in serene times or an argument is never possible without it. But again, I would urge that you keep in mind in that it be reasoned, that it be objective and that it be constructive."

—Commencement Address
Robert W. Haack '88
June 3, 1988

"Twenty years ago—nearly to the day—I sat with my fellow seniors at graduation. We believed we had changed the world.

"About 10 years ago I gave the commencement address here at Hope College to the dregs of the New Generation. They were ready to conquer the world. Today, I give this commencement address to you, the dregs of the Mec-year. You are afraid to think that the world is going to conquer you."

—The Unlived Life Is Not Worth Examining"
Professor Jack Ridl
May 4, 1986
A Decade with DePree

by Beverly K. Snyder '93

It's been nearly 10 years since DePree Art Center and gallery opened, and everyone in the department of art, from the chairperson to the students, agrees that it still a wonderful building which suits its purposes well.

Originally a factory for Sligh Furniture, the building was renovated at a cost of $6.8 million, and dedicated in 1982. Until that time, the art department was located in a variety of buildings, including the Rusk Building, where Holland's post office now stands.

"DePree is quite a facility," said Bill Mayer, associate professor of art, and department chair. "I've been to various small schools and large universities, and this is an incredible facility for a college."

"I think the warmth of the building, having been an old furniture factory, the history the place is sort of imbued with, makes this so much better than an institutionalized, cinder-block—concrete-with-terrazzo—floors-and-green-lockers-down-the-hallway type building. Step into any big university art department and that's quite often what you find," said Professor Mayer.

Dr. John (Jack) Wilson explained that the art faculty had a great deal of input into the renovation of the building.

Details, like the placement of light switches and thermostats, were thought through carefully to preserve as much uninterrupted wall space as possible.

"One of the things that's interesting about art departments is that their needs are similar to a factory's," said Dr. Wilson. "They both need a lot of open space and they both need a lot of light."

There were irregular spaces in the building that most people would walk over or cover up," he added, "but we wanted to leave them, because they were interesting."

Dr. Wilson also pointed out that the DePree building has faculty studios adjacent to teaching studios, which encourages contact between students and professors.

"The idea is to teach from more than one method, and in addition to the obvious presence of faculty in teaching studios, his or her availability to students in off moments is also valuable. The students can walk in and look over the shoulder of the artist at times, and we feel that's an important way to learn," said Dr. Wilson.

Professor Mayer, best known for his sculpture, agrees that the students benefit from the proximity of the studios.

"The students get to see what we're doing first hand. They get to see our own progress," said Professor Mayer. "I think that's really important. It's sometimes troublesome for the professor because it may be 11 o'clock at night and you want some privacy in your own studio and there's a knock at the door...but what we're really here for is to teach the students. That's the primary directive."

Art professor Del Michel, who created the 1992 Tulip Time poster, compares the interaction with the students and faculty doing research together in Hope's science labs.

"It gives us a place to work on campus, and when we're here we're available to students because of it. Students come in and out of here all the time and see what I'm doing," said Professor Michel.

Another important feature of the gallery, which hosts exhibitions each year, is the Art Center and gallery, which houses student works. Two shows are in the

The building's design allows the college to feature more than one exhibit at a time. The main gallery features a variety of student paintings. Considering the works are on view:

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The final test for art majors, according to Professor Michel, is the Senior Show, which is scheduled this year for April 5 through May 3. The students not only produce the art for the exhibits, but also help plan the show; including the invitations, refreshments and set up.

“They’re full participants in all phases of planning the show and have a taste of what it’s like to be working as an artist,” said Professor Michel. “It also forces our students to assess their product and determine what, of all they produced, is the best and be self critical.”

Dr. Wilson believes the gallery has had a positive impact on the students’ work.

Since we’ve been able to have students exhibit in this gallery we’re seeing higher quality than before,” said Dr. Wilson. “They take the place seriously and they treat themselves more professionally because they realize they’re working in a professional context.”

Puppeteer Brad Williams ‘73 remembers the days when the senior shows were held in the Van Zoeter Library, and the gallery was in DeWitt.

“DePree has an ambiance to it that we didn’t have in DeWitt,” he noted. “I like the fact that now we’ve got a lot of air space and skylights.”

Current students also recognize the benefits of DePree gallery. “The gallery is a great space as far as college galleries,” said senior Nate Cassie of Franklin, Wis. “To have a Senior Show and have your peers and faculty see the work is nice.”

Professor Mayer is convinced the DePree Art Center and gallery have led to an increased enrollment in the department of art, and an increase in non-majors taking art classes.

“The thing that’s really wonderful about this place is the broad range of students who walk through here,” said Professor Mayer. “The diversity is really helpful. Sometimes you find that the chemistry student is the one who knows how to attack a problem in a very fresh way from what an art student would, and that kind of interaction is very helpful.”

“What is the subject of art?” asked Professor Mayer. “It’s about the rest of the world, not just techniques. Those students who come here from other areas are a real benefit for the art student, and vice versa. I think the way we mix it up at this college is important.”
Winter seasons see outstanding performances

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Senior Wade Gugino drew plaudits as a Kodak All-American by finishing fourth in the hope all-time scoring list.

Freshman Jack Methrie of Holland, Mich., was an All-American in both the 100-yard backstroke (sixth place) and 200-yard backstroke (seventh place). He became the first Hope male swimmer to win NCAA All-America honors in his freshman year.

Junior Jeff Bannink of Holland, Mich., was an All-American in the 400-yard individual medley (fifth place) and 200-yard individual medley (seventh place). Bannink in two years has been an All-American in four different individual events. He has been an All-American nine times in his career.

Freshman Steve Hope of Plainwell, Mich., won All-America honors by finishing eighth in the 500-yard freestyle.

Seven swimmers contributed to All-America performances in three freestyle relays.

One of the national meet's most exciting events was the 800-yard freestyle relay, where Hope renewed its rivalry for the gold with Kenyon, Ohio. In 1991 Hope ended Kenyon's string of 13 consecutive national championships in this event.

The Lords averaged that defeat in a classic race that matched swimmers stroke-for-stroke until the final 10 yards. Kenyon finished less than a second ahead of Hope.

Hope's time was two seconds faster than in 1991, when the Flying Dutchmen finished first. Members of that relay team were Bannink, Hescott, Hope and freshman Kirk Assink of Holland, Mich.

The hometown flavor of the men's swimming team was best demonstrated in the 400-yard freestyle relay. An all-Holland quartet of seniors Phil Sotok and Chris Von Ins and junior Sotok, combined to finish fourth. Sotok, Von Ins and Hescott were joined by Hope and freshman Matt Hescott of Grand Rapids, Mich., in a fourth-place All-America performance in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

1992 Swimming All-Americans

Kristy Achterhof  Kirk Assink  Jeff Bannink
Amy Bongers  Monica Bullard  Sarah DeWitt

Jon Hescott  Matt Hollebeck

Steve Hope  Dawn Hoving  Jack Methrie
Jennifer Noorman  Phil Sotok  Chris Von Ins

Hope's swimmers shaved many seconds off school and conference records as well as coach John Patnott's mustache.
To Begin an Even Knowing:

Accept rocks. Or whatever touches them.
Remember depth.

Collect fish.

Trust echoes: the pulse from your level hand,
the wave through wire.

Draw a map of heaven. Draw the sun. Say "Burn."

Memorize your country's stars.
Know you would be lost in half the world.

Set your story on fire.

Consider what this world has not been,
your hands folded on the edges of this page.

Count the universes you missed
because you spoke the right word.

Follow children's voices. Define green.
Mean purple.

Begin "Amen."

— Michael J. Theune '92
Spring Lake, Mich.

Sand Children

In the summer, my girls are ghosts.
I imagine their brown bodies sleek
as small seals in an aqua pool,
silvery hair streaming behind them.

They spook me from their Arizona.
(Bones dry on red clay in that bare heat)
I sense their presence, but they are
in another state. They are here,
but they are not here.

In Michigan, I lie on the shore, nestle
in the slopes of dune, cupped in the curve
of the harbor; float curled fetal,
speak to waves as they roll,
hold my breath till I emerge.

I collect driftwood into piles, save
lost lures caught in clumps of debris
shape sand into long-legged little girls,
forming their blithe bodies

So a cool breeze, passing by chance
across the surface of the lake
might brush over them,
and send them a shiver.

— E. Reka Jellema '89
Holland, Mich.

Evolution of a thinker

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

— by Matt Buys '92, Grand Junction, Colo., and
Advising's personal touch helps students sort options

by Greg Olgers '87

In addition to the challenges of coursework, college students everywhere face difficult questions about their plans for the future. At Hope, they're not on their own in either case.

The same professors who guide students through subjects like Computer Graphics, "Religion and Society" and "Urban Sociology" are also ready to help them sort through their interests and develop a sense of where they want their tomorrows to lead. The faculty's efforts, moreover, are combined with the work of departments ranging from the Chaplain's Office, to International Education, to Career Planning and Placement.

The college's department of education typifies the resulting focus.

"We adopted two years ago a model that represents us philosophically," said Dr. Carl Schackow, professor of education and chairperson of the department. "The model is the ecological model. The essence of that simply is that an advisor and a lecturer need to take into account all the dimensions of the individual. When we talk to people in this department, it's more than 'What's your major?'

"We want our program, then, to be perceived as not simply a series of courses. It's clearly a developmental process that happens—one thing builds on the next," he said. "And we talk about that during advising."

Maura Reynolds, director of advising, noted that the same philosophy characterizes the college-wide approach to the topic.

"I see the advising situation as one that breaks down all kinds of barriers," said Reynolds, who is also an adjunct assistant professor of Latin. "It breaks down the barriers between the office and Student Development, and Career Planning and academic issues."

"My advisor is Charles Aschbrenner, and he's always been available for consultation... He's really personable, and it's really easy to talk to him."

—Matt Kline '94

"And it recognizes—as the mission statements of the college and departments do—that we're talking about whole people who don't get broken up into a 'student development' part of their lives, an 'academic' part of their lives and a 'religious' part of their lives," she said. "The bits and pieces are interconnected.

"The belief that all experiences contribute to a student's education has gained adherents beyond the campus, too. In 1990, the university's advisor program earned a Certificate of Merit from American College Testing (ACT) and the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). Hope was one of only two liberal arts colleges nationwide honored.

Among ACT's and NACADA's primary

considerations was "impact." What makes the department—and college-wide approaches function as well as they do is the commitment of the individuals working with the students, beginning with the faculty advisors to whom students are assigned.

For example, Dr. Stephen Hemenway, professor of English, hopes his advisees feel free to talk about more than just the classes in which they should enroll, or academic areas with which they are having difficulty. "I really encourage people to come in specifically when they don't have problems," he said.

His tactics to put advisees at ease include inviting them as a group to informal dinners—something he noted that other faculty members do as well.

And while he appreciates that the college has a policy of assigning advisors, assuring that all students have an opportunity to meet with someone, he also observed that the students he advises are not limited to those officially assigned to him.

"A lot of it is informal advising of other people's advisees," he said. "And I'm sure they do it with mine as well."

"One particular student right now I know is getting some very good help from another faculty member," Dr. Hemenway said. "This is someone that she has in class and has gotten to know very well, and feels very comfortable with."

"And on the other hand there are several students I spend a lot of time in this office advising who are not my advisees," he said. "Some of them are upperclassmen who are in totally other fields. But for whatever reason—maybe they've gotten to know me through Vienna Summer School or whatever—I just have a pretty good sense of where they're coming from."

Faculty members work with students in other ways as well. Dr. Joanne Stewart, assistant professor of chemistry, invites a group of female students to her home to learn about careers in chemistry from women professionals in the field. Dr. Marc Barr, associate professor of history, and Dr. Albert Bell, associate professor of classics and history, have both helped students successfully apply for Younger Scholar Awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. William Cohen, professor of history, has had similar success working with the college's applicants for British Marshall Scholarships.

Dr. Donald Cronkite, professor of biology, has committed himself to working with minority students in the biomedical sciences. "I'll come do a talk that we have for freshman advising and then just do it a little more," he said. "With the idea in mind that these students have all of the issues to adjust to that all other freshmen have at Hope College, and there are a lot of those—a lot of increased academic demands, new social situations, being away from home, all that stuff—but on top of that they have the problem of being perceived by themselves and by other people as a little different."

The varied approaches and programs reflect a sensitivity to Hope students' individual needs. The students, in turn, appreciate it.

"My advisor is Charles Aschbrenner, and he's always been available for consultation," said Matt Kline, a sophomore from Schoolcraft, Mich. "He's really personable, and it's really easy to talk to him."

"Being in the music department especially, the faculty and students are a close group," Kline said. "That helps a lot, developing foundations or mentor-type relations that encourage growth in things musical and otherwise."

Michele Nederfeld, a senior from Cadillac, Mich., found Dr. James Motiff and Dr. Donald Luikens '69 willing to help her tailor her psychology and sociology programs respectively to her interest in corporate management. Matt Donovan, a senior from Flint, Mich., has particularly appreciated the guidance of Dr. Eugene Jekel '52 as he prepares for medical school. Michelle Beckman, a senior business administration major from Waupun, Wis., noted Professor Sylvia Boyd's interest in her life beyond her classes.

Kristy Arthurs, a senior from Farmington Hills, Mich., has appreciated both Professor Deborah Sturtevant's '77 personal interest and career guidance.

"She has the experience and the knowledge in the field to direct me," she said. "As far as what classes to take for my major as well as what I'm interested in after I graduate, even though it's vague."

While not at all uncommon, such vagueness can be unnerving, and the prospect of choosing a career daunting. The college's faculty advisors, like Professor Sturtevant, are there to make it less so by helping the students articulate and find ways to develop their interests and skills.

The program's ideal end is a Hope graduate with a sense of career and life direction. "My view of advising in general is that we should become unnecessary and we should be helping the students to make us unnecessary as they grow and become independent," observed Dr. Cronkite. Professor Reynolds, though, feels that the means has something to offer, too.

"I think it's very frightening to begin asking the questions that are so personal to us—who we are, who we want to be and how we want to get there," she said. "But these self-assessment skills that students develop in the experience of choosing a major; choosing what organizations to be a part of; choosing an initial job or internship are skills they're going to use over and over again in their lives."

At the heart of advising at Hope is personal interaction between faculty and students. Pictured are Jeff DeKuiper '84 of Grand Haven, Mich., and Dr. Leslie Wexman, associate professor of education.

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NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1992
Six will receive Distinguished Alumni Awards

Six Hope alumni will receive Distinguished Alumni Award recognition during Alumni Day on Saturday, May 2.

Being honored this year are Dr. John K. Winter '30 of Holland, Mich.; Dr. William G. Winter '30 of Holland, Mich.; the Rev. Russell L. '49 and Eleanore Short '51 Norden of Holland, Mich.; Dr. John L. Kemink '71 of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Dr. Louis E. Lotz '72 of Sioux City, Iowa. The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Alumni Board of Directors in recognition of the awardees' contributions to society and service to Hope.

Dr. John L. Kemink '71 is recognized for his service to the medical profession and his dedication to Hope College.

After graduating from Hope with majors in chemistry and philosophy, Dr. Kemink pursued his medical degree at the University of Michigan. He then completed his internship and residency at the University of California-San Francisco. The experience was followed by an otolaryngology residency at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in otorhinolaryngology and neurotology at Rush University in Chicago.

He presently serves as professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, and is head of the division of ear surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He serves as director of the latest multi-channel cochlear implant project in the nation and director of a nationally recognized temporal bone surgical dissection laboratory.

Dr. Kemink's research and clinical interests have been the implantation of electrodes in the cochlea of hearing impaired patients. This allows patients who are profoundly deaf, and not able to be corrected with hearing aids, to hear sounds again. For this accomplishment, he was named one of "The 100 Best Pediatric Specialists in America" in the February, 1992, issue of Child magazine.

Actively involved in the life of the college, Dr. Kemink established a scholarship in honor of his uncle and aunt, Herman '29 and Flora Laug. He is a member of the Second Century Club, and has been instrumental in hosting alumni events in the Ann Arbor area. In addition, he is a member of the Hope in the Future campaign committee.

He and his wife, Jane, have two children: Lauren and John.

Dr. Louis E. Lotz '72 is recognized for his loyal service to Jesus Christ, the Reformed Church in America and Hope College.

Dr. Lotz graduated from Hope with an English major and received his Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary, from which he received the Maleky Award for excellence in sermon delivery. He then went on to earn his Master of Theology and a doctoral degree from Union Seminary in Richmond, Va. He became pastor of the First Reformed Church of Rochester, N.Y., in February of 1977. In September of 1977 he became Protestant Chaplain of the Eastman School.

Now pastor of Morningside Reformed Church in Sioux City, Iowa, he has served as president of the West Sioux Classis. He was elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America during the General Synod's 1991 meeting, held at Hope.

In addition to his duties as president and pastor of a growing congregation, he also serves on the editorial council of the Church Herald magazine. His short story, "My Own Little World," which appeared in the August, 1989, issue, won the "Best Humorous Article" of 1989 award from the Evangelical Press Association, an organization that represents more than 300 religious and church-affiliated magazines nationwide.

His column in the Church Herald was named "Best Regular Feature, 1990." by the Evangelical Press Association.

His wife is Mary Kline '73 Lotz.

The Rev. Russell L. '49 and Eleanore Short '51 Norden are recognized for their loyal service to the Lord Jesus Christ, their love of family and their devotion to Hope College.

After graduating from Hope, Russell went on to Western Theological Seminary, where he earned a B.D. in 1952. Eleanore completed her teaching degree at Hope in 1951.

They began service as long-time Reformed Church missionaries to Japan in 1952. They devoted their first 10 years to church-related evangelism, with Russell pastoring a church in Kyushu.

From 1956 until their retirement last spring, their energies and talents were directed toward evangelism in an educational setting. Both taught at the Ferris School's School in Yokohama—Russell teaching high school and college-level courses, and Eleanore teaching in the junior-senior high school and junior college. They were also members of the board of directors of Yokohama Union Church, and Russell was active in the local churches of Yokohama.

In addition, all five of their children graduated from Hope: Stephen '74, Rebekah '76, Martha '78, Sarah '81 and Mary '87.

Dr. John K. Winter '30 is recognized for his commitment to the medical profession, his life-long service to the Holland community and his dedicated support of Hope College.

After graduating from Hope, Dr. Winter studied at Rush College of Medicine. With his medical degree completed and two additional years of hospital work in Chicaco, Ill., he returned to Holland to work in a family practice with his twin brother, William.

During their 40 years in practice, he and his brother maintained a current—patient file numbering more than 10,000 persons and delivered more than 5,000 babies. They were also Holland's first orthopedic surgeons, and distinguished themselves in the community by repairing hip fractures and occasional long bone fractures.

In addition to his family practice, he was active on the medical staff and the board at Holland Hospital. He was a member of the Ottawa County and American Medical Associations.

When both physicians retired from family practice in 1976, Dr. William Baum, chief of staff at Holland Hospital, remarked that their attention to consistent quality of medical practice, integrity, and kindness was marked as "true Renaissance men of medicine.

As a token of their appreciation, the city held a surprise retirement party in their honor. Several hundred people attended.

Shortly after his formal retirement, Dr. Winter became chairperson of the Special Gifts division of Greater Holland United Way. His efforts were instrumental in what was to become one of the organization's most successful campaigns.

He currently serves as the Class of 1930's class representative, keeping his classmates apprised of events and issues concerning the college today and in the future. His efforts have assisted greatly in raising key support for the college's annual fund. In addition, he and his wife, Sadie Grace Masseink '31, are also members of the Patrons for the Arts, and Dr. Winter is a member of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP). Dr. Winter and Sadie are members of Hope Church in Holland. They have two children: John Jr. and James.

Dr. William G. Winter '30 is recognized for his devotion to the practice of medicine, his service to the Holland community and his love for Hope College.

Having completed two years of study at Hope, Dr. Winter earned his A.B. at the University of Michigan, spent two years at the University of Chicago Medical College and two years at Rush Medical College. He was then affiliated with the University of Chicago.

After an internship at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago and a stint in pathology at Cook County Hospital, he joined his twin brother, John, in Holland, Mich., to continue the family medical practice begun in 1906 by their father, Dr. William G. Winter Sr. For 40 years, they conducted a medical—surgical—obstetrical practice, delivering still to be counted, more than 5,000 babies.

Dr. Winter served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corp during World War II, first as a lieutenant and later as a lieutenant commander. Eight months of that time was spent on two Jima.

He is a member of the A.M.A. and the American Academy of Family Practice, and served as president of the Ottawa County Medical Society and of the Holland Hospital Medical Staff.

Upon return from a retirement trip with their wives, both doctors were given a surprise parade and party by the city and their former patients.

Dr. Winter then joined the staff of the Dunes Correctional Facility in Saugatuck, Mich., serving as medical director for seven years.

He is a member of Hope Church, the Holland Rotary Club and HASP, and has served as president of the Holland Community Foundation, the Community Mental Health Board and the Holland Century Club.

He and his wife, Helena Visscher '36 Winter, have continued to enjoy a long—time interest in, and appreciation for, Hope College. They have two sons, William III and Paul.
Alumni News

by Janet Miekle '84 Pimpham

April is one of the busiest and most exciting months of the year on campus. While the members of the senior class are busily finishing their course work, filling out graduate school applications and writing resumes, we in the Alumni and Public Relations Offices are making preparations for Commencement, Alumni Weekend and a host of regional alumni events.

Those events have included the Detroit alumni chapter’s annual luncheon on Sunday, April 5, featuring Dr. David Myers, who is the John Dirk Weerkman Professor of Psychology at Hope, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Myers’ latest book, In Pursuit of Happiness, provided the basis for an enlightening and intriguing discussion about his research into who is happy and why.

Others have been a sumptuous Dutch dinner on Tuesday, April 7, with our Wisconsin alumni, parents and friends. President in Cedar Grove featured speaker: President John H. Jacobson sharing his vision for our Alma Mater in this decade and beyond and telling of the exciting and sound (future forecasted), and a Thursday, April 9, reception on Capitol Hill in honor of our Washington, D.C., Honors Semester students.

Those of you who reside in the Greater Dallas area are cordially invited to an informal alumni dinner with Dr. Harvey Blakenspoor, Hope biology and the 1991 National Professor of the Year, on Saturday, April 25. Dr. Blakenspoor will share the presentation he made at the Smithsonian Institution when he received his award.

For further information, please contact the Alumni Office at (616) 394-7860.

During the past year record numbers of alumni, parents and friends attended our regional events. Thank you for your continued interest and enthusiastic support of Hope College and its mission. It’s wonderful to meet with you and share the excitement of Hope today while sharing treasured memories of time spent on campus. Please remember that you are always welcome to return to campus too.

We have many exciting on-campus activities planned throughout the year and would be pleased to have you join us.

Of course the biggest on-campus event of the year is Alumni Weekend, May 1–3, during which time every fifth class from 1927–77 will celebrate reunions.

Beginning on Friday evening the 15–50th reunion classes will celebrate with individual gatherings off-campus. The next morning all reunion classes are invited to attend a breakfast reunion and pick up their reunion materials. If you haven’t visited campus lately you will certainly want to tour the many new and improved facilities. Board the Holland Trolley for a complete tour with commentary by a current Hope student. Or stop in at the beautiful Van Wylen Library. Relax in one of the comfortable lounge areas to review your capsulation booklet or catch up on the news with your favorite newspaper editor. Don’t miss the special reunion memorabilia display at the Joint Archives of Holland located on the library’s lower level.

Then join your class for lunch. Each of the 11 class reunion committees has been hard at work planning outstanding programs for your enjoyment. Many of the classes have invited their former Hope professors to take part in the festivities by sharing their own special memories of days spent on campus. It promises to be a great fan.

Alumni News

class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees and deaths are compiled for Hope College by Greg Dilger. All submissions received by the Public Relations Office by Wednesday, March 4, have been included in this issue. Because of the long time required by this publication’s production schedule, submissions received after that date (with the exception of obituaries), have been held for the next issue; the deadline for which is Monday, May 4.

20s

Laverne Vander Hil 29 continues leading an active bible study group at Bristol Village, "one of the most outstanding retirement communities in the United States." Composed of 260 individual homes owned by National Church Residences of Columbus, Ohio, Bristol Village is located in Waverly, Ohio, in south central Ohio.

30s

Carl Postma ’30 of Sanborn, Iowa, and wife, lent their celebrated 40th wedding anniversary in the summer of 1991. Among those attending a reception in honor of the event was Sidney Heersma ’30, his college roommate. Sidney Heersma ’30 of his wife Helen, who have been married 57 years.

Miriam Rentera ’36 of Spartan, Mich., was highlighted in the Spartan Kent City Alumnus ‘Next Door’ feature. The paper describes “Next Door” as a feature that provides a chance for you to know your neighbors a little better,” and the article described

40s

John Huff ’40 of Phoenix, Ariz., is retired but still doing R&D and consulting in the electronics and optics areas. He is teaching Sunday school and preaching occasionally.

Marie Looman ’40 of Phoenix, Ariz., teaches Sunday school, plays church organ and occasionally sings.

Harry Frisell ’42 and Jeannette Vandenbark, ’42 Frisell spent their birth–birthday together.

Bring Hope into your home

Through stunning, full-color photography, Hope College: Then and Now provides a glimpse into a year in the life of Hope, from campus scenes and the first days of classes, to traditions like Christmas Vespers and graduation. The contemporary images are complemented by black and white photographs from the Joint Archives of Holland that survey the college’s first 125 years.

Now, this popular, limited edition book is available through the Hope–Geneva Bookstore for $39.95 + $7.50 for shipping (for books shipped within Michigan, please add $1.60 sales tax).

MasterCard or Visa orders may be placed by phone at (616) 394-7833 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

Mail orders should include a check or money order and be addressed to: Hope Book Offer, Geneva Bookstore P.O. Box 9000, Holland, MI 49422-9000

All orders are shipped within 48 hours of receipt.

SIXTEEN

NEWS FROM HOPE COLLEGE, APRIL 1992
Lloyd Van Raalte ’50 and wife Virginia note that they are happy to be alive following a major automobile accident that involved Lloyd high speed by a drunk driver. They are also pleased with the safe recovery of their son-in-law, who was injured in “Operation Desert Storm” when his humvee hit a landmine.

Elise Hinkamp ’51 Van Heest of Holland, Mich., has been named the Reference Church Christian Educator of the Year, and was honored at a banquet on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1992, during the national conference of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paul DeVries ’52 of South Holland, Ill., is chaplain at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, leading Protestant services for travelers at the airport’s chapel.

Lilibeth Wm Nairns Jr. ’54 has joined the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine, Loma Linda University, an assistant professor and director of the Office of Family Health Services.

Engene Schoenhein ’54 in December was appointed to serve on the Douglas, Mich., village council. She succeeded Louie’67 of Midland, Mich., on Jan. 31, 1992, retired from Dow Corning Corporation after nearly 30 years in their personnel department. Most recently he had managed the plastics and Engineering Industries group as well as the International Patent section in the patent department.

Carol Van Oss Grabner ’62 and husband Lars of Holland, Mich., spent most of October, 1991, visiting with children and grandchildren in Nijmegen, Cyprus, and in Geneva, Switzerland.

Kjell Hakken ’62 is president of the Holland Rotary Club and teaches regularly at Aquinas College’s “Ezra” program, Dr. Wm. A. Van Oss ’61.

Robert White Jr. ’66 has resigned his position as president of New Brunswick Seminary successful Aug. 31, 1992, to become pastor of First Reformed Church in Schenectady, N.Y.

Tom Remmer ’67, director of public relations at Hope, is being processed a Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation by the college’s Alumni Association Board of Directors of his 25 years of service to Hope. Tom’s anniversary date was March 1, 1992.

Bob Hoffman ’64 of Grand Haven, Mich., in Sept., 1991, visited China, Mongolia and Vietnam with members of a local relief organization hoping to improve health care in those countries. The trip gave him a chance to visit the site of the former Camp Radcliff, near the village of An Khe in the Central Highlands in Vietnam, at which he had been stationed during the Vietnam War. “Having done it now, it really is kind of a bonding experience,” he told reporter A.C. VanDijk in an article published on the Feb. 8, 1992, Grand Haven Tribune.

Jane Taylor-Vaaler ’66 of Kent, Washington, is a curriculum coordinator at Kenmore High School. She was a Japanese Interscholastic Program participant in the fall of 1991. She will be completing her M.A. in educational administration in May of 1992.

Carole Roden ’68 Van Hout Jr, a teacher at Woonsocket, R.I., High School, has been selected Educator of the Year of Kentwood (Mich.) Jaycees Outstanding Educator of the Year. Betty Blinn ’69 Brunstrom is owner of Colonial Medical Supplies, which has two retail locations in Central Michigan, operating departments in Flushing, in Honor and in the American Express News, she was also selected for membership in Who’s Who of America Business Leaders. Ms. Blinn has two sons, aged 16 and 18 years.

Michael Eilerman ’69 has joined Great Lakes Bancorp as vice-president in the commercial lending department.

Dudley Holmes Jr. ’69 was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of Chelsea (Mich.) Community Hospital. He is the president of manufacturing with the Chelsea Molding Co.

Clarke Borgen ’72 has recently joined a new business, Haroon Technologies, located in Ypsilanti, Mich. The company specializes in the use of the machine. He is also a president of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

Susan Buckman ’72 is designated broker for Bay Colony Realty Associates Inc., a subsidiary company of Bay Colony Communications Inc. Bay Colony is an exclusive community located on the Gulf of Mexico at Naples, Fla.

Kevan Kelt ’72 is currently studying for a master’s in special education at William Paterson College and working with perceived atypical young adults. He is a member of the Board of Education Christian and special education in three years.

Philip Russell ’73 is attending the International Linguistic School in Monterey, Calif.

Wayne Kramer ’73 of Quincy, N.Y., has been named the new RCA transistor. He has worked for about 14 years in the housing industry in Denver, Colo., including as assistant superintendant and vice president of the company.

Linda Turinsky ’75, ‘81, ‘82 is executive director of Schenectady, N.Y., and who has held a number of local relief positions. In addition, she has been a member of the Board of Education Christian and special education in three years.

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marriages


John Mitchell '90 recently graduated from The Basic School at Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va. During the course, newly-commissioned officers are prepared for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Heidi Sutherland '90 was chosen "Young Career Woman of the Year" (1992) by Quadroon's Business Professional Women. The competition is open to any female careerist, 21 to 35 years of age, with at least one year of professional experience in their chosen career field. Heidi is a sixth grade social studies and English teacher at Milford-Kensington Junior High School.

Lara Magan '90 and Vander Mon P.G. of Kirkville, Mo., are planning a fall wedding.

Paul VerMeulen '90 is recovering from recent surgery and would enjoy hearing from his classmates. He is married, living in Milwaukee, Wis., working for WJSN, Sarno Corp., as an account executive, selling advertising and writing and producing commercials.

Dave Chappell '91 has a new address featured on the cover of the February issue of Car Collector magazine. The issue featured a picture of "Ninety-Six," one of three original paintings also on display in the Kent on the Hope campus.

Annmarie Dressel '89 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

Kirk Vander Molens '87 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

Timothy Rozman '90 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

Janine Stieltjes '87 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

Jill VanVugt '90 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

Elizabeth Hayes '90 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.

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Ann Boggess '87 graduated from Hope in December with honors, cum laude.


Sunderhaft, 1975, Holland, Mich., is a partner in the law firm of Soper, Miller, Sunderhaft & Yarwood.

John Maury '88, Hope's first student to graduate from the University of Michigan's Haas School of Business, and his wife, Mary, were married Nov. 22, 1991.

Jane Willard '90 and John Mauzy '91, both of Hope, were married Sept. 19, 1991.

Mike Theune '92 was named editor of the Hope College Star, the weekly student newspaper.

Mike Billadeau '88, of the University of Western Ontario, is editor of the campus newspaper, the Guelph Gryphon.

Cynthia Sloan, editorial assistant at The Basic School, is in Quantico, Va.


George Richard Cook *28 of Frankenmuth, Mich., died on Monday, Feb. 3, 1992, at Saginaw (Mich.) General Hospital. He was 87. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 24, 1904, the son of the late Theodore and Alice (Elke) Cook, and was a graduate of Detroit Eastern High School. He married Florence Irene Armstrong in 1931. He retired from General Motors in 1969 as the general director of purchasing for the Fisher Body Division. In his youth he was an avid participant in sports, in particular softball and basketball. During much of his life he was an active member of the First Reformed Church of Detroit, but he subsequently joined the Alamo (Mich.) Congregational Church. He also attended the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church after moving to Independence Village.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; and two sons and daughters-in-law and their families: George Robert and Carla Modlin, and Tracy Lynn and George Russell. Cook of Atlantic, and Randolph Richard and Yvonne Claire, and Erik Christopher and Kara Alyssa Cook of Midland, Mich. He also is survived by his younger sister, Dorothy Ewenroth of Kalamazoo, Mich. He passed away in death by his younger brother, Edgar Theodore Cook.

Adrian DeKraker *30 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 15, 1992, at his home. He was 64. Born in Holland, he was the son of Cornelius and Nellie DeKraker. He graduated from Holland High School.

He was a staff sergeant with the U.S. Air Force 575th Fighter Squadron and 22nd Fighter Group flying the P-118 during World War II, serving in China. Employed as a clerk for the Michigan Employment Security Commission for more than 35 years, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2134, where he served as a post commander and member of the honor guard and drill team.

He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Holland and an adult Sunday school class. His wife, Jennie, a stepson, Frank Tjalma, and a granddaughter, David, preceded him in death. Surviving are his stepchildren, Mary and Robert Ver Beek, and Mrs. Frank (Betty) Tjalma, all of Holland; five stepgrandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; and cousins.

John DeBey Flukema *31 died on Friday, Feb. 14, 1992, at Whiting, N.J. He was 83. Born in Climax, N.Y., to the Rev. Gerriet (1895) and Ida Erwine (1893) DeBey Flukema, he was the youngest brother of the Rev. George Flukema and Myrtle Flukema.

After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1934, he was ordained by the Dutch, N.Y., Presbytery and served his first church at Meridian, N.Y. Pastors in Otisco, N.Y., Throes, N.Y., and P. Sittersburg, Fla., followed. In 1955 he began serving the Cortland United Reformed Church in Cortland, N.Y. Following were pastored at St. Johns, Jersey City and First Reformed, Utica, N.Y.

After retiring in 1976, the Rev. Flukema and his wife, Retha, moved back to Jersey City and lived there until moving to Whiting in 1984. He was a member of the Community Reformed Church of Whiting.

The Rev. Flukema is survived by his wife, Retha; two daughters, Ruth Ellen and Mary Louise; five grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

James dressed *67 died on Friday, March 27, 1992, in Lansing, Mich., hospital. He was 48. A member of the Methodist Church, he served as an Ottawa (Mich.) County treasurer and as state representative of the 95th District of Ottawa County from 1978-84.

A documented veteran of the Vietnam War, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and 15 air medals. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ono (Kathy) Dressel Jansma; his nieces, Ida Masek, and sisters, Dorothy Ewenroth of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Mrs. John (Mary) Morris, of Hamlet, Mich.

Gordon Groenewood *38 and Lois Dykhuis *40 Groenewood of Dutton, Fla., died in an automobile accident on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1992, near Tampa, Fla.

He was 75 and she was 73.

They were former Holland, Mich., residents and had been born in Holland, where they were former members of Third Reformed Church. They were both graduates of Holland High School.

The couple had come to Dutton 18 years ago from Romeoville, Ill. Vernon Groenewood was a retired manufacturer’s sales representative. Lois Dykhuis Groenewood was retired from the Mears Junior-Senior High School System and Maas Brothers in Ocala, Fla.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July.

Surviving are their children, David and Kathie Groenewood of Decatur, Ill., and Mary and Douglas of Ocala, Fla.; five grandchildren, a sister, Virginia Rogman of Ocala; a brother, John; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

C. Kent Hopkins *59 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, March 10, 1992, in Holland Community Hospital. He was 60.

Born and raised in Holland, he attended Holland schools. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy, and of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army.

A member of Hope Church, he retired from the U.S. Post Office after 36 years. He was a member of the Holland Fish and Game Club and the American Legion, and was a life member of the Holland VFW Post 44 and the DAV.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; his children, Steven Hopkins, Michael Hopkins and Kimberly Ann Hopkins; his brothers, Leon Hopkins of Western Springs, III., Harold Hopkins of Sarasota, Fla., Clare Hopkins of Holland and Preston Hopkins of Hope; and his grandchildren.

He was born in Holland, Mich., and was a United Methodist Church member.

Jameson *27 of Fayetteville, Ariz., died on Thursday, Jan. 30, 1992. He was 87. He was survived by his wife, Harriet VanDusen *25 and their sons, Jerome Janzma *46, and Shari, who attended Hope, as well as a brother, and a sister and a grandson.

Hester Pellegrino *33 of Kitcherson, Calif., died on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992. She was 80.

A native of Zeeland, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Marie and Marcus (Van Dyke) Pellegrino. Having moved to Holland, Mich., in 1981, she was a member of Third Reformed Church in Holland and the Presbyterian Church of Enfield, Calif. She did post-graduate studies at Simmons College in Boston, Mass.

Surviving are her husband, Paul Kicher of Long Beach, Calif.; and two sons: two daughters, Patricia (Van Dusen) of Livermore, Calif., and Janet Caverly of Midland, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Helen Erickson *40 of Kalamazoo, Mich., died at her home on Wednesday, March 20, 1992, at his home. He was 85.

Born in Painsmore, Mich., the son of Bert and Minnie Kleinheksel, he graduated from Hope with a bachelor's degree of science degree. While attending Hope he worked for Dykstra Furniture Company and operated the concession stand at Waukegan Deep.

He was also an active member of the Dutch Reformed Church in Midland, where he began his career with the Mirol Oil Co. for 35 years, first as chairman and then as chairman and chief executive officer of the Mobil Pipeline System.

Dr. Kleinheksel was instrumental in the construction of pipelines in Nigeria, Libya, Australia, Canada, South America and his final assignment, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

His daughter, Mrs. Frank (Betty) Tjalma, and Mrs. Frank (Betty) Tjalma, were both a member of the United Methodist Church of Malibu, Calif., also he held a position in the American Chemical Society.

He was survived by his wife, his children, and his grandchildren of Ocala, Texas, and his great-grandchildren of Ocala, and Doris and Dayne Allen of Crimey River, Fla.; five grandchildren, a sister, Virginia Rogman of Ocala; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Clarence Seeds *29 of Galeshott, Calif., died on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1991.

He was born in Holland, Mich., on Oct. 14, 1906. He had a brother, Lawrence VanDusen of Antelope, Calif., who formerly was a member of the United Methodist Church of Malibu, Calif., also he held a position in the American Chemical Society.

Hand crafts, "pre-owned" specials, entertainment for children and tasty snacks are all a part of Village Square, a Hope College tradition now entering its 36th year.

Spread throughout the picturesque campus, the day–long event provides a perfect opportunity to find a long-sought book, locate a household bargain or buy a gift for a friend or even yourself.

And, proceeds from the event, sponsored by the Women’s League for Hope College, are used by the League to enhance the college’s residence life facilities.

Village Square -- the tradition continues Wednesday, June 24
National calibre yields All-Sports lead

Hope College and the athletic conference to which it belongs made their mark on the national sports scene during the winter season.

Both Hope swimming teams recorded the best finish of a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) member school in NCAA competition, crowning All-Americans in 18 events. The MIAA conference basketball champions—Calvin for the men and Alma for the women—emerged as the NCAA Division III national champions.

When all the exciting winter action had subsided, Hope had maintained its lead in the MIAA All-Sports standings. Hope is seeking to dethrone three-time defending All-Sports champion Calvin. Hope had a string of nine consecutive All-Sports championships until Calvin ended the streak in 1988-89. Calvin has edged Hope by three All-Sports points each of the last two years.

Through the winter season, Hope had a four-point lead over Calvin, 90-86, followed by Kalamazoo 82, Albion 68, Alma 58, Olivet 39 and Adrian 34. Since the All-Sports award was first presented in 1935, Hope has won the award 16 times.

Flying Dutchmen Received Sixth Straight NCAA Playoff Berth

For the sixth consecutive year and the 10th time in 11 seasons, the Flying Dutchmen men’s basketball team competed in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The invitation followed another successful season for coach Glenn Van Wieren’s Dutchmen who were ranked among the nation’s top 20 Division III teams the entire season.

The team’s final 23-6 record marked the third consecutive season with 20 or more victories. The Flying Dutchmen finished runner-up in the MIAA standings behind rival Calvin. The Knights won the two conference meetings between the teams to earn the automatic berth in the NCAA playoffs.

Hope, which received an at-large berth in the tournament, opened with an exciting 76-60 victory over perennial power Wittenberg University.

It set the stage two days later for yet another team meeting with Calvin. Playing before a capacity Calvin fieldhouse crowd and live regional television audience, the L2SD meeting of the teams was yet another classic contest in a rivalry that this year drew the attention of Sports Illustrated magazine.

Calvin’s 91-88 victory over the Flying Dutchmen was probably the Knights’ biggest test as they continued to win the NCAA Division III championship.

The centerpieces of MIAA men’s basketball this season were brothers Wade Gugino of Hope and Steve Honderd of Calvin, and that fact was acknowledged when both were named to the Kodak All-American team. Gugino was also named to the Division III All-America team.

Association of Basketball Coaches. This is the second All-America honor for Gugino, who was named to the first Division III team by Basketball Times.

It marks the third consecutive year that a Hope player has been voted a Kodak All-American. Gugino becomes the fourth Hope player to receive the coaches’ honor, joining Eric Elliott (1990 and 1991), Chip Henry (1984) and Paul Benes (1958).

Gugino, a resident of Midland, Mich., is a three-time All-MIAA player. Hope posted an 89-17 record during his four years on the varsity and qualified for the NCAA Division III playoffs each season.

Gugino finished as Hope’s fourth all-time leading scorer, with 1,040 points. He set the Hope career record for field goal percentage (65.7 percent). This season he averaged 22.1 points a game, the highest average for a Hope player in 21 years.

Gugino gained nearly as much notoriety for his gifts as a cartoonist as he did for his prowess on the basketball floor. An art and business composite major, he was featured last fall in the college basketball edition of Sports Illustrated.

Joining Gugino on the All-MIAA team was senior captain Colby Carlson of Jenison, Mich., who concluded his career as Hope’s all-time assist leader and 12th on the career scoring list with 1,189 points.

Flying Dutch Saw String Of Success Come To An End

A string of eight consecutive winning seasons came to an end as the women’s basketball team finished 4-20 overall and tied for sixth place in the MIAA standings. Coach Sue Wise’s Flying Dutch could justifiably claim that they play in America’s best small college women’s basketball conference. For the second time in three years, an MIAA team won the NCAA Division III championship. Alma’s claim to the national title brought back memories of 1990, when the Flying Dutch became the first MIAA women’s team to win an NCAA crown.

The Flying Dutch established several records during the season. They sank a team record 84 three-point baskets, led by junior guard Nicole Mayer of Douglas, Mich., who connected on an individual single-season record 45 baskets from long range. Freshman Nicki Manners of Grand Rapids, Mich., had a record 10 steals in a game.

Flying Dutch Seventh in Nation; Dawn Hoving is National Champion

The 1991-92 Hope College women’s swimming team will always be remembered as the little team that could. Small in numbers, but big in effort, the Flying Dutch completed a most successful season by finishing seventh at the NCAA Division III national championships.

With a roster of only 13 members, the Flying Dutch sent six swimmers to the national championship meet. They all returned with All-America honors to finish among the nation’s top 10 Division III teams for the sixth time in seven years.

The 179 points scored by Hope in the national meet was the second highest total in school history, surpassed only by the 1988 team, which finished fifth with 214 points.

Highlighting this year’s meet was sophomore Dawn Hoving of Oak Brook, Ill., who captured the national championship in the 200-yard butterfly. Her winning time of 2:05.20 was the third fastest in that event in the 11-year history of the national championships.

In all, the Flying Dutch had All-America performances in eight events.

Hoving, this year’s most valuable swimmer in the MIAA, becomes the third Hope swimmer to win an individual national championship since 1987. Under coach Tom Patnott, Hope swimmers have had national championship performances 10 times over the last six years.

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